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#### THE TALE OF THE CHARTER.

TERE is a little story in four chapters. It is unusual in the respect that the last chapter comes It is not unusual in some other respects. astraddle of the same feace, betwixt and between and at same time t'other and which, fish, flesh and fowl in in the same breath. It is only one of a hundred similar cases embracing every question that has ever come up for public discussion in Portland. It is selected here because of the live public interest which this particular question arousing at this particular moment. Closely observe the dates to fully appreciate the gyrations of the mental symnast:

#### CHAPTER I.

From the Oregonian of May 9, 1904. It may be supposed that the present charter of the city of Portland will not be continued always, without alteration or amendment. Changes in many particulars already few which are in this charter will wear out in time-and Crasy Quilt," for its principal author.

#### CHAPTER II.

From the Oregonian of June 1, 1902. The charter to be submitted to the voters of Portland in Monday's election should not be overlooked. It is a intelligent industry. It embodies the results of wide modern experience in muncipal government and the Oregonian

#### CHAPTER III.

From the Oregonian December 16, 1902. The greatest danger this charter is building up for itself is that of being too good. The naked truth is that the charter will have to run the gauntlet of the politicians who control the legislature. Now an ideal charter is very far removed from the sort of document a party machine covets as a source of power. " \* \* They (the party bosses) will look without sentiment upon the proposal to put the city elections at a time when national issues cannot be

CHAPTER IV. When the charter board finished its labor the Oreconian printed a photographic reproduction of the signatures of all its member and lo, the name of Harvey W. Scott, like Abou Ben Adhem's, led all the "bunch of fad-

invoked to pull through unworthy candidates selected by

the central committee in the interests of a faction.

#### A SLAP IN THE FACE FOR THE PRESIDENT

HE Oregonian is making a persistent effort to tie Binger Hermann to the tail of the Roosevelt kite. "A vote for Hermann in June," it tells its readers, "Is a vote for the re-election of Theodore Roosevelt." It is the same shallow artifice which was employed a year ago, and which aroused the keen indignation of the presi-

There could be no more manifest absurdity than to link the names of Hermann and Roosevelt, as representative of the same political aims. Roosevelt is the man who dismissed Hermann in disgrace from the office of United States land commissioner. Roosevelt instigated and directed the investigations which promise to result in the indictment of Hermann for complicity in the land frauds. It was Roosevelt's influence which was responsible for the extraordinary rebuff which Hermann received at the hands of Speaker Cannon, in the distribution of committee appointments.

The president has shown repeatedly his distrust and dislike of Hermann. It was with difficulty that Hermann obtained the privilege of riding in the president's special train when the latter visited Oregon last year. There was not another prominent Republican of the state who was beg for an invitation, which was given with extreme reluctance. Subsequent results fully justified the president's reluctance, for his hospitality was abused and by an unscrupulous trick he was made to appear as standing sponsor for the candidacy of the man whom he had dismissed from office in disgrace, only three months previous. It was with difficulty that the president's advisers dissuaded him from denouncing the trick and repudiating Hermann's candidacy.

It is an affront to Roosevelt to say that his cause is would be in effect a vote of censure upon the president, who has so plainly shown that he regards Hermann as unfit for public office. The defeat of Hermann would be an wholesale stealing of public lands and to bring the landgrabbers to justice.

Hermann rests under a dark cloud of accusation and the president himself is his chief accuser. Could anything be more preposterous than to assert that an expression of confidence in the accused is equivalent to an endorsement of the prosecutor? Is not a vote for Hermann a slap in the face for the president?

If Binger Hermann should be elected in June and four of Portland on the box question,

cleaning the city, and the children have

enlisted in the work. One hundred

thousand badges have been distributed

among the youngsters, each badge bear-

Chicago has no world's fair now, but

it has 100,000 children, several times

over, who are able to help in the crying

necessity of cleaning Chicago. With the aid of Chicago children, what won-

are clean in their homes and indifferent

to dirt outside. The alleys back of

their homes are disgraceful, although

they themselves may use the bathtub

and scrub pail freely.
The children can't carry away the

garbage, but they can gather up and burn the waste paper, old shoes and garments, and sundry things which

may be seen in abundance, disfiguring a

landscape not attractive at the best. The boys can rake up the tin cans. and

Too many of our people

ing the inscription, "I will help."

#### APPLIES IN PORTLAND TOO. cannot become a beautiful city right away, it can become tolerably clean, From the Chicago Journal. Why should we wait for the inspira-St. Louis has a civic improvement tion of a world's fair in order to take a

#### league which has set about the task of municipal bath? IN LINE OF REFORM.

From the Cleveland Plain Dealer. There is an anti-profanity society league at Yale, and its special mission is to see that the word "damn" is no longer used upon the stage. The society is right. . How much better would sound, in playing "Macbeth," to

ders could be accomplished in a week in the littered alleys and vacant lots of "Lay on, Macduff, and durned be he who first cries hold, enough." What we need is a spirit of municipal

> "Out, durned spot!" Or, in "Shore Acres":

"I gave you the mother, but dinged if I'll give you the child." We call on all actors now in the to become noncussers.

The People's Position.

From the New York Evening Sun. With the offices of governor and state sirman united in one person, there is no difficulty in performing the and perform the first step in of playing both ends against the middle.

months later should be indicted for complicity in the frauds which caused his removal from the land office, what imate argument against the reelection of the president? Would it not rather be used as a vindication of his course

It is not believable that the voters of the First district will be misled by such a palpable deception as Hermann's applogists are attempting to practice. No admirer of Roosevelt can consistently vote for Hermann, and every vote cast for him is a reflection upon the president and a censure of his policy.

#### UNCERTAIN RESULTS OF WAR.

HE CAREFULLY OBSERVANT EDITOR, and some ordinary men of other vecations, can give about as intelligent a guess as the alleged experts can at are talked about, and more to come. To these things the the outcome of the Japanese-Russian war; for no one can for the better man, who happens not Oregonian is practically indifferent, for it deems them of do more than guess. The unknown factor of chief import- to be a Republican, for some local ofsmall importance. The principal features of this charter ance is Russia's power to concentrate, move and successwere made by a bunch of faddists, and it is so lame in fully fight overwhelming forces of men. If it can do this, many places that even they (or some of them) are calling it may eventually whip Japan, on land, and drive the Japa, for amendments. The Oregonian, for its part, accepted back to their islands. But Japan's recent successes, and the charter, for it didn't want to fight or squabble over it; manifest superiority both in generalship and soldiership, but it never professes fondness for fads or innovations in lend color of probability to the view of pro-Japanese parlegislation or government. It knows, moreover, that not tisans that Russia will be beaten in detail by the more agile and intelligent Japs, will not be abl to mass sufno long time, either. Everybody knows that this charter ficient troops at the right points at the right times to give a kind of crazy quilt. Usually it is called "Joe Teal's Japan a succession of crushing blows, will gradually lose confidence, and that esprit de corps so essential to success, and so, disheartened and disgusted, will make peace on Japan's terms. This would be terribly humiliating, but many nations have been obliged to go through similar experfences-France, for example, at the hands of the allied oduct of careful study, of painstaking, disinterested and powers, headed by an ancestor of Nicholas II, and again at the hands of the grandfather of the present emperor of Germany. The czar dreaded and tried to avoid the war, believes it, as a whole, worthy of the acceptance of the and it seems that his heart is not in it now; he would doubtless yield much to end it, but this is impossible, or seems so; he must go on to "the bitter end."

In case the success of the Japanese continues, in the too much. As Russia deprived Japan of the principal deprive her of her victory, if she should gain it, over Russia? But on the other hand there is England, which, though war-weary and tax-crushed, will yet put forth something more than leonine growls if the other powers

But the questions of immediate interest are: Can Japan keep up its lick? Can Russia get its great forces properly together and in proper motion to deliver to Japan staggering and weakening blows? On these questions the men of most real knowledge are reticent; they are speculative, rather than positive.

But even Russian partisans are forced to admit that the present outlook for the great autocracy is gloomy. Post Arthur is surrounded; Niuchwang is reported fallen; Dainy is invested; the long single railroad on which Russia must depend, if not broken already, is almost sure to be cut in places; and worse than all, the Russians, reputed good soldiers, seem unable to cope with their antagonist; seem, like their master, to have no heart in their task. It will not do to conclude from all this that Japan lieve it, and so, armed with a revolver, has Russia already whipped, but it is manifest, even to Russia now, that Japan has gained an enormous foothold, and secured tremendous advantages which if maintained must vitally influence the outcome of the struggle.

### THE SALOON BOXES SHOULD GO.

TORDS ARE CHEAP, yet without talk there would be no agitation and without agitation there would be stagnation. Therefore the talk in favor of abolishing the closed boxes in saloons is worthy of encouragement. But the talking should be backed by action. Here we believe is the immediate entering wedge in the campaign for a better moral tone in Portland. not welcomed on the train, but Hermann was compelled to Next to the official alliance with the gamblers this is the worst abomination in the city. We are not at all sure that it does not rank in the first place, that it numbers and debauches more victims.

But in any event it is high time that the closed box became a thing of the past in Portland. The ordinance introduced in the city council is the result of the agitation in this direction, but it will never pass if nobody does anything but talk. Everyone interested in the measure should bring to bear all his influence upon the members of the city council. He should show them that he has not an opportunity to proceed with linked with that of Hermann. The election of Hermann only a community interest in the measure, but a personal

The pressure to defeat the measure will be persistent the heart," asserted Mr. Nelson. and tangible. If it cannot be defeated a cunning effort baven't done a thing for Alaska." endorsement of the president's efforts to put an end to the will be made so to qualify its provisions that it will be of sat down, blushing like a school girl. no account. Those who have headed a movement toward high moral standards in this city should now get seriously to work. They should not leave the members of the council in any doubt as to where they stand and what estimate they will place upon any member who votes against such a afar down the list, and the voice of the righteous measure.

> No member of the city council should be permitted to lie under any misapprehension about the public sentiment

### UNCLE SAM'S PENSION ARMY.

Figures compiled by R. L. O'Brien for the World's Work exhibit in a striking manner the great increase of the American army of war pensioners. One million names are on the federal of interrupted slumber. pension roll. All the employes of all American railroads, from their presidents down to the trackwalkers, number but few more. The annual pay-roll of the railroads is \$676,000,000 a year; the armly, "Not guilty!" pension payments are \$137,000,000, fully one fifth as much. The pensioners of all our other wars combined, including the Spanish and Philippine, could occupy a city of \$2,000, like Bayonne N. J. The civil war pensioners today would make a city of 964,000. Our pension system is a monument to the tremendousness of the struggle over

The pension payments from July 1, 1865, to June 20 of last year have amounted to the enormous total of \$2,-924,178,145.93; the cost of administering the law for the same period has meen \$95,647,934.71, making the total expenditure thus far on pension account more than three billion and thirty- with either these pests or the scourge seven million dollars, or, expressed in figures, \$3,037,826,080.64,

Kuroki against Kuropatkin - there' nothing in the length of a name.

Kuropatkin doubtless regretted to re port, whether he said so or not.

Now Port Arthur can relieve the m notony by taking watch landward vell as seaward.

Mr. Rockefeller doubtless thinks Miss Ida Tarbell is as disagrecable as sticks tar and a clanging bell

Kansas will be 50 years old May 30 and defies any other state to show so many notable happenings in that time

The city authorities will do a good lob in tearing down those old shacks of Uncle Jakey Kamm's. They have been in offense much too long already.

"The best example of a pure Democ racy," says an exchange, "existed in Iceland at an early date." Politics couldn't get impurely warm up there.

Patti's backer in America, now an al

sconder, claimed that he lest \$40,000 on the venture. That was worse than buying several tickets to hear the old lady The argument is that President Reosevelt is lying awake nights for fear that some Oregon Republicans may vote

The government garden seed bin being now bare, all the country editors having been supplied, members of congress are ready to come home among their admiring constituents and see

Does that Kentucky Smith who invites all Smiths to meet at Louisville at his expense, include President Joseph Smith of Salt Lake, and all the other Mormon much-married Smiths, and their families?

This is the last week in which you can register. According to the attorney general, the registration books close at 5 o'clock next Saturday after-soon. This should be a very busy week

Why are "dat," "dis," "dose," "dem, etc., so persistently put into the mouths of hobos, toughies, darkeys and other specimens of humanity not personally familiar with the life of the 400's? The creatures do not in fact speak that way

London tradesmen having heard that J. Pierpont Morgan had been a heavy loser in the slump of stocks, demanded cash on delivery for goods. The thick British tradesman's mind did not apprehend that it was mostly others, not the big promoter, who suffered.

Judging from the tone of Chicago' independent and politically reliable news papers, the victory of state's attorney Deneen in Chicago, over Lowden, in the contest for the gubernatorial nomination, is a triumph of honest independence and faithful public service over a tyrannizing and corrupting machine. Chicago frequently sets a good example of political independence.

and with a family on his hands, staked his last dollar on a roulette game, won, kept on playing and won \$1,500; then quit, and went with his family to New ing sense enough to quit. But other hard-up preachers should not follow his example; might not be so lucky-or

The mayor of Council Bluffs, Iowa had also been told that gambling could not be suppressed, but he did not be he started out to see what he could do in that direction. He went into four gambling places, leveled his gun at the tigers, arrested the players and confiscated the layouts. When the patrol wagon arrived upon the somewhat dis-heveled scene his honor bundled 14 men into that vehicle, and declared gambling out of the running in his baili-

### DIDN'T TAKE IT BACK.

(From the New York World.) Mr. Nelson spoke an unusual word Mon-

day in the senate debate. He was talking about an appropriation on the army bill for Alaska. Going over to a map of the territory depending from the senate wall he called the attention of senators to the geography of the situation. "We have taken all of Alaska's money.

said he, with much emphasis and great earnestness, as he was returning to his seat, "anl we haven't done a d-The bad word was out. As the echo of

came ringing back in the ears of the Minnesota senator he stopped short, being himself shocked at what he had said. There was a great outburst of laughter in the senate. Mr. Allison, waiting for sundry civil appropriation bill, looked

"There are adjectives that come from Soon concluding his remarks Mr. Nelson

### SINCE THE BURTON TRIAL.

From the Pittsburg Post. The name of Senator Sniffkins came cellent soporific.

Senator Sniffkins was very tired. He nodded and drowsed.
"Senator Shugar," finally droned the

"Present " "Senatore Slye."

"Senator Sniffkins." That gentleman emitted a half-snore. "Senator Sniffkins." Senator Sniffkins roused himself and

stared.about him with the vacuous stare for the third time. Senator Sniffkins evidently realized hat was wanted now.

Sitting up in his seat, he shouted, us to believe that nothing will come of

### THE MOSQUITO PLANT.

From the Chicago Post.

The "mosquito plant," a species of basil, is attracting a great deal of atmosquito defense there, and the natives use an infusion of its leaves to cure malarial fevers. As soon as a hedge of this shrub was planted about the Vicmen who had previously been almost unable to work because of the swarms of mosquitoes, had no further trouble of malaria from which they had been suffering.

the Yalu, decisively defeating the Rusand important stage in the war. At the close of a week in which the attention of the Japanese has been concentrated on a general crossing movement before Will. they have succeeded not only in passing the river but in gaining complete control Russians from strongly intrenched post

cluding a long range bombardment moralised the Russian defensive forces Friday and Saturday an entire division thus crossed the Yalu, its approach being screened and protected by and extending over a four-mile front, was carried by storm, with the capture of 28 guns and hundreds of men, the Japanese losing 700 and the Russians 800 in killed and wounded

The vicinity of Chintlencheng is hilly and affords a strong position for a de-fensive force, but the Japanese by creeping around to the high land to the north seem to have been able to rake the Russian line with an enfilading fire. All this territory is familiar to the Japanese, moreover, and in 1894 they took the same position, then held by the Chinese, by practically the same tactics. They have gained a brilliant victory, but it has yet to be determined whether a retreat from the Yalu was not a predetermined part of the Russian strategy, the resistance Japanese encountered being merely intended to make the movement as costly for them as possible. This, at least, is the Russian view.

Once firmly established on the Manchu rian side with his army of 100,000 men, General Kuroki will have his choice of several lines of advance. Within a few miles of the region invaded there are ample facilities for the quartering of an army. In fact, there is on the Manchurian side of the river, near the place of which numbers some 20,000 inhabitants. It is accessible to sea-goings junks and base of supplies. From this region fairly good reads can be found leading to other highways connecting with Niuchwang, Mukden, Takushan and Fenghuancheng. tung, which General Kuropatkin has thosen as the main position for his first ine of defense, and unless it is really the the interior it is possible that the first heavy engagements will take place there. The Japanese may elect, however, to take southern route, moving directly toward the Liaotung peninsula and Port Arthur, trusting to their navy to rescue them should they be cut off in the rear and driven toward the coast by a superior Russian force.

cheng position and one reason for think-ing it possible that the Japanese might move upon it lies in the fact that it stands at the point where the three roads leading to the Port Arthur branch Mexico, where he will go to preaching of the failway converge. One road leads again. He deserves to succeed—for hav-Liaoyang, distant about 100 miles, and what is known as "Cossack condition," thence to Mukden, which is 40 miles far- of whom a large proportion may yet be The road is in fairly good condi- shipped to the far east.

### WHEELS TOO WELL GREASED.

From the Providence Journal. one could have really expected that the Massachusetts Republicans would make any concession to reciprocity sentiment at their convention. Senator Lodge was on hand to choke off heretical speakers. He even asserted that a demand for more liberal trade privileges was a reflection upon the adninistration. The platform used the same old specious language about the reform of the tariff by its friends. Particular tariff schedules "are neither sacred nor immutable"—a remarkable dmission!-but there must be no "disturbance" to business. As it is always "disturb" some one business when the slightest change is proposed this means that the high tariff stand forever as far as the Republican party is concerned. Mr. Foss put the Canada, exceedingly well, and it was clear that members of the convention sympathized with him. But the wheels were too well oiled to allow any inter-

### BUNCE GRASS PRILOSOPHY.

From the Arlington Appeal. The truth that hits is the truth we

A man's life is worth what it costs Those who know the ropes do

The high livers do not reach the heights of life.

There can be no sympathy where there is suspicion. A wife's tongue three inches long can kill a man six feet high.

It isn't necessary to ercct a monument when you bury animosity.

When the flying machine is perfected we can all get up in the air if we want

The newest fad in Arlington is for married ladies to present their gentle-men friends with decorated shirt fronts. There isn't much chance for the Appeal man coming in for anything of this sort but if some foolish maiden should catch the fever kindly paste it on a corset as there is no room in my shirt for decorations.

### WILL AMOUNT TO NOTHING.

From the Tillamook Headlight. It will be noticed that another effort being made by the promoters of the Portland, Nehalem & Tillamook Railroad ompany to get that long-talked-of road constructed. Information to hand on the new move to resurrect it. As we often stated, the Southern Pacific, or the Harriman interests, consider Tillamoek county its territory, consequently it does not want an independent line from Portland or any of basil, is attracting a great deal of attention in England just now. An army officer who secured one of these plants that is liable to build to Tillamook some time is the Northern Pacific, for a branch line from Goble into Tillamoek would be a valuable feeder to that company.

Prom the Toledo Leader.

A lawyer and a minister visited the tough spots in Portland the other night needed in Oregon's metropolis. It must be pretty had if the lawyer thinks that

tion and could be used for whealed transport. A roadway branching off from that leading to Niuchwang runs to Halcheng, a point northeast of Niuchwang. If the Japanese are to proceed to Lindyang and Mukden, as has been reported, their most practicable results results and their most practicable results results.

their most practicable route probably will

be by way of Haicheng, which the Rus-sians have strongly fortified. One of the surprises of the week was of the estuary of the Yalu, driving the squadron at Vladivostok under command of Admiral Yeszen. The fleet made an tions and forcing them to evacuate Antions. This signal achievement giving Japan a firm foothold in Manchuria and forcing the Russians to retire, marks the opening of the heavy fighting on land.

Preparatory to the crossing movement Japanese wessels, one of them, the Kinthersen of the strong through the strong throu there was a protracted artillery duel, in- shu Maru, being a troopship. After reof ceiving the surrender of some of the Wiju by the Russians. The gunboats men and officers on the transport, Admi-which Japan recently sent up the Yalu de-ral Yeszen torpedoed the vessel, sending to the bottom 75 of the Japanese troops, and protected the construction of pontoon who according to the Russian version stoutly refused to surrender.

The most remarkable part of the maneuver is that the Vladivostok squadron the islands in the river, which were first not only managed to get to sea unim-selsed. Sunday found the Japanese troops peded, but that it apparently has reseized. Sunday found the Japanese troops on high ground to the north of the intrenchment at Chintlencheng. So the Russian position, occupied by 30,000 troops the fleet appeared off Wonsan. Until Thursday it seems to have cruised about the coast much as it pleased. Friday it was back in safety at Vladivostok and Admiral Kamimura, who was suddenly dispatched to cut it off, is patrolling the adjacent waters on guard duty. If this report is correct and the Japanese admiral arrived too late it may be taken for granted that steps will be taken to pre vent a recurrence of similar dashing operations on the part of the formidable Viadivostok squadron. The the raid was performed must have taught the Japanese a lesson as to the peril of leaving even an interior fleet un-

The aggressive operations carried on by another man wants to borrow it." the Russian cavalry during the week are ment of the Japanese at the Yalu or divert them from their chosen plan of strategy, but they are bound to prove an- there either The main Japanese force engaged in the invasion appears to be well concentrated along the lower Yalu. Gen- internally than stock in the professor's eral Kuropatkin has provided an interesting diversion by sending across the Tu men into northern Korea a large part of General Rennenkampff's Cossack cav alry division. This detachment, said to number about 2,000 men, will effect a union with a similar force which crosses the Tumen some time ago and menace

the enemy on flank and rear. Meantime General Mistchenko's Cos sacks who have been operating in northeast Korea have shown their phenomenal mobility by unexpectedly appearing directly in the Japanese rear along the Seoul-Pekin road and occupying Anju. The force is not formidable in numbers, but the presence of such an exceedingly mobile bond of horsemen conducting Russian policy to keep falling back into guerrilla warfare along the Japanese line of communication and threatening to swoop down at any moment upon some be a serious annoyance. It is already certain that this policy of harrassing the the unique features of the war. Japan's thanks. cavalry is known to be its weakest It has no troops which can cope with the Cossacks in suddenness of attack and rapidity of escape.

That Russia could spare a considerable force of Cossacks for just such work is Michigan came to escape severe weather. actually available for service between Lake Baikal and the Pacific is placed at ings in succession in his home town. only 50,000, its Cossack population is sup- He has been assured that it rains all 80 000 males (

### THE COCKBAN-DALEELL ROW.

From the Milwaukee Sentinel The general public will be disposed to share the imperturbable Speaker Cannon's view of the rumpus in the house last Tuesday over the Dalzell-Cockran tilt as a case of much ado over comparatively nothing. Mr. Cockran was charged by Mr. Dalzell with receiving pay for making speeches for Mr. Mc-Kinley in 1896. Most people would moved to ask. Well, what of it? Mr. Cockran is a brilliant orator, and, according tt the general conception him, a professional orator. Had he acor were he willing to admit that he had accepted, a McKinley retainer as a campaign speaker in 1896, ley from our home, and receive our mail it would hardly be a difficult matter to daily at our front gate. show that paying speakers out of camaign funds, Republican or Democratic, a not a rare or a discountenanced practice. However, Mr. Cockran put in a strenuous denial, and certainly Mr. Cockran ought to know.

#### FISHING WILL BE GOOD From the East Oregonian

H. W. Swart, the best-if not the biggest-fisherman in Umatilla county, was in the city last evening from Bingham springs and spoke enthusiastically of he fishing prospects for the season of

He says the young fish placed in the ponds by the state at Bingham springs were the finest specimens he ever saw when they were turned into the river some time ago. The supply of trout in the streams of the Blue mountains will be better this year than ever before, ac-cording to Mr. Swart, who is a close ob-

Water is too high yet to admit of sucessful trout-fishing, but within a week the flood will have passed and the actual fishing season will have opened. North fork, Meacham creek, Butcher creek and other tributaries of the Umatilla river all give promise of giving excellent returns to the fishermen.

#### ONE BRINGS MANY. From the Hood River Glacier.

J. M. Confer is a newcomer, comparatively, to Hood River, who blesses the day he heard of Hood River. He came from Missouri, looking for a climate that would benefit his health. He happened to be in Sherman county, in 1902, and picking up a copy of the Glacier containing the announcement of our biennial fruit fair to be held that year, ne came down to see it. It didn't take him long to make up his mind that Hood River was good enough for him. He went back to Missouri and soon returned with his family and purchased the near Arnold. His health is greatly improved, and he is only sorry he didn't come to Hood River years ago. Mr. Confer locating here was the means of bring-ing six or seven families of his old neighbors who also are glad they came. Four or five other families will follow cooper or later.

This rather disheartening sign was displayed to the view of customers in a fish store in lower Sixth

cently:

Boy Wanted to Open Oysters 16 Years Old.

won't stay in Stayton; he will

Rainier district has 304 children

Ontario business men have organia board of trade.

It is becoming fashionable with Ore gon countles to get out of debt.

office of the recorder of The Astoria is being canvassed to see if

The work of enlarging the big Hood

A Sheridan man sold a team of farm horses weighing 3,000 pounds North Bend, Coos county, claims

ave grown from nothing to 1,500 population in a year. Prospects were never better for a big

strawberry crop in the Hood river valled and elsewhere in Oregon. In Josephine county a man fell from railroad bridge, a distance of 28 feet, and was only shaken up, not seriously

Baker City has a new public water fountain of unique design-a thing of beauty as well as use, and therefore one of joy to many men and beasts as long

with as it shall last. J. A. Loughmiller publishes in the Silverton Appeal this notice: "The per-son who borrowed my spray pump last

> Pendleton consumes from 80 to 40 beeves, from 60 to 80 sheep, and about 100 hogs, per week. The people up scientist's argument against eating, or else they prefer to take cooked stock

O. R. & N. engineer, nominated by Baker county Democrats for sheriff, has declined, for the good reason that he could not afford to give up his position permanently for two or four years of office, Mr. Mayfield's head is as level as a flat field in May. Pendleton has had a gas plant site problem on hand. Nobody wants the

I. T. Mayfield, for many years an

But Councilman Dickson argued that the works were silent, and that the odor was healthy and even agreeable, when people became used to it, and protests of certain citizens were in vain. A Douglas county man has worked 100 days on a piece of road, and now asks the county court to help him out.

If it is a public road the county should

do so, not with reluctance, but with

The men who help to make

good roads are better citizens than those who stop at complaining about bad A recent arrival in Oregon City from Two weeks ago the thermometer was one degree above zero for three morntime here, but nevertheless he is delighted with the prospect of drowning

instead of freezing to death. A Medford lumber mill and box factory has built a storage shed that will hold 50 carloads of stuff; is employing 30 teams; will receive 60,000 feet of logs daily, and is now working on the mouldings and finishing lumber for a \$40,000 residence to be built in Council Bluffs. la. There will be 45 different designs for the mouldings on the outside of the house.

Jacksonville Sentinel: Good roads, rural telephone lines and rural mail routes are three things Jackson county needs and must have. Life is too short to do without these necessities, and we should all get in line and roll logs till we can drive to market on good roads any day in the year, and till we can talk to any farmer or merchant in the val-

#### Advice to the Lovelorn BY BEATRICE PAIRPAY.

Dear Miss Fairfax: I am a young lady 18 years of age and am in love with young man of 21. He has called on me several times and told me that he loves me. We have been writing letters to one another for the last four weeks. But the last letter I wrote he never answered. Now, do you think I ought to write again and ask him what is the matter? Please advise me, as I love him.

No, if I were you I would not write to him until he answers your last letter. Girls cannot be too careful in such matters. Be very guarded as to what you say. Do not be carried away by a fancied affection, and do not believe everything a man says when he tells you he loves you after having called on you

Dear Miss Fairfax: I have been going with a young man for a year. He has always called at my house regularly three times a week, and all of a sudden he has ceased calling, for no reason that I can think of, as I have always had the highest esteem for him. and cannot account for his actions. write and ask for an explanation, as we parted the best of friends. There is no possible way of meeting him, as he does not live in the city. If his calls ceased suddenly there must be a reason for it, but if he gradually ceased coming to see you I am afraid it was because he was not interested. You are the best judge of what to do. Write him if you feel that the circumstances demand it.

Dear Miss Fairfax: For the past eight months I have been keeping company with a young lady 18 years old. I She invited me to call one evening. I did so, and her mother told me she was out with another fellow. Of course, I was hurt, and I told her so. Eventually she suggested that we part. We did, and shortly after I saked that we re-new our friendship, but she said; "Wart until I speak to papa." Now, Mise Fairfax, what do you think of her actions, and would you advise a renewal of our friendship?

Possibly her father did not approve of her friendship with you, and she felt that she must gain his consent before renewing it. I would do just as I felt inclined, if I were you,