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THE NEWER AND GREATER OREGON.

NCOMPARABLY the best report ever presented to the chamber of commerce on a practical subject is that submitted yesterday by its transportation mittee. 'It is not alone that it is "full of meat," for it abounds in that substance, but it goes deep into matters of intimate concern to all the people of the state and gives forth its facts with such a wealth of detail stamps it at once as authoritative. The tone and spirit of it is something to delight the heart of every patriotic Oregonian. It exhibits in a most remarkable way the new spirit that is to make of the state one of greatest in the whole sisterhood. It demonstrates people who are best informed and heavily interested material welfare of Oregon are a unit in proclaimtheir pride in the state as a whole and their un-akable faith in the glorious future which is now pening up for it with such dazzling promise.

But the most striking part of the performance is not he claims put forward but the demonstrations made. There is something being done everywhere. Large parts of the state, which have hitherto lain dormant, which have been forced to rely upon unaided pioneer effort, which have unavailingly demonstrated their natural richness, are now being rapidly brought into rail connection with the outside world. Indeed so fast is everything moving in the line of development that it not an easy matter to keep track of them. On every hand are noted new railroad projects, not the paper railroads that used to delight our hearts to ultimately destroy our hopes, but tangible building, utterly regard-less of cost and obstacles. Work with which five years ago we should have been satisfied had we known it dd have been realized in 10 years to come, is now afoot with a certainty of its grandest realization in one and two years. In one year there will be remarkable changes and improvements; in two years the face of nature will be practically changed. We have reached that day in our history when the railroads are moving along the line of least resistance, when they are not only developing new territory, but are taking up old ects along lines which nature itself originally dicated and which must be followed to achieve the greatest results in the most expeditious and economical

This period having come, there is nothing left for Portland and Oregon to wish for. They have the location and the resources to do the rest, provided of course they rise to a full appreciation of the conditions and do what must naturally be expected of them. We now have the cards in our own hands; the only question remaining to be settled is whether we have the skill and capacity to play them to the best advantage. This is our part of the big performance just ahead of us and let us make no mistake that the contract is a heavy one. United effort is needed all along the line and if we all do our part there can be no possible doubt of the fortunate outcome.

THE FREE-SEED FAKE.

HIRTY OR MORE seed firms have sent a pe tition to President Roosevelt asking him to take stand against the free distribution of seeds by members of congress, and while they have a personal interest in doing so, we think their request ought to be heeded, and that the free-seed nonsense ought to be cut out. It is a small form of graft, really useful in these days to nobody, and a source of about the smallest sort of corruption imaginable.

The original intent of the free-seed law was good; it was to put into the hands of farmers throughout the country who would make good use of them and experiment with them new varieties of seeds, and so to propagate more prolific or higher grades of various foods and fibre plants. This was a worthy and even a noble pose, but in practice the free distribution of seeds has legenerated into about the measliest graft with which the public service is afflicted. The Indianapolis Star correctly and temperately sizes up this vegetable vam-

"There is a general grab for seeds annually indulged in by thousands of persons who are at best mere amateurs and who have no idea whatsoever of continuing the propagation of the seeds they have received. They simply resort to this way of getting for nothing a few vegetable or flower seeds for their own selfish ends. It is not a business proposition with them at all and every package that goes into such hands is a loss to if more than a very minute percentage of all the seed distributed every year finds its way into the hands of has become a "fake" and a species of petty graft. If smithereens. congress had had the courage of its convictions it would This committee can name no candidates; if it tries to long ago have put a stop to the business. To cheap- do so they will be buried by the votes of independent

with their constituents is to send them illustrated docu ments, the Congressional Record or a few packages of squash seed the maintenance of this system may seem of transcendent importance; but the majority of con gressmen ought to have intelligence enough to under stand that for one person who would criticize the root ing out of this abuse there would be a hundred or a thousand who would applaud it. To most congressmen it is undoubtedly a nuisance."

ONE REASON WHY IT COSTS SO MUCH.

HE POSTOFFICE DEPARTMENT continue to fall short financially with its oldtime regu-larity. On the strength of it some eastern philanthropists are denouncing the rural mail delivery as about the most senseless and expensive fad that has lately been invented. Not directly feeling the benefit of it, New England necessarily denounces the plan, while it calmly enjoys as its right the taxing of the rest of the country to support its infant industries which have grown large enough to compete with all the manufacturers of the world, to maintain its own representatives in congress and likewise to contribute liberally in every national campaign to whatever party offers it

The rural mail delivery has already demonstrated its value to the people. When it was first put in force and was allowed to develop along natural lines it was beyond comparison the greatest boon which the government had conferred upon rural settlements in a generation. But it was found to interfere with the business of the express companies and straightway the department issued an order prohibiting the carriers from distributing anything but mail matter, thus reducing their value to the public they serve, say 50 per cent.

On the other hand the cost of carrying the mails is just what it was 20 years ago. The charges which the government pays the railroads are outrageously high. Congress knows it, everyone knows it, but it makes no difference. Session after session the same old blank formality is gone through with precisely the same result. We talk about the cost of the service and then every organ of every railroad in the country straightway points out the immense value of the postal service to the country. Its value is undeniable but the price which the government pays is entirely beyond what should be paid. That feature of the case should be gone into, the railroad rates very materially reduced, and then the parcels post should be instituted so that the value of the service to the general public would be that much more widely extended. Gone after in this way the service would be vastly improved at no greater cost to the government and the people. But until it is taken up in this-way there will be deficits that could just as well be avoided.

THE COMMITTEE OF FORTY.

COMMITTEE of Forty valiant Republicans_are going to reorganize the party and carry Oregon, sure, next time. These brave soldiers of partisanship, having buried, shallowly, their hatchets and hidden, temporarily, their razors, declare that they will vote for any and every Republican, good, bad or indifferent; Mitchell, Simon, or Sam Jones, that succeeds in getting a nomination.

This reads bravely, but it is folly. They are only

There are a few Democrats yet in Oregon, and it may possibly happen that the 60,000 or so Republican voters of Oregon will think for themselves when they vote next spring, both at the primaries and in the election and will aim to choose the best men regardless of Frank Baker and the valiant Forty.

Evidently the people of Oregon have been doing uite a good deal of independent thinking and voting during the past few years, and they are likely to do more. Mr. Baker-nobody else-carried Oregon for Roosevelt by over 40,000 majority; and yet we see here men classed politically as Democrats in the positions of governor, sheriff of Multnomah county, district attorney for the Fifth judicial district, United States senator.

The latter was accidental, or incidental, it is true, due to the election of governor Chamberlain; but what we are intimating here is that the people of this state are not to be led any more by any Committee of Forty, nor even one of Four Hundred.

The people are learning that political nomenclature doesn't amount to much.

Think this over: What's the difference between the government and a tax on all the rest of the people, Theodore Roosevelt (Rep.) and John M. Gearin (Dem.) with no benefit of any kind to offset the expense and If we didn't put these political signs after their names no agricultural progress to show for it. It is doubtful you couldn't tell them apart-as to their public purposes and aims.

The people are breaking away from parties, from poany real cultivators who produce from it, for them- litical organizations-and they are acting wisely. The selves or for the community in which they live, results Forty is trying to regalvanize Bourbonism, to reconof permanent value. In short, the free seed distribution struct a machine that has already been smashed into

john congressmen whose only way of currying favor thinking people.

LEWIS AND CLARK

At Fort Clatsop. December 15-Captain Clark, with 16 en, set out in three canoes, and, havng rowed for three miles up the river ing rowed for three miles up the right, and after going three miles farther landed about the height of tidewater. The men were then dispatched in small parties to bring in the elk, each man reming with a quarter of the animal.
bringing the third and last load
arly half of the men missed their way did not return until after night; of them, indeed, were not able to their way at all. It had been cloudy all day, at night began to rain, and as we had no cover were obliged to sit up the greater part of the night, for as soon as we lay down the rain would come under us and compel us to rise. It was, indeed, a most uncomfortable situation.

Prosperity in South America.

From the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Buenos Ayres, the capital of the Armitine Republic, has just passed the 560,000 mark in population. It is the carteenth city in the world in inhabinits, and is by far the largest city on Chicago and Philadelphia. Pifteen ago Rio de Janeiro was ahead of it. the Brasilian city is far behind.

Pennsylvania's. It exports more corn than the United States. Before many years pass, on account of our own home demand, Argentina will surpass the United States in exportation of food products in the aggregate. For the first half of 1905 its total exports were \$175,-000,000, or several times as much as those of the United States in proportion to population.

Two Wedding Tours for Millionaire.

From the Denver Post. Max Fleischmann, the young million-Sherlock of that city December 20, will take two wedding trips, including a Waltman has peinted several foreign cruise in the Caribbean sen and South American waters in his own yacht, and the Horse Guards, who has the reputaa longer and more extensive cruise in tion of being the handsomest man and the Arctic ocean in the famous Nor-having the finest figure in the British a longer and more extensive cruise in the Arctic ocean in the famous Nor-wegian vessel, the Laura. Mr. Fleisch-mann planned his Arctis trip some time ago, and intended to go on it alone, but his fiancee expressed a desire to accom-pany him, so he changed his plans and will, in deference to her wishes, make the southern trip first. When the winter months have been consumed the couple will return to this country and sail for Norway, the starting point of the

Job for Seth Bullock.

From the Baltimore News. Captain Seth Bullock of Deadwood, whose regiment of rough riders was one of the picturesque features of the last inaugural parade, has been nominated inaugural parade, has been nominated by President Roosevelt to the office of United States marshal in South Dakota. They are having a senatorial contest out in South Dakota, and it was glanned by the two candidates that the marshalahip would be used by one or the other in furthering his campaigns. Then the president stepped in and named Bullock. Bullock's appointment has precipitated a lively row in the

South Dakota delegation, and the fight will be carried to the state. Captain Bullock, who is at present superintend-ent of the Black Hills forest reserve. has arrived here, and he is receiving congratulations of his friends.

"Uncle Joe" on Canvas.

From the Philadelphia Press. "Uncle Joe" Cannon has had his por-trait painted by Henry Waltman, a New York artist. It represents the speaker standing with his arms folded and his usual look of magisterial dignity. The

friends yesterday.

service.
One of the friends who saw the speaker's portrait said:
"Weil? 'Uncle Joe,' I see you have the
painter of the beauty class for your

"Uncle Joe" grinned and wagged his head.

"I fooled him this time," he said.

What the Shell Did to It.

From the Chicago Tribune.

What an eight-inch armor piercing shell, fired at a distance of 1,500 yards, will do to the side of an armored cruiser, protected by a five-inch armor plate on a protective deck nearly three inches thick, was demonstrated by a test at the naval proving grounds at In-dian Head, Maryland, recently. The shell plerced the five-inch plate, went through the inclined protective deck. and buried itself in the coal bunker. marshalahip would be used by one or the other in furthering his campaigns. Then the president stepped in and last the manned Bullock Bullock's appointment of ordinance, steam engineering, equipment than has precipitated a lively row in the ment, and construction and repair,

SMALL CHANGE

Don't overlook the poor.

"He prayeth best"-you know the

Tennyson wrote some good and some sloppy things, and among them, one or the other, was this: "For the half a truth is ever the blackest of lies."

Mr. Gearin will lose no time in doing

Some of those big grafters who have resigned are like the man about to be hanged—he said he was resigned.

Any ratiroad regulation bill with the cikins brand might as well be consigned to the dust heap without examination.

Every man is religious or patriotic if you allow him to define religion and patriotism.

And yet—and yet—"December's (near ly) "as pleasant as May."

Togo will receive a warm welcome i

editors give Castro big space on the first page under the largest headlines? he has been heard from again. The Chicago university football team has decided not to come to Oregon— afraid of Corvallis, undoubtedly.

Only 10 days yet till stocking-hang

The grafting microbe has even infested the newspaper offices of Seattle. This shows more clearly than anything that has occurred the horrible moral atmosphere over there. Grafting is expected among politicians; and all sorts of other men, even up to preachers, go wrong sometimes and somewhat in their pursuit of the almighty dollar; but when reporters combine to graft and blackmail—well, the city of their residence seems hopeless.

What Grand Duke Boris seems to nee more than anything else is to get into close contact with a bomb.

According to his pictures Nick Long-worth starts out with one big advantage

Chaos in Russia-also in the Republi-

The trouble with college football is, it has degenerated from a healthy sport into a corrupted profession.

The senate will discover, ere a year passes, that among the few Democrats of remote Oregon there is a worthy, fit man for senator, even though he be a Democrat.

Don't overlook those Salvation Army

Suppose for every nickel, dime, quar-terf or half you spend in a salcon, you put an equal amount in the Salvation Volunteer army pots.

Money makes the mare go—the de-elopment animal.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS

Benton county is great on poultry. New shingle mill in Brownsville.

Albany Democrat: About 20 boys con tinue to sell sandwiches and fruit at the depot noons, helping in a material way in the support of the families they belong to. Not so many sell at the afternoon train. Superintendent Hayes reports permission granted to three or four of the boys who sell sandwiches, who return to school after-ward. Four or five boys who do not attend school sell, and what cigarette moking there is by them!

Quite wintry weather in eastern Ore--but everybody up there is happy.

Wasco News: The condition of the streets in Wasco is something fierce. By reason of the improvements going on last summer the streets could not be economically oiled, but this excuse will not exist next summer, and the matter should be attended to. Clean streets are as important as a factor in the de-velopment of a city as water works and

Astoria papers excited about city elec-tion. Keep kool.

Moro Observer: Governor Chamber course, to the supreme court bench in Oregon. Well, what you going to do about it? That's what the Republicans elected him for-don't it?

Resolving for harmony doesn't make

Poor, old, racked, perturbed Russia-

Gold Hill's Girls' band will give a Christmas mask ball. What joy

needn't get sassy on that account.

came on Friday's stage on her way to Freezeout to take charge of the school Mr. Burieigh was teaching until sum-moned home by news of his father's death. We did not learn her name. Hope she won't freeze out up there.

A white Christmas in the Willametta valley would not hurt.

East Oregonian: Ip-nots-we-non-m East Oregonian: Ip-nots-we-non-mi, mother of Umapine, subchief of the Umatilias, died yesterday on the reservation, after having been ill but a short time. The dead woman was 78 years of age at the time of her death, and was widely known. Her son, Umapine, is one of the most influential and

Snow in eastern Oregon is a bless

Echo people are enthusiastic over the prospects of securing government irrigation in addition to the many private projects now under way in that dis-

Hood River apples bring 20 cents a lece in New York.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. D. Jenkins, D. D.
Topic: "Preparation for the Messiah."
-Malachi iii:1-12.
Golden text: "I send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way be me."—Mal. iii:i, Responsive reading: Psaim 103,

Malachi is the last of that long line of prophets through whose wisdom and faithfulness Israel was made to differ from all surrounding nations. Although we do not know the exact year or years in which he spake, we know that it was iii:10), but before the close of the reformation period inaugurated by Nenemiah mation period inaugurated by Neneman.
From the life of the people the first
flush of enthusiasm had died out. The
restoration of the state was a more
serious business than some of them had
dreamed. To build cities, to plant vineyards, to re-establish ruined industries, yards, to re-establish ruined industries, required years of hard work. The hills of Judah did not clothe themselves with vineyards. The plains of the Jordan did not produce, of their own volition, bountiful harvests. Even as upon the exodus from Egypt there were grumblers who thought only of the "leeks and onions" left behind them (Num. ii:5), so among those who had returned to Jerusalem from Babylon there were some who said bitterly that there was nothing gained by sacrificing their essome who said bitterly that there was nothing gained by sacrificing their es-tablished homes (Ch. iii:14). They kept up the decent forms of religion, but substituted poor and cheap sacrifices for the perfect ones required by the law (Ch. 1:13). They had sought to better their fortunes, it would seem, by put-ting away or neglecting the wives who shared with them the hardships of the return (Ch. ii:14), and had intermarried with those ungodly races about them which had done all that was possible to prevent the rebuilding of the city (Ch. ii:13)

some such elements, not native to it, are picked up and carried along with it. After the first pilgrim and puritan colonies were planted in New England, emigration from the old world became the "fad." Hundreds, if not thousands, of persons crossed the Atlantic who expected to find not simply adventure expected to find hot simply as of ava-but wealth "beyond the dreams of ava-rice" in this new world. Many of the things laid to the fathers of New Eng-land are really due to this class who land are really due to this class who sought to reap the advantages of the movement without ever having sympathized with the deeply religious spirit n which it originated.

in which it originated.

The men against whom Malachl preached were making a farce of the restoration. The state needed a new kind of man more than new walls. The prophet spoke with no hesitating voice in denouncing the avils of his day. But through all the confusion the star of home shore.

Verse 1. The man whose faith lays him the darkest night is but the presage of another day. God is the basis of all optimism (Eph. il:12). The promise conveyed through these words of Malachi was the inspiration of the devout in Israel for the long years of delay which intervened. There may have been "some immediate event," such as the sudden return of Nehemiah from which runs into the millions in the in Israel for the long years of delay which intervened. There may have been "some 'mmediate event," such as the sudden return of Nehemiah from which runs into the millions in the his visit to Babylon, which stood as a prototype of a larger fulfillment. But the Jews always regarded this word as the distinct promise of a Messiah, to be heralded by a forerunner of distingular three in the same push and buzz and the distinct promise of a Messiah, to be heralded by a forerunner of distingular and forceful personality.

plete advent is as the birth of a man, accompanied by suffering. Jesus described it as the unsheathing of a sword (Matt. x:34). You cannot save a state y mere disinfection. It requires fire

"free."

Verse 5. Those who profess to be deep students of the Old Testament might do well to regard carefully this might do well to regard carefully this verse. At a period when Greece was developing art to an extent never elsewhere or at other times equaled, but groping blindly after the feeblest ray of moral truth; when Rome was developing that system of arms which was to make her the dominant power of the known world, this obscure prophet of Palestine was laying down the fundamental principles of right living which today constitute the basis of law today constitute the basis of law throughout the civilized world. His labor was not to produce beautiful forms or effective weapons, but princi-ples of conduct fit for all ages. He denounces superstition, impurity, perjury, greed, oppression of the weak and injustice toward the foreigner. If that be a "low" conception of morals, it is at least higher than Greece or Rome

Peter Sass has been made a citizen of the "psychologist." They are as old the United States in Baker City, but he as the first code of the nation. These principles are required not by the dis-covery of new utilitarian results, but because they correspond to the moral character of the unchanging God.

character of the unchanging God.

Verse 7. Malachi assumes that these principles were well known. He finds no literature of his people in which they are not exhibited as fundamental, primal, indisputable.

Verse 8. He does not place the support of divine ordinances first, but he does not forget it. Religion cannot be maintained "in thesi." It is "not a theory but a condition." We must remember, however, that out of the "tithes and offerings" not only the temple but the whole theocratic state was supthe whole theocratic state was sup-ported. No other revnue was provided for the government. To suppress these was to paralyze church and state. The

state was God's as immediately as the church.

Verse 10. It was doubtless true that the royal provision of Cyrus for rebuilding Jerusalem was insufficient. But had the people performed their part there would have been no lack. There was but little money in those days, and but little yet in the far orient. Trade was conducted largely by means of barter, and revenues were collected in kind. The temple was surrounded by great chambers for the storing of tithes and offerings, as the temple was, under the

A liberal people would find the God of Israel a responsive God. The prophet does not deny that the people are as yet a poor people, but the sufficiency which he anticipates is the divine blessing upon human fidelity.

Verse 11. Every nation suffers at times from accidents which it cannot foresee, and which, if foreseen, could only be in a measure prevented by human instrumentalities. Boast as we may our invention and our "control" of natural forces, a hitherto unknown worm or an unexpected frost will desirey millions upon millions of treasure. It is said that the world in its best harvest never reaped more than fore each annual ingathering the stock of food is exhausted within a 90 days' limit. Many of us can remember when, the Colorado beetle made its first appearance in the states. The husbandman was simply powerless before that insignificant creature. Man never delivered his fields from it. God "reduced" it; and that which, so far as man could see, was bound to utterly destroy one of the world's principal sources of food disappeared as mysteriously as it had come. From time to time God reminds men how utterly they are in his hands. When the Almighty would block one of our locomotives, he does it with a snow-flake, simply multiplying its number God could annihilate the wheat harvest of the world by letting loose the insect and fungold enemies which are present

God could annihilate the wheat harvest of the world by letting loose the insect and fungoid enemies which are present in every field but held in mysterious restraint.

Verse 12. Worldly prosperity is not a gauge of spiritual worth; but as a rule the upright nation is prospered. It is sin, it is vice, which impoverishes a people. The people of the United States consume in intoxicating liquors every year more than they save in 50. States consume in intoxicating liquors every year more than they save in 50. It costs any nation \$1,000,000 a day to carry on war. It costs more to build a modern steel gun than to build a church; and to fire a dozen rounds from that gun burns up as much money as would erect a high school. What goes into a single ship of war would endow a university to bless a state for untold years. When true religion takes the place of wersity to bless a state for untold years. When true religion takes the place of our imitation of it, poverty and all its ills will disappear. Malachi was right when he told the people of Judaea that any nation which would keep the law of God would be the admiration and the envy of the surrounding world.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Looking for Work in Portland. Portland, Dec. 14 .- To the Editor of The Journal-Portland is a great city; few years it will be a much greater city, there is no doubt in the mind of

the average Portlander as to the truth of that statement. There is plenty of work in Portland watch the heavily loaded wagons constantly going on any of the business hold upon God is never submerged. To men (and women, too,) continually god in the darkest night is but the presage ing in and out of the banks during

be heralded by a forerunner of distinguished plety and forceful personality. So John understood it (John 1:23). So Jesus interpreted it (Matt. xi:14).

Verse 2. But they know little of God's methods of redemption who do not know that "the day of his coming" must be accompanied by certain terrors. In its first stages the kingdom of heaven may come "without observation" (Luke xvii:20), but its real and complete advent is as the birth of a man lete advent is as the birth of a man lete advent is as the birth of a man lete advent is as the birth of a man lete advent is as the birth of a man lete advent is as the birth of a man lete advent is as the birth of a man lete advent is as the birth of a man lete advent is as the birth of a man lete and the lete

tor, manager, press room men, clerks stenographers, all are pushing, crowd

scouring to "full" a garment. It is as true in the state as in religion that "without shedding of blood is no remission of sin" (Heb. ix:22).

Verse 3. The work of the Messiah shall not be that of developing an American Beauty from a wild rose by a gentle culture. It will carry with it certain destructive processes. As in the content of the day.

And the clerks, thousands of them everywhere, bookkeepers, assistants, stenographers, dry goods clerks, grocery clerks, drug clerks and so on ad infinitum, their number runs into the thousands. Yes, there is plenty of work in Portland—but it is not easy to get.

The writer, a man in the prime of American Beauty from a wild rose by a gentle culture. It will carry with it certain destructive processes, as in the case of him who smelts silver or "fulls" a web of cloth.

Verse 4. But the final result is peace. Reformations are not effected by sprins zephyrs, but by cyclones. It may cost the lives of 20,000 men to make a nation "independent," and 300,000 to make it "free."

Verse 5. Those who profess to be the employment offices, "Not much show. ed," everywhere I turned. Then we tried the employment offices, "Not much show in the city; can ship you to Idaho as a common laborer!" To get on to the city work you must have one year's residence to your credit. This is a good thing in protecting the resident in giving him the preference over the floater.

The B. M. C. H. says; "Yes, we have frequent applications for bookkeepers and clerks of all kinds. You deposit \$2 with us and you are entitled to our assistance in procuring you a situation; when we place you, you must agree to when we place you, you must agree to give us 10 per cent of your first two months' earnings." This looked a good deal like a "holdup," especially when you can count all of your dollars on your

deal like a "holdup," especially when you can count all of your dollars on your fingers, but finally, on our friend Mr. T. (who represented the B. M. C. H.) agreeing to refund the \$2 if no position was secured in one week's time, we made the deposit and waited for results. The week has long since gone by and we are still waiting. But we were not content to sit idly down while waiting for our friend Mr. T. to find the much needed work. We visited the employment secretary of the Y. M. C. A. While not a member of the association, we have always looked upon it as a grand institution, operating on a broad scale for the purpose of preventing young men from wandering off into by and forbidden paths. From a spiritual standpoint, it seems to be more of a "preventive" than a "curative," but this is not the question under consideration; it is a grand institution, any way, but we were somewhat surprised when the secretary informed us "We are confining our employment work to our own members exclusively. You can come in as a member by paying the regular fee and then we will try to assist you." Now that sounds very nice, and is all right from the Y. M. C. A. standpoint, but what is a man to do who has a family to support, rent to pay, and only 15 in the world? I assure you, the man lookwhat is a man to do who has a family to support, rent to pay, and only \$5 in the world? I assure you, the man looking for work feels that things are out of joint, when, in the midst of a great and rich city, he is told that he must do something that is utterly impossible for him to accomplish before a professed Christian organization can help him to get honest work.

We went to the largest employment office in the city (at least he is the

office in the city (at least employment office in the city (at least he is the largest advertiser). He had one position that we knew we could satisfactorily fill; the salary was not large—\$50 per month—but it was better than nothing. We asked about the commission,

PRAYED FOR AID IN BUYING TROUSERS

From the New York World.

"A skeptic cannot well avoid wondering why, if God furnished the clothes he could not furnish trousers that were not too long," said the Outlook, edited by Dr. Lyman Abbott, in an attack it has made upon the evangelists, Torrey and Alexander, successors to Moody and Sankey, who arrived in New York from Europe this week and will hold revival meetings in Madison Square garden. The remark was made apropos of the following incident told by Mr. Alexander and quoted by the Outlook from a book written by George T. Davis upon the work of the evangelists:

"I prayed the Lord that He would help me choose a good suit of clothes and lead me to the right pattern. I was asking Him to take the lead in the least little detail of my every-day life as I had never done before.

"We went through the rolls of cloth, and, of course, my eye settled on the best roll in the lot. I inquired its price. The tailor said, 'A suit in that cloth would be \$40.' I said, Then it's no use talking about that one.'

"We went along, and each plece of cloth seemed to be unsuitable, and finally the man turned to me and said. You liked that first plece better than any, didn't you? I said, 'Yes.' Well, he said, 'there was a man came in here and had a suit made of that cloth, but it didn't quite fit him, and he was not pleased with it. It is a new suitnever been worn. If it should fit you, I will let you have it for \$18.'

"We tried it on and it fitted me exactly, with the exception that the trousers had to be shortened a little; so I had \$2 left for tless and collars. Thus I learned a lesson that I have never forgotten—that God answers prayer for temporal things as well as for things spiritual."

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temporal things as well as for things spiritual."

The Outlook's remarks have stirred the friends of the evangelists, who have been holding remarkable meetings in Australia and England, with what permanent ethical effect the Outlook seems to question. One of these friends, F. H. Revell, the publisher, said yesterday:

"I do not wish to appear to engage in a controversy with Dr. Abbott, but I want to say that the Outlook and Mr. Torrey represent two extremes in position among the church people of America, Dr. Torrey is extremely conservative and the Outlook is extremely liberal. One cannot preach the word to all people with the same filustrations. One cannot conduct a great propaganda for all classes of people with an interrogation mark, I have no doubt the mission that will be conducted here will be successful."

Will He Attempt Poetry?

From the Chicago Evening Post.
Everybody must have been disappointed that Mr. Roosevelt's letter to Mr. Clemens was in prose. Up to this time verse is about the only thing under the sun the president is not known to

\$5! We thought of the wife and chilfollower thought of the wife and children at home, and the grocery bill already twice that amount, looked at our employment agent, and, while he may have been honest and might have refunded the money, we confess our fear of it, and walked sadly away. We are still looking for work and will giadly accept anything honorable, clerical, mental or manual.

J. O. S.

A Great Day for La Grande.

La Grande, Or., Dec. 13.—To the Editor of The Jourani—The coming of Dr. Brougher to La Grande will be long remembered. The occasion for his visit was to deliver his great lecture in the Central church under the auspices of the churches of the city. The lecture is the first in a series of five attractions arranged for this winter. The day was the coldest of the season, but great interest prevailed.

At 11 o'clock our honored guest, ac companied by a group of city pastors, visited the city High school. Superintendent J. M. Martin, who had visited the Temple and heard Dr. Brougher in his own pulpit, has a keen appreciation his own pulpit, has a keen appreciation of the doctor's merit, so he assembled the High school pupils. For 40 minutes the doctor spoke in a most thrilling and inspiring manner on education of body, mind and soul. The address scintillated and sparkied, abounding in forceful illustration and brilliant thought. It will live in the minds of the young people of our city as one of surpassing interest.

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At 2 p. m. the Baptist church was filled with an expectant audience. Dr. Brougher entered and gave us a most persuasive and uplifting gospel sermon. For one hour he spoke on "Doing the Impossible." The audience was held in rapt attention and felt itself mightly moved by the nower of the holy spirit moved by the power of the holy spirit through the word and was encouraged to attempt greater things for God and

expect greater things from God.

The speaker impresses one that he is a man with a message for the world; and that he believes himself linked in-separably with the Infinite One, who separably with the Infinite One, who must be shaken from his throne and shorn of his power before his cause can languish or his messengers be de-

But Dn. Brougher appeared as a master of assemblies in the lecture at the Central church at \$ p. m. Before a great audience he spoke with entrancing power for one hour and a half on "Home, Sweet Home; or, How to Be Happy Though Married." Wit and human ware blended with profound Happy Though Married." Wit and humor were blended with profound thought. The sublime and the 'ridiculous were in close relation. Laughter and tears flowed together. Both the man and the message were mighty. The assembly was lost in admiration. Universal praise was expressed. And the doctor was beselged for a return rip one year hence or sponer. When trip one year hence or sconer. When he returns the city en masse will wel-come him. W. H. GIBSON. come him. W. H. Garage Part Parties Church.

Two Bible Students.

Jefferson, Dec. 13.—To the Editor of The Journal—One of the most amus-ing things I ever heard occurred in Portland the other day, as recorded by

The Journal.

A man named George Gottlieb had been arrested for wandering around the north end salcons. He was very filthy and when taken before Acting Judge Young refused to be sworn. He gave as a reason: "I am a Christian and I refuse to swear. I am willing to testify, but not to take an oath, for the Bible says 'swear not at all." Deputy City Attorney Fitzgerald looked at the man and then said: "You're a pretty man and then said: "You're a pretty Christian. Do you remember that the Bible also says, 'cleanliness is next to Godliness'"

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Now, just in what part of the Bible the city attorney found this language I am unable to say. It reminds me a good deal of what a judge once said to a poor fellow who complained to him that he lost his sweetheart: "Well." and the judge," do not be discouraged. There's as good fish in the sea as ever were caught. The Bible says, 'A faint heart never won a fair lass."

By the way, has City Attorney Pitzgerald ever read the works of John