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FULTON AND MATTHEWS.

ENATOR FULTON'S OPPOSITION to the confirmation of C. J. Reed as United States marshal is the theme of an article in the Oregonian, which is remarkable for its gross misstatements of fact. Fulton is represented as the tool of Jack Matthews and Republican machine.

"Through Matthews' influence," says the Oregonian, "Senator, Fulton secured enough votes for an election in the legislature of 1903."

Nothing could be farther from the facts. In the sen storial struggle of 1903, Fulton was persistently opposed by Matthews, who stroye in vain to defeat him. As them. everyone knows, it was in spite of Matthews and not by his aid that Fulton was finally elected.

in question, "or with the aid of only so many Multnomah votes as were needed. When the hour for election came, this was accomplished with the aid of two Multiah legislators, one of them W. W. Banks, who shortly afterward was made assistant United States disattorney, through Fulton's efforts."

C. W. Nottingham was the other Multnomah legislator whose vote helped to elect Fulton. Both Nottingand Banks steadfastly refused to take orders from Matthews, who did everything in his power to whip them into line and force them to vote for Harvey W. Scott. From that day to this both Nottingham and declaration that he would not be coerced into giving his vote to Scott was one of the sensational incidents of the closing hours of the senatorial struggle. Since that session Nottingham has been one of the recognized leaders of the forces opposed to the Matthews legislature last year, defeating A. A. Courtney, who owed is place on the ticket to Matthews.

ence was not a pleasant one to him, and his version of no harm. the details has always varied considerably from the facts. It is indisputable, however, that Matthews was really working for Scott's election, and it was in response to the crack of the boss's whip that all but two of the Multnomah delegation lined up in support of the editor.

The influence of the Oregonian is now being exerted to keep United States Marshal Reed in office. To this end, Fulton, who is opposing Reed's confirmation, must be discredited as much as possible with the administration. Under existing conditions there is no other way to do this so easily as by creating the impression that Fulton is merely the agent and mouthpiece of Matthews, who is regarded by the president as the embodiment of facts as to the senatorial struggle of 1903 are too fresh public apology is due from the Blue Mountain Eagle. in the public recollection to allow such a distorted version to gain acceptance in Oregon.

Senator Fulton will probably see the political wisdom and common sense of doing the precise contrary of whatever the Oregonian suggests to him.

THE ELEMENTAL PASSIONS are at work in Desert, including not only the still arid regions, but most frightful impositions that cause the blood to run cold of riches almost beyond computation, is producing hunin the mere contemplatiton of them, of heartless indif- dreds of millions of wealth annually, and yet the develference to human suffering-of barbaric splendor and opment therein, taking these vast regions as a whole, has effeminate luxury on the one hand and the most bitter been but well begun. ng their legitimate fruit.

a small concession, honestly made and honestly lived up mills, and in the pastoral industry. to, might have stayed the progress of the revolutionary feeling and insured temporary if not permanent peace. But never has there been any intention to grant legitimate concessions, to give up a tittle of the arbitrary power whose exercise has driven the people to desperation, to lighten to the least degree the heavy load which they have so long borne with something more than human patience.

The news which now comes out of Russia is fragmentary; it is suggestive rather than satisfying. But the faint and fleeting glimpses which are caught are strangely suggestive of the stages of that hitherto unprecedented uprising, the French revolution. Unless the signs are misjudged the movement must speedly get beyond the control of mere men and if it does it will run appalling course. Nothing that human history has recorded will equal in horror what is in store for Russia, but at the same time the ultimate outcome of human progress and human happiness is just as inevitable as the rising of the sun or the waning of the

Since legislatures will not do so, the railroads are doing a good thing in abolishing passes. They are a source of no end of evil.

ESTIMATES AND REVENUES.

O RECONCILE the desire and demand for an efficient, progressive municipal government with those for a low taxrate and a light tax burden is no easy task, and never has been and probably never will be accomplished except at the sacrifice of some improvements that we all would like to see made on the one hand, and a heavier burden than most taxpayers like to assume on the other. The result is usually in this dilemma, as with many pieces of legislation and many civic problems, a compromise. The city doesn't get all it wants and could use to good advantage, and the taxpaying people of the city pay more for its support than they like to pay. What they desire and ask for and think they ought to have collectively, they object to paying individually. This is human nature the world

What is needed is some statesman-financier who will devise a way whereby a city will grow and spread itself like a forest of green bay trees, and carry on large works Lane of California to be a member of the interstate of improvement, and the citizens thereof go untaxed. What fancy prices corner lots in such a city would bring! But we fear none of us will ever see one until he gets to heaven-and perhaps not then.

This annually recurring problem is up now before the mayor and council, and they are wrestling with it the best they can. There are the estimates of the different departments of the amounts needed, and probably none of them is unreasonable or extravagant. On the other hand there are the probable revenues for the year 1906 at a certain tax rate. And between them is a gap of some \$97,000. But it will not do to have a deficit of any best is a good man from California, and Lane is such considerable proportions; we must pay as we go; the a man. He has lived in the Pacific northwest as well gap must be bridged. This will be done, probably, in as in California, and is familiar with the whole coast ed. This will be done, probably, in id, and raising the tax rate a little on the other. Then nobody will be satisfied, but when it comes to ing the best interests of the country and of their several paying taxes and the expenditure of revenues, nobody is states and showing at least some signs of real states-ever satisfied, anyway. ever satisfied, anyway.

THE RATE REGULATION BILL.

EPRESENTATIVE TOWNSEND has improved the first opportunity to introduce a railway regulation bill, which will be regarded as an administration measure. It appears to be substantially the same bill that passed the house at the last session, with the important feature of power of inspection and publicated States senate to the former head of the local licity of railroad accounts added. The bill will in all probability pass the house, as it did last winter, and be turned over to the senate, where the fight on it, which promises to be determined and protracted, will be led by Elkins, Aldrich and Foraker, who will be supported by many other Republican senators—unless the railroads give up the fight, "lest a worse thing should happen unto

To the average citizen and business man the provisions of the bill seem reasonable, especially in view of the well known facts that while rates are not always too "It was Matthews' plan to elect Fulton without the well known facts that while rates are not always too Multnomah county in that contest," continues the article high, they often are so, and that the transportation vice of favoritism to special shippers is evidently ineradicable unless some power aside from the railroads have the authority in case of complaint, and on evidence adduced, to fix rates, and for this purpose the power to examine the railroad companies' books and into their business generally. Nobody supposes that the interstate commerce commission will fix unreasonable rates in any case, but if it should an appeal from the commis sion can be taken to the courts.

The public has the right, or should have it, to regulate railroad rates, as it should not have to regulate the price of lumber or beer, because transportation is in its nature have been the objects of Matthews' enmity. a public business, concerns the whole people. The president's argument on this point is simply unanswerable.

There is no intention, either on the part of the presi dent, or of the general public, to do the railroads any injustice or harm, or eyen to interfere with them except in specific cases where unmistakable cause for interfer machine. He ran as an independent candidate for the ence is shown. The interests of the public and the railroads are or should be to a great extent mutual, but in self protection the public must have a supervisory and It was in the senatorial fight of 1903 that Harvey Scott regulative power. If the railroads really want and took the second degree in practical politics. The experi- mean to do about the right thing, the law can do them

We suppose the Townsend bill, even if it passes the house early this winter, will make slow progress in the senate, and not come to a vote till late next spring or some time next summer. This is the senate's way. But in the meantime the senate will be hearing from the people, and what they hear may be effective to pass the

A few days since we published a clever little human interest story of which "Basket" Brown was the central figure. It was clipped from and credited to the Blue Mountain Eagle where it appeared as original matter. The real author of the article, it now transpires, is Bert all that is most obnoxious in Oregon politics. But the Huffman, editor of the Pendleton East Oregonian. A

COME WEST, YOUNG MAN.

THILE the eastern portion of the country is prospering, and opportunities for young men of energy and ambition are many, the advice, "Go west, young man" is as good, even better, than it was in Horace Greeley's day.

What used to be known as the Great American ussia. Generations of repressions, of crimes of Nebraska, Kansas, the Dakotas, Oklahonia that eried to high heaven for vengeance, of Territory and Texas, has been proven to be resourceful

poverty and degradation on the other-are at last bear- The mountain states offer numberless opportunities for strong hands, clear brains and stout hearts-in There was a time, as in all such movements, when mines, in forests, on elevated reclaimed arid lands, in

> This side the Rockies, from Vancouver to San Diego is an immense region; the finest and fairest, the most varied and prolific, the most enjoyable as to climate and scenery, abounding in the most undeveloped resources and offered opportunities, of any equal portion of the United States, or of any country or combined portions of countries in the world. Mountains, plains, slopes, rivers, forests; behind, the backbone of the continent, the mighty Pacific ocean before; a land of infinite climatic, vegetable and scenic variety, everything from perpetual sunshine to weeks of winter mists, from giant cacti to great but perfect pansies, from mountains of granite to seashore black sand glittering with gold; a land of enchantment, of year-round comfort in work or play; a region with only 5,000,000 people, yet capable of sustaining at least half the present population of the United

> And now begins a new era for this great region, especially for the portion of it embraced in the state of Oregon, an era of great and rapid development, a cause and a part of which is and will be the building of railroads. All the great trunk lines that do not already possess an outlet on the Pacific are preparing with all possible rapidity to get one, and Portland is just now the point toward which several of them are striving. The youth of today who lives to be old will see greater changes, in one aspect of them, greater in degree if not n kind, than those that the early pioneer has seen. The development of this best land on earth has but just

Greeley's advice of half a century ago was good even better is our advice to eastern men of means, energy, enterprise and character: Come west-'way west, and not merely grow, but spring up with the country.

Secretary Shaw congratulates the country that the deficit is not as great as it has been many times before. A deficit amounts to nothing anyway! the next congress taxes the people to make it good.

PARTISANSHIP VS. SQUARE DEAL.

THE PETTINESS of partisanship, as compared with the noble proportions of statesmanship, is exhibited in the opposition on the part of Republican senators to the confirmation of Franklin K. commerce commission. In appointing Lane the president showed that he meant to give both the Pacific coast and the Democratic party a square deal. Both are entitled to consideration in the membership of this supposedly non-partisan or bi-partisan body. Democratic party is fairly entitled to the new member. So is the Pacific coast: The president recognized this Lane is an entirely competent and trustworthy man. But uprise on hind legs a lot of senatorial partisans who object to Lane because he is a Democrat. We should have preferred a man of the Pacific northwest, but next as in California, and is familiar with the whole coast, usual way, by cutting down the estimates on one. The time is rapidly coming when men who play partisan politics on every possible occasion, instead of consider-

SMALL CHANGE

Almost anybody could be the weather

Two dozen, one of them a bake dozen, Republicans have declared f harmony, which therefore seems a

The political harmony gathering of 2 resolved on a steering or some kind a committee of 24. What was the m ter with the other man.

Russia is a country in which an-archy, if it turns itself loose, can have "ample room and verge enough."

A Chicago girl won first prize in a New York beauty show. It is supposed her feet were concealed under the large platform.

Ex-Governor Geer says he would rather be the governor than a senator. But if he had been a senator instead of the governor once, he might think dif-ferently.

The various city elections in Orego

The majority of people are not co plaining about cheaper beef-if it cheaper.

The initial vibrations of the "threes" of Oregon's political campaign—are being felt. Resigning is one thing; refunding

Up to the present writing the Tanne creek sewer has not broken out beyond

Chairman Baker will soon make a tour of the state for no other purpose than to preach the gospel of peace and goodness, taking as his text: "Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." No collections (7)

College students may get a few hours for study yet before Christmas,

Admiral Togo is to come

It is reported that a Norwegian has discovered the northwest passage. But really we have no use for it at this season of the year.

by Elkins and advocated by Forake rould be a daisy, no doubt.

To escape being held up, stay within locked doors, or go out with uables in your pockets.

If you have been industrious at it, you should have the mesage nearly read through by this time.

The president's Thanksgiving turkey The president's Thanksgiving turkey, or one of them, sent to him by the Rhode Island man who has sent a turkey to the president every Thanksgiving since the war, weighed 31 pounds. That was beaten by one up in Jackson county that weighed, dressed, 35 pounds.

The Chicago Tribune says that city has either too many people or too few streetcars. Perhaps both.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS

A similar experience to that of a Portland tea merchant occurred last week in Lakeview, where a druggist locked up a dog in his store and before the marshal let him out a 2 a. m. he had torn up a lot of linoleum, broken bottles and made a mess of things gen-

Campaign good-natured in Albany.

A Lakeview man, relates the Herald, chopped wood-last Sunday, and by doing so desecrated the Sabbath, and butted in on a piece of work that a married man has no business "monkeying" with. His place was in the house, roasting his shins by a warm fire, smoking a cigar and reading the newspapers. The ax slipped, struck him on the head, he struck the ground, the blood flowed, he was dead, he came to life again, he sits by a warm fire and his wife chops the wood.

New town at Black Butte, on the railroad to Crater lake. Dr. Dryborough of Portland may cate in the dry borough of Fossil.

More snow up the country; sign big harvests next year. A Portland apple packer who has been up there says the John Day apples are the cleanest, biggest and best he ever

Mayville grange is flourishing; has

Attendance at Columbia college, Mil-

on, is greater than ever before Wheat growing nicely in Umatilla

Pendleton Presbyterian church ladies etted \$200 in a two days' fair,

A novel way of "swearing off" was agreed upon Friday by two of Echo's leading young men. They each invested in a bottle of champagne and treated their friends, and then they put money in bills amounting to \$100 in bottles, corked them up and deposited them in the Bank of Echo. A friend of these two young men is to receive the \$200 in the bottles and will be allowed to publish their names in the newspapers if they take a drink in the next 12

This is the Lebanon Criterion's time table for the train between that The Leave Albany

Some time during a. m.
Arsive Lebanon.
Two and one half hours after leaving
Albany if all goes well. Soon as possible. As luck may decide.

The afternoon train stops from an hour to an hour and a half to "Watch

Noted Hotel Owner in 'Frisco. From the San Francisco Chronicle, De-cember 5. H. L. Pittock, owner of the Portland hotel, is at the Palace

DINKELSPIEL ANSWERS QUESTIONS

By George V. Hobart.

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Many times during der veck does der postman bring me letters vich should be talked back to, but not always is it convenient for me to har on hand der

But such is der number of letters now before me dot I must response to some of dem or be accused of receiving post-age stamps under false eggspences. Der fairst letter I find is from Silvie

J. Loudbugle, und in dis letter he ask such a question as dese: (1) Should dark chentleman marry a blonde lad: dark chentleman marry a blonde lady.

(2) If so, has she any money und vare may I meet her? (3) If die is true, suppose a brunette man marries a blonde lady und after marriage she gets tired und stops using peroxenide, vas dere any redress? (4) Vot sort of a girl should a young man marry mit nodding in his pocket but a gold-headed cane und a ticket to Boston?

I vill pass ofer der fairst questions.

I vill pass ofer der fairet Slivio, because dey vas too mercenary for any place but der advertisement columns. Der last question I vill re-sponse you to der best of my agility in dese vords:

in dese vords:

Alvays remember. Silvio, to marry a voman smaller den yourself, because indescretion is der better part of value.

Alvays marry a voman vich knows a joke ven she sees it. But it is not necessary for her to tell you who it belongs to ven you make it.

Alvays marry a voman philosopher Silvio, because heaven knows vat mo ment you may lose your job dese days Ven a man vas ould of vork dere va rudding so nice to have around a house as a philosopheress. She can a dare py der hour und told you vot yo could do mit your money if you had it.

Alvays marry a yeman mit perfect health und a large, broad appetite. She should have charity in her heart und room next to it for efery dish dot grows

It is so distressing for a pleasant chentleman to sit at der table mit a small, timid leedle vife und haf her throw der plate of hot spaghetti ouid der dining room vindow ven least egg-

If you was ould valking mit a young lady und you should slip on a banana's ofercoat, watch her closely. If she doan'd siggle, marry her at vunce. She

has selfcontrol.

If you should meet up mit a young lady for her fairst time wich refusals

lady for her fairst time wich refusals to eat ice cream ven you vas willing to buy it. marry her at vunce. She is s good thing.

Und, Silvio, if you ask a young lady to vent to der theatre und she refuses, marry her at vunce. She is der only vun of her kind in her vorld.

Nefer fall in luft in a hurry, because, like der inimitable proverb of der Greeks, vot is to be has to be, unless uddervise.

Many a man has lost all det makes.

Many a man has lost all dot makes like happy und sveet und choyous be-cause he married mitould finding oud had der girl enough money to support dem both.

dem both.

Many a fair young man, perhaps der pride und choy of two or three doteful parents, has chumped into der sea of matrimony und froze to death vile vaiting for a check from der cruef fatherin-law.

in-law.

Ach, Himmel! A obstinate father-in-law, mit a padlock on his check book, has done more to put frost on her holy bonds of matrimony den all der udder wils combined,
Mit dese few burning vords from de heart, I must leave you to your own

wices, Silvio, but remember always goot advice vich Mollie gafe to Napo yust before der final curtain, "As suspicion, leave during der dance!"

moisy leedle letter from vich I haf re-moved der following cherms: "Unkind Mother Nature neglected to give me a Who will pay your doctor's bill, or your pink complexion. Could you suchches pink complexion. Could you suchchest some artificial means py vich I could secure a permanent blush, please!" Yes, Claudia, I dink I could. Valk ould in der garden, Claudia, und

pick a fresh lemon. Remove der shell und squeeze it chently ofer der forehead, at der same time tapping both cheeks

mit a teaspoon.

Another goot-idea is to ride uptown or a Scrubway eggspress abould sigs o'clock mit 17 chents stooding in front

Der only reason dis vill not give yo a blushingness is because you doan'd live in New York und cannot took der

I have a letter here from a chent vici signs himself Chorge Bebanowski, vich says: "I am a Russian actor und I live in constant fear und dread dot Bernard Shaw vill write a play for me und I vill get pinched. Vot can I do to be shaved? Also could you please suchchest some vay to cure an ould growing dou-ble chin vich t'reatens to obscure my beauty? I would enclose a two-cent stamp for reply, but I hate to break a large bill."

Dare vas no answer to your fairst question, Chorge, because man proposes und Shaw eggsposes.

Mit regard to der second question,
Chorge, a double chin is vun of der pitiful results of a severe attack of appetite
followed by a rush of restaraunt to der

To cure such a situation you should carefully remove der head mit a can-opener. Den mit a paddle beat der chin twice a day till your respiration becomes Eggsercise der face less during busi-ness hours und more in der open air und drink no intexicationments mit your

Now new der head on again und you will find dot your chin is no longer lead-ing a double life. ing a do

Yours mit luff, D. DINKELSPIEL,

Fairy Protector Platt.

From the Minneapolis Journal.

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The press reports say it was a pathetic sight—and so it must have been—Senator Platt, feeble, shrunken, old man, sitting curled up in the space a tabby cat might fill, answering in hollow voice the searching questions of the inquisitor. He testified quite frankly—it has always been Platt's method to talk boldly when the policy of secrecy was no longer possible—of acts which should make him ashamed and which certainly made the people sshamed of the fact that this old man is a senator of the United States. Year after year Platt made pilgrim

agen to the insurance company offices and held them up for campaign contribu-tions. At \$10,000 a call, he was reducing

possession. Probably both kinds we represented. There would be many bit introduced by members having for the object the forcing of the insurance corpanies to put up some money for peace. There would also be bills honestly it tended to improve the insurance bus ness. Neither kind would get by Plain his disguise as the fairy protects. The big green dragon of hostile legislation came out of his cave and Fair Platt waved the wand and lo, he was not This was very cheap at \$10,090 a carpaign. The state committe was entitled to more.

SAVE A LITTLE MONEY EVERY WEEK, GIRLS

By Beatrice Fairfax.

Are you saving money, or are you living up to every cent you make?

If you are a working woman, obliged
to earn your own living, it is absolutely
necessary that you should save a little
of your earnings.

of your earnings.

Of course, you like pretty things.
What woman does not? But pretty
things won't keep the wolf from the
door if you should lose your position.

And pretty things won't pay the doctor's bills if you should be taken ill.

Money in the bank is the only solution
of those difficulties. of your earnings.

If you have not a bankbook, start on this very day.

If you have only 10 cents to start it on, don't be discouraged. A penny is the foundation of all fortunes, and the first dollar saved is the corner-stone. . You will soon grow so interested in the building of your fortune that you won't miss the pretty things as much

as you suppose. On payday make it a habit to lay aside a certain sum, and let nothing but sheer necessity tempt you to break

You are young and strong and hopeful now, and feel equal to any task.

But the day may come when you will be old and tired, with neither strength nor heart for work.

That is the time you must provide

You may marry, and I sincerely trus you all will.

But even in that case it will be very

pleasant not to be obliged to go to your husband empty-handed.

A little money of her own gives a

And all men respect the woman who

And all men respect the woman who is able to save money.

They reason to themselves that she is a capable, economical woman, who will make a good wife.

I do not advise you to go without nourishing food—there is no economy in that—nor to go without warm, sensible lebbing. clothing.

But see if you can't save a little on

the useless finery you buy.

I am sure some of you can dress
neatly and tastefully and yet spend less noney than you do now.

I see so many half-starved, miserable

istence on almost nothing. Perhaps if they had saved a little in their youth they would be more comfortable now. Youth can stand more discomfort and

hardship than old age.

Youth has hope and ambition for its guiding star, but old age has left hope and ambition behind it and craves comfort above all else.

fort above all else.

Think all this over very carefully, girls, and I am sure you will realize the importance of saving your money.

You will probably say to yourselves.

"Oh, what is the use of trying to save the little sum that I can put by?" but

You are business women. Try and take a business view of the case.
Save every penny you possibly can and begin to do it today.

LEWIS AND CLARK

On Netul river. On Netul river.

December 7—The weather is fair today and we therefore loaded our cances
and proceeded. But the tide was against
us and the waves were very high, so
that we were obliged to proceed slowly us and the waves were very high, so that we were obliged to proceed slowly and cautiously. We at length turned a point and found ourselves in a deep bay. Here we landed for breakfast and were joined by the party sent out three days ago to look for the six elk. In seeking for the elk they had missed their way for a day and a half, and when they reached the place, found the elk so much spolled that they brought the skins of only four of them. After breakfast we coasted round the bay. the skins of only four of them. After breakfast we coasted round the bay, which is about four miles across, and perceived, besides several small creeks, two small rivers, called by the Indians, the one Kilhowankei, the other Netul. We called it Meriwether's bay, from the Christian name of Captain Lewis, who was no doubt the first man to survey it. As we went along the wind was high from the northeast; in the middle of the day it rained for two hours and then cleared off. On reaching the south

The wedding day was not announced, but the semi-official newspaper, La Correspondenca de Espana, has already declared that the marriage will occur on

ages to the insurance company offices and held them up for campaign contributions. At \$10,000 a call, he was reducing the surplus of the companies and saving the country. Whenever funds ran low. Platt would put on his hat and take a wander over to the Equitable building and draw a few thousand on account. He knew where the easy money was and got it.

But Platt is no mendicant. He was doing business on business principles. For every dollar he absorbed of trust funds for the state campaign he was prepared to render an equivalent in service. "The companies looked to me

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Protect Hultnoman Palls.

Los Angeles, Dec. 1.—To the Editor of The Journal—Please allow me to most highly commend your recent editorial advocating state ownership of Multnoman falls. The people of Oregon do not realize what a magnificent creation of natural grandeur they have in those falls. If they did they would promptly take steps to forever secure their ownership for the people, by the people and to keep them in a state of nature.

nature.

If any such falls as Multnomab blessed this southern California country they would be made one of the greatest public resort on earth. Unfortunately this section can never have such natural wonders.

But every day now is bringing the grand domain of Oregon more prominently into the world's eye, and Oregon's present people should look to their grand future by possessing and protecting such natural grandeur as Multnomah falls. For soon the sawmill man and the electric power man will come, and then good-bye to your falls forever, A. H. MYERS.

Why an Occupation Tax?

Portland, Dec. 5.—To the Editor of The Journal—At one time the "exigencies of the case" required an occupation tax—so our political allies told us. Wathink now, however, that the exigency no longer exists.

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Business men and property owners are complaining of this additional tax. A business man owns a lot upon which he erects a building. He buys a stock of goods and commences operations. Along comes the assessor who levies a tax:

First—Upon his lot and building. Second—Upon his stock of goo. This for the city and county.

And then if his company incorporates our great state throws around him the mantle of incorporation or tax No. 3. And now our merchant breathes for a spell. But ere it ig he sees in the distance another o...ject. What shall we call it? Some call it an occupation tax—others a steal or a graft. Perhaps the latter definitions are too severe. But why not lop off this last excrescence?

Why not lop off this last excrescence? Our jolly mayor and the city fathers would receive the plaudits of : vast con-stituency should they quickly remove this last tax from the city's laws.

VOX POPULI.

The Prohibition Side of It.

Portland, Dec. 5.—To the Editor of The Journal—An open letter in The Journal some days since, signed "H.," and containing some wholly unwarranted statements pertaining to prohibition, does not perhaps deserve an answer. And yet I recall that sometimes even such assertions obtain credence. "H." declares that prohibition has never been enforced. That a prohibitory law is not edge. That it contains no mysterious power of self-enforcement many of us have learned. That it, like other laws, must have behind a power, and that an official in flesh and blood, with back-

indifferent support is probably the argument that has driven more voters to the use of the temperance ballot than

But while prohibition law is not ways perfectly enforced, I do dec that any man who says that prohibition states do not enforce such law is either ignorant of the conditions in those states or is wilfully misrepresenting the facts. I am wondering how long "H." has lived in a prohibition-state. If he has been such resident, how much he honestly interested himself in the enforcement of the law. It was the good fortune of this scribe to have lived in Kansas 10 years or more under prohibi-tion and to travel largely, not only in that state, but all other prohibition states since that time. And from knowlstates since that time. And from knowledge gained during this residence and travel and a pretty thorough knowledge of conditions in Portland at the present time. I can truthfully and conscientiously assert that never in the darkost days of law enforcement in any prohibi-tion state has the prohibition law ever been so defied, spit upon, trampled under foot and held in such contempt as are all of the provisions of license law in the city of Portland at this time. Boys are drinking here, women are fre-quenting saloons, habitual drunkards

stagger in and out, The salcons are openly and defiantly keeping open on Sunday, and yet be-cause a godly governor of Kansas cause a godly governor of Kansas whose conscience has not been seared by familiarity with the saloon, determines on a better enforcement of the law that has been of such benefit to the state an Oregon man holds up his hands in horror at the implied confession, Verily Brother "H" we Oregonians better pry the sawlogs out of our own eyes that we may the better see to aid our brother to remove the cebweb from his. I grant you that even the flagrant violation of the law by Poztland saloonkeepers does not condone violation of law in Kansas, but the facts are that the prohibition states are enforcing the laws in a manner that astonishes those who are at all acquainted with the tricks of the liquor trade.

high from the northeast; in the middle of the day it rained for two hours and then cleared off. On reaching the south side of the bay we ascended the Netul for three miles, to the first point of highland on its western bank, and formed our camp in a thick grove of lofty pines, about 200 yards from the water, and 30 feet above the level of the high tides.

King Alfonso's Bride-to-Be.

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From the New York American.

Unofficially, it has been known for months that the Princess Ena, as she is known among her intimates, is to be the future queen of Spain. It was not until yesterday, however, that the formal announcement was made.

The wedding day was not announced, but the semi-official newspaper, La Correspondence de Espana, has already development of saloon business, is in not passing strange that the saloon-keeper has. But really, since prohibition is (by "H's" assertion) the ideal condition for the development of saloon business, is in not passing strange that the saloon-keeper, for the development of saloon business, is in not passing strange that the saloon-keepers, "forsaking all else, do not the development of the development of party?" If I

but the semi-official newspaper, La Correspondence de Espana, has already declared that the marriage will occur on May IJ

The princess is only 18 years old. She made her debut at a function in her honor given by her mother last May, The Princess Ena is the only daughter of King Edward's youngest sister, the Princess Ena is the only daughter of King Edward's youngest sister, the Princess Beatrice, as she was known in England before her marriage to Prince Henry of Battenberg.

The princess was the queen's favorite child and her constant companion for years. The Princess Ena shared this loys.

The future queen of Spain is fair and slender. She is not beautiful in the strict sense of the term, but is declared to They are cranks today, ah, yes! Who was it who said: "When a man stands in the advocacy of an unpopular cause and stands alone he is a crank, when by the force of his splendid he draws others to him he be

courage he draws others to him he be-comes an enthusiast, but when the growd goes after him to victory then he climbs to the heights where he is acclaimed a hero"? Yours for prohibition,