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## TIME FOR ACTION ON THE BRIDGE QUESTION.

THIS ONE FACT there can be no doubt, that the people of Portland are willing to do everything reasonable within their power to encourentrance of the Portland & Seattle railroad into this city. It is likewise self-evident that it can only come in by means of a bridge. Investigation makes clear that for the best interests of the company, and incidentally for the best interests of the community as a whole, that bridge should be built at the point already a senate that almost wholly serves the trusts and railselected in the vicinity of Swan island. It is now ap- roads; if they are willing that senatorial elections should parent, too, that the only feasible plan for the bridge, owing to the physical conditions under which it will be built, is a swing draw-bridge.

It may have been both wise and necessary for the Port of Portland commission to have spent all the time that has elapsed since the project was first proposed in making investigations. Upon this there is no need to make any criticism. But the time has now come when action is expected. The question has been thoroughly thrashed over and certain definite conclusions have been reached in the public mind. We need the new railroad in our business and we have needed it for some time. It is now here at our doors ready and anxious to come in if e will let it. Are we going to interpose technical objections, are we going to interpose difficulties, largely manufactured by our imagination, to its entrance when we know that its coming is of more importance to us than anything that has been proposed for the benefit of the city for the past dozen years?

It would scarcely be reasonable to think that we should do this; it would be quite as unreasonable to believe that the public would tamely submit to the Port of Portland standing on quibbling grounds to accomplish the same indesirable end. The time has come for action, indeed for affirmative action, and those who stand in its way cannot but be regarded as obstructionists to the best interests of the city.

## BOTH SIDES WIN-AND LOSE.

N SO COMPLICATED A CASE as that of the quarrel between two railroad companies over rights-ofway and grades on the peninsula, a clean-cut and positive decision wholly in favor of one or the other was not to be expected, and, we must assume from Judge Frazer's decision, would not have been just. So although it is to be regretted that probably prolonged litigation, involving condemnation proceedings, must ensue efore the contention can be settled, there is no help for it, and it can only be hoped that the lawyers and judges, with the people's large and vital interests in view, will press the case through to a final conclusion as rapidly

It is, of course, within the power of these corporations, the one that thinks it is getting the worst of it, or at desires to prevent the other from getting into this city, to postpone by appeals a final decision and settlement to a far distant date, yet not quite interminably, we venture to hope that rather than this course shall be pursued the contending parties will effect a comptomise. On one hand the Portland & Seattle will have to get in on such terms as to other parties as the courts and authorities decide are right, whether they are really so or not, and on the other hand the O. R. & N., by keeping up the fight and yielding nothing stands to lose far more in the consequent ill will of the people than it could possibly gain.

urse is to do what we are trying to do and what the new primary law intends shall be done by the people in Oregon, and is done in several southern states; have the people vote directly on candidates for senator and require the legislature to obey the people's choice thus expressed.

But suppose the legislature will not. How is it to be Well, if the people are in earnest compelled to do so? in this matter, simply by voting for no candidate for the legislature who will not squarely promise to do this. Of course if the people do not care about changing the manner of electing senators; if they are satisfied to inue to be the bane and scandal of legislative sesions, then they can find fault and pick flaws with the primary law, and vote for unpledged or straddling canlidates, or wait a dozen or twenty years, or longer, perhaps, for the desired constitutional amendment.

Nobody knows when, if ever, the constitution will be amended, but we have the primary law now, and can use it effectively next June on the legislature which meets the succeeding January.

## THE RAILROAD PASS EVIL.

OVERNOR FOLK of Missouri was over in Kan sas the other day and talked interestingly to an interviewer about various matters, and partic-ularly passes to legislators and other officials. He looks passes to public servants as nothing less than which serve to accomplish their purpose. bribes. have had a government by the railroads for a long time." he said, "and now we want a government by the people." went on to say that government by railroads had been largely effected by the use of passes bestowed upon officials. Missouri has an anti-pass law, as to members of the legislature, the penalty being not only fine or imprisonment but loss of the office. "In securing a representative government," Governor Folk said, "the nfluence of special interest in legislative halls must be curtailed. The free railroad pass is a prolific breeder of corruption. Many legislators are first seduced by the railroad pass and wind up by accepting bribes in cash have seen instance after instance where men have gone to the legislature imbued with the high and patriotic purpose of serving their constituents honestly and well.

By the acceptance of a railroad pass they put it into the knowledge of the representative of the railroad that they had violated the law, and if after that, the legislator hes-itated to do the bidding of the railroad representative he had only to suggest that the number of the pass could be published and the legislator would bow his head like a slave that is scourged and will do his master's bidding It is no unusual thing in American states to find legislatures absolutely controlled by corporate interests through the medium of the free pass."

This is probably not exaggerated much, if at all. The members of the legislature receive liberal mileage, it not very much pay, and if they cannot afford to do the work required of them without accepting this sort of a bribe they should not seek the office. It is time Oregon had an anti-pass law, and enforced it.

## POPULATION OF AND AROUND BOSTON.

OSTON CLAIMS TO BE not only the home of D the codfish, the consumer of prodigious quan-tities of baked beans, and the hub of the universe, D

but practically if not officially the second city in the United States, and this result is figured out on the assumption that "a city includes all the population within a radius of 50 miles from its geographical center, a distance that can be traversed in about an hour." A 50-mile circle drawn around the statehouse in Boston would include not only Boston proper but also three cities con-taining over 100,000 inhabitants each, ten cities containover 50,000 apiece, 25 containing more than 25,000,

JNO. F. GARBOLI Salem Journal: Portland city da re driving the rest of the state aw om Portland.

After a man becomes middle-aged inds it difficult to become excited ov Iball 引用物理学

One objection to another term Roosevelt is that Ethel might bec a White House bride.

Now a Congo Reform association has been formed in this country. The farther away something to be reformed is, the better, with many people.

A "good fellow" is sometimes a be

A Tillamook county candidate having declared his unfaltering adherence to the "principals" of the Republican party, it is suspected he means the bosses. "Who's Who" will be a great game in Oregon this spring.

Farmer Geer has been following Farmer Withycombe around in southern Oregon and attending the latter's insti-tutes, which looks a little like a case of butting in.

Politicians can harmon banqueting is concerned. onise as far

Mrs. Misner had another sweet but it will be of short duration.

February has also been rather

A Paris scientist claims that only despises water is free from microbes, Must we all become fish, then?

Castro is determined to get into print even if he has to go to the extreme of pretending that he wants to arbitrate

How many candidates for the legislaure will decline passes? (Unanimou silence.)

The more one hears from Chinese sources the less one knows about the situation there.

A Kansas woman claims to have lost \$22,000 out of her stocking. What a stocking it must have been!

Vesuvius is following Tillman's ample-it is in eruption.

The Hepburn bill is now in the senate should keep its hands on its pockets

When Andrew Carnegie gives away money he generally does so only on con-dition that other people shall give an equal amount, perhaps because when he was in business he always wanted 100 per cent profit.

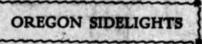
To a good many that senatorship look like a rather ticklish business.

Is March to be the first winter

Pat Crowe says only his consccience restrained him from stealing \$10,000,-000. We always suspected that there was something wrong with Pat's con-

"That marvelously growing western city" is the way Portland is alluded to in an article in the Western Magazine, published at Kansas City.

If the students at some of our schools do anything but play basketball, the public never hears of it.



## OREGON INCIDENTS AND OPINIONS

Gould Afford a Turkey. From the Gold Beach Globs. Charley Zamwait received a wind yesterday in the shape of three 3 bills which has family out to his ran today celebrating the event by eating turkey.

## Look of Auth

From the Junction City Times. The Times will have a good word say for all county candidates who have an announcement in this paper Otherwise we do not consider that we have the authority to do so.

## A Worg for the Mail Co

From the Aurora Borealis. Do not forget the rural mail carries his blustery weather; he works hard ndures many hardships and discom-orts, and faithfuly serves you through cold and wet. Speak a cheery word to him often, and treat him to an ocasions sandwich and oup of coffee, and if yo think he will not appreciate the kind ness, just try it and see.

## Boys Who Will Win.

From the Glendale News. Some of Glendale's boys will so day make a mark in the world i day make a mark in the world for themselves. We refer to such as are diligently using their time to advance themselves whether it be in a literary or mechanical way. Boys who spend their time in loafing seldom, if ever, amount to anything later in life. Some day the busy hoy will have a business of his own, while the boys who never work, if they can get out of if, will alt around on soap boxes and talk about his "luck."

Eaving Trouble With Ebself. From the Seattle Signal. The Oregonian is publishing a num-ber of articles on the primary election law, with reference to its bearing upon the election of United States senator. The Oregonian is in article senator. the election of United States senator. The Oregonian is in awful trouble with itself. Under the direct primary law the editor of that paper stands no more chance of being a United States senator than does Mrs. Woodcock. And that is all that troubles the Oregonian.

## Value of Small Farms.

From the Medford Southern Oregon Many persons hold the belief that a small, well-improved farm situated on a convenient car line, and consequently accessible to town, is an ideal place to live. Bo it is. Not every one likes this sort of thing, however, though it is wholesome and pleasant when circumstances fit. To such persons nearly the whole of Rogue river valley is ad-mirably adapted. With the advent of the trolley cer, the larger farms will undoubtedly be cut up into small holdings. It will be possible to secure the improvement in roads long hoped for. Trade could not fail to see a wonderful growth. Rural interest in an electric line through the Rogue river valley may well be keen, for the trolley car make the country.

### Wants a Conventio

From the Pilot Rock Record. t now looks as if the Republican

will have to call a county conv and place a ticket in the field, if, they do not want to surrender every-thing to the Democrats. There are only a few of us left who think we can only a five of us two the solicitation of friends and win a victory. There are other good men that are not office-seekers who might be induced through a convention to accept a nomination. a convention to accept a non-The dark horse always makes a stron candidate. Let us have a convention Let us invite all good Republicans. L the convention be representative of th the convention be representative of the Republican party of the county. Let us get together and do something.

An Interesting Bing. The ring found in the Douglas mine in the Tennessee guich on January 20 by R. L. Wood is a heavy gentle-man's ring made from a gold nugget. Inside are the initials S. W., and on the Inside are the initials S. W., and on the upper part are clearly engraved a cross, an anchor and a heart representing faith, hope and charity. The ring is probably 40 years old and was evident-ly made by one of the Chinese who were mining in this section about 40 years ago, just after the original white min-ers had skimmed the creeks and guiches in this region of the gold that was most accessible and most readily secured. cossible and most readily secured Several of the early settlers recall that one of the Chinese at that time formed rings from gold nuggets and this ring is probably one that was made for one of the white miners. enown. LEWIS AND CLARK

election to fill it there was a lively can pairs for this small plum, no other shi tions being near. The Democratic can diate was a rather shrawd old fellow the name of Emekiel Hicks, and it look as though he would be succemful, as near little sum had been subscribed an turned over to him as a campaign fun-to the antonishment of everybody, how ever, he was defeated. "I can't account for it." one of the Democratic leaders said, gloomily. "With that money, we should have won. How did you lay it out, Excitel?" "Hun," Esekiel said, alowly, pulling pays 250 a year salary, an' I didn't see no sense in payin' 250 out to get the of-form instead."

THE PATHFINDERS OF

HISTORY

By Rev. Thomas B. Gragory. From Anazimander to Hercert Spen-cer the call is a long one, and yet it is to the mind of the old Greek, born B. C. 516, that we are to look for the head-watere of the mighty stream of evolu-tionary thought. Biripping the gods of the Homerie theosony of their personality, and re-ducing all their satellites to zero, Anazi-mander declared that hature was all. Breaking of evolution, let us try to determine what the word means. Evolution may be defined as (1) con-tinuous progressive change, (3) accord-ing to certain laws (3) and by means of resident forces.

This nature, which he called the in-finite, possessed, according to Anaxi-mander's teaching, the capacity of pro-ducing any and all manifestations, from the firefly to the starry firmament, from the grass blade to the continent, from the ant to man. Anticipating Shakespeare by more than 20 centuries, Anaximander said, for substance:

than 30 centuries, Anaximander said, fo substance: "Nature is made better by no mean. But nature makes that mean; so over that art which you say adds to nature. is an art that nature makes." In other words, this wonderful old Greek, who lived so long ago, was an out and out evolutionist, for he taught (1) that existence was a continuous progressive change, (2) according to certain laws, and (3) by means of resi-dent forces—that is, resident in nature. Creation, Anaximander declared, is the "decomposition of the infinite." Na-ture changes her shape perpetually. The

The mountains are older than man, and the worlds are older than man, and the worlds are older than the mountains; but the difference is only in the form—in substance man, and mountains, and worlds are all of an age and all of a piece. to a parade of all my sine i began to try to eggstract my personality from my coat, but ven I pushed my arm up in der alr to get der sleeve loose my ken-nuckles struck der hardwood finsh, und I fell backward on der castiron pillow, breathing horsefully like a busy chack-rabbit.

in the total is substance man, and mountains, and worlds are all of an age and all of a piece. The new-born babe is as old as the first man; the first-blown rose is as old as the earliest bit of vegetation that graced the planet. Babe and rosebud are but the old eternal nature in her latest guise. This old nature is, by its very es-sence, reproductive. It cannot help re-peating itself; and the thing we call "creation" is but the appearance and reappearance over and over again, through the centuries and ages, of the first principle, the infinite, the "One in the All." Anazimander is said to have been the rabbit. I vaited abouid ten minutes vile my brain vas bobbling back und forth mit der eggsditement of running 50 miles an hour ofer a careless part of der coun-try, und den I cautiously tried to ap-proach my shoe laces. If, Locey, if you vas a stout und avoirdupoisy man, veighing 556 pounds, mostly all of vich is in der equator, you your back in an upper berth und try to get your shoes off. Efert time I reached for my feels to Anaximander is said to have been the

set your shoes off. Efery time I reached for my feets to get my shoes off I bumped my head off, und der more I bumped my head off der less I got my shoes off, so I defirst philosopher to reduce his thoughts to writing. It is certain that he wrote to writing. It is certain that he wrote extensively, but only a few fragments of his writings remain to us. But enough remains to show that to

TO HIS SON At Home, Now, Mein Lieber Bon, Locey-J vas glad to pet your letter und find ouid dot pitzness nam goot on der road. You ast

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DINKELSPIEL'S LETTER

You ask me in your letter, Losey, to fell you vunce more abouid der night I took a trip in der Pullman cars und drew an upper berth so you can repeat it to a friend of yours for laughing pur-

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY SS, 1806.

Your father has nefer refused you anyding, Loosy, so vy should I hold back der laugh vich is on mb?

From my eggsperience dot night I am chased to der conclusion dot der upper berth in a Pullman car is der anne rela-tion to comfort as a carpet tack is to a bare foots.

Der night I took dot mamororial trip to Pittsburg der sleeping car vas crowded from der cellar to der attie und dare vas much internal svearing among dose present.

bracket on der vall und try to sleep. Ven I left der smoker der smokeless hog vas occupying two und a half seats und vas now busy breathing in some second-hand cigaroot smoke vich nobody else seemed to care for. "How do I reach my Alpine bunga-low?" I set to der colored porter, vare-upen he laughed teethfully und hit me on der shins mit a stepladder. Der chent in der lower berth under-meath me vas elseping as loud as pos-

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NE OF A SERIES of articles in the Chicago Journal, by John Vandercook, on "What Is the Matter With Congress?" discusses the senate, in part, as follows: "In theory the complexion of our senate can gradually be changed until it is in accord with the desires of the country; in practice, however, the senators are elected by boss-ridden or venal state legislatures and are, in the majority of instances, men who really represent some railway or trust and are sent to the senate, not to carry out the will of the people, but to oppose it. We have seen the senate amend tariff bills in favor of the sugar trust; kill rate regulation bills in interest of the railroad trust ; prevent fair play to our island possessions for the sake of the tobacco and other trusts; and still we have no way to tell the senate speedily and emphatically of our disapproval. In other words, we are in the nonsensical position of having obstructed our own national progress by the creation of a body which will neither do what the country wants nor let anybody else do what the country wants."

This writer urges not only a constitutional amendment initiated by the legislatures of two thirds of the states, since the senate will not permit congress to do so, providing for the election of senators by direct vote of the people, but also one prohibiting the senate from defeating a bill passed by the house more than once. There are objections to the latter proposition that render it of doubtful merit, and as to the other, suppose the legislatures of two thirds of the states will not propose the

> reduced from 80 to 40 per cent water. It then passes through another disinte-grator, after which lime is added to

further dry it. The mixture is . con-

veyed to a dryer, after which petroleum

coal made by this process is represented

A Matter of Precedence.

Kept Himself Cool.

From the Boston Herald. A man and his wife were once stay-ing at a hotel, when in the night they were aroused from their slumbers by the cry that the hotel was afire. "Now, my dear." said the husband, "I will put into practice what I have preached. Put on all your indispensable

apparel, and keep cool." Then he slipped his watch into his vest pocket and walked with his wife out of the hotel.

by 1,300 degrees of British thermal units. The very best anthracite coal has a value of only 1,400 thermal units, while bituminous coal has a calorific value of 12,500 degrees British thermal When all danger was past, he said: "Now you see how necessary it is to keep cool."

The wife for the first time glanced at her husband. "Yes, William," she said, "It is a grand thing, but if I were you I would have put on my trousers."

### A New Artificial Fuel.

A Matter of Precedence. Washington Correspondence of the New York World. The cleverest thing I ever heard of," said Charles Hands of the London Daily Mail, who came to report the White House wedding for his paper, "was in a speech made by James O'Mahany, an irishman who was a barrister but who came to London to go into newspaper work. He went back to Dublin after a time. His Dublin friends welcomed him with a dinner. One of the guests at the dinner was a doctor whom O'Mahony hated. The doctor made a speech at the dinner and O'Mahony was called upon immediately thereafter. "It is very disagreeable,' he said, 'to follow the doctor so closely. It makes me feel like the undertaker." A New Artificial Fuel. Innumerable inventors have drawn up-on their knowledge of chemistry in the stort to produce a fuel which would compete with coal in efficiency if not in price. Not a great many years ago a prize was offered for a method of solid-tying petroleum or reducing petroleum to such forms that it could be carried in fireboxes. The research thus stimu-lated resulted is the peterting of sov-eral fuels, smong which was one com-bining petroleum and peat. After the peat is raised from the bog by a dradge it is put into a distintegrator and all the roots and coarse material are removed.

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units.

46 containing more than 10,000, and 92 containing more than 5,000. The total population within such a circle would be 3,089,159.

But if Boston has any reasonable right to figure out its population on this basis, the other cities of the country must have the same privilege. By this process Se-attle might beat Portland. The claim is whimsical, but it discloses figures that interestingly disclose how the region adjacent to Massachusetts bay has grown since John Winthrop established a colony there in 1630.

## EMPEROR WILLIAM AND WAR.

E MPEROR WILLIAM on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of his marriage, said: twenty-fifth anniversary of his marriage, said: "My first and last care is for my fighting forces

on land and sea, and that of the empress is for the al-leviation of those who are in poverty and illness." His greatest ambition and most zealous thought is war, is to maintain a great army and navy, to fight on the least provocation and cause the "poverty and illness" and mutilation and death of tens of thousands of men and distress to uncounted women and children, but the

greatest care of the empress is to alleviate distress that it is his ambition and business to cause. She would serve her purpose better by converting him into a peace lord instead of a war lord if she could, than by all other efforts she could possibly put forth. The emperor also says: "May God grant that war may not come," which says: "May God grant that war may not come," which is a false and hypocritical plea, for if war comes it will be William and not God who will be to blame. If he were sure he could win decisively William would like to requisite amendment. For a large proportion of men go into a great war, and cause wholesale destruction, who get into legislatures desire, for various reasons, to devastation and death, and would then thank God for keep this job in their own hands. The next and only these results!

## Two Penniless Princes.

From the London Daily Mail.

While the two elder sons of Prince Waldemar were out walking near Copen-hagen recently night came on before they could return home, and, finding the reads very heavy, they kept a lookout for a conveyance. The only vehicle that passed them was a coal cart, and into this the two young princes elimbed. On arriving at the outskirts of the town the driver refused to take them any farther, and demanded payment. The princes explained that they had no money with them and told the man who they were, bidding him take them arrived, and, recognising the princes, lent them some money so that they could return to the palace in a tram-way car. While the two elder sons of Prince mixed with bituminous pitch, is added and the whole placed in a pug mill, or mixing mill. After a thorough mixing it only remains to briquet the mass. The calorific value of the synthetical

## way car. Hindu Woman's Sad Lot.

From the Chicage Journal. From the Chicage Journal. The Hindu holy books forbid a woman to see dancing, hear music, wear jow-els, blacken her eyebrows, cat dainty food, sit at a window or view herself in a mirror during the absence of her hus-band; and allows him to divorce her it abe has no sons, injures his property, scolds him, quarrels with another wom-an or presumes to est before he has fin-ished his meal.

Several summer homes are being built

Woodburn, says the Independent, has

Woodburn, says the Independent, has reached that stage when it must ar-range for certain improvements. There is no longer any use in endeavoring to dodge important matters. The princi-pal streets must be paved. There must be a sewage system. The city should own and operate its electric light and waterworks plants.

A big Alses cougar killed a big goat and a big Alses man has two big hides, one of a goat, the other of a cougar. . .

The eastern Oregon men who are booming Texas land have it to sell-or are agents of those who have.

Talent has to enlarge its schoolhouse

Colonel R. F. Maury, who died las Colonel R. F. Maury, who died last week at Jacksonville, came there more than 59 years ago; he was a Kentuck-ian, who knew not fear, and took part in three of our wars—Mexican, civil and Indian. He was also prominent in mer-cantile and political matters in his younger days and was highly respected by all.

1.00 A wideawake commercial club ha

A man near Junction City has set ou A man near trees.

Things lively around Drain; every body who wants a job is employed. . .

railroad coal-bunkers at holding 10,000 tons, are bein burg. filled.

Glendale feels like having "a veritable orward movement."

Governor Chamberlain presented the Lebanon school library with a new dic-tionary, which cannot be classed as ampaign literature."

## Jeff Grubbe of Oakland has received a letter warning him that if he doesn't leave there he will be shot.

A Salem man has been found who has lived happily with a woman nearly 25 years and don't know her age. Some men have no curiosity, remarks the Salem Journal.

Trapping is "all the go" around Green

Baker City will have this year an Eagle's aerie costing \$20,000, a Pythian castle costing \$20,000, a federal build-ing for which an appropriation of \$100,-000 is assured, a telephone and tele-graph building, a Catholic cathedral costing \$60,000, asveral brick business structures, one or more costing \$20,000; a street railway, a hew natatorium, and many new residences for which con-gracts have been let.

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A considerable number of large Bes-ton county horses have been bought by Portland men for an average of \$200 or over per head. .....

Open and free gambling is carried on in Pilot Rock saloons, by permission of the officers,

## Prunes Taste Bett

From the Corvallis Times. Corvalisities are paying \$1-3 cents for dried prunes now. The fruit seems to tasts better to consumers than when it went at 3 and 4 cents. A higher price usually makes things more toothsome. California apricots bring 15 cents on the market and they never to day they are half as good for At Fort Clatsop: February 28.—R. Fields and Collins set out to huni this morning. Kuske-lar, a Clatsop, and his wife visited us they brought some anchovies, sturgeon, but they asked such prices for sale, but they asked such prices for sale, but they asked such prices for sole, but they asked such prices for which we gave a few fish hooks. We allowed them to remain all night. J. Fields, Shields and Shannon returned late, hav-ing killed five eik, two of which were left on a mountain at a considerable distance. We ordered these hunters to resume the chase early tomorrow morn-ing and Sergeant Gass to take a party in quest of the eik the other men had killed. Elk were reported to be tolern-bly plenty near the mountains, 10 or 13 misch Cruzatte had purchased. is cents on the market and they never saw the day they are half as good for the table as an Oregon prune, yet they are more popularly bought. One reason why prunes are a little stiff in price now is that they are being shipped into Corvallis from abroad. Benton is a center of prune production, but we shipped out all our supply when the price was low and are shipping back now when the cost is more. It is the rule of the world that only when we have to pay high for something do we consider it par excellent. If the prune men could band together and force the price of their fruit up to 15 cents a pound consumers would doubt-less get a fremzied fad for prune eating.

From Harper's Weekly. One of Pittsburg's back presidents is a friend and most unassuming benefactor of ambitious young men. He is sympa-thetis when listening to cases which merit encouragement, but can also dis-miss an interviewer with admirable Irishman Scored. From Harper's Weekly. As every American visitor to the house of commons knows, strangers are only admitted on introduction to the strangers' gallery. Women sit behind a of the house from the men. If attention is drawn to the fact that "strangers are spied." the galleries must be cleared. In 1876 this autocratic 'power was slightly modified, and now a resolu-tion of the house to remove strangers is necessary. The occasion of the change was when the Prince of Waise (the present king) was present in the strangers' section of it. Mr. Joseph Bigant, the well-known Irish member, to he poers' section of it. Mr. Joseph Bigant, the well-known Irish member, to he present as well as to the amuse-ment of a crowded house, informed the strangers ware immediately removed, in-cluding the future king of England. miss an interviewer with admirable abruptness. A youth on one occasion entered the banker's office and jovially announced that he intended going to college. He intimated that a little assistance in the matter of obtaining a scholarship would be a most convenient asset with which to start on his career. "And to what profession do you aspire?" questioned the president, gra-clously. "I won't give up," answered the young man, boldly, "until I am privileged to place after my name the letters D. D., Li. D.", 'The banker turned in his chair-and inti-

Fractical Fouries. From Harper's eakly. A practical politician of the first water came to light in a small Indiana town not long ago. In this town there is an officer, designated as inspector of streets and roadways, who receives the munifi-cent salary of 350 per year. As the opposing political parties are very nearly balanced in this town there is keen op-position, so that when this office became means and jas sutherities, cristed as

But shough remains to show that to the old Greek who lived six centuries before Caesar crossed the Rubicon be-longs the honor, if honor it be, of head-ing the long and mighty line of evolu-tionary thinkers. In the course of this series it will be

In the course of this series it will be necessary to say something of that marvelous man. Charles Darwin, and his illustrious colaborers in the fields of science; but nothing that Darwin and his coworkers did—and they did won-derful things—shall be able to tear from Avanimendar's brow the boots that Anaximander's brow the honors that belong to him as the finder of the path along which Darwin and the others found so much well deserved glory and

Too Strong.

. The banker turned in his chair and inti-mated that the interview was at an end

by saying, tereely: "A capital ides, sir, but one entirely beyond the resources of this bank."

A "Gold Brick" of Old Time.

der læss I got my shoes off, so I de-cisioned dot in order to keep my head on I better keep my shoes on also. Den I tried to divorce my suspenders from my shoulders, but yoost as I got der suspenders haf way ofer my head I struck der crasy bone of my elbow on der rafters und dare I vas, suspended between heafen und earth und praying mit all my heart for sebottle of arnica. Den I decisioned to sleep as nature made me, mit all my clothes on, includ-ing my rubbers. So I stretched ouid, but yoost den der Train struck a curve und I vent up in der air till der ceiling hit me, und den I bounced ofer to der edge of der precipice und hung dare, trembling on der verge. Below me all vas dark und gloomy, und only py der hoarse groans &f der snorers could I tell dot der Fullman company vas still making money.

snorers could I tell dot der Pullman company vas still making money. But luck vas mit me, for yocat den der train struck an inshoot curve vich pushed me to der vall und I bumped my head so completely dot I fell asleep. Ven I voke up it vas daylighting, so I decisioned to descend from my cup-board shelf at vunce. I peeped ouid through der alumillum curtains, bub dare vas no sign of der colored porter und der steplader vas unvisable to der naked eye.

Der car vas peaceful now mit der eggsception of a chent in lower 4, dot hat a strangle hold on vun of Beetho-ven's sonstas und vas beating der ca-denzas ould of it.

dengas ouid of it. I made a short prayer und con-clusioned to fall ouid, but yoost den yon of my feels rested on something solid, so I put both feets on it und began to step down. But der moment I put my weight on it my stepping stone gave vay und I fell oferboard mit a splash. "How dare you put your feets on my head?" yelled der man on der ground floor of my bedroom. "Oxcoose me, it felt like someding yooden." I vispered, ville I dashed madly for der smoken.

for der smoken. From dot day to dis, Looey, I haf nefer been able to look a Puliman car in der face, und ven anybody mentions an upper berth to me I loss enough ap-petite to keep me in hunger for a veek. Yours mit luff. D. DINKELSPIEL, Par George V. Hobart.

Per George V. Ho

Plea for the Simple Life.

Pice for the Simple Life. From the Kannas City Journal. The Kannas City Journal. Speaking of the woerdul waste of money, we wish to interrupt the meet-on an important matter that seems to have been entirely overlooked." says hower Hoch. "We refer to the four buttons on the sieves of men's coats. Now, there are probably 500,000 men in Kannas and they probably have on an avarage two coats aplees. That makes 1300,000 coats and 6.500,000, or 100,000 dozen, sleeve buttons. The buttons cost hot T0 cents a dozen, and at that hot T0 cents a dozen, and at that form of buttons that have no use on shout \$50,000. And the estimate is most onservative. Fellow countrymen, in heimstropy, and business sense, and all sorts of other things, is there mo ave to stop this sockess estimates

Practical Politics.

From the London Post. In one of the Tell-al-Amarna letters, written during the 18th dynasty, the king of Babylon accuses Amenophis III of Egypt of sending him a mass of base metal for sold. He says: "The 5 minas of gold you sent me contained, when mailed down, only a minas of pure gold.

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