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A CALL THAT WAS DECLINED

T IS TOO LARGELY TRUE in this country that the pew rules the pulpit. The average preacher in the fullest sense is not a free man. Within the limits of the doctrines of his church he may doubtless express himself but once he strays beyond that he is likely to arouse individual antagonism which sooner or later will result in his undoing. Church activities should embrace a much wider field than mere theology. are social, moral and in a broad sense political estions which constantly arrest the attention of ear-st men and out of the depth of their convictions they

Rabbi Wise had an opportunity to go to New York as the liberally-paid pastor of the richest synagogue of which the city boasts. To many men this would have been the crown of their ambitions. Many opportunities to do good would be presented and doubtless with the hearty approval of the congregation he could have raised higher ideals and done a work which would have been full of merit and not without personal satisfaction. But at the same time it would have been distinctly understood that whenever the crucial moment came it was od that whenever the crucial moment came it was trustees and not the pastor whose decision would be final and irrevocable.

Put in this way there was but one thing for a man of the character, earnestness and ideals of Rabbi Wise to do and that was to decline the offer. The natural outcome of it all must inevitably be a new and vital movement locally organized in New York but national in its scope with Dr. Wise at its head. The need of such its scope with Dr. Wise at its head. The need of such work is manifest from the single circumstances of the restrictions which were sought to be placed upon him. His work here has gone far and away beyond the scope of the synagogue. It embraced broad public questions that interested all the people without regard to their religious affiliations. He has qualified himself for a bigger field and ulready justified the expectation that he will fill it as ably and brilliantly as any man of his faith the country affords. Should this be the outcome the people of Portland irrespective of creed will see him go with regret but backed by the firm conviction that he is destined to grow and achieve conspicuous eminence in the line of his high endeavor if his life should be spared.

PORTLAND AND THE STATE.

flings of its local newspapers at Portland. People of Portland want every part of Oregon to develop and grow and become more and more populous and prosperous. This will ensure the rapid and continuous growth of Portland, whose people surely will rejoice in and be proud of the growth and development of Astoria, Salem, Ashland, Baker City, Albany, The Dalles, and all other Oregon towns. They will only grow and thrive, as Portland only will, by the settling up and development of the country; by the increase in the number of people and volume of production; the better cultivation of the soil, the development in all ways and along all lines of Oregon's marvelous rural resources. Nothing is to be gained by anybody through abuse of Portland. Doubtless there are some selfish and grasping people here, as there are in every large town; but they are after all in a small minority. Jibes and sneers at Portland are stale, flat and unprofitable. If every town and locality will just do its own level best, it will have no time or occasion to criticise Portland, of which O INTERIOR LOCALITY gains anything have no time or occasion to criticise Portland, of which city in their inner hearts all of them, after all, are proud.

except Roosevelt, who were inaugurated under the age of 50.

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What will President Rooseyelt do when he retires? He cannot keep still; it is not in his nature; he is yet a young man, vigorous, virile, with many ideas and intense physical and mental activity.

It has been suggested that he might become president of Harvard university, but we doubt whether he would fit in that position, or whether he would accept it. He would a large family, mostly boys, which will necessarily engage a good deal of his attention; otherwise we could easily imagine him spending some years in the

Dark Continent, or in the unexplored or but slightly explored regions of interior South America. He may, however, stick to politics and ask the people of New York to elect him to the senate to succeed Platt, which they would no doubt do, if he should take such a notion; but he scarcely belongs there.

Then, he might conclude, by 1909, to dig the Panama canal, which apparently will scarcely he started by that time. He may not be an expert engineer, but if at the head of the business he would undoubtedly make the dirt fiv.

Or, he might take a notion to become a preacher; he likes to talk; possibly he could head a great, modern Durch Reformed church in the American metropolis.

But we think that his best chance for enduring fame is to start out in the spring of 1909 and begin to dig the Panama canal. He hasn't been able to find anybody yet to do it; why not do it himself.

But whatever he does—and he will surely be doing something—President Roosevelt will be an interesting and active figure, even after he retires from his high office.

THE GREATEST YEAR YET.

XPORTS OF MERCHANDISE for 1905 reached the enormous total of one billion six hundred million dollars. The next highest record made was one billion four hundred and eight-four millions in 1903. Our imports last year footed up in value one billion seven hundred and seventy-five millions, the biggest former record being one billion, thirty-five thousand dollars in 1904. Our total foreign trade therefore last year was two billion seven hundred and seventy-five million, as compared with two billion four hundred and eighty-seven million dollars in 1904, an increase of 11 per cent.

Bank clearings in 1905 reached the astounding figure of one hundred and forty-two billion dollars, as com-pared with one hundred and eighteen billions in 1901,

the previous record year, an increase of 27 per cent.

Railway earnings for the first ten months of 1905 foot up one billion four hundred and seventeen million dol-lars, an increase of one million, or seven per cent, over

Money circulation last month reached a total of two billion six hundred and sixty-two million dollars, a new high water mark, the highest previous record being the preceding month, two billion six hundred and fifty-three million dollars.

The iron and steel industry-considered a test of the country's business activity and prosperity—shows up greater than ever before, the pigiron output for the year being twenty-three million tons, as against eighteen million tons in 1904, the highest previous econd. The increase in steel rail production was 31 per cent over 1904, and this year will doubtless show a large increase over

The output of sixty-two million tons of anthracite in 1905 is another record breaking figure, the highest former output being fifty-nine million tons in 1903.

Of agricultural production—corn, wheat, cotton, fruit, dairy and poultry products—we have spoken at some length heretofore suffice it to say that the amount runs into the billions, and was never before equaled.

This is surely a great country, and is growing greater year by year; it is not unlikely that 1906 may beat 1905.

THE MILEAGE GRAFT.

THE ALLOWANCE OF MILEAGE to members PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S PUTURE.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT is the youngest of American presidents, and when he retires in 1909 he will be under 50 years of age, and nearly two years younger than Lincoln was at his first inaugural. Cleveland and Pierce were the only presidents, according to distance from the capital.

A Washington Star correspondent, in discussing at length this question of roundabout compensation of congressmen, points out that these men have always frowned

THE PLAY

The second night of the engage Schemian Girl," and the performance svidently was pleasing to the good-sized crowd in attendance. None of the light operas, perhaps, contains sweeter music and the old-time favorite numbers aroused considerable enthusiasm. It is doubtful, however, that in this day of big stage pictures the company will achieve any triumphs without a new dressing of the piece. There is too much domesticity in the scenery, most of which belongs to the Marquam.

The principals, especially Mr. Wal-

The principals, especially Mr. Walters, the tenor, and Mr. Amsden, the baritone, were heartly encored.

The engagement closes tonight with a performance of "The Mikado."

Sarah's Hopeless Plight.

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From the Philadelphia Telegraph.

The divinity which hedges the great sarah is not proof against the theatrical trust. It has ordained that the rural barn and the circus tent are good enough for her when she penetrates the south. This is had enough for mortals; but when such an indignity is visited on the Goddess of Histrionism is is beyond words. We have it from mythology that the delities at times sought through the things of mere clay for work their wills; and so now we find year Bernbardt tupplicaling Jusserand, the representative of great France, to persuade the premier of the United States that this is of violence to her reputation comes within his purview and is matter for his correction. But she will fall. Notther diplomacy nor the militant arm of Gaul nor all the conjoined powers of the American army and many can are Sarah from a barn to a circus tent if the theatrical trust reass.

measure no less than six inches in length and four inches in width. On the upper line is the single word "Wilhelm," and below are the words, "Deutscher Kaiser und Koenig von Preussen."

These words are printed in large, fat, Gothic letters. It is hardly necessary to add that the emperor does not consider it necessary to inscribe, like ordinary folks, his address on his visiting-cards, perhaps for the very reason that he is so exceedingly seldom at home. Of course the emperor does not carry about these huge bits of pasteboard himself. They are confided to his chasseur, or body-servant, wao follows him.

The other sovereigns in Europe content themselves with quite small and unobtrusive visiting-cards, with the words in Latin script. Among the most simple, in point of size and appearance, are those of the emperor of Austria and of King Edward. The Prince of Wales has two sets of cards, the one for use abroad and the other for use in England. The latter bear the words "The Prince of Wales," the other the French translation of the same, the "Prince de Galles."

A City of Towers.

From the Builders' Journal.

Why not build office towers? The curse of the tenement is the want of light and air; and the same curse belongs to modern office buildings. An office tower would secure an abundance of light and air. It might consist of a series of rooms arranged one above the other inside the tower, with stairs and lifts in projections at the angles; or four towers, each with a room on every floor, grouped around a stair and lift block in the center. These towers could be carried 200 test high—which is about the height of the campanile of the new cathedral at Westminster. A city of spires we already know, but a city of office towers is a suggestion of what might be, and may perhaps be. From the Builders' Journal.

Can Fishes Hear?

From Harper's Weekly.

A question that is constantly being debated by zoologists and forms the subject of experimental research is. "Can fishes heart" While some plausible arguments are advanced in the affirmative, the general opinion of zoologists is opposed to this view, and the reasons have recently been summed up in a German otological journal by Dr. O. Koerner.

Though many fishes are sensitive to rapid consecutive vibrations transmitted through the water, yet it is not finds himself.

believed that these are perceived by so-called auditory organs, for in the cases of some 25 species of fish single loud explosions were totally disregarded. The senses of sight and touch in fishes can be readily demonstrated and studied, and there is no logical reason why the sense of hearing should be so difficult of determination.

The most conclusive argument, however, is that fishes and other vertebrates that are deaf are the only members of the class that do not have organs corresponding to the cortischian nerve terminations. These organs, it is believed, are the only ones that are capable of transmitting auditory vibrations, as there is no reason for believing that such vibrations can be received by the vestibular apparatus.

From the London Chronicle.

We are told that "bedad" is not Irish at all, never has been Irish except in the mind of the English comedian; and the mere Baxon is cheated of his best anecdotes. If the Irishman does not say "bedad"—begorrah! what does he say? If you may not say "bedad," you may say at every opportunity, "Is it destroyed that ye are?" A blind woman is a "dark" woman; you must say destroyed that ye are?" A blind woman is a "dark" woman; you must may "whisht!" instead of "hush!" and if a direct answer is to be wrung from you-which can generally be avoided in Ireland—you just say "It is," or "Ye are," or "I do," as the case may be, but never the plain English "Yea."

Stock Exchange Seats for \$95,000. From the New York American.

1833 Seats seld, 500; average cost,
each, \$35; Initiation fee, \$10
1953 Beats cost, each
1805 - Seats cost, each 10.0
1879-Seals cost, each
1900 - Seats cost, each 16.0
1901 Beats cost, each 50,0
1902 Seats cost, each 86,0
1963 Seats cost, each 88,0
1935 Scats, latest value 95.0
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SMALL CHANGE

The courts are granting too many di

Hurrah for Dr. Wise. District Attorney Jeres

Only 51 weeks more of 1995 in which

Russia will have its Christmas week, but it will not be a very one.

If President Roosevelt is going into the boss business, he will be an inter-esting and lively boss, to say the least of it

Are you sorry you swore off? Or that you didn't stick to your resolu-tions? But any day is as good as January 1 to begin to do right or be better. Agents, in spite of notices and warnings, continue to rush in where angels would fear to go.

Isn't it nearly time for another Re-publican love feast?

The baby that has enough to eat and is kept warm is as happy if the child of poor people as if one of millionaires—and may get through life more happily.

The year has started in nicely for most business men of Oregon, according to reports in the "country" press.

Yes, the city should own the docks and river front transportation facilities. The mayor is right.

The highest mission in life, remarks a philosophical paragrapher, is to make those with whom we come in contact better for having known us.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS

boose fighters has by common and mutual consent passed into general dissociation and its component parts have climbed high up on the water wagon, there to remain until time runneth not, says the Miner. China Joe will drive the wagon, and it will be loaded down with quitters until its, wheels mire in the dust.

A Madras hotel proprietor thinks the Agency plains will prove to be a great wheat country and that Madras is the

Many new fruit trees being planted around Freewater.

Pupils in Vale school number 20 n

Freewater Times: country exchange says an Iowa handsomest man in Oregon, sent him our card.

Snow already deeper in parts of east-ern Oregon than it was at any time last winter. TEL DENGL

Several eastern Oregon men have bought many thousands of scree of land in Texas.

The operations of a young man with a penchant for swindling has reached the attention of the officers, says the Corvallis Times. His modus operandi is curious. He bought packages of to-bacco at one store, went to other pinces and, with a claim that he had purchased them there, asked to return them and have refund of the money. He bought also on credit, and worked the same scheme, in a few instances with success. He also bought three for a quarter packages and worked them off individually at 70 cents straight.

Great resources in timber and coal in southwestern Oregon, not only in Coos but in Curry county.

Better roads this year in Oregon.

Just below Blalock island on the Washington side is a low level bench of land containing several thousand acres, which will be irrigated soon by means of pumping plants to be put in by the time the new railroad is in operation, says the Irrigon Irrigator. If land-owners can profitably till the soil under this expensive mode of irrigating, then we surely have a future in Irrigon, where the gravity flow from the Umatilia supplies our water in abundance.

Uncle Cob. Blair of Benton county was

Got your new hunters' licenses yet? Strange Maneuver Accounted For

From the San Francisco Chronicle.
Henry Stern, real estate broker, was walking along Montgomery street with friend. After proceeding about 20 onces the friend fell back a step and closed in on Stern's right. They proceeded 20 feet, when Stern backed up, idestepped and regained his former cosition.

position.

"Excuse me," said the friend, 30 feet further along the street, as he retreated a step and again slipped around to the right side of the real estate agent.

They continued along Montgomery street 17 paces when Stern, with an "I beg your pardon," executed the same maneuver and regained the right-hand position.

Say, what's the matter?' demande e friend.

"Can't hear with my left ear," ax sined Starn.
"Same here," said the friend. "Shake."

From the Philadelphia Press.
Some of the people who now have sames no doubt feel just like getting on railroad train and riding around the set of the year to make the most of it.

ROCKEFELLER'S MEDICAL INSTITUTE

tified with Mr. Morgan's name, one by that of Mr. Rockefeller, one by that of James Stillman—that are now in authority in the Vanderbilt system cap say exactly what the plan these leaders have in mind is. But there are two inferences, each of which is reasonable, and neither of which is inconsistent with the other that are mentioned as explanations or forecasts of this plan. One of them predicts a speedy consolidation of various Vanderbilt and allied interests by which a true transcontinental railroad line, under one controlling authority, shall be perfected. This doubtless would involve the purchase of the Northwestern, and the wonder is whether there may not also be merger with the St. Paul, which now contemplates the extension of its system to the Pacific coast.

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It would be no more difficult to be the Northwestern than Mr. Hill as Mr. Morgan found it to be when the purchased the Burlington system Moreover, the Vanderbilt interests, the Northwestern are probably thargest single interest, although the do not control the property.

On the other hand, some financiera here are persuaded that the great consolidations that will perfect a single so-called transcontinental system will bring the Union Pacific into the Vanderbilt family. If that were done, there would be a transcontinental line approximately paralleling the degree of latitude that stretches from Boston across the continent to San Francisco. Another inference that has considerable justification, if correct, predicts accurately the formation of some great holding company or association or trusteeship into whose embrace will be placed the securities of the various Vanderbilt systems, and so placed that the control of these systems can never be wrenched from the sponsoring company. That plan was talked of several years ago, and to some extent was sworked out at the time of the control of the sum of the control of was successed to the control of these systems can never be wrenched from the sponsoring company. That plan was talked of several years ago, and to some extent was sworked out at the time of the control of the sum of the control of the sum of the control of these systems can never be wrenched from the sponsoring company.

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A recent European invention that now is being brought to the attention of municipal authorities is an automobile street sweeping and watering machine. This device, which has been tried in Paris with some success, consists of a large automobile truck fitted with a tank having a capacity of 470 gallons of water. There is a 12-horse-power motor, which can use as fuel either gasoline, kerosone or alcohol, and to which by bevel gearing is connected a rolary brush fixed diagonally across the frame-of the vehicle. In front of this brush it is possible to discharge a variable amount of water to lay the dust, which is then swept to one side, while there are two discharge pipes at the rear pierced with fine holes from which water may be sprayed over a width of street of 26 feet. The new machine can accomplish as much as six street cleaners and several horse water carts and its use involves a considerable saving in labor.

The Receivership Record of 1905.

From the Railroad Gasetta.

The list of railroad receiverships during the year 1905 is on its face a remarkable one in that during the most markable one in that during the prosperous year in the history of roads in this country 10 roads a confessed their inability to a charges—a larger number than in of the previous four years. These bankrupt companies

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

The Journal—In your imme of yesterday I noticed an interciew purporting to have been had with one of the officers of the Oregon Real Estate company, in which the party is quoted as saying that "they favor the improvement of Holina and that "this company, in has frequently tried to have the atreet improved."

I desire to brand this statement as absolutely false, with the exception that the corporation above mentioned did ask to have the street improved with Belgian blocks from the steet bridge to First street, and had an ordinance passed or introduced, trying to have a certain section of the city not abutting on the street is concerned, they have fought it at all times, as the records at the city hall will show.

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Mr. Larrabee is willing to have the street improved from First street to Union avenue, or Grand avenue, simply now to the property holders, on account of having only 300 feet abutting on Holaday avenue. West of Union avenue he has about 1,600 feet, and that is where he objects to having any improvement made, because it will cost him a little mongy.

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senting the districtions. It correct, predicts also justification. It correct predicts also justification. It correct, predicts also justification. It correct predicts also justification. It correct predicts also justification of the predicts and predicts also justification of the predicts and predicts a

Another Maisance.

Portland, Jan. 3.—To the Editor of The Journal.—Your article, "The Nuisance of Needless Noises," in tonight's Issue is heantly incorsed by myself and family.

Won't you insert another on the streetcar crossing at Overton and Twenty-fifth streets?

The car line on Overton has apparently been abandoned. The ties have been removed, but the crossings remain to distract us. Morrison streetcars meet near this crossing about every five minutes, from 6 a. m. till 12:30 p. m., and in passing it the noise they make is heard for blocks, and is terrible.

I hope you will put down this nuisance as you have so many others by means of your valuable columns.

SUBBCRIBER.

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Enock Out the Forestry Bill.

Portland, Jan. 5.—To the Editor of The Journal.—Our city council has made snother great financial deal for the tax-payers of the Rose city, viz., the purchase of freel estate, paying therefor the paitry sum of \$14,000.

What forethought; what a stroke of francied finance!

Then comes the announcement that "owing to lack of funds" there will not be any addition to the number of arc lights in the city. It is even "thought a reduction will have to be made in the present number now in use"—good, bad and indifferent. Squander \$14,000 on a few logs (hundreds of similar logs can be obtained from our

HIS MONEY

Supposing a man is earning \$15 or \$20 a week.

Out of that he must dress himself, pay his living expenses and, if he is sensible, save a little.

Of course, he likes to take the girl he likes best to the theatre once in a while, but if he is a wise girl she will not expect to go too often.

Ner will she always be on the lookout for candy, etc.

A man gets frightsned when he knows that he is expected to hand out money on all occasions.

Sometimes he is even expected to spend money freely on every member of the family of his lady love.

It isn't fair, girls, and I don't wonder that the men feel rather imposed upon. When a man is in love with a girl he would like to lavish his entire fortune upon her.

If she does not return his love she should not allow him to spend his money upon her.

should not allow him to spend his money upon her.
And if she does love him, she should exert her influence to urge him to save every cent for the future.

Don't jump to the conclusion that a man is stingy simply because he is not always offering to spend money out

of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Lucy Carnegie.

Mr. Carnegie has invited his former partners in the manufacture of steel to visit him at Dungeness. It is his intention to write a book during the winter, Each of his former partners has been asked to furnish data and reminiscences, which he will compile.

It is said Mr. Carnegie will begin with his humble birth, trace his efforts to obtain knowledge from the library of Colonel Anderson of Allegheny and give in detail his rise from messenger boy to head of the steel industry. Several chapters in Mr. Carnegie's business chreer have been filled with bitterness. He has intimated that he will not shield himself nor omit his own mistakes in life. It is Mr. Carnegie's hope that the book will become a classic for the guidance of young men who have energy and ambition.

almost inexhaustible forests) and two acres of real estate, then allow half the city to lapse into darkness, making is merely a hiding place for thugs.

The Forestry building served its purpose during the Lewis and Clark fair. It is admitted shat the building was an "sycogener" to easterners, but to us "backwoodsmen" we can find similar logs every month in the year and every day in the week and can build a similar edifice at any time when thought necessary for less than \$14,000. If there is any power in the voice of the taxpayers, this deal should not be allowed. The betterment of our city should be a prior consideration.