

THILE it may be said that it is better late than never to get the report which the insurance commissioner of New York presents to the world on the Equitable matter, it may still be regarded as somewhat surprising that previous investigations have never brought to the surface any of the facts with which the public has been regaled during the past few months through a fight between the officers of the company itself. This furnishes proof that the oversight which the insurance department exercises over all the great insurance companies is scarcely such as to afford the public

the protection which it should demand. But the public is now face to face with conditions and they will learn with interest and perhaps concern the. conclusions reached by Mr. Hendricks in the preliminary report which he has just submitted. They will cordially agree with his conclusion that nothing short of the mutualization of the company will effect the reforms demanded and indeed required for the protection of the policy-holders whose premiums have piled up such enormous assets. The evils are fundamental. If they grew into dreadful abuses under the Alexander-Hyde regime they will ultimately grow into equally great abuses under the Ryan regime. Even such control as comes from a mutualization of the company provides all too little protection for the policy-holders.

But it would be a serious mistake to confine the investigations to the Equitable alone. That work must be done in a thorough and workman like manner- but "it should be extended to embrace all the big companies. It is quite apparent from the enormous surpluses piled up that the cost of insurance is entirely too high to the individual policy-holders. It is likewise apparent that the Equitable people have not been alone in the manipulation of these funds for the benefit of the individuals who had the trust control of them. They have been unscrupalously used in the building up of huge private fortunes, to beat down legitimate competition and to overawe, sandbag, and pluck all other interests opposed to them. No more shameful record of high finance has ever been exposed to the startled gaze of the American people. There was a time, perhaps, when the people, regarding these things as inevitable and beyond remedy, would have regarded them with the wonderment that would have followed a circumstantial story of chicanery from another planet. But that is no longer true. They now look into these matters with deep personal concern. They begin to appreciate them in their wider significance and most dangerous bearings. They begin to regard them as part of a vast conspiracy that would concentrate the money power of the country into the hands of a few men with the direful results that necessarily follow. Hence the public is on the qui vive and demands that all the facts clear to the very bottom of the mess be laid before it.

#### ROOSEVELT, MORTON, BOWEN, ET AL.

THE PRESIDENT is having a strenuous time, domestically, these days-domestically in a geo-

graphical and political sense, of course. He is acting as a sort of attorney-at-large for certain men who have been floating before the public gaze for a while, and though the president may not completely make out his cases to the public's entire satisfaction, he will be universally credited with good motives and desires.

In the case of Ex-Secretary of the Navy Morton, the president has very nearly convinced us. He explains Morton's fault at great length, and it must be confessed that the excuses the president makes-or explanations, perhaps we should say-are reasonable and strong. He says, in substance, that although Morton, as vice-president and manager of the Santa Fe railroad, violated the law, he did so only because everybody else in his position

ticular facts and documents that appear convincing-in particular this letter, which he says he found on file at Caracas: Dear Sir-In reference to the portion of Mr. Mercado's claim which I bought I want to state that the

only terms of settlement which I will accept other than a full cash payment of about 30,400 bolivars in gold are the following: I will accept 20,000 bolivars in gold and 10,400 bolivars in salt bonds at the rate of 82 per cent, or 5 per cent below the quoted market rate, provided it does not go below 60 per cent. F. B. LOOMIS. Very truly, Now, Mr. Attorney President, is this letter genuine i so, what business had a minister of the United States

to Venezuela to be buying up claims of the asphalt trust Very likely against the Venezuelan government? Bowen, who seems to have acquired an extreme case of the swell-head, should have been kicked out, but shouldn't Loomis, also? The president must not be altogether an attorney for his friends; he must be the impartial judge also.

## OREGON'S UNIQUE CITY BY THE SEA.

STORIA is in a bad way-on the surface. It is heavily in debt municipally. It is a peculiar community-none just like it in the world-in several respects that are obvious to any enquirer. But Astoria is going to get rid of its troubles-they are only surface eruptions-it will gradually pay its debts; it will soon drop by common consent its petty wranglings and jealousies, and grow into a large, respectable city. Astoria is perhaps now the second city in size in Ore

con-only Salem competing for that honor. While Salem will grow and become a large interior town, As toria should from its location hold the second place in Oregon's future. It surely will if its people will pull torether for a bigger and a better Astoria.

We think that all things considered Sheriff Linville of Clatsop, as well as Sheriff Word of Multnomah and Sheriff Brown of Baker, did the right thing in closing up certain disreputable places in Astoria. True, Astoria is seaport. Moreover, it is a fishing town. Loggers and lumbermen congregate there. Many of these men are single. It is not to be expected that a city like that will be quite as clean and straight morally as Newberg, for instance. But it can be more decent than it has been, and t is going to be, with great and noticeable credit to itself.

The dream of Astoria of wresting the commercial prestige away from Portland has passed. The ships will continue to come to Portland. The channel being sufficiently deepened, and we know that this can and will be done, Portland will be forever the entrepot-the one place of all this region where trains meet ships. But it does not follow that Astoria shall therefore amount to nothing. It has immense resources all around it-as yet scarcely touched. It is, and will be more and more, the metropolis in every sense of the coast region all the

The Astoria people-not noticing some elements-are mong the "best people on earth." They are patriotic, ple who deserved promotion and honor.

While keeping your eye on various places, don't forera of decent progress.

## A HINT TO ASSESSOR SIGLER.

HAT every legitimate source of revenue should be sought out for taxation purposes no one should dispute for when everybody is placed was doing the same thing; that the law was a dead let-lupon precisely the same level in this respect there can

franchise, through which a monopoly in the newspaper

Oregonian. For 40 years it used this as a club to keep

A grafter is a thief and a traitor.

Politics cuts little figure these days Grand juries are effecting a revolu

Mayor Weaver seems to be an answer to prayer.

These are the days when the straw at shines. Governor Douglas has had enough

Bright fellow, that. "Dear Bill," wrote Bowen to Taft. No man of 300 pounds could stand that.

Still there are places not properly cleaned up-won't be till after July 1

There are jurors "accepted who can and confess to a mind. Wonderful

Judging by the squeals of some peo-ple, perhaps there should be more in-dictments.

If you go to N' Yo'k, be careful of the subway. But no matter, if you have your life insured.

The art exhibit at the exposition is not only worth going to see, but it is worth appreciative study.

It seems as if the Roseburg land office should be reopened for business Roseburg Review. By B. & B.3

. Yesterday the Salem Statesman was still standing pat on the Dingley tariff and opposing the prosecution of thieves.

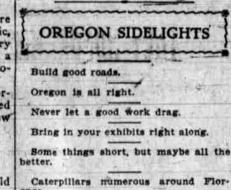
Washington Post: A physician has discovered that rocking a baby to sleep induces stupidity. Discovery comes too late to help us any.

The people have found out one thing through the Equitable squabble—that they are being unconscionably robbed by the life insurance companies.

Couldn't the fool czar redeem his horrible record a little by agreeing the inevitable beforehand for once, to stead of haggling about it and finally "yielding"?

Indianapolis Star: If it will help Rus sia any, the powers might agree to call her present status the "acrid terminal" instead of the "bitter end," of which Russia seems so much in dread.

A Boston paper talks at great length about the election of "three Democratic governors"-Folk, Douglas and Johnson. Doesn't Boston yet know that Oregon is on the map, and has a Democrati governor? Look west, please.



There may be a 6,000 sugar beet

Mit a graceful sveep of his feet he apsetted der milk cans und crushed beneath his heel a small piece of colt water vieh der ice trust left dare before t melted Mit a short arm chab der man seizures

der door bell und sent der echoes und a part of der door flying in all direc-

"Vot can 'it be?" I set to myself. My vife heard me und fainted. Chumping into my horseless pajamas rushed to der door und opened it

"Is it hot enough for you" set de

Dink of der terrible sitivation Der question must be answered, be-ause dare vas no eggscape, no vay to dotch it. Tventy years in der jallhouse if I refusaled to answer it, Caught in der tolls after all dose years. Vould kind heaven send so relief? But no, der question must

answered It van der census tooker.

For a moment all vas so still yo could hear der market drop in Val street. Den like der rattle of musketry on roof garden der questions fell all around

"Vas you white or black und how do

ou account for it? "If a herring und a half cost a shilling und a balf, how much is a 10-cent cigar worth in American money? "Do you eat catmeal for breakfast, und vy do you eat breakfast ven it is

"Dit you efer belong to a trust, und

how many years dit you serve for it? "Do you belief in der beauties of life Insurance und if so vich vun, Hyde or lexander?

"Vich kind of a summer resort do you preference, seaside or mountains, or vould you rather stay at home und let 

"Dit you efer haf a policeman in our family, und vot vas he after? "Do you safe your money personally.

or do you get dem to safe it for you at

"Vas your married life happy, und who is to blame? "Do you own a auto, or do you dink

you ought to own a auto, und if you ought to own a auto vould you kill pe-destrians for self-defense or for pleas-

"Ven last seen vot vas your visible neans of support?"

means of support?" Den der census-tooker viped der per-spiration from his heated brow, und, boring a hole in his tongue mit his lead pencil, he vaited for me to hand him a "Yes," I responsed, absent-mindedly.

Den dare vas a thunderous sound like ven der angry storm clouds vas brew-

ren der angry storn ng in der brewery. It vas my vife cameing down statrs. "I haf oferheard him," she vispered mit a hoarseness. "Vy do you stand wooden mans? Vy? Haf you got no brafery left? Vare is all your Dutch courage? Show some of it show it! Ask him some qvestions! Haf you lost your interrogation point? Go. Til take the quickest road coming on; be a man-und show your spunk! Ask him a cubble of hard vuns!"

"It is too late." I made der marting"" "too late. He knows eferyding!"

"Ach, himmell" set my vife. 'woes he know dot I am still vearing last summer's Mother Hubbard?"

"It shrinks like the Equitable surplus," he-remarked sadly.

many people are groaning --furniture, dishes, clothes, larders-furniture that is only in the way, disnes that they never use, clothes that are only for show, and larders that serve no other purpose than to keep them under the doctor's care! Verily. Puck, we may exclaim thee-"What fools these mortals be!"

in which the Creator has placed us. But we are such fools we cannot, e

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But we are such fools we cannot, or will not, stop with the necessities-with

really important matter; the improve-ment of their minds and hearts and the

general betterment of the race to which

they belong. The sensible, honest man or woman

Speaking of enjoying the world, how can it be done if we undertake to go

We should go through life as light an

possible, carrying no more upon out bodies than we are obliged to carry. Think of the awful loads under which

I wish every man and woman in America would buy a copy of Thoreau's "Walden" and read it as the most de-vout do their Bibles. It would do us more good than the Philippines will ever

LEWIS AND CLARK

En route up-the Missouri river from

Fort Mandan, near the site of Bismarck,

N. D. The party is now nearing the

till within half a mile of our injended

camp, when the tongues gave way, and we were obliged to take as much bag-

In republishing an engineer's report from The Journal, H. R. Kincaid, editor

of the Oregon State Journal, published at Eugene, says: "During the last 35 years or more have often stated in editorials in the

Our wants-our artificial longings are innumerable, endless, ever-growing, ever-insistent, and thereby hangs the Oregon State Journal, as well as in conversations with numerous persons in Eugene. Portland and elsewhere, our be-lief that Portland, Oregon, is destined to become the greatest city on the western coast of the American continent, sur-place on Puget sound or elsewhere along the Pacific const of America, and beversations with numerous persons the Pacific coast of America, and be-coming one of the greatest cities in the Is all the wealth by Nature understood." Bomething to eat, something to drink, and something to keep us warm. Food, clothing, shelter. These are the three primal necessities of our human nature. These things we must have, in order that we may live and go our work, but we should concern ourselves with them no further than is necessary. Plenty of good, wholesome food is A few months ago we made this then and now seemingly ridiculous prediction, at his residence in Portland, to Mr. Fred V. Holman, a well-known attorney of that city and a regent of the University of Oregon. About 23 years ago. while returning home to Eugene from a trip to Scattle, we made the same pre-Plenty of good, wholesome food is better than all the viands of the epitrip to Scattle, we made the same pre-diction, which seemed more absurd then than it<sup>2</sup> does now or did a few years or a few months ago, to the late Will-iam S. Ladd in his banking house in Portland. On many other occasions we have expressed the same opinion to people in San Francisco, Scattle, Spokane. Portland, Salem, Sugene and elsewhere, at home and abroad, and trequently the same views in editorials in these col-umns. Our reasons for so believing have been that San Francisco is too far

that San Francisco is too far south; that Portland is in the latitude of greatest cities around the globe; has the only great river on the western the things that we need-but must go on manufacturing a whole army oi and places it on fresh water, with the wants, an innumerable multitude of orient across the ocean on one side of longings and desires, to make us it and half a confinent tributary to it on the other side, in the center, with "Things" on the table, "things" in the on the other side, in the center, with "Things Oregon, California and Mexico on the wardrobe, Oregon, south and Washington, British Columbia they do tyrannize it over us, and disand Alaska on the north, where the great, tract us, and, in many cases, city must be. But never until now, not into crime, madness, suicide! had the greatest interest at stake, have we ever found a single person at gny time or in any place who agreed with us in the opinion that Portland will some time be the chief city on the Pa-cific coast and one of the largest in the world. They all thought that San Franwho How many people there are who are many who are always debating the question, "What shall we eat?"-forget-ting, in the meantime, all about the der racetrack?. "Ven you voke up dit you turn ofer und vent to sleep again? "Do you own der house you live in, or does der chanitor dink he owns it? "Yas your martied life bound in the sound or some other place along the coast.' would be the largest city. Portland was not in it at all title of them, not with its citizens, and perhaps is not yet. It is too near them, Now, after waiting for 30 or 43 years for a solitary convert to what seemed to be an absurd theory, we have found a report in a newspaper that a civil engi-

The sensible, honest man or woman, who, has a work to do and is anxious to do it, does not worry much over such things. Such a person knows that houses, and furniture, and clothes, and food are means, not ends; and if the work is only being done, and the world in which they find themselves is only being enjoyed, that is enough, Sneeking of entoving the world how who has recently come to Port-expresses a similar opinion, and neer, land, we hasten to print it. It will not be through it loaded down with baggage, with what the old Romans used to call "impedimenta"—the things that imwe hasten to print it. If will not be long before there will be others who will begin to see signs of coming events, and then there will be a mighty rush to get in on the ground floor, anywhere between the falls and the mouth of the Willamette."

Fast Trains and Things.

By Wex Jones. The New Yorker was on his way

the Centrifugal station. "I'm going to Chicago," he told his friend. "But the Pennsylvanus will get you

Satan caught sight of a snowbal which some charitable soul had thrown into his domain.

do us.

way from Puget Sound to San Francisco.

independent, wide-awake, active, intelligent-in every sense good citizens. Among them we have found a United States senator, a secretary of state, and other peo-

get Astoria, the most unique of American cities-founded almost 100 years ago, and just now entering upon a new

ter and was so regarded by all railroad men; that when an be no genuine cause of complaint. There is one leinvestigation came Morton alone of the railroad men told gitimate source of raising such revenue that has been the truth frankly, and so helped to pave the way to the strangely overlooked and that is the Associated Press correction of the abuses; that Morton was himself al- franchise. This is and has been for years a monopoly ways opposed to these scandalous and illegal rebates and special privileges, and gladly confessed that he had vio- field was maintained. The franchise is owned by the lated the law, for the very purpose of helping to stop the abuses; that for this reason the president determined to competing newspapers out of its field. Through this asreward Morton and put him in the cabinet, as was done: and that Mr. Morton has made an excellent secretary of the navy, and will undoubtedly reform the affairs of the Equitable Assurance company.

We admit that in all this the president makes a strong case for his client, and we are willing to give the Scotch verdict-not guilty, but don't do it again.

There is one very agreeable feature about this caseand others that have been or will be noticed-and that is the entire frankness with which the president speaks. He takes the whole country into his confidence as a child would. He gives the people all his reasons, when the proper time comes. He tells everybody not only what has been done but why he did it. His official life is an open book. There is no hugsermuggery about it. This is one reason why the American people love and trust Theodore Roosevelt.

sociation of newspapers scattered over the country it was possible thus to furnish the general news of the world to its patrons at a lower rate than it could possibly be obtained through the single-handed efforts of any individual newspaper. Indeed until very lately the cost of obtaining such news in other directions was prohibitive. With this as a club the Oregonian succeeded, until the publication of The Journal was begun, in throttling every other opposition newspaper enterprise. The possession of this exclusive news franchise added very materially to the value of its property and because of this very monop-

oly it had in its hand a power which it constantly exercised to overawe the assessors in the past and prevent them from making an assessment on its news franchise. But now that the public has a clearer apprehen-sion of the value of such exclusive franchises, partly

through the belated work of the Oregonian itself, it is ready to take up the whole question and to offer what-

ever encouragement the assessor may need in doing his In the Loomis-Bowen case it is not so clear that the president has made out a good case for his client, whole duty in this direction. As this season's work in the assessor's office is being marked by many innova-Loomis, though it must be admitted that he and Secretary Taft know much more about it than we can at tions, all of which seem to be aimed in the direction of this distance-and it is to be assumed all the time that giving every taxpayer a square deal, Mr. Sigler will they are acting from the highest of motives and for the doubtless be glad to have called to his attention this best interests of the country. Yet the statements that new source of revenue which has hitherto escaped of-Mr. Bowen makes regarding Loomis cannot be lightly ficial notice but which merits the closest attention and tossed aside. He accuses the assistant secretary of state scrutiny if there is to be a square deal in fact as well as of having been a grafter in Caracas, of having used his in theory.

> Lost His Periwinkles. From the Pilot Rock Record.

#### Market for Stumps.

From the Milwaukee Sentinel

friends. M. J. Anderson had told some-thing about it after working with the rangers up in the Mount Hood district. A new industry in the region at the and now come others who corroborate head of-the lakes is the gathering of his statements and want everybody else the tree stumps for use in the Maine shipyards. A large number of wooden to see it. They rode to the Meadows and then took the new trail just cleared by the government and struck out for the east fork of Hood river, where they tackled a canyon 2,000 feet deep. This canyon prevents the road being extended, to Cloud Cap, but "one wants no grander ships are built every year, and it has been found that the most efficient corher braces are those ymade from these stumps, and hundreds are shipped east short section of the siump are used scenery nor better place to camp than right there," say they. "And to think in making the braces, and stumps trees about a foot in diameter are found in diameter are found such scenery is in easy access of The The stump is taken Dalles! Something should be done right to be the best. m the ground and roughly hewn into away so that all may know of it," is the pe before being shipped. After its opinion they offer. shape before

a perfect brace. The cost of a carload of the stumpe is slove to \$100 and the freight charges run over \$100 a car.

#### Scenery Back From The Dalles.

tained through the loss of a lot of peri-winkles which Mr. Johnson had fished From The Dalles Chronicle. "Talk about scenery," said B. A. Gifout of the water at considerable loss ford (who by the way knows what he's of time to himself and afterward cached taking about). "within eight hours' ride them in the ditch, through which water of The Dalles is some of the grandest scenery a man ever gazed upon. Yoa man ever gazed upon. Yo-can't beat it." Enthusiastic is instructions given by Mr. Sturtevant, re no name for the three tourists-Rev. D. V. Gifford, Daniel Poling and B. A. Gifno name for the three tourists-Rev. D. sulting in the death of his fish bail. As W. Gifford, Daniel Poling and B. A. Gif-a consequence, Mr. Johnson has not ford-who, returning home last night only suffered loss of food, but much at II o'clock and setting a much-needed mental worry and domestic infelicity, rest, endeavored this morning to de- and will ask for damages in proportion scribe what they had seen to their to the injury he has received 1-2-1

Cecilia's Trousseau Tax. Frome the London Mail.

There is nothing more interesting in onnection with the German imperial vedding than the old-world "trousseau" or "princess" tax, which has been revived in the duchies of Mecklenburg-Schwerin and Mecklenburg-Strelitz to provide for a proper wedding outfit for the royal bride. This is a tax of 50 German penales per head, levied upon all the inhabitants of the two federal states. The impost is

in no sense a voluntary one and not a little discontent and ill feeling have been aroused owing to the levying of it, as the inhabitants are far from rich. No less a personage than the kalser himself and

his empress objected very strongly to it, although powerless to interfere. The tax dates from the fendal ages Ed Johnson, the fisherman, threaten to sue A. J. Sturtevant for damages sus-

The tax dates from the feudal ages and was last exacted on the occasion of the Duchess Elizabeth of Mecklenburg's marriage to the new reigning grand duke of Oldenburg, and again when the sister of the young duke of Mecklenburg-Schwerin married Prince Christian of Denmark Denmark.

> His Way of Expressing Gratitude.

From the Cleveland Leader. "If I refuse him I fear he will do something desperate." "Nonsense, dear! He will merely be grateful to you for giving him an ex-cuse to go and get yery drunk."

ponsed mit a s Yes." I re ness, und den my vife collapsed herself und a large part of der hall floor. Mit a flendish laughter der census tooker disappearanced in der next door. New 60,000 feet a day sawmill at Falls City-Nobody will know which county und I knew nudding more because h knew it all, D. DINKELSPIEL. best till fell. Per George V. Hobart. Joseph city fathers are figuring on

water system. Wedding Gowns of Duchess Cecelia

Tillamook Headlight 18 years old, and From the New York American. Of cloth of sliver, woven of threads of solid sliver, fine as cobwebs. In fashion the gown is exceedingly simple, no signs of light head. Fixing up threshing machines and

as the very heavy material does not admit of much draping. The slightly buying new ones in eastern Oregon. A Coquille mill made an average run of nearly 57,000 feet a day during May.

Oregon.

line.

decollete corsage has very short sleeves, being little more than a big puff, and is slightly draped at the belt. It is eleborately embroidered in sliver applique, with a rosebud and art thistle pattern combined. A bertha of the em-The biggest "barker" of all is Journal, which talks every day pattern combined. A berths of the em-broidery outlines the decollete and the

skirt and long train have a wide flounce Pendleton East Oregonian, June 19: The Blue Mountain creamery yesterday used over 50 gallons of ice cream in

of the same embroidery. The whole, in solid silver, is relieved by a royal court train of ruby velvet, embroidered in silver and lined with supplying its customers. It was the busiest day of the season in the ice eam line. ermine.

ermine. It is held in place at the shoulders by diamond eagles. Some idea of the rich-ness of this regal robe may be attained when it is contemplated that the material alone—which, by the way, is Russian in fabric—cost 15.000 (rances, and upon the work of embroidering 60 girls were kept busy over three weeks. The whole robe completed represents a value of over 50,-000 frances. Pendleton has more saloons in proportion to population than any other city in Oregon. There are 27 saloons there and the census just completed gives the exact population at 5,700, or one saloon for every 211 people. After all, this is not such a very good recommendation for that town.

crat man says that Foreign Exhibits Duchess Anastasia, mother of the bride, The Albany Democrat man says that a salesman in the Foreign Exhibits building offered an Albany man a big urray of articles for \$1.25, which he graudally reduced to 50 cents, showing wore her own wedding gown of 25 years ago, which is of the same cloth of silgraudally reduced to 50 cents, showing the spirit of the business and what one meets at the exposition in the trading daughter should wear a wedding gown of the same material as her own which

daughter should wear a wedding gowin of the same material as her own which prompted the grand duchess, who is a Russian, to select that material outside Germany, just as she selected Levilion in Paris to create the gown, because Levilion had always made the Duchess Credition comparison along she was a little Condon, except its water bonds, is practically out of debt and will soon be on a cash basis. Gilliam county has no bonded indebtedness and when all taxes are paid will'have money in the taxes are paid will have money in the treasury, and will have money in the courthouse, a new \$1,000,000 railroad would bring down upon her head the wrath of the German press in general.

## The Wearing of Tuxedos.

Beaunck in the Haberdasher. While the vogue of the evening jacke seems to be spreading. It really isn't, unless we accept the diner at fashy hotels as setting the mode. I have been at particular pains to look into this and The properties and the provide the properties and cherries go to wast because you will see the system of the really smart summering places, however, such as Newport, Har Harlor or Narraganset, and the number of the number of the really smart and the number of the really smart summering places, however, such as Newport, Har Harlor or Narraganset, and the number of the number of the really source is the system of the really smart summering places, however, such as Newport, Har Harlor or Narraganset, and the number of the system of the system of the number of the system of

From Life. Every boy should reflect that he has only four limbs, two eyes and one life, that July 4 comes every year and lasts about three woels, and govern himself

The Duchess Cecilia wore a gown which had been criticised by the kalser. She had to get out of bed at dawn because the kalser had set the fashion

in his palace. She passed through streets decorated in accordance with the kaiser's ideas. She listened to a sermon from a text

Rocky mountains. June 22-We now set out to pass the portage and halted for dinner at eight chosen by the kaiser At the end of the day she must have feit a little uncertain as to whether she was married to the kalser or to the axietrees of our carriage, which has axietrees of our carriage, which had been made of an old mast, and the cotcrown prince. tanwood tongues broke before we came there; but we renewed them with the timber of the sweet willow, which lasted

Alfonso and Edward were alone for oment.

"I wish I had your tact and popular ity and secure position," said Alfonso. "I'd give them all," said Edward, "to

To give them all," said Edward, "to have your youth." Then the young king thought of cer-tain pretty faces and smiled. The old king-thought of certain bright eyes and sighed. gage as we could carry on our backs down to the river, where we formed an down to the river, where we formed an encampment in a small grove of timber opposite to the Whitebear islands. Here the banks on both sides of the river are handsome, level and extensive; that near our camp is not more than two feel above the surface of the water.

### The Swedish Nobility.

From the Pall Mail Gazette. Professor Fahlbeck gives us a his-torical sketch of what is perhaps the most interesting nobility in Europe. Once all-powerful, this began to lose ower under Gustavus Wasa. and harles XI, with the help of the merchant class, gave it, the political coup de grace in 1580, only a few years beore our own revolution. Of the 3,000 noble families in Swede

hear our camp is not more than two tees, above the surface of the water. The river is about 800 yards wide just above these islands, 10 feet deep in most places, and with a very gentle current. The plains, however, on this part of the river are not so fertile as those from d the mouth of the Musselshell and thence downward; there is more stone on the sides of the hills and on the broken islands than is to be found lower down. We saw on the plains vast herds of buffalces, a number small birds and the harge brown curlew, which are of a pale blue with black specks, on the ground without any nest. There is also a species of fark much resembling the bird called the oldfield lark, with a yellow breast and a black spot on the croup, though at least three quarters are of Swedish or Finnish origin, and the Bernadotte dynasty is only responsible for some 150 creations. The weskest point in the order seems to be its want of vitality. only one family having lasted more than 300 years, while only 20 have passed their second century. This Professor Fahibeck explains by the number of bachelors to be found among its ranks, and also to the paucity of children with which the better class in Sweden seem to be blessed—a complaint of which we have heard something elsewhere. Tet Swedes, as a rule, make good hus-bands, and the attention of the fair American might be profitably turned to their nobility when all the eligible Eng-lish dukes have been captured. Meanonly one family having lasted more than and a black spot on the croup, thou it differs from the latter in having It differs from the latter in having its tail formed of feathers of an unequal length and pointed: the beak, too, is somewhat longer and more curved, and the note differs considerably. The prickly pear annoyed us very much to-day by sticking through our moccasins. As soon as we had kindled our fires we examined the meat which Capitain Clark had left here, but found that the greater part of it had been taken by the wolves.

lish dukes have been captured. Mean-while the aristocratic form of Swedish

society and that of Norway, where Pro-fessor Fahibeck tells us there are only

five noble families, amply explains th difference in this ill-matched union.

The Farmer's Retort.

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## China Saves All but Time.

Broughton Brandenburg in the June

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A Chinese youngster has slight foot-hold in the world, and in his earliest days is initiated into that economy in all things which becomes his lifelong

From the Kansas City Journal. "Why don't you patronizs home mer-chants?" asked a Hiawatha merchant of a Brown county farmer, who was haui-ing home a shipment of goods pur-chase from a mail order hous. "Why doean't the home merchant buy of the home farmer?" asked the old farmer right back. "Last fail I offered you some fine potatoes for 40 cents a bushel. You preferred to handle Colo-rado potatoes. Mine rotted in the peries and cherries go to waste because you merchants preferred cherries and berries from Missouri and Arkansa. Before asking the farmers why they go away from home to buy, stop first and ask yourself why you do 14."

# The building of the new Stayton woolen mills will begin soon and the work will be rushed to completion. The main building will be 60 by 120 feet, two and one half stories high. The upper floor of this building will be used in the manufacture of clothing the sed

in the manufacture of clothing, the ond floor will contain the carding spinning department, and the first the weaving and finishing. Another build-ing 50 by 60 feet, also of stone, will be built 50 built 50 feet distant from the main built 50 feet distant from the main building, to contain the drying and pick-ing departments. The number of em-ployes will be about 100 and the payroll over \$4,000 a month.

A Tip.