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the downfall of an enemy, the Russian revolucontemplates the mangled remains of what was the penlutionists have offered as a sacrifice. Those, most fa the dreadful conditions surrounding the people of that unfortunate country, will in nowise be disappointed over this outcome. It was entirely expected by them, for the revolution having failed in one manifestation it immediately seeks to move along the line of least resistance and that happens to be the assassination of members of the tyrannical oligarchy before whose frightful record

crimes. If we give these theories and denunciations a local application there is manifestly not a word free in this happy land. Whether we are or not there is one thing certain, that the greatest of all powers here is the power of public opinion. If we suffer it is always because of our own fault; if we wish we can rule and i enough of us are thoroughly determined president, congress and legislature must bow before our will.

But in Russia it is far otherwise. The whole scheme government is based upon the exploitation of the peo-They are the burden bearers; they are the drudges slaves who have been created apparently for no other purpose than to be the creatures of those who rule over them. Russia is the last outpost that stands against odern civilization; it is a barrier against which even the most qualified ideas of human rights is broken and of them have fallen by the wayside; many of them have perished in dungeons and many more of them have given stake for which they played. Dreadful suffering and dreadful crimes have marked the history of the movement and the end is not yet. There is now a manifest determination to wring from the terror of the oligarchy what they have found impossible to secure from its sense of justice and humanity. The Grand Duke Serwill not be the last on the list for men so desperate determined, who apparently see no other way, will within their direct reach and at whose doors they lay most of the ills from which they suffer.

#### VALUE OF GOOD ROADS.

HE GOOD ROADS movement must go forward with constanty increasing scope and results. division of a county, must depend on itself, must work out its own salvation. The policy of state aid, as carried until what seemed to be more pressing problems are solved, until in some way the revenues are greater in pro-portion to expenditures. Yet that good roads are of great importance is acknowledged by all who have con-sidered the subject, and should be realized more sensibly

there having been a remarkable awakening to the importance of the subject during the past 15 or 20 years, resulting in the formation of the National Good Roads' association, and of work of instruction in several states by the federal government. The good roads sentiment has return. The starting point of better things was 1901 spread into almost all rural communities, until the true idea that good roads will be the largest factor in restoring the balance of advantages to farm life and in so doing will serve as the deepest regenerating influence in our civilization is taking deep root. And the good roads provement is almost as active in the cities as in the rural districts, for the cities are benefited scarcely less than the country by good roads.

The crucial element in the good roads problem is the rost, and the sooner it is realized and accepted as an inevitable fact that good roads will cost a good deal of money the better. But what is the difference what the cost so long as good roads pay, so long as the money spent for them is a paying investment? Having de-termined on good roads, having counted the cost and concluded that the investment pays, the next phase of the problem is to apportion the cost as nearly as may be among the beneficiaries, and compel its payment. This is a problem that should be worked out here in the near future. The state undoubtedly should and will help assume part of the burden, and counties and communities must pay the balance. 'As soon as the results begin to appear the cost will no longer appal. Older states can go farther and accomplish more than Oregon can, but Oregon must make a beginning, or having made it, must move forward. New York in two years has made more permanent improvements in its highways than had been made for 200 years before. Other states are doing sim-

It is estimated by an expert authority that 90 per cent of all the commerce of the United States which is transhighways, and in many instances it costs as much to haul goods or produce to or from a railway station as it does to transport them across the continent or from one continent to another. Inquiries have shown that the average cost of hauling products over wagon roads is 25 cents per ton per mile, and that it would be less than one third of this over good roads. The cost of hauling farm products to the railroads is estimated at \$900,000,000 annually, two thirds of which yast amount could be saved by universal good roads.

The benefits of good roads have been thus sum-

SLAUGHTER OF THE GRAND DUKES BEGUN. The wheelmen started the first good roads movemen roads. But the country people must depend chiefly tionist may significantly shout "One!" when he not only to ask for state aid, but with it a system of exroad building was granted by New Jersey in 1891, and since then 13 states have followed that example. Apextent in road building, with good results, but this project seems to have been abandoned in this state for the present. A wide tire is also a great aid, for as has been said, "narrow tires are road destroyers; wide tires are

during the next two years, and perhaps then a larger and more definite policy may be adopted. For keep it in

#### KANSAS AND THE S. O. OCTOPUS.

TY ANSAS has defied the Standard Oil octopus and at the state's request the national administration will prosecute inquiries to see if the great Standard Oil monopoly has placed itself in a position to justify the general government in interfering with it in Kansas' behalf.

satiable Standard Oil company. An area of about 60 oil, and the oil-land owners prospered. But as the yield increased the price was lowered, until it could be proyould sell their lands and wells cheaply, though the later moves of the octopus have been made in a spirit of revenge and to intimidate members of the legislature

But a Kansas legislature is not easily scared, and so imum price for the transportation of oil in the state monster Standard Oil combine, that controls railroads, terminals, markets, and means of distribution?

its results may be important, especially if Uncle Sam takes a hand and plays it strongly, which he is showing a commendable disposition to do.

#### LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT IN PORTLAND.

HAT things have changed decidedly for the better F. G. Young, professor of economics and sociology in the University of Oregon, has just published an inatructive pamphlet on "Tendencies in Recent Road Legislation," in which he summarizes the details of the good roads movement. It is essentially a recent movement, reference to the popular will, indeed usually in open de

> when the legislature created a charter board. The resulting charter was submitted to the people for adoption. which was achieved by an overwhelming vote; the legislature of 1903 approved it without change by a unanimous vote. In the present legislature four or five amendments have been suggested by the old charter. board. These, together with a bill proposing a two-mill tax for bridges, have passed the legislature but before they can become effective they must receive the approval of the people at the coming election. All of this means no legislative interference in the plan of Portland's self government from 1901 at least until the next session in 1907. Meantime the principle will have been so thoroughly established that no legislature will dare to interfere with it without submitting its amendments to the people themselves.

Altogether it will be seen that progress is being made in the right direction and at least three Oregon legislatures have not only not stood in the way but have actually aided the movement toward local self-government

### THE TAX COMMISSION.

NTO MORE IMPORTANT and at the same time gratifying law could have been passed by the legislature than the one providing for the appointment of a tax commission. The shortcomings of business and asked: "Where's the bour present law are manifest to everyone. The burdens of taxation are distributed disproportionately and fall heaviest upon those least able to bear them. While this of taxation are distributed disproportionately and fall heaviest upon those least able to bear them. While this is more or less always true everywhere the degree is less accentuated in some other states than it is here. Oregon is destined to grow in the next five years more rapidly than in any previous ten in its history. There will be great accessions to our population and necessarily great increase in small holdings which are always self evident to the assessors and therefore usually bear the brunt of the burden. A more equitable adjustment is demanded; it may come through a clean-cut, intelligent

and courageous report of a tax commission. In this respect the governor can infimensely aid a fa-vorable outcome through the appointment of particularly marized: (1) Economize time and force in transporta- well qualified men upon the commission. These men are tion between farm and market; (2) Enable the farmer not hard to find, not because there are so many of them. to take advantage of market fluctuations in selling and but because they stand out conspicuously in the various buying; (3) permit transportation of farm products and purchased commodities during times of comparative very best qualified men the governor should not find it letsure; (4) Reduce the wear and tear on horses, harness and vehicles; (5) Enhance the value of real estate.

Steam and trolley railway lines should help, for the better the roads the more produce will be hauled away. The good judgment of the man who makes it.

band. The meals served here were fa- instruments are still in existence, and From the Aurora Borealis.

Shall Aurora be represented at the triffind fair next summer? There are places in Oregon with a more inter
state. Old setlers everywhere in Oregon

Aurora had some able musicians in those state. Old setlers everywhere in Oregon Aurora had some able musicians in those still have words of praise for the old Audays is evinced by the fact that several

## Small Change

Logislators and taxpayers are tire

commission. But it would not be to build any very great castles of and expectation upon it. Since the president is not a candidate for re-election, he was not playing poli-tics in visiting Little Hungary. He just likes to do that sort of thing.

The public would have been considerably obliged to Guglielmo if he had given Florebelle a precedent for his timely act of self-destruction.

King Edward told parliament that the situation in the Balkans continued un-satisfactory. But that was no news even to the British parliament.

One reason why Senator Spooner does not want an extra session of congress that he wishes to postpone his col-leagueship with La Foliette as long as possible.

Astoria News. For which guarantee, providing the News has power to peer into the future, let us be thankful.

ing an investigation of the state peni-tentiary appear to have been wholly selfish and revengeful, but that does not excuse any grafting that may be

The exar, it is reported, will sue for peace just as soon as his forces win a decisive victory. But if they suffer a bad defeat he will have to keep on fight-ing. Under these circumstances Japan ing. Under these circumstances Japan will-keep ready to fight.

## Oregon Sidelights

Farmers plowing around Monroe

The Tiliameok council has pass occupation tax, which, of course, much kicking.

Big logging operations are going on in King's valley, most of the logs being de-signed for paper pulp.

Two Corvallis men are branching ou in the Mongolian pheasant business, pair of pheasants are now worth \$7.50.

A La Grande green house became a red house, a white house, a smoke house an ash house, a no house, in a short time

The Coquille city council has passed habitual drunkards' ordinance; saloon-keepers must not sell to certain specified persons.

Freight bills paid by Weston draymer

desire to get back to a milder climate, and we look forward hopefully to see:

a list that will thoroughly fill the bill lands are just right for raising sugar beets.

It having been reported that a Bangor (Me.) Swed is making a fortune out of an angle-worm for in the man who makes it.

Instruments are still in existence, and some are fairly well preserved. The insome are all more or less odd and would make an interesting exhibit. That the file pieces written especially, for the old band are pronounced by the fact that several pieces written especially, for the old band are pronounced by musicians to be making it fortune in Oregon selling this and counted it with any marvels of harmony and beauty.

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"It does not seem to be here, said for. Coons finally, "perhaps it is among the money I paid you."

It will get it and see," replied the farmer, and he went into the house, got the farmer, and he went into the house, got the farmer, and he went into the house, got the roll of bills and counted them over carefully.

"No," he said, "this money is all right." It is just \$100."

"Let armer and thee just in the half in t

# From the People

Portland. Feb. 16.—To the Editor of The Journal—Saturday being the day set apart for the taxpayers of Portland to vote yes or no on the question of issuing bonds for the purpose of constructing a high school on a block of land purchased 20 years ago for that purpose, I wish to say that in order to accomplish this most desired end all taxpayers should attend to this matter and be at the school clerk's office and make it known in no uncertain terms as to their real wishes in this matter. There should be no antagonism, especially on the east side of the Williamette river. The time will come, and that very soon, when there will have to be two buildings for this purpose on the east side, and liberality in providing facilities for this purpose will result in good to the whole district. Should be a disposition to defeat this matter because some particular locality is not favored, it will result in dissension, disruption and impairment of our estendid but madeguate school facilities regented the unadeguate school facilities regent

#### ILLIHOIS DAVID HABUM.

## Death of an Anglican Bishop

When the company had given up the problem they telegraphed to Liandarf for the solution and received the reply. "I don't know; I've never tried."

## Letters

Durial.

I think it is a shame for certain members of the Italian colony to talk as they have during the past few days; but those who have been doing the loudest howling did not know Florebello at all.

spenery is as fing as the eye could wish.

Seven miles to the next ridge, mostly covered with snow. Red and gray sandstone shows. Spruce-pine and laurel are evergreens, oak and maple bare of leaves. Far below the ranges meet at Greenbrier river, while here and there a log cabin, with smoke coming out of its stick chimney.

"Five years before I enlisted I left my body in South Bend, Ind., traveled over the country till I saw fine mountain scenery. Here, on October 11, I saw the original of a mental photograph. I never saw a mountain till after I was a soldier."

Who can explain such psychology? I write this as a tribute to the priest's story printed in The Journal of the 12th about seeing a deed boy.

AMOS DAHUFF, Pastor of the M. E. Church.

TELLIFORD DAYED TABLE.

turned almost white, and his figure, while apparently quite as bulky as formerly, is not nearly as well knit.

The lines in his face are deeper, and the strong, steady gaze of his eye has given place to an almost pathetic melancholy. His manner is no longer brusque and curt, and in speech he is not so assertive or commanding. Altogether, he looks the part of an English country squire, well along into the autumn of his days. He was dressed in conventional black, and a soft hat was pulled down over his eyes.

With young Richard, he entered a carriage and was driven directly to St. Leo's Roman Catholic church. They entered through the residence of Pather Ducey, on Twenty-ninth street, and went immediately to the mortuary chapel, where was the body of his son Frank.

The aged father was greatly overcome by grief and gazed long and lovingly at the face of his dead boy. He seemed unable to tear himself away and spent more than an hour lost in contemplation of the features of the son who was his pride. At times his whole body shook with emotion. No one disturbed him, until at last he turned away, and placing his arm on the shoulder of the son left to him, passed out of the room.

In enother part of the building he was

Pine Wedding, Anyway.

Prom Harper's Weekly.

A southern planter was asking one of his colored servants about her wedding. "Yes, suh," she said, "it was jes the finest weddin' you ever see—six bridesmalds, flowers everywhere, hundred ev guests, music, an' er heap er prayin," "Indeed," commented her master. "And I suppose Sambo looked as handsome as any of them."

An embarrassed pause, "Well, nonot 'xactly, sir, Would yer believe it, dat fool nigger neber showed up."

# Market Basket

The retail prices on various products today are:

Eggs. fresh Oregon, 30c per dozen; eastern cold storage, two dozen for 36c. Chickens. 18c; turkeys, 25c; tame ducks. \$1 each; tame geese, 186 20c pound; mallards. \$1.25 pair; teal. 50c palr; widgeon, 75c pair; jackrabbits. 25c each; snipe, 25c each.

Oranges. 15c up per dozen; tangerines, 15c; bananas, 25 @ 30c dozen. Grupes. Maluga. 40c per pound. Apples. fancy Spitzenbergs. \$2.50 per box; Baidwins, \$1.50 @ 2.00; Rhode Island Greenings, \$1.50. Grape fruit, 3 for 25c; Jersey cranberries. 15c quart.

Steaks. 8 @ 10c pound; mutten chops.

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After the man killed himself I went to the county court and asked for aid to bury him. The clerk told me that in bury him. The clerk told me that in 25c; sturgeon, 123/c pound.

New potatoes, four pounds for 25c; radishes, turnips and green onions, two bunches, 5c; watercress, 5c bunch; lettuce, fancy heads, three for 10c; egg plant, 15c pound; tomatoes, 20c pound; huckleberries, 10c pound; rhubarb, 5c pound; sweet potatoes, 10 pounds, 25c; wainuts, two pounds, 25c; others, 20c pound; beans, string, two pounds, 25c; artichokes, small, three for 25c; large, two for 25c; celery, 10c head; peppers, 40, pound; cabhage, 10g15c head; cauliflower, 10g15c head; Oregon peas, 12 % 2 pound; cuoumbers, 25c each; stimmer squash, three for 25c; bread fruit, 25c each; mushrooms, 75c pound.

# Lewis and Clark

In winter quarters near Mandan. North Daketa, February 17—The weather continued as yesterday, though in the afternoon it became fair. Shotawhorors and his son came to see us, with about 30 pounds of dried buffalo meat and some

### COMGRESSIONAL WRIGGLES.

From the New York Evening Post.
There are some of the lower snimals whose organisation is so elementary that all emotions, fear, joy, hunger, or anger, find expression in the same squawk or wriggle. We pity such elementary creatures, not realizing, perhaps, that they merely afford a perfect biological parallel to our congress haps, that they merely afford a perfect biological parallel to our congress, which has no means of giving vent to its collective feelings of whatever nature except by adjourning. It adjourns to express sorrow at the death of a member, a high outside official, or a friendly potentate. It adjourns to express joy at a victory or to celebrate a fortunate anniversary. It takes a recess, as it did yesterday, to express solicitation for a member seized with sudden illness. Mr. Baker wanted it to adjourn to express horror at the Russian massacres. There is certainly no other human form of action which can be made to signify so many and diverse feelings, unless it be taking a drink.

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She Followed Enstructions.

From the Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Mrs. N. was giving instructions to her
new servant. "Before removing the
soup-plates, Mary, always ask each person if he or she would like any mare."

"Very good, madam."

Next day, Mary, respectfully bowing to
one of the guests, inquired:

"Would the gentlemen like some more
soup?"

"Yes, please."

"There isn't any left."

From the Minneapolis Journal.

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The Nebraska zenate is going to observe Thursday as the anniversary of the day when Senator Elchard O'Nelli arose in the sacred senate chamber and said. "Every man should be proud of the land of his mitivity, whether he was born there or not." There are some managing one does not willingly let dis.

### THE OLD AUBORA BAND.

hings in particular that brought rora band. Many of the players have pieces written especially for the old a inte prominence in the early passed to the great beyond and others band are pronounced by musicians to be the Aurora hotel and the Aurora are old and feeble, but most of the old marvels of harmony and beauty.

From the New York Herald.
Fred P. Coons of Rockton, Ill., "has
David Harum beaten 10 blocks." Though
Mr. Coons is owner and manager of a
large paper mill, he finds more pleasure
in trading horses that he does in mak-

Joseph Nichols of Junction City, who has been visiting at La Payette Ind., bought a fine horse there to be brought back to Oregon, for which he paid \$3,700.

An Albany Chinaman went to a place of business and asked: "Where's the boas?" "Ob. he'a dead," was the answer, made jokingly, but taken seriously, and in a few minutes it was all over town that the man was dead.

The Pilot Rock Record last week used nearly a quarter of its first page to announce the election of Rocweel and nounce the election of Rocweel and Fairbanks, indicating that Brother Mc-Manus had large doubts of the result, or supposed that his readers had.

An eagle with a spread of wings a feet from tip to tip was recently killed in the Hudson bay heighborhood in Umatilla county. The bird was attack-ling a young caif when discovered by a party of men with dogs, who soon dispatched it.

Steps are under way for the location of a colony of Utah beet-sugar experts on irrigated lands of Crook county. The people comprising the colony went some they raised sugar beets successfully, but desire to get back to a milder climate, and they believe that these Crook county lands are just right for raising sugar beets.

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