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and the interests of the comunity they serve are one.

THE COLLAPSE OF A "PEACH."

The character and conduct of Senator Depew as a public man an element of pity will mingle. Poor pld-man-airaid. Yet it must be said that he fully deserves all he can suffer. For 50 years he has been false to the public whose great and especial friend he pretended to be, false to high conceptions that a brilliant and prominent man should have and held sacred of his later to the public of which he received and obtained favors. uty to the public of which he sought and obtained favors and preferment, false to himself and to what must have his own inner and higher ideals.

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But at last the bubble burst, the "peach" all at once showed itself rotten from pit to skin; its surface blush wanished, and it appeared, what for 50 years it really had been under the surface, only growing gradually worse all the time—for nobody nor nothing stands still—a rotten, diseased, contemptible thing.

Senator Depew has eaten and drunk freely and deeply of what is popularly considered the good things of life. While yet a very young man he was elected a member of the New York legislature, and a very prominent political career was before him. He was handsome, witty, amiable and ready of speech, voluble, and talented. He could long ago have won high places in public life, perhaps the very highest; but he chose rather to become a corporation attorney and lobbyist, at a very large salary. This was permissable, legitimate, but having become the lobbyist and all-around corrupter for the Vanderbilts, he had no longer any right or business to aspire to public position. No man could serve two masters, and somelic position. No man could serve two masters, and some times, if not continually, the interests of the corporations he served and that kept him fat and jolly conflicted with the interests of the rest of the people. The people, since he was elected to the senate seven years ago, have paid Depew \$5,000 a year and some pickings; the corporations have paid him over \$100,000 a year; and his calloused,

N GRANTING a public franchise to an individual or a corporation, whether by gift or sale, the people of the franchise fair service. Fair service means quate service at reasonable rates. Adequate service in the supply of the accommodation, whatever it be, in an amount and of a kind sufficient to meet temands of the community, and the extension of vectorimodation so as to reach the community in the of its needs. Reasonable rates, it is needless to like that kind of a man in the senate. They dote on him. Their representatives in the senate refused him only a year or two ago, and recently 36 out of 35 Republican members of the state recently 36 out of 35 Republican members of the state on to his office and never go near the senate. We keep the will do this, and live his term out; it would be just on to his needs. Reasonable rates, it is needless to like that kind of a man in the senate. They dote on him. Their representatives in the legislature reelected him only a year or two ago, and recently 36 out of 35 Republican members of the state recently 36 out of 35 Republican members of the state recently 36 out of 35 Republican members of the state recently 36 out of 35 Republican members of the state refused to ask him to resign. He ought to hold on to his office and never go near the senate. We keep the will do this, and live his term out; it would be just on the will do this, and live his term out; it would be just on to his needs. Reasonable rates, it is needless to old Uncle Chaunce. "His merry quips and lests are of the factor of the proposition of the principal of the accommunity in the out of the principal of the accommunity in the out of the principal of the accommunity in the out of the principal of the accommunity in the out of the principal of the accommunity in the out of the principal of the accommunity in the out of the principal of the accommunity in the out of the accommunity in the out of the accommunity in the principal of the accommunity in the out of the accommunity in the out of the accommunity in

REQUENT ITEMS in the Journal's news column make it known that certain rascals and thiever are still uninterruptedly purating their to their pleasing occupation of robbing credulous victims by showing them valuable timber lands that are represented to be subject to entry at a nominal or small price, when in fact the lands shown or described are not subject to entry at all, and what the victims really get for their money are lands either wholly imaginary and non-existent, or worthless. Yet we are told that nothing can be done, that these audacious swindlers cannot be prosecuted and punished, that there is no law by which they can be reached.

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We have often read and heard, and when very young believed it true, that in practice as well as in theory, there was in law "no wrong without a remedy;" but we have long since learned that this is only one of the many false pretenses and delusive generalities with which mankind has been fooled ever since. Eve put on the figleaf and Adam plucked the apple. Here are these fine gentlemen in the known and as good-as acknowledged business of robbing innocent and credulous victims, of whom there are many; making thousands and perhaps tens of thousands of dollars a year by deceit, fraud, swindling, thievery; giving this state and region a bad name and causing many homeseekers and intending investors in Oregon lands to doubt whether they can really get anything for their money or not—and yet nothing can be done with them or about them. The district attorney says there is no law under which he can prosecute them; the United States district attorney apparently cannot touch them; they can swindle and steal to their hearts' and pockets' content.

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Under such circumstances, if some victim should take a notion to inflict punishment to the best of his ability himself, we doubt whether a jury would find him guilty of anything involving a severe punishment.

THE TEN-HOUR LAW UPHELD.

and children to 10 hours would stand the test of the higher court, but he decided it according to his best judgment, in the face of conflicting decisions, and perhaps in accordance with his sympathies to some extent, since the case would in any event go to the supreme

We do not assume to suggest at all what that or any court should do, but on broad general principles the law is a good one, and ought to be observed and enforced. Ten hours is long enough for anybody to work continuously, especially women and children wage-earners. There may arise an occasional emergency, of course, when a longer period of work, mutually agreed upon, would not be objectionable, but as a rule no employ ought to require or even permit women and children to work more than 10 hours a day. It has been found that in large cities such a law is necessary, and it will be so, if it is not already so here.

The courts are in conflict on the subject, and it will ponderance of authority;" but we hope the courts will see their way clear to uphold such laws generally. Their intent is good, and they will be of more benefit than harm.

KEEP IT WHERE IT IS.

HE EFFORT being made by certain senators to take the reclamation business out of the hands of the interior department and turn it over to congress ought to be opposed vigorously by the united press of the country. The interior department has doubtless made mistakes; Secretary Hitchcock is not without faults; but he is a thoroughly honest man, and is doing as much as could be reasonably expected in the line of reclaiming arid lands by irrigation. With this business left where it is, more rapid progress will be made, people will know what to depend on, and they can depend on a minimum of grafting; but with the reclamation business turned over to congress it would become a great grafting machine from center to circumference. Every member would have his pets to put into position, regardless of their competency or the need of them; and secrets as to irrigation projects would be a matter of bargain and sale in a dozen congressional committee

It would be nothing less than a national calamity for this great work, now fairly started and well under way, to fall into the hands of the wolves and coyotes of congress. Keep it where it is:

M'CLELLAN HAS LEARNED SOMETHING.

have paid him over \$100,000 a year; and his calloused, shriveled, decayed, discouraged, paralyzed old conscience lid not prevent him from retailing musty jokes and posing as a typical American statesman, while he was all the time betraying the American people.

But at last, accidentally as it seems, through the senseless splarging of a man named Hyde, Depew, along with others, was exposed. It was shown that for doing nothing he had drawn \$20,000 a year of policy-holders' but this is only an illustrative incident. This is what he has been doing, in one way or another, these 50 years.

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Something Out of H. H. Rogers.

Can Use Their Frank.

From the Indianapolis News.

If that no-pass business really does stick, the congressmen still have the privilege of franking themselves home by mail

SMALL CHANGE

Representative Longworth based his recent speech on "personal observation of the Filipinos." But people will doubt whether he bestowed much personal observation on anybody except Alice.

All religoeds must be

OREGON SIDELIGHTS

Umatilla county may for

Interest in the dairy development of Newberg and vicinity is especially been just now.

In Lebanon is a family of four widows—Mra Drane, who was married in Kentucky in 1831, and her three daughters, all widows, aged 78, 88 and 65.

A Clatskanie hog weighed, 515 pounds.

Lumber business on Yaquina bay has grown greatly in the past two years. Interest in poultry greatly inc

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Rev. E. Hays, who has moved from John Day to Vancouver, Washington, went with his wife to Canyon City in 1881 and became pastor of the M. E. church, and after a year was transferred to a former charge in La Grande; three years later he located in John Day, and in 1555 was elected county school superintendent, the duties of which office he performed very faithfully. In 1888 he went into the mercantile business and later retired to a farm, which he conducted for seven years, meanwhile doing a great deal of carpenter work, at which he is an expert. Coming back to John Day he resumed preaching for three years and since retiring has preached for many ministers temporarily all through that region. He has officiated in Grant county at 92 weddings and 902 funerals and has even preached at the funerals of Catholies. No wonder such a man will be missed in that region.

Telephone line from Laxington to Irrigon talked of.

A Tambill county farmer is named Slowfoot. Yet he may be fast foot on the farm.

Pupils in McMinnville public schools number 448 and in the college nearly

Coyotes multiplying in Benton county The united age of a couple of mar-ried at Albany was 23, but Dallas has gone one better, or worse, with 22 for the two.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Council Proceedings.

Portland, Or., Jan. 20.—To the Editor of The Journal—I believe every property-owner and taxpayer would like to know what business is transacted at the meetings of the city council. Tou are editing an up-to-date paper, and if you could devote enough space under the heading, "Council Proceedings." I am sure your readers would greatly appreciate it. Give us the full details of the business transacted. Let us know who are the eyes and who are the nose—who makes a motion and who seconds it. It seems to me that the council at present cares more for antagonizing the mayor that it does for the welfare of the city. Let us know how long taxpayers are going to stand for this kind of business. If the people did not want Lane for mayor, why did they put him there? It was their votes that elected him. I am actually sorry for the council—it should be pitied, not censured, for its actions. Lane is doing his best and the council its werst. I am a subscriber to your paper and a Republican, but you put ap a good paper, and to keep up with the times you have to read The Journal. Respectfully,

A SUBBURIBER AND TAXPAYER.

deserves.

JOHN M. DANE.

A Card From District attorney Manning.

Portland, Or., Jan. 22.—To the Editor of The Journal—I noticed in the Interest of gamblers," and believing it to be my duty to put myself right before the public I hand you herewith this letter, which I hope you will publish and give as much prominence as you did to the article to which I refer.

Concerning the information filed against William M. Ayers for conducting the sale of pools on the racetrack instrumer, I have this to say, that the supreme court has heretofore decided in the Neaso case that conducting a place for the sale of pools on horse maces on a business arrest of this city is a criminal offense. Whether this is a law in respect to selling pools out of the business center of the city and at the Multnomah Fair asponsion racetrack is disputed.

I think that the act of Mr. Ayers is within the Nease decision. If I am right it is my duty as district attorney to prosecute all persons at the racetrack or classwhere who violate that law. I have filed this information now, in order that if poolseiling shall be conducted next summer at the facetrack that the parties ghilty of so doing will know what the law is and will have no excuse for disobeying it.

I did not bring this action to fool the supreme court, as was intimated in your article. But there is a wide divergence of opinion among lawyers as to whether or dot the Nease decision actually covers a case of this kind, and therefore. I am souls the state of this kind, and therefore. I am souls the state of this kind, and therefore.

LEWIS AND CLARK

WITE VERY EATEST IN CHURCHES

THE PLAY

It is an excellent show for the money, or for any money, for the sort of show. The Little Church Around the Corner protends to be. There are plenty of applaudable lines—"Politics cannot bend the will of heaven," and "To swear away the name of a good woman is not the work of an Irishman and I won't do it," for example. Once again the villain's base plottings bring the beautiful heroine in to the attic chamber, with famine in sight, but this time, when the heroine, sad, weepy, almost broken in spirit, comes in from an adjoining room, she has eachewed the bedraggied gown and the ugly shawi that every melodrame company carries for such occasions. She appears, mind you, in as trim a bleck silk shirtwaist as you can find on Washington street, and the audience is so delighted at the change that no one stops to figure where she got it. Left bver, perhaps, from more prosperous days. Anyway, Miss Ailleen May, for such is the name of the young woman who plays the heroine, looks first-rate in it.

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The laughs in the entertainment are supplied for the most part by William L. Raynore and Viola Keene, and they are good, hearty laughs, too. Harry Babb, though some inches tail for the part, plays the bootblack admirably.

The name of the play is used purely for effect, for the play has nothing to do with the church for which it is named.

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A musical comedy sort of chorus, several girls with excellent voices, one unusually funny comedian—these were the features of the show presented at the Baker theatre yesterday by W. B. Watson's burlesquers which made patrons of the house declare it far and away shead of any of its predecessors. There were some people who professed to be shocked by the performance presented in the second half, wherein a lonesome bachelor advertises offering a prise for the girl who can show the best ankle and calf, also his hand in marriage to the winner. The thing looks, impossible, but the fact of it is the performance was without guile. No one questioned the past of shybody and no one made any nasty remarks: the badness, such as it was, was frankly bad.

However, all this aside, the show presented at the Baker is one that can be recommended as a sure cure to any one who is afflicted with blues, or as a preventive for any one who fears becoming so afflicted. W. B. Watson, the comedian, is funny all the time and as he was the center of things there were few moments when the audience was not laughing. Miss Bijou Mignon sings well, as does Miss Lisette Howe, whose lasting of "laby" till Lovely to Be on the Biase, with the chorus to help, was needed into evidence more slik hats than have been seen in Portland at one