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NOW WILL NOT OTHERS REFORM?

R. SIMON avers that his object was solely to bring about better moral conditions and more economical administration in Portland. This was good object, and perhaps the voters should have taken Mr. Simon's word for it, and not remembered that when e was boss of the city every kind of vice flourished here like green bay trees, voters were bought and sold n blocks of few and many, openly and notoriously, and iomy in administration and conscientious regard for the people's best interests could not be discovered in the vicinity of his machine with a magnifying lens of the lighest power. It is an encouraging sign that Mr. Simon has reformed, politically. He needed no particular reformation otherwise, or none in which the public is in-

But under Mr. Carey's, or Mr. Matthews', or Mr. Baker's, or Mr. Solomon's leadership, the same old scandalous, shameful system of vote buying and fraudulent balloting was pursued Wednesday, only in a form or in a degree ewhat modified necessarily by circumstances. The Hitchell faction would have won, apparently, with honest, npurchased votes; but this does not change the fact that reformers, who are so horrified at Mr. Simon's forot by fair. Yet in all walks of life, except the track poished character. But an alliance with gambling ses, who openly violate the laws in their methods of ecuring votes, indicates that those who so vigorously attack Mr. Simon's former practices yet show evidence of being in this regard his pupils or imitators.

What a sight to make honest men and good angels rece it would be to see the leaders of both factions, or of he predicted factionless party, really reform their politcal ways in these respects, be as scrupulous in dealing with the people as a mass as they are in dealing with them personally and individually, and actually insist upon an absolutely fair and pure ballot; really thus reform in practice as well as in promise, in performance rather than in pretense.

PORTLAND-ORIENTAL TRANSPORTATION.

THE PROMISED increase of the Portland-Oriental fleet is not only gratifying as a reasonably prompt litory tributary to this city. In this matter Mr. Har- cipitated the war in the east." an contrary to a prevalent idea some months ago, soint of view, to which it and its surrounding region and peared a short time ago and gained by

land is the natural commercial center, will do theirs.

PROGRESS TOWARD PURER POLITICS.

ET MEN, and women, too-for there are many such -interested in purer politics and a higher standard of political morality not despair; rather feel tirely. encouraged to carry on the good fight; for on looking back over the events and struggles that have led up to present nditions we can see that much progress has been made. It is scarcely a score of years since the Australian ballot the vote-buying business-for "delivery of the goods" was his own pecuniary benefit.

So with the present primary law of this state, similar to profit from its production.

That all right-thinking people are sultan in an official capacity.

persecution of anyone because that is the great moral principle involved in

been contracted under sanction of Wasn't it that of senator? Didn't church since the anti-polygamy law Mr. Thatcher want to be United States

met a crisis in their religious and meant that any living being thought testic affairs in a law-abiding spirit there was an office on earth like that

There seems to be only an indefinite

suspicion that he believes in it. As he

denies any such belief, there does not

appear to be any valid reason for the tremendous amount of indignation which

prevails among some of his senatorial

inquisitors. Indeed, since he neither

practices nor advocates polygamous re-

lations he is more consistent toward polygamy than either the Republican

senate or administration, which permits

polygamy to be practiced upon the island

Jolo and employs the polygamous

upholding open polygamy in the

Where is the consistency and where

attacking suspected polygamy in Utah

SHOCK TO SENATOR HOAR

From the New York Times.

There was one hearty outburst of

ughter today in the Smoot trial. Presi-

Moses Thatcher differed from the other

judgment and advice.
"Why was this?" asked Mr. Taylor.

"Yes, he wanted some office, I be-leve," replied President Smith.

Can you remember what office he

"Oh, yes," said Smith; "I think it

of United States senator was something

"Did Mr. Thatcher desire any office?"

"I do not just recollect."

UTAR AND JOLO.

Why Attack One and Reward the

Other?

From the Chicago Chronicle.

There can be no two opinions among

ople of correct meral perception con-

social organism. It takes from the

ed upon these facts does not justify

into effect in Utah the Mormons who had | Philippines?

When the anti-polygamy statute went

ntracted plural marriages previous

thereto were placed in a trying position.
If it be admitted that they had entered

into the polygamous state from sincer

religious convictions the moral obliga-

tion to support their several wives and

umerous progeny cannot be ignored.

That some of them have construed this

obligation to include what the

defines as "unlawful cohabitation"

admitted by President Joseph Smith

erd specifically in speaking of himself. However, he declares, and, whatever his

marriages and that no such marriages have been contracted under sanction of

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clery to the level of decadent Oriental-

person is a Mormon.

ent into offect.

that of many states; in connection with the registration law it is a serious and difficult obstacle in the way of the corrupting political boss to the attainment of his malign purposes. The primary election being the beginning, the source, of campaign activity and office-getting, it was there that the depraved and debasing boss did his most effective work. But since primary elections have been equally safeguarded with the later general election to equally safeguarded with the later general election to pany's taxes for six months in Baker choose officers, his job has become one of difficulty if not City amounted to \$378.72. of danger. This law, too, was at first opposed by the machine manipulators, but when they perceived that the movement in its favor was irresistible, they became its He is supposed to be able to warm the most vocally zealous advocates. They have managed to up. weaken it somewhat, by providing that the whole party ticket can be voted by an X at the top of the ballot instead of requiring an X opposite each name voted for; this lars with nitro-glycerine made a wreca should be changed; but the law, while it does not prevent of it.

bribery and ballot-stuffing entirely, does much in that di-

Next, if one of the proposed laws now before the people to be voted on next June be adopted, we will advance another step, and will practically eliminate nominating county and state conventions, and their boss-made slates. Candidates will practically be nominated by the voters at primary elections: thus voters will take, in as large a measure as they choose, the selection of their public servants into their own hands. Then not only will the people in all probability get better officials, who will realize that they are directly responsible to the people and not to bosses, but the voters generally will take a lively interest in politics, and through this means will soon become better capable of choosing the best men and more desirous of doing so. This law is a good one, and should be voted

Yes, we are progressing, not retrograding. After awhile we shall have minority representation in our legislatures too-representation from each county, or section, in proportion as nearly as practicable to the popular vote cast therein. Let us keep moving forward, toward the light.

AN OBSCURE ADVENTURER CAUSED THE WAR.

HE London Times quotes from the World the story of one Bezobrazoff, a Russian adventurer, who is fulfillment of Mr. Harriman's promise made when war in the east. He is called the most sinister figure in via Portland. Within two months, it is "There are six of his name in the Russian official directory our Oriental freight steamers will leave this port and when the czar made one of them his secretary of state for the Orient every 10 days, a service superior to that ac- the official whose duty it was to draw up the official noborded either to Tacoma. Seattle or Victoria. Most of the tification was at a loss to know which one it was the czar ticians he would have a long job, at present be carried to and from Portland had chosen. And yet for six months this man practically wer the Harriman lines; but an increasing amount will ruled the empire and enjoyed the boundless confidence of year to year be supplied and consumed in the ter- his master, and through his influence with the czar pre-

The man was a soldier like many another whose income sed to treat all Pacific coast ports fairly, and was insufficient for his tastes, and many years ago he disa accord to each the recognition, from a transportation appeared under a cloud from St. Petersburg. He reap-With a sufficient and permanent channel over the Co- some mission to Siberia. His mission must have been sucumbla bar, Portland, on account of the vastly superior cessful, for when he again came back to St. Petersburg he resources of its tributary country and its fresh water was received with great favor not only by Vladimir, but harbor, would soon outstrip the northern ports, and gain also Alexis and Alexander Mikhailovitch, all three vieing rapidly on San Francisco. The deepening of the bar chan- in showering favors upon him. The enemies of M. Witte nel, therefore, is the most important work in hand, thought in also, and he was soon high in the coincident with it should go the opening of the order of the car. His compassionate tone in speak-through the Cellio canal. The urgent needs of this great region must not be ignored, and this vastly important work in the cast. He alarmed even the false scarce of economy, because this a presidential election year.

At such anniversary times as the meetings of the first settlers' association, the society for historical research ton, the society for historical research to work through to speedy and successful completion, Mr. dukes by his boldness, for although they were in favor of work through to speedy and successful completion, Mr. dukes by his boldness, for although they were in favor of "mother" doesn't want to restrain her. Fishriman will doubtless do his part, and the producers the war, they knew the aversion which the czar enter- "Just let her have a good time while of Oregon and the rest of the great region of which Port- tained for hostilities, and were more chary of approaching him on the subject. The damage was done when the boy finds enjoyment in a hundred Bezobrazoff finally persuaded the czar to allow Alexieff a places, and gets in the habit of reaching free hand in the east and to allow him, Bezobrazoff, to practically manage the eastern situation by appointing a appearing. committee of which Bezobrazoff was made secretary, into fish. He forgets, and he will remember whose hands the conduct of eastern affairs was given en-

Everything went smoothly for Bezobrazoff until the Grand Duke Alexander made the discovery that the ad- day it is too late for the remedy. venturer had been making catspaws of himself and the other grand dukes in order to obtain for himself certain law was first adopted by an American state, and now it is concessions in Korea and Manchuria; that the "glory of this evening, and a great many other the law in a large majority of states. This law, providing for a secret ballot, and so to a large extent checking the czar was simply being "worked" by the adventurer for

thus rendered uncertain-was sneered at and scorned at The downfall of Bezobrazoff came promptly upon this first by the politicians, but seeing that the people de- discovery but neither his disgrace nor death could then nded and would have it, the politicians yielded with alter the complexion of affairs in the east. The damage what grace they could, and almost with one accord be- was done, and the play must go on to the last bitter act, aithough its author was barred from reaping any further

JAPANESE PROGRESSIVENESS.

From the London Telegraph.

The Japanese always want the latest "tip" of science; they are all for progress. It is interesting to note that they have established communication across there, prepared for the theatre and a the Bay of Korea by wireless telegraphy, sending messages from Chemulpo to Chefoo, a distance of 270 miles.

Of course the messages are not very elaborate, and we can imagine some simple signals being arranged before- started straight for home. hand, and the Japanese would know for certain that there was no danger of strange that he should have made the by the Russians.

For the rough purpose of war it can uite be believed that the Japanese with their extreme curiosity as to what sister. is new, have rigged up in a few ships instruments capable of taking signals with the assistance of some of their dent Smith had said that ex-Apostle skilled civilian telegraphists on board." Ashore the army will run their field telegraphs, at which they are adepts, leaders of the Mormon church and telegraphs, at which they are adepts, wanted to go into politics against their and affoat the navy will use dispatch boats, flags and flashing signals. The Japanese flashing, lamp is peculiarly powerful-in fact, better than anything have in the British pavy.

A MINORITY DOCTRINE.

From the Salt Lake Tribune In fact, the doctrine set forth in the controlling decision is a doctrine of a minority of the court, and the assent of the ninth member of the court is only It was senator-or some to the result reached and not to the doc trine upon which that result is founded. sile under oath it would appear to an The look that came over Senstor Clearly, this situation invites further inveludiced mind that the Mormons Hour's face as he heard the words that litigation, and it need occasion no surprise to see the stock of the Northern Securities company rise on the market, as it did, and to note that President Hill contain Smoot is not charged with the awful to winess. In a moment it had refer or advocacy of polygamy. If passed and the whole committee burst were and if were proved he would into laughter, in which Mr. Hoar joined until to occupy a sest in the senste.

A new morning and evening mail serv-

La Grande is to lay nearly two miles

The Irrigon Ifrigator says Irrigon is "unapproachable." But a good many people seem to get there.

The total registration of school child-en in Pendleton is 1,119, who require 21 rooms, and 24 teachers.

The Pacific States Telephone

Roy Heater has been engaged trainer of the McMinnville college team.

Athena postoffice had a supoosedly burglar-proof safe, but burg-

The Echo jackrabbit cannery is financial difficulties, which will add to the springtime pleasure of the jack-

All the country people are for good roads now, but how many will be so much in earnest when the deep mud

J. E. Smith of Umatilla county, who has been feeding 10,000 lambs at Kearney, Neb., since last fall, has sold them in Chicago at a good profit. Near Irrigon one man is putting out

2,540 grape roots. He already has planted 200 peach trees. Others are doing similar work thereabouts. The Athena Methodist church has bought a communion set of six large

Last year Baker county got a big slice of territory from Union county. but now it objects to giving up some of its territory to form, with part of Grant, a new county.

now buy strong locks and hire a night-

Albany Democrat: A correspondent

An easterner in Oregon, to determine the comparative healthfulness of difeach and counts the graves, and com-pares the number with the living population. If he would also count the number of dead as well as alive poli-

Whenever the town gets big that believes in supporting all the candidates, better or worse, of a political party in a municipal election, is relieved of any strain on either its consci

INVITATION MAY BE FOR YOU

that makes them forget home. The girl gets into the social swim a bit, and she is young, for she will have to sober down soon enough," is the idea. And for his hat right after supper and dis-

when his own hair is frosted and his own house is lonesome. But those things hurt. They make

sorrow that is seldom voiced, and one So just remember, you that have good homes and parents who are neglected. that you are cordially invited to spend well entertained and you will make a great deal of happiness.

There is usually a period in every young man's life when his idea of having a good time means being away from home. The young man of this story got had fallen into the habit of staying in town to dinner and spending his evenings at the theatre or in calling on friends. One afternoon his father came to him and asked him/if he had any engagement for the evening. The young man had not. "Well, I should like to have you go somewhere with me." The young man himself tells what happened.
"'All right,' I said. Where shall I I said. Where shall I Columbia river which will be transprove their property. Afterwards a He suggested a certain formed from a desert waste into a vinwell defined irrigation system will be past seven; and I was yard, where fruits of all kinds and berput in operation. In fact it is the bequiet lecture on late hours. He had and vegetables of every kind. combined the two on several occasions. But when he appeared he said he wanted me to call with him on a lady. knew quite well when I was a young man, he explained. We went out and ing at our house,' he said. I thought it their news being intercepted in any way appointment for the hotel in those circumstances, but I said nothing. Well, we went in, and I was introduced with all due formality to my mother and my sister. The situation struck me as funny, and I began to laugh, but the laugh died away. None of the three even smiled. My mother and my sister shook hands with me, and my mother said she remembered me as a boy, but hadn't seen much of me lately. Then a bit funny then, although-I can laugh over it now. I sat down, and she told me one or two anecdotes of my boyhood, at which we all laughed a little Then we four played whist for a while.

> mother was a very entertaining woman it was almost twenty millions. and my sister a charming girl. I'm going to call again. I enjoy their company and intend to cultivate their ac-

The Time of Strain. From the New York World. during times of peace.

VARYING VIEWS OF SMOOT.

Walter Wellman in Chicago Record-Horald.

There is one sure way in which Sen ator Smoot may save himself the humiliation of being expelled from the United States senate. That is by appearing States senate. That is by appearing crime, like counterfeiting. One of these before the committee on privileges and semators, also a Republican, remarked elections and declaring in effect that that he would have mighty little ref new water mains, which is indicative before the committee on privileges and all these disclosures as to his fellow spect for a man who was caught with apostles of the church living in open a number of wives on his hands, relies polygamy and even sanctioning and performing plural marriages since the manifesto are news to him; that they come
to him as a revelation; that he does not
countenance such violations of law, and
bow that he has been made aware of
them, he disclaims all responsibility now that he has been made aware of them, he disciaims all responsibility as harshly as many good people are in as harshly as many good people are in the habit of regarding it. "It seems to church. A leading Republican member me," said this senator, "that the evidence so far adduced shows that the lif Senator Smoot were to do this, were old men of the church are nearly all nolygamists now, because they were poto say to the committee that he has polygamists new, because they were po-resigned as an spostle of the church lygamists under the ancient regime. and actually tender his resignation, But the younger Mormons are not po-there is no doubt as to the action of lygamists, and as the old men die the

Whether or not Senator Smoot will pretty hard to ask us to decisre that adopt this course no one seems to know. he cannot sit in the senate because His counsel have intimated to the com- some of his elder associates, relics ofmittee that their client intends to take the old days, are continuing the rela-the witness stand before the case is tions contracted many years ago. It closed and to make a statement in his seems to me this is a case in which a own defense. Some members of the little charity and forbearance should committee believe Smoot will wait till be exercised. If we deny Smoot the near the last minute, and if he then right to keep his seat, it simply means believes the case is likely to go against that we will not have a member of the him, will save himself by renouncing Mormon church in congress, even if he all official connection with the church is not a violator of any law. and resigning his apostolic post.

What will be Mr. Smoot's fate if he

an open question. There are some indications that a majority of the committee is opposed to retention of him on the rolls of the senate. It is doubtdo so until the whole case is heard. One Republican member of the tommittee sald to me that he was wholly convinced Smoot should not be permitted to remain in the senate. He admitted there was nothing against Smoot of a direct personal character. He was not polygamous relations by any positive act or expression, but negatively countenanced violations of law, thought inquiry and ascertain why the this senator. He had associated con-stantly with the hierarchy, a majority of giving approval to crime. "If a man were a member of a club good.

or society, a majority of whom were ferent towns, visits the cemeteries of known to be counterfeiters, for examany question about our permitting him action

to the country.
But is this best? Are the advantages

the city? Have the lives which have

and ever-interesting scenes of country

try and a city life is not always possible

erence in favor of the country.

no matter how strong may be the pref-

There are still most desirable sections

tlers on the very easiest terms, in Morrow county, for instance, where the lands are rich in timber and vast fields

climate is satisfactory to all. There has

the mercury dropped to zero. Cyclones

ated in this county, about 20 miles south mit.

of Heppner. The company has expended

a large sum of money in developing this field and it now has the mines in work-

ing order so that a large tonnage of coal

can be mined daily. A railroad will be built in the spring to connect with the

field. When transportation facilities are completed and the coal placed on the

years to have a sleigh ride, neither

eastern Oregon that are open to set-

we today find such rosy cheeks and

comen come from the country or from outside world.

And yet conditions are

Members of the committee who ar disposed to take a favorable view of Smoot's case say it is true a majority of the apostles are living with plural wives, but that is an offense which must be differentiated from any ordinary crime, like counterfeiting. One of these committee and the senate. They evil will disappear. Smoot is compar would vote, perhaps unanimously, to atively a young man; he is not a polyg-permit Senator Smoot to retain his amist. So far as we know his life seat. a delicate question; it is a dangerous precedent to establish, and it is extreme ground which I do not believe a majority declines to take this course is as yet of the senate will consent to occupy.

Another aspect of the Smoot case is in the committee. Members say that less true at the same time that probably among the great mass of correspondence a majority of the committee have not that pours in upon them are letters yet made up their minds and will not from constituents telling of the labors of Mormon missionaries in their communities. Many of these letters report that the missionaries devote most of their energies to winning young women proselytes. A member of the committee says he has a letter informing him that direct personal character. He was not a number of young women have been a polygamist. He had not countenanced added to the Mormon contingent from a town near his own home. The commitproselytes are so eager to gather in \$5.11 taxes on 60 acres of land, and wants something done by the board of equalization to remedy the matter.

when the hierarchy, a majority of young women recruits. It is not probable the committee will go into this must have known of these facts. By hands pretty full became the so eager to gather in young women recruits. It is not probable the committee will go into this example and association to remedy the matter. example and association at least he was clamor against the missionaries is not doing the cause of Mr. Smoot any

The committee has also been appealed ple," said this senator, "would there be to by other Mormon churches to take be actually disbarred, but as to the which shall result in justice to to hold a seaf in the United States sen- them. It seems that there are several ate? It would do no good for him to Mormon societies in different parts of plead that he was not a counterfeiter the country whose members do not prachimself and that he had not inquired into tice polygamy and who never did. These The La Grande Chronicle says: "The the private life of his associates. If churches regard the Utah organization chronicle congratulates itself on not everyone else in the community knew as apostates and the Utah people as corthese men were lawbreakers, he should dially hate the others. These monknow it and govern himself accordingly. gamist Latter Day Saints are as bitterly enough and the people become generous If he comes here on his oath and says opposed to Smoot sitting in congress enough and the people become generous enough to fight these battles out on political lines, the Chronicle will be in the scrap and will be on the side of the Democrats. But no more factional cat hauling for this sheet," Yes, a paper my opinion, not on any other ground.

If he comes here on his oath and says opposed to Smoot sitting in congress as the Methodists or Preabyterians or any other Christian people could be. They want Smoot unseated and have not been at all backward in making their wishes known to the committee.

MORROW A GOOD COUNTY.

counted most for influence been country. In connection with this the Times born and bred or reared amid the noise publishes the following particulars of

Do we today find such rosy cheeks and bright eyes among the younger genera-tion of the crowded cities, or in the purpose of reclaiming several thou-

country, where early life is passed in sand acres of desert lands in the vicin

God's free sunshine amid the healthy lty of Castle Rock, in northern Morrow

such today that choice between a coun- have already been formulated and work

of coal, and productive of every crop pipe a distance of three miles and to an known in the temperate region. The elevation of 200 feet, and at first, will

not been sufficient snow the past two claims owned by various parties in that

ries will grow to perfection, also alfalfa ginning of a system that will rectain and vegetables of every kind.

and vegetables of every kind.

The Heppner Railroad and Coal company has fully demonstrated that it has Rock, which will be extended and enpany has fully demonstrated that it has Rock, which will be extended and enpany has fully demonstrated that it has Rock, which will be extended and enpany has fully demonstrated that it has Rock.

market it will supply a want which this been a success in other sections and state has never been able to get here-tofore. The quality of coal is bitumi-success at Castle Rock.

county along the Columbia river.

will be commenced at once.

in will be installed at once.

plans for the new irrigation enterprise

The company will put in a 60 horse

power gasoline engine, which is guar-anteed to pump 1,890,000 gallons of

water every 10 hours. This has already

Water will be taken from the Colum

bia river and forced through a 12-inch

be distributed over a number of desert

immediate vicinity.

The object of the company is first to

and stress of more crowded conditions? a new irrigation enterprise;

Small Change

Now will the "Independents" be

Man needs but little radium here be-low—and it's little he can get.

More Democrats will come to the surface in June than showed up at the primaries.

Admiral Togo is to go after that Russian fleet, and expects soon to be Admiral Havegot.

Perhaps inhabitants of Port Arthur can amuse themselves by picking up-shells on the seashore.

In arying to hit upon a candidate the Democrats expend most of their efforts in hitting proposed candidates.

Shouldn't the virtuous senators give the Mormon church credit for picking out a one-wife man for senator

The party organ is always ready to excuse an official of its own party and to accuse one of the other party.

Senator Smoot, an un-uptodate Morby him-and perhaps he is glad of it.

What a joke it would be on the Mitchell holdover state senators to be if the legislature of 1907 should be Demo-

Unsavory Addicks heads the Delaware Roosevelt delegation in the next Republican convention. But Roosevelt stood by Boodler Addicks.

If the Japs and Russians don't warm up that war pretty soon they will be entirely crowded off the first page of the newspapers. Shouldn't the Republican party revise

its stand-pat policy sufficiently to pro-tect radium? Suppose a lot of it produced by foreign pauper labor should be dumped into this country.

If it can't attract the world's attention in any other way, the Puget sound country has an earthquake. It should not have alarmed Seattle very much, but how it must have scared the nice, quiet

In some eastern cities mourners at funerals are paid \$1 each for their services. And even at that price they mourn quite as much and really as has been rich and stingy.

The New York appellate supreme court is considering the question of is in state's prison, a second is a fugi-tive from justice, and the third has disappeared under a cloud. It is believed the one in the penitentiary will others, professional courtesy cautions against precipitancy.

On the public lands question, or questions, the Republican party is as much at sea and as badly broken up as the Democratic party is on most questions. On some things, however, the Republicans are practically unanimous. to trusts, for instance, they agree that there are no trusts; that trusts are good things, and that bad trusts will be properly attended to by letting them

NICE COUNTRY TEAT.

To the Dick Swivellers Japan is the land of the blest. For credit abounds there, and cash is never demanded. In B. F. Swaggert in Heppner Times. | nous and has been tested satisfactorily from the country with its pure air; its independent life; its quiet and healthing by those who are desirous of a giving atmosphere, and live in the city country home under the best possible where everything is in direct contrast to the country.

But is this best? Are the advantages centers and yet sufficiently near thriving for the fulfillment of these promises to of city life greater than those of the cities to keep within the means of edu-country? Have the greatest men and cation and culture and in touch with the pay, and three years is the limit.

Advice to the Lovelorn

BY BEATRICE FAIRFAX.

Dear Miss Fairfax: I am a young man of the ordinary type, 19 years of age. I have met lots of girls that I cared nothing about, but a few months ago I was introduced to a lady, who since that time has secured a position in the same office where I work. Her Now we have fine times telling stories, etc., when we can find the spare time, but when I ask her if I may call I receive the answer "No.". She says that her mother doesn't allow her to have male company, but she will go to a been purchased and the pumping plant dance or entertainment with me, pro-vided I meet her outside and away from her home. Now it seems to me that if I'm good enough to have for an outside friend, it is strange she will not let the mercury dropped to zero. Cyclones and tornadoes are unknown.

With the advantages we now have in title by furnishing water sufficient to irrigating the sandy land along the enable them to make a home and interpretation.

I do not approve of girls arranging to meet men without the consent of their parents, and think that, unless she can give some very satisfactory reason why she cannot invite you to her house I would not, if I were you, form any friendship with her, A girl who de-ceives her parents will deceive her friends. Cannot you talk to her about this, and tell her what a false light she places herself in?

Herbert W. and Ed E. Bartholomew have title to 7,000 acres of land in that section, besides owning the Castle Rock who escorted me home and has been calling several times as week since. calling several times as week since. When he asked me if he might call I did not tell him he could not, as I thought my friend would be offended, as he is a relative of hers. Although he has not spoken to me of love he seems very serious. Now I do not wish to encourage him, as I know I could never love him well enough to marry him. I do not PORTLAND POLICE COMMENDED. I regard him as a friend and nothing

> There are many little ways in which a girl may show a man that she does not care to accept his attentions seriously. You must be your own counselor in this matter. It is possible that he simply regards you as a good friend.

> Portland, Or., March 12.-Dear Miss. Fairfax: I am a youth of 14 years, though everyone takes me to be 19. I am in love with a girl of 19 summors who looks younger than myself. Now I want to give her a ring, but she won't accept it because she thinks I am too young. Now Miss Fairfax would you advise me to quit going with her simply because I am so young? TONY.
>
> Yes, quit. You are too young to con-

> cern yourself with affairs of the heart. You will waste time and strength in doing so, as you will discover when you are older. The young lady deserves credit for her treatment of your offer,

STRENGTH OF THE NAVY.

From the New York World. According to Senator Hale, who will be accepted as an authority, the American navy upon completion of the present programme of planned construction will rank next to that of England, not

sonable amount for staterooms,"

From the Pendleton Tribune. The police department of Portland is

along by giving land free of charge to the company for its pumping plant, and

will encourage it in other ways.

Irrigation by the pumping system has

entitled to be and is heartly commended for the promptness with which it interposed its protecting arm in the case of the young Umatilla county girl, Olive McIntosh, and rescued her from Then we four played whist for a while. Will rank next to that the well again. I went upstairs feeling There is no diminuition in the rate pretty small and doing a good deal of of naval progress. Since 1884 there is also due to the landlady who first register the payy the control of the pay the pay the control of the pay the "And then?" asked his companion.
"Then I made up my mind that my of the navy was \$6,340,780, and last year portunity to prove to the country that it But is there not an element of danger in this vast expenditure? Is there wisdom in the policy that would already retire such vessels as the Oregon, Massachusetts and Indiana? These are said not to be equipped with staterooms satisfactory to the officers. Perhaps the old sentiment may soon be paraphrased, "Millions for defense, but only a reasonable amount for staterooms."

proposes to protect the innocent, youthful visitors to that city from the wiles of as infamous a set of creatures as exist—those who seek to debauen the unsophisticates have ample power to do this and if this case is prosecuted successfully, and the guilty adequately punished, it will go a long ways toward keeping such vile wretches from the city.