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CARE OF THE STATE'S UNFORTUNATE.

EOPLE OF THE STATE who are unfortunate in respect of becoming insane, or of being blind or deaf and dumb, must be cated for by the state, and the taxpayers do not want their necessities stinted The state is willing to pay sufficiently for caring for the insane, at public cost if they have no relatives legally and morally bound to pay the expense of caring for them, and is willing to maintain schools for educating indigent blind and deaf-mute people. Everybody understands and agrees to this.

But the cost of these institutions, as shown in constantly increasing appropriation bills, challenges the inquiry as to whether they are not becoming far more costly than they should be. Under the law certain near relatives of an insane person, if they are able to do so, are required to contribute \$10 a month to their support but the operation of that law seems not to have lessened the aggregate or per capita cost, and it is reasonably to suspected that this law is more honored in the breach than in the observance. It is incredible that so few of our insane have any relatives financially able to pay this oderate stipend toward their support. This very heavy nd constantly increasing burden of caring for the insand hould be more divided with their relatives.

It also appears probable that this institution could be managed more economically than it is. It ought to be a strictly business institution, run in the interest not only of the unfortunate inmates but also of the taxpayers, and from which politicians and their favorites should be thoroughly weeded out. Without going into details here, we doubt not that a goodly percentage of saving could be step he did and persist in the course he has mapped out made in the conduct of the state insane asylum, without in any appreciable degree depriving the inmates of requisite care and comfort.

It is now proposed to erect a deaf-mute school buildng at a cost, including the site, of \$70,000. It seems as people, many of whom, though pitiably unfortunate, are physically quite capable of earning their own living. A deaf-mute may be a very useful person in many ways without the special education which this school is ded to give him; but if it be thought the public's duty for that education, or at least should contribute thereto.

The state does not want to be and cannot afford to be ious in these matters, but on the other hand greater precautions should be taxen to keep down these expenditures, which have doubtless grown and are growing far beyond the real, legitimate necessities of these

A BILL THAT SHOULD BECOME A LAW.

T IS TO BE HOPED that the bill providing for stricter regulation in the method of swearing in unregistered votes will become a law. In the last election there was considerable scandal caused by the loose methods of producing these affidavits. They were signed and sworn to in bundles and the name of the voter subsequently inserted. It is now proposed that all much more attention than it apparently receives. about to be cast.

election; the value of the amendment is beyond question. The legislature would be doing a commendable act in passing the bill and the governor would be deserving of commendation in signing it and making it a law.

THE SENATE'S DILEMMA.

ators are much averse to an extra session, but might suf- in one place, but in every place. fer one rather than rashly pass this bill. For the senate has no time this winter to consider so important a matter, its logical limits will show a surprising state of facts The whole subject is new to the senate, which was un and without doubt furnish all the justification required aware, until this bill was rushed through the house, that not only for the suspension of the chief but his permathere was anything wrong with railroad rates or anything nent discharge from the department.

dividual senators may have heard or read some such rumors, but it was beneath their senatorial dignity to pay any attention to them. So it would be beneath the great senate's dignity to take up a house bill and pass it except after several weeks' deliberation, and amending it in various ways, so that it would amount to as little as possible. A large proportion of senators have no sympathy with this movement to regulate the railroads. It is only a consequence of giving undue heed to the confounded agitation of the proletariat. The railroads have treated the senators all right. What more could be desired? But the Big Stick man isn't a quitter. He may spring, and this thought is what mingles with the latedinner mass to disturb the senatorial dreams.

NOT LAWSON BUT THE SYSTEM ON TRIAL.

through Public Opinion, and dealing with the history, alleged and otherwise, of Thomas W. Lawson, are not attracting quite as much attention as it was anticipated they would. They are written by Dennis Donahue, financial editor of the New York Com-mercial, which is controlled by Mr. Rogers of the Standard-Oil company. In the case which Lawson has presented to the public he appears in the capacity of prose of him it took courage of an unqualified order to take the for himself.

nay be said of him individually or the transactions which have marked his meteoric career the main thing at issue There is no denying that he is financially responsible. If what he has said is untrue why have not steps been taken to bring him to book? To come before the bar of public opinion with nothing to offer but abuse of the witness tends to strengthen rather than weaken the force of

SHORTCOMINGS OF SCHOOL TEXT BOOKS.

THE RIDICULOUS INADEQUACY of some the school text books was well illustrated in an article which appeared in The Journal yesterday. Each geography issued is supposed to contain a specially written article descriptive of the state in which it is to be used. The one in use in our schools contains six lines of matter with reference to Oregon which are as utterly hadequate, as preposterous, as they well could be. The information given of other sections of the country are prehistoric in quality and equally full of shortcomings yet the price charged for the books is ludicrously out of proportion to the cost of their production.

of this must be done in the presence of the voter and of books cost entirely too much, some of them at least are the election judges of the precinct where the ballot is inferior in quality and there seems to be entirely too many of them required by the school authorities.

THE GAMBLING GRAFT IN SAN FRANCISCO.

THE San Francisco chief of police has been s pended pending an investigation into charges that he has been receiving graft from the Chinese gamblers. The more that becomes known of THE UNITED STATES SENATE, it is given out, will not pass the Esch-Townsend railroad regulation bill at this session of congress. Such a senatorial intimation may be a feeler, aimed to discover whether, if the senate should not pass this bill, the president would call an extra session of congress. The sendent would call an extra session of congress. The sendent would call an extra session of congress. The sendent would call an extra session of congress. The sendent would call an extra session of congress. The sendent would call an extra session of congress. The sendent would call an extra session of congress. The sendent would call an extra session of congress. The sendent would call an extra session of congress. The sendent would call an extra session of congress. The sendent would call an extra session of congress.

The investigation if honestly conducted and carried to

"THERE ARE OTHERS." From the Eugene Journal.

In order to be consistent-but that ! In order to be consistent among polno longer considered a virtue among politicians—the legislature should indorse Hermann. Mays. Brownell, Meidrum and a number of others who have been indicted. And to be fair and impartial, some of "the best men in Oregon"—McKinley, Puter and others—who have already been convicted on the same or similar charges, all growing out of the same business, should not be slighted. These convictions are no less objectionable than indictments. They give Oregon a "bad name," and should be vigorously denounced by the legislature, what is a legislature and a state government, maintained at considerable expense and some bother to electors, good for if they will not protect their own citizens against "centralization" and interference from outside powers. If the states and their legislatures have no longer any "reserved rights," and if "carpet-baggers" can come in and run things, high-handed and red-eyed, then why not "go away back and sit down" among our "colonies," along with the Filipinos, and try "taxation without representation," or any other old thing? These be troublesome days, and there does not seem to be much profit or encouragement in being good any longer.

From the Topeka Capital. Miss Minnie Schlungel of Beloit went to the Philippines some time ago to marry Hoke Simpson, also of Beloit. The bride writes home that all the na-The bride writes home that all the natives of the surrounding country met them on their arrival at San Estaban, after their marriage at Manila, and escorted them to their home in Santa Maria, a distance of four miles.

The bride and grooff-rode in a two-wheeled cart drawn by an ox, and their baggage was borne in carts drawn by built teams, then a cavalende or 200 nm.

baggage was borne in carts drawn by bull teams, then a cavalende of 200 na-tives followed on foot. At every house they passed the rest of the natives came out to greet them. In the evening the natives gave a big reception to the bridal couple, and there were welcoming ad-dresses, songs and an orchestra.

The Great Oregon Flopper.

From the Salem Journal.

Yes, confession is good for the soul.

The confession of Harvey Scott that he has always known Senator Mitchell to be a bad man, and that he is still a bad man, is certainly refreshing in the light of the way in which Harvey sort into bed with the senator.

Small Change

Got any May wheat? The caar's big stick is cracked

Send 'em all word of Oregon w

Oregon might almost as well

That high school building

But the robins have not yet put

Smoot relapses into proper insignifuance and obscurity. The people are becoming impatient of the United States senate.

The machine couldn't keep its finger off Astoria's local government. Guild's lake concluded to begin furnish amusement this winter.

Nobody seems to care much about Judge Swayne, one way or the other. The Russians' opinion of the Japa

The blind pig will find a flourishing It is hoped that teredoes will find no lodgment in the new senator from Washington.

Killing Mayer's poolselling bill was a very meritorious act of billicide of the part of the house.

On looking in the glass, the beef trus finds that though it has been branded it has not been dehormed yet.

If "Bat" Masterson shoots at a n the innocent bystander, unless in I beyond the target, will be safe. There seems to be some similarity between Russian generals and Portland detectives and other hunters of crimi-nals.

The grace of modesty is the only one that can just now properly adorn con-spicuously the Multnomah county Re-publican machine.

People of castern cities are busy shoveling snow and digging ice off of sidewalks, an exercise which is denied to us in this nearly winterless city.

Scientists are blaming a newly discovered sun-spot for the recent excessively cold weather back east, which explanation is causing people who have read Shakespeare to repeat Lady Macbeth's exclamation: "Out, damned spot."

The St. Johns Review thins that growing manufacturing city needs a library, and suggests that Mr. Carnegie's attention be called thereto. But St. Johns had better think the matter over several times before burdening itself with a Carnegie library.

Oregon Sidelights

Skating up the valley-first time

More diversified farming planned

Lake county is soon to be out of deb and is to have a high school.

Polk county is getting toward the ront of the good roads wagon . The Albany Democrat alludes to Salem as "a rural town down the road."

Eastern Oregon stockmen were glad to see cold weather, so as to give the range

Lower Sileiz correspondence of Tole-do Leader: Everybody in this vicinity is slashing and building new fences—a

good start for spring work. Silver Lake Central Oregonian: We

which he refuses to part with unles paid. One of the society young men of Pilot

Rock, says the Record, went down to Pendleton last Saturday with the ostenrenderon inst Saturday with the osten-sible purpose of proposing to his sweet-ness, but on his arrival there found the dear girl down with the smallpox and the premises quarantined.

The constant growth of the country telephone service marks a decided step in progress of the prosperous farming country surrounding Weston. The latest development is an extension of the local line south of that town, by which a number of additional farmers will be accommodated.

contiguous to it that buys their supplies there will bring the number up to 2.000 people, which makes a very good field to get business from the year around. The Tenderfoot mine will be opened this summer, which will add much to the population of the region. So Josoph, the Herald thinks, is a good place for a watchmaker, a dentist and a shoemaker.

Dave Barnett of Haystack, who struck indications of petroleum on his farm last fall while drilling for water, will drill deeper soon, reports the Madras Pion-eer. The substance found will burn like coal oil even in the crude state in which coal oil even in the crude state in which it is found. If petroleum or coal can be found in remunerative quantities at the Barnett ranch, it is safe to assume that Haystack will have a boom and that others nearby will follow Mr. Barnett's example in delving down into the bowels of the earth for prospective fortunes.

Connecticut's New Senator

the supreme court.

For the last 20 years he has had his eyes fixed in the direction of the nation's capital, and for the past 12 years he has openly declared himself a candidate for the first vacant seat in the senate.

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His political preparation for the office began just 30 years ago, when he won out in a ward fight for a seat in the city's common council. From there he entered the aldermanic chamber.

Then for eight years, beginning with 1880, he was the head of the city government here and as mayor introduced such financial reforms that Hartford became a model. It was only a short step from the city hall here to the capitol on the hill and Mayor Bulkeley made it in 1899, thanks to the legislature. He did not receive the majority of votes required in Connecticut to elect a governor, but as the legislature was Republican it gave him the office and he took his seat in January of that year.

Then came at the next election the deadlocked assembly which carried Governor Bulkeley over another term. It was during this session that he won his title of "Crowbar Governor."

None of the candidates for governor had a majority of the votes and the legislature could not elect because the senate was Democratic by a majority of 5, while the Republicans held the house by 15. In the deadlock that resulted Governor Bulkeley held over.

The comptroller, Nicholas Staub, of

while the Republicans held the house by 15. In the deadlock that resulted one in the amount of both our exports of River Bulkeley held over.

The comptroller, Nicholas Staub, of New Milford, was the only Democratic state official in power. He had charge of the capitol and took the position that Governor Bulkeley was an intruder after the close of his first term and had no official rights whatsoever in the capitol. The governor was in the habit of walking from his executive chambers into the senate hall when he felt like it. One day the Democratic senators wanted to hold a secret meeting and at their request Comptroller Staub locked the governor out of the senate chamber. Mr. Bulkeley bromptly got a crowbar and broke his way in. The next week all the Republican legislators wore miniature crowbars on their watch chains as souvenirs of the victory and him.

in October, 1902, Governor Bulkers, fused to parade until he was allowed to be escorted by the foot guards of the state whom he took with him for the purpose. There was a wrangle between purpose. ing that it was a civic affair and that the Nutmeg state was the only one de-

"The foot guards are as much my escort as my staff," replied Governor Bulkeley. "Where I go they will go. I brought theme here for that purpose."

And they went.

Since stepping down from the capitol Senator Bulkeley has been the adviser-in-chief of the managers of the Repub-lican party in Connecticut, always with the understanding that Washington was still on the map. Whenever the wheels of the party machine needed lubricating the campaign managers have always re-

the off.

His reputation for generosity has made him a chain of friends that extends across Connecticut. His popularity among the Grand Army men has been demonstrated frequently at national en-

demonstrated frequently at national en-campments.

His pluck and perseverance in the pur-suit of whatever he sets out to accom-plish not only landed him in the United States senate, but won for him a wife, according to the story told here. At a dinner party one evening some of the guests were jollying him on his popularity with the Hartford girls, when the wife, who, before here marriage, 20 years ago, was Miss Fanny B. Houghton of San Francisco, turned to him and said jok-ing:

continent for me."
"Yes, that's right," quickly replied the senator, "but I got what I went after, as

The Pilot Rock Record announces that it is thinking of incorporating with a capital stock of about \$16. This money is to be spent in the purchase of new screws for the old Washington hand press. The editor, however, will insist upon holding the majority of the stock, as otherwise he might lose his job. Therefore there will be no change in the policy of the paper, which many of our renders will greatly regret.

Joseph now has a population of over 500, and with the surrounding country contiguous to it that buys their supplies there will bring the number up to 2.000 people, which makes a very good field to get business from the year around. The Tenderfoot mine will add much to the

ARE THE BAILWAYS EIGHWAYS

Mr. Frederick Palmer reviews in Collier's for February 11 the congressional efforts to make new laws on railroad rates, and works out some interesting comparisons, such as:

In France the railways are mostly owned by companies. Yet not only are the charges for carrying freight stipulated by the government, but government control is far more exacting than anything we have proposed. The public is satisfied and the railroads do not think of complaining, any more than express companies in the United States think of complaining because they do not have charge of the postal business. Continental countries hold that under

England's Record Trade Year

From the London Mail.

The detailed and careful analysis of the board of trade returns for 1804. shows that the past year was a record one in the amount of both our exports and imports. For the first time in Brit-

the governor out of the senate chamber. Mr. Bulkeley promptly got a crow-bar and broke his way in. The next week all the Requbilizant segislators wore ministure crowbars on their watch chains as souvenirs of the victory and the name that has stuck to Senator Bulkeley are rince was conferred on him.

Senator Bulkeley has the distinction of being the only governor so far as known in this country who paid out of his own pocket all the state expenses during his two years in office. The dead-lock in the legislature prevented the passage of any appropriation bill to pay running expenses. When the question came up do any appropriation bill to pay running expenses. When the question came up do any pay the pay and with \$400,000 which he put at the disposal of the state relying on the mark general assembly to reimburse him. The first act of the legislature of 1838 was to accept the accounts of the former governor and pay him without question.

When the question came up of an appropriation for Connecticut's representation at the world's fair at Chicago, Senator Bulkeley saw that the legislature would make no appropriation for the purpose and called a meeting of manufactures and others and collected by private musculations of the world's fair at Chicago, Senator Bulkeley saw that the legislature would make no appropriation for Connecticut's representation at the world's fair at Chicago, Senator Bulkeley saw that the legislature would make no appropriation for the purpose and called a meeting of manufactures and others and collected by private musculptions a larger fund than would have been asked from the state treasury.

At the dedication of the world's fair at Chicago, Senator Bulkeley saw that the elegislature to prove the form the purpose and called a meeting of manufactures and others and collected by private musculations and the production of the world's fair at Chicago, Senator Bulkeley saw that the legislature would be said to the service of the book as a proposal provided the section of the world's fair at Chicago,

strangely in face of the facts which we have set forth today. It is the trade of the protected countries which is advancing fast, while the trade of the one country with free imports is advancing but slowly. Facts, indeed, are running absolutely counter to the theories, but this does not seem to convince the theoriests that they are in the wrong.

A further examination of the details will show that the cotton famine is the main cause of the rise in British exports. Owing to the tactics of the American speculator Lancashire paid ten millions more for her raw cotton, and sold her manufactured cottons to the foreigner for ten millions more, so

From the Green Bag.

The man up for larceny had admitted his guilt when apprehended, but at the trial his youthful counsel defended him with great obstinacy and unnecessary

"Gentlemen," said the judge, regarding the jury with a benevolent smile, "the prisoner says he is guilty. His counse says he is not. You must decide be

"There is one thing to remember, gen-tlemen—the prisoner was there, and his counsel wasn't."

Domestic Service Miseries

changing of situations.

Any person may become a member of the society by the payment of one dollar, for which a numbered card of membership is issued, entitling the holder to, all the benefits of membership in the society. Shares in the stock of the society will be sold upon application to the treasurer, entitling the holder to participation in the profits of the society and a voice in its control.

what the American woman will do when it comes to any new idea which promises no especial distinction or amusement for her.

A society was organized in Boston for the training of skilled domestic labor, but it was not patronized by the employers of help. Women said they preferred to take their chances in the old way than to bother with a new-fangied notion which might not succeed after all.

Of course nothing organized for the benefit of the many can succeed unless the many take hold of it with a will.

The central society of the National Co-operative Beneficial society is to be in Washington.

It is hoped that all other American cities will organize branch societies.

the millions more for her raw cottons, and sold her manufactured cottons to the foreigner for ten millions more, so that the net result was exactly the same as in 1903. A change in prices has worked the marvelous difference between 1902 and 1904. Valued at the prices which prevailed in 1903, British exports and imports for 1904 come to almost precisely the same figure as those of 1903. It will be observed that without Mr. Chamberlain's scheme our food is "costing us a great deal more," since its average price has risen by about 5 per cent.

One other point which must be noted is that British imports continue, to increase out of all proportion with British exports. In the growing difference between the debit and credit items of John Bull's accounts is, perhaps, to be found the explanation of the fact that, notwithstanding the growth of his trade, distress in the country is growing, and the workless were never more plentiful in Englishman is paying more for his food and raw materials and importing more foreign manufactures than in the past, so that even the growing sales of British goods cannot meet the increasing bills against him. Where it years ago, in 1990, each British in dividual bought ill worth of foreign goods, today he buys fil worth. Where it years ago each British individual sold if worth of British goods abroad today he sells, allowing for certain changes in the returns, only if 1994 worth. We cat more and earn less, which is not a satisfactory position.

One Thing to Bemember.

From the Green Bag.

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Grants Pass, Or., Feb. 14.—To the Editor of The Journal.—I notice in your paper of the 14th inst, my name mentioned on grand jury occupation as capitalist. Now, this is something new to me. Whoever furnished you with this information is surely in error. It did not originate from me. As I do not desire or deserve to be honored with so distinguished an occupation, I would kindly ask that you correct the mistake. I do frittle insurance and realestate and loans, and formerly was in the general merchandise business in South Dakota, but am far from being

Lewis and Clark

February 16-The morning was warm mercury at 32 degrees below zero, the weather cloudy; several of the Indians who went with Captain Lewis returned.

Peter the Great, save possibly the wretched Emperor Paul. He is slight in build, short in stature, undignified in manner. Probably no man ever came to a throne with a greater dislike for all that reigning implies. Those who had had the best opportunities to observe him agree that he has no ambition, no real knowledge of his empire, any value regarding the world at large; that he dislikes all official business and is indifferent to all human beings save is indifferent to all human his family and a few friends of no moral r intellectual force. Being thus constituted, he at once fell Being thus constituted, he at once fell under the sway of the old reactionary influences and especially of Pobedonostzeff, of his mother, the dowager empress, and of sundry grand dukes immediately, about him. All the evils in progress during the reign of his father now came to a head. The "Russification" of the Baitle provinces, the oppression of the Jews, the massacres of the Chinese upon the Amour and elsewhere, the trampling down of Finland, the the trampling down of Finland, the plunder of the Armenian church and the giving up of the Armenians to mur-

Collier's of February 11 on the Russian

situation. He describes the czar by saying that at the time of his accession

he was a young man, kindly, courteous,

speaking English like an Englishman and French like a Frenchman, but with no other qualifications to rule his em-

cally from any of his predecessors since

To begin with, he differs physi-

freely displayed.

The present reign has completed the reduction of autocracy to absurdity. For the theory on which autocracy is lussed is that the monarch, established by divine grace and endowed with divine to force prohibition on a community wisdom, is to do all the thinking for the most enormous empire in the world end, what Whackford Squeers would end one hundred and forty millions call "richness."

last 10 years, this work, which would have tasked the genius of Caesar or Napoleon, has been carried on by a young man of less shillty and force than would be required of a clerk in TIME ONLY POR A BATE.

From Lippincott's Magazine.

THE CEAR LESS THAN A CLERK. of people of unnumbered races, tongues, religions, institutions, and customs. This is the theory which has now collapsed States ambassador to Russia, writes for in the face of the whole world. For the

Two pretty American girls had met iwo delightful Englishmen on the way across and had given a cordial invitation, warmly seconded by their mother, to Sir Charles and his friend to visit them at their country home.

One day a message came saying the

excitement, and many plans of entertain-ment for their guests were suggested and abandoned. It was finally decided that, as Englishmen are notoriously fond of a "tub." and their guests were com-ing directly from the train, they should

A PROTEST PROM ST. JOHNS.

der and pillage under Turkish misrule
—all went on more gayly than ever.

As to Finland, the four emperors who had preceded him since that grand duchy was brought into the empire had been restrained by the oaths taken on their accession, but this young man, under the influence of—counselors fanatical and brutal, violated the imperial pledge and his own oath, and thus turned the most loyal and civilized part of his empire into a hotbed of hatred and treason, Very significant is it to observe that in Finland, which up to his reign had never abown the slightless tendency to anarchism, nihilism, or socialism, the red flag has in these later days been freely displayed.

From the St. Johns Review.

Gangs of men are busy stringing wires and erecting poles throughout the city for the telephone company, without even asking for the privilege, to our other countries of the charter. The company has no franchise and has never and has never asked for a permit of any kind. The attention of the city council is called to this most diagrant abuse of the city's rights. The service is bad enough to be tolerated, but permit the companty to do as they will with our streets is more than people should be asked to stand.