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WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH THE POR-

NOTHER ILLUSTRATION of the profound theory that God helps those who help themselves is afforded by the letter of Secretary Taft to Major gfitt in response to the latter's inquiry as to what the ment would be disposed to do once it secured from this state a right of way for the proposed ship canal, in the event the people of Oregon asked permission to run a stage railroad over part of that right of way. Secretary Taft does not deem it advisable to take any action in the atter until the right of way has been actually turned r to the government. This is only natural and proper no other outcome could possibly be expected beyond assurance, which was given, that the war department ald co-operate with the people of Oregon as far as it tht be consistently possible.

In this connection it must not be forgotten that par the right of way which the state has secured will be over to the government with the distinct proviso it would be justified in permitting any part of that nd to be used for the purposes of a portage railroad is serious question upon the solution of which might hinge e building of the road in time to be of use for the move-

s, the letter is now of little consequence to the way they will secure independent of the right of at will be or has been secured for the ship canal. oring states; there is good reason to believe that rtage railroad will be built on schedule time and that by next fail we shall know what its effect will be on the graye transportation problem that has so long confronted the inland empire.

PITY THE WOES!

HE ESTEEMED General Kuropatkin in the gree international foot-race now in progress to Mukder if not Harbin, seems barely to be holding his own he accent on the barely. Napoleon on his retrestionable had the elements to contend against, while in has the elements, plus the Japanese, and the the two are the little brown men. Here they en at it for 14 consecutive days. Fighting, swim-ollen streams, bivouacking in the rain, existing as y can, even then not finding the days long enoug of the night to continue that pleasing occupa-the woes of poor Kuropatkin! Fourteen days Can human flesh and blood stand up against cless, pitiless, devilish Japs who know nothing extreess, pittless, devilsa Japs who show nothing exto struggle toward the goal set for them, without
to fatigue, weather or conditions that would tear
tals out of civilised men?
at is to become of this genteel occupation of making
Cannot the Japs restrain themselves within or-

ods? Will they never let up and give Kurohance to safely hit the high places on the road

AN EX-SULTAN DEAD.

other of the present sultan, Abdul Hamid, is and at the age of 64. Throughout his youth ven to discuss any questions of state. Nominally a ruler of all the Turks, he was in fact an abject slave. In 1876, when his uncle, the despicable Abdul Azis, was deposed by cil of ministers, the empire was rife with cones, and the Sheik-ul-Islam, on whom the choice of or devolved, selected Murad. Three months later

Murad has since been a mystery. It was never known was seen a few years ago by some inquisitive Amer- of that state.

icans who had read Turkish history. They said that then he appeared to be a man in the full possession of his faculties. There has occasionally been some talk of the "young Turks" making an effort to depose Abdul Hamid and substitute Murad, who seemed to have had the best right to the throne, but this was never done, and now old Murad, his whole life a sad failure, has gone to meet

AN IMPORTANT CONVENTION.

association at Ontario on the 19th, 20th and 21st This is for young folk, but lots of older people are going to school too—or ought to the humid sections of the state. HERE WILL BE a meeting of the Oregon Irrigatio people of the humid sections of the state. Irrigation has this state. Few of those who live elsewhere realize that in this great but as yet far from fully developed state. distinct climates, one of which affords the widest scope to

In the new era to which we have just awakened there is no more important consideration than that the people of Portland become more fully acquainted with the various own salvation upon almost purely local lines and too often forts. That day, happily for all concerned, has passed for-

which will attach to the convention but for the further rea son of the crop displays which will be gathered from all

POPULIST BY-PLAY IN WASHINGTON.

of course, denounced Mr. Turner, candidate for governor of that state on the Democratic ticket. party. They have always been very much in politics in Washington; they have absolutely and insolently dominated every Republican legislature since that state's a nission; and now, being alarmed lest a big, independent should be elected governot, one who while treating them fairly would not be run over by them, they have put pullst scarecrow, and expect to spend money enough to distract some votes from Turner. It is an old

The state of Washington will doubtless give Presiden Roosevelt a substantial majority; it is now a safely Republican state on national issues. But there is a treme dous uprising of sentiment over there, especially in east prison, and appointed his brother, Abdul Hamid, sultan in state, politically, by the railroads; and this is likely to rehis stead. And he has held down the job, with con- suit in the election of Ex-senator Turner, a man who can neither be bribed nor bullied.

It would be a very good thing for the people of the state whether his insanity was real or fictitious, though his to elect Turner and a Democratic legislature, even if it bringing up was enough to make a man insane. He had chooses to stand by Roosevelt. This Populist by-play been forgotten by almost everybody, even in Turkey, but ought to receive no aid or comfort from any sensible vote

Small Change

Pull for peace.

The Woggle-bug says-

We don't need any bigger navy.

The range war in eastern Oregon

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Portland, Sept. 6.—To the Editor of The Journal—The Oregonian having willully misrepresented the automobile gunday which occurred on the Macadam oad Sunday afternoon, I beg to be allowed to explain through the columns if your paper. The facts of the affair re as follows:

gun, which he aimed straight at ua, but did not shoot. I drove on to the White House, and then returned to town, where I reported the matter to the police.

The man was later placed under arrest by Detectives Day and Hartman.

The horses were not frightened in the least at any time.

The above are the facts as they were given to the Oregonian, which it apparently changed to suit itself and in order to get in a hot shot at automobiles in general.

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It seems almost inconceivable that a man at the head of a daily paper should make such a rank statement as appeared in the Oregonian some time ago, when that paper attacked automobiles and wound up with the statement that they should not be allowed on the streets.

After having published an outrageous version of the affair of Sunday, they were given a correct statement of the facts for the second time. Still not being satisfied with their previous misrepresentations, they used about half a column of their "valuable" editorial page to make it stronger. They stated that the team ran away and nearly killed two members of the party, which is another falsehood. It would be a great relief to the automobile business in general if the Oregonian would state facts instead of falsehoods in the future.

ART HAYES.

TATER-DIGGIE' TIME.

ripe an' meller,
'de Pippins am a-gittin' all speckled-lak' an' yeller;
ten de cider in de bar'l am a-gittin' in
its prime,
know dat hit am gittin' close to 'ta-ter-diggin' time,

When de blackbirds 're warblin' an' flyin' other bigger pool, de turkey-gobbier gobblin'

When de bullfrog croakin' lak' he hed an

An' de ol' buck ram am gittin' his w ter clothin' on; When de katydid am harpin' a meli choly chime, We know dat hit am gittin' close 'tater-diggin' time.

A MATTRE OF GROGBAPHY.

From Collier's Weekly.

Representative Heatwole of Minnesota
was asked by a friend about a mutual
acquaintance who lives in the congress-



FREE TRADE AND ANNEXATION

(By John H. Reftery, Special Correspondent of the Chicago Tribune, Published Simultaneously in The Journal.)

The best authorities on the subject of reciprocity of free trade with Canada have concluded that such a policy would eventuate in the consolidation of the United States with the dominion. Even in the political campaigns of the provinces it has been freely admitted by liberals and boldly charged by conservatives that commercial unity with this country would make swiftly and resistlessly toward political union.

Having arrived at an understanding of physical conditions, and remembering that the bulk of public sentiment in Canada favors reciprocity in trade with the United States, it must be understood that the stitude of our government has been anything but favorable to the hitherto almost supplicating posture of the vast dominion to the north.

But in Canada there is another and almost as vital an obstacle to the realization of all plans for either reciprocity or free trade between the two countries, and this obstacle lies in the fixed and stubborn belief that closer trade reliations will prove the entering wedge for closer political affiliation.

Bir John A. Macdomald, the most popular and influential governor general Canada has ever known, effected the defeat of the free trades in 1887 by saying.

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"Reciprocity leads to free trade; free trade leads to political unity. If you wish to repudiate the British flag, vote for reciprocity. Pree trade with the United States means the parting of the ways between you and England. As for me, I was born beneath the British flag, I have lived under it, and, please God, I will die in its shadow."

That simple utterance did more to defeat the liberals in their continental trade unity campaign than anything else. But it contains a truth that neither liberal nor conservative may disprove or effectually controvert.

The most eager friends of reciprosity in Canada today will not deny that trade community with the United States must tend towards political amaignation. Free trade, even in their opinion, is but the forerunner of annexation. But, whatever sentiment there is against this yet remote culmination is quite offset by a realization that Canada must expand commercially. There is a wide-spread belief that, whatever comes of the Chamberiain plan, England and pot Canada will get the best of it. Canada already has free access to British markets. Whatever change may come in that direction must be a concession and not a gain for the dominion.

From the Adrian (Mich.) Daily Times.

Orison Swett Marden in Success. Men who can not be bought. Men whose word is their bond. Men who put character above we Men who possess opinions and who put character above wealth. who possess opinions and a will. Men who see the divine in the com-

be president."
Men who will not lose their individu-Men who will not think anything profitable that is dishonest.

Men who will be as honest in small things as in great things. Men who will make no compromise with questionable things.

Men whose ambitions are not confined to their own selfish desires.

Men who are willing to sacrifice present interests for the public good.

Men who are not afraid to take chances, who are not afraid of failure.

WHAT THE WORLD WANTS

at every proposition from the point of view of "What is there in it for me?" rilous, scandalous articles merely be cause their editor-in-chief wishes them

Lawyers who will not persuade clients to bring suits merely to squeeze fee out of them, when they know very well that they have no chance of winning.

Men who have the courage to do their duty in silence and obscurity while others about them win wealth and notoriety by neglecting pacred obligations.

Physicians who will not pretend to have the nature of a disease when they

CASIS IN AN INDUSTRIAL DESIGN

the company gave a supper to its loyal employea.

The affair was complimentary to the company and its employes alike. It is a reminder that there are still industrial institutions in which the men who provide the capital and the men who provide the labor do not regard each other as mortal enemies whose best interest can be advanced only by relentless warfare on occasions and armed neutrality in the intervals.

Employes and laborers in general could read the reports of this Paterson "raising" with profit to themselves and to the community.

THEY WERE QUITE.

From the Chicago Journal.

"Mabel," said Archibald, "now that re engaged, we should have no secrem each other; should we, dear?"

"No," replied Mabel, after she had not be the should we would be the she had not be the she

In these piping times of strikes and louckouts a little industrial event in Paterson, N. J., will serve to remind old inhabitants of the relations that used to exist between employers and employed before the days of the walk-

cause their editor-in-chief wishes them to do so.

Toung men and women who can stand erect and independent while others bow and fawn and cringe for place and power.

Men who do not believe that shrewdness, sharpness, cunning and long-headedness are the best qualities for winning success.

Merchants who will not offer for sale "English woolens" manufactured in American mills, or "Irish linens" made