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CHOUSED OUT OF \$440,000.

HOUSED, choused out of \$440,000, that is the only way to express it. The word comes from the Turkish word chaush, a messenger or interone of whom, according to Webster, attached to he Turkish embassy in 1609 cheated the Turkish merchants resident in England out of \$20,000, a huge sum days. So great was the scandal and so deep the impression it made that the word, with a varied spelling, was adopted into the English language as illuminatvely expressive of to cheat, to trick, to defraud.

Hence its application by The Journal to the council in the Front street franchise matter in which the public of Portland has been choused out of \$440,000. If the council acted honestly and with good intentions, then in self protection the city should appoint a set of guardians for its members, for they are too green to be allowed to go out unattended after dark. If on the other hand they are simply thrifty, that is quite another matter, which is receiving very serious consideration at the hands of

If Portland is ever to realize from its valuable franchise rights surely now is the time to begin. When the two competing companies were most strenuously bidding for the bargain, when they reached the climax of their enthusiasm, that was the time to have taken them at their word and clinched the bargain. But the moant it was discovered that the council was determined the less valuable of the two offers and it was ed that it was a waste of good corporation money offer it for franchises to public servants who would not accept it and who, upon the advice of our queer city indignantly repudiated an outright gift which the council promptly undertakes to pay good money for at some time in the future, what was the natural, the inble outcome? The two corporations, the enthusof which only very rarely gets away with them, get together, of course. "What is the use of fighting each other and spending our good money?" says one to "This is all a false alarm. These fellows prate about getting some percentage of the money value out of these franchises but they don't want anything for the city, and can't be made to accept it. So let us get the sucker public between us in the usual way and

And this is precisely what was done. The bitter rivals are now bedfellows; they have nothing to ask of the city. They simply come to terms between themselves, like men of shrewd common sense and financial acumen, they get together, arrange for a division of the spoils, and d city with its guardians stupified at their is like the man in the game left looking foolish about franchises and what they ought to bring. y of these were granted years ago before the who gave them were little to be blamed. But case where the people have learned to value franchises, where they fully realized that Front street was by far the most valuable asset in the city's possession, and yet there are papers published in Portland should accept some hundreds of thousands dollars less the same concession.

creases and those who fondly believed that the end had come when the council had taken its last stand will have occasion to sit up and take notice before many days have elapsed.

ASLEEP AT HIS POST.

66 OMEBODY BLUNDERED." Or went- to sleep at his post. Or misread orders. And the consequence is perhaps 30 dead people and twice as many injured, some of them crippled for life, and some of those who perished dying in exeruciating, lingering agony, freezing and burning at once, Any railroad accident involving the loss of lives is shocking to contemplate, but this one on the Denver & Rio Grande railroad yesterday between 2 and 3 o'clock in the morning almost if not quite caps the climax for horror. Think of the time, the dead of night, most of the passengers asleep, their lives necessarily confided to the such a horror as if the very hills would have shouted to Tove the Americans.

The Hermit Czar.

From the London Mail.

An interesting light is thrown on the car's life at his paince of Tsarskoe Selo in a private letter from an officer of the imperial bodyguard, who has been attached to the czar's entourage for the

past two years. "Ever since 'Red Sunday," he writes, "the czar's existence has been one un-ending series of anxieties, which have told very heavily upon him. Only among his family does he apparently forget the his family does he apparently forget the menace of the revolution, threatening news of which reaches him with the merciless regularity of the ticking of a clock. These are, indeed, his only momenta of happiness and relexation from the worries and cares of state, with perhaps the rare exception of a walk or a ride in the park, which, however, the contract of the park which have become a very rare occurred. has become a very rare occurrence

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Think of the atmosphere, away below zero, 30 or 40 edegrees colder than it has been any morning this week in Portland. Snow deep. Steep, rocky ridges on either hand. A wild, hitterly cold winter night. Under such circumstances the crash and the awakening and the teror and horror came. The passengers who were hurled thankful, for others were pinned down in the wreckage and were slowly roasting to death, for the oil tanks had exploded and set fire to the wrecked cars. Dead, dying, crippled, freezing burning; in terror and in mental if not physical agony—hundreds of people—because this man slept, or because somebody blundered.

LOSS CAUSED BY FRUIT PESTS.

VERYBODY KNOWS that insects are responsible for great loss of fruit in all parts of the country, but few people would have guessed the total amount to be what George T. Powell, president of the Agricultural Experts association, puts it-\$700,-000,000 a year. This is the sum that he says pests cost the fruit growers a year, and while he can do no more than guess in such a case, he may be somewhere near

was destroyed by the codling moth. Other states and other fruits are suffering, if orchards are neglected, in a large percentage of crops that clean orchards would produce, by the ravages of this insect, the gypsy and brown ioths, the San Jose scale, the tent caterpillar, the plum

full instructions, from the agricultural college, fruit inspectors, and in newspapers and periodicals. Fruit growers can kill these pests, and have abundant crops of fine, sound fruit, but the job must be done every year; the warfare is perpetual; but look how it pays. How much has Oregon lost through these pests in the last 50 years? In 20? In 10? Even in five? In the longer period many millions.

But Oregon orchardists are waking up on this sub-They are getting to work and refusing to allow these pests to rob them any longer. They've got to, for if they don't their orchards must be destroyed. No man has either a moral or a legal right to have a foul orchard.

IRELAND'S PATRON SAINT.

TISTORICALLY Saint Patrick does not stand out in a clear light. But not only of his existence, but the nature of his work there is no longer and helplessly holding the empty sack. There is much has been so long remembered and revered. Shakes-But many of these were granted years ago before the Shakespeare was wrong; or only half right. It is true public woke up to an appreciation of their value and that "an evil tree bringeth forth evil fruit," and that "the sins of the fathers are visited upon the children;" but far more enduring, even eternal, is the good that men do. We do not believe it is ever or can be "interred with their bones.

Saint Patrick was one who did a miraculous amount of good, of such kind and in such way that it left its imwhich profess the profoundest content that the city press upon the people of whom he was the spiritual and mental leader, and through them and their descendants upon the world. Where he was born or when does not matter; that he lived and what he did as a great teacher and leader of his people are the important things. Mil-The city is \$440,000 poorer by the transaction and as lions of Irishmen dispersed about the globe properly the public appreciation of it grows the indignation incelebrate the supposed anniversary of Saint Patrick's birth, and in the broader spirit and thought of that celebration many millions of others are in full accord and sympathy.

TWO GREAT VICTORIES.

WO VICTORIES have recently been won by the United States over the Filipinos. General Wood gained one of them. Some 600 Moros, partly women and children, were caught in the crater of an extinct volcano and there surrounded. Artillery was hoisted up to the rim, and-no prisoners were taken. General Wood explains that they all wanted to die, and like the gallant soldier and gentleman he is he accommodated them. We are not criticising this here. It is said these 600, including the grand-mothers and babies, were "ladrones," thieves, troublesome creatures, and could be made good or benevolently assimilated only in this way. Very well; it was quite a victory.

But the other victory was even greater and was won

men having charge of the rushing trains. No thought of danger, no fear of death. Yet danger was imminent; ideath in awful form was near, drew nearer at the rate of a mile a minute. Passengers were dreaming, perhaps, 8,000,000 or more Filipino people, and with a well-devised of home scenes, or those awaiting them at their destina- attack on their industries and sources of income, robbed tion. But not only they, but a man who held their lives in his hands, whose duty it was to be awake, whose trusts. Ah! there was a victory for you, gentlemen. wakefulness would have carried them through safely, this What Wood doesn't kill the senate plunders—and thus man was asleep! O, it would seem when one reads of we are making friends of the Filipinos. No wonder they

which his millions of subjects slumber while their unfortunate ruler is still at

while their unfortunate ruler is still at work.

"His majesty," the letter continues, "was never a lover of social functions, but now he appears to abhor society more than ever.

"The czar himself seems to be the only person at court who actually realizes the dangers of the present situation, and it is to this fact that the misunderstandings between his majesty and the grand dukes owe their cause. The czar alone recognizes that a genuine revolution is agitating Russia, and the more closely he notes the symptoms and compares them with those of the French revolution, the more his anxiety appears to increase, and the more often are his noble eyes dimmed with the mists of sorrow."

San Francisco's Substantial Progress

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"At other times the sentries placed his door hear him pacing restlessly and down the room till the early pure of the morning, waiting anxiously reports from his representatives in a provinces. At intervals he will spatch a message, and then suddenly rowing open the window game out the highest figure yet reached in the late of the quietness of the night through the highest figure yet reached in the late of the late the provinces and then suddenly rowing open the window game out the highest figure yet reached in the late of the late tharket.

English Potatoes in America.

From the Dally Consular Reports. From the Daily Consular Reports.
Consul Hamm of Hull sends a table giving the quantities of potatoes shipped at that port from November 11, 1906, to January 18, 1908. The total number of bushels was 152,000, worth \$66,500, or about 42 cents a bushel. They came from Yorkshire and Lincolmshire, where the land is brought to the highest state of cultivation and drainage and the best of fertilizers are used. The consul adds that it seems strange that England, with its crowded population, can export thousands of bushels of potatoes to a country like the United States, with an abundance of cheap arable land. The American duty, too, is 25 cents per bushel.

German Officers in Japan.

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From the London Mail.

It is announced that in the course of the next 15 months several German officers will be sent to Japan to study the special features of the military service in that country. Five officers from the general staff have already been ordered to commence the study of the Japanese language at the Berlin Oriental seminary, and three officers from the war academy have also received instructions to the same effect. In contrast, however, to the objects for which the English and German officers are being sent, it is announced that the chief aim which the government has in view is to have a staff of officers who will be able to study the original reports on the recent war in the Japanese tongue.

SMALL CHANGE

Are you wearing of the green? vas a gentleman and a scholar

Rockefeller, President Castro, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Misner, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, Pat Crowe and Frank C. Baker.

It is said that insanity is also caus to the bughouse.

Castle Rock couldn't stand against

Everybody is an Irishman today,

The glass trust has raised the price

Judge Andy Hamilton is pretty dog-goned mad, and it seems from his story that he has a right to be.

Worse winter back east, anyway.

Wanted Cement maker who can make 00,000 barrels by Monday; must be first class. Apply to 'most anybody.

Forecast for the latter part of March unofficial) rain. The politicians are all in

Water, fire and firewater are the

way. He was sensible. Under such cir-cumstances all three were miserable. With the change made two will be happy, perhaps, and the "old man," not very old, can easily find another wife. Chicago forever!

Colonel Hofer pleasantly remarks that it is about time the Forest Grove Times was smelling of Walter Toose's breath

Some couples that get a divorce, making both parties happy, should really be sentenced to live together and made

An Englishman named Sir Emile Algernon Arthur Keppel Cowell Stepney had frouble in isnding at Naw York because he claimed to be an American citizen. He had no "papers," but claimed to own 10,000 acres of land in this country. But the real trouble may have been that he had not paid excess baggage on his name.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS

Land that was worth but \$8 per acre seven years ago is now selling in Wal-lows valley at \$50 to \$60 per acre on the promise of the extension of the Elgin branch of the O. R. & N. into the valley. Excellent stone quarries in the hills

west of Jacksonville. Medford will soon have a daily paper.

Many apple orchards being set out around Central Point.

Medford Southern Oregonian: law will do. Never, was thrift more manifest. Old orchards are being sprayed, pruned and whitewashed. New and thrifty orchards are being carefully

A large flouring mill may be built at

Woodburn Independent: Woodburn's duty is to help build a macadam road ten miles in length out into Elilott Prairie. Such a highway would cost \$1,200 a mile. The county court offers to assist to the extent of \$500 a mile. In this issue Hon. J. H. Settlemier, with his usual liberality and home patriotic spirit, promises to pay \$100 for every mile constructed.

A few men are digging up hop vines

No more "Doings in Rabbitvilla," as A. Bennett, the Irrigator man, has sold out and is going away. Sorry.

Tillamook Hemid: Farms in this county are developing into a higher stage of cultivation. The young farmers have certainly improved upon the old fogy method of their fathers, and the more modern way of farming is causing Mother Earth to produce more and more. Several hundred acres are being cleared at present with the advent of the donkey engine.

E. L. Smith, candidate for United States senator, has been a resident of Hood River for 30 years.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

PAUL ROOD.

Portland, March 16.—To the Editor of The Journal—I read with pleasure, as I hope many others do, your editorials on the saloon question, and I am glad to commend your stand upon it. A partial remedy for the saloon evil occurs to me which I hand you for dissemination, if thought desirable. I do not knew that it has been tried, but I have no doubt of its efficacy. Briefly, it is publicity.

Unquestionably the saloon is the greatest demoralizing factor of modern civilization. It cannot be abolished. Therefore, for the present, it must be regulated—education may eliminate it in

the future.

Regulation by publicity is to require Regulation by publicity is to require all saloons to be open to view or have full glass fronts without curtain, screen or other obstruction to the view. Do away with the back door or private entrance feature. Do not allow saloons in the interior of any building, whether hotel, office or other kind, or in any place where a full, free and unobstructed view cannot be had of the whole saloon from the public street.

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At present there is in Portland (I blush to say it) one saloon for about every 310 men of legal age. Many of the 310 do not patronize saloons at all and some very little. Think of what it means to the families of the ones who do support the saloon. Some one suffers. Who is it? The eternal and only answer is the wives and children of the drunkard.

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The purposes of law are to protect the weak and to do the greatest good to the greatest number. Do we do it? Hardly. A man's family has the first claim on his wages or earnings. Law recognizes this by exempting his pay for a stipulated period or amount from legal process. But if the so-called man has become such a brute as to neglect supplying his family with necessities (to say nothing of comforts of life) before squandering his wages for liquor, is it not time for the good of humanity in general, of his family in particular and the support of our tradition that law is designed to protect the weak and do the greatest good to the greatest number, that some adequate step be taken to coerce him at least to the extent that he will provide for those dependent upon him before abandoning himself to debauchery?

There are many employers who require, if not total abstinence, at least great temperance, in their employes. Why? There are many instances where persons feeling secure from public view do that which they would not do openly. This breeds deceit and deceit breeds dishonesty and dishonesty leads to ruin.

Would not these things, and others, be prevented, many suffering families, the public, especially the young, and the patron of the saloon as well be protected if this idea of an open-to-view idea were adopted?

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adopted?

Add high license and a strict enforcement of the law and much evil will disappear.

H. C. HASTHAM.

E. L. Smith, candidate for United States senator, has been a resident of Hood River for 30 years.

Water a Drug.

From the London Chronicle.

Is distilled water a drug? Mr. Plowden has decided that it is within the meaning of the act which makes it an offense to sell drugs in an impure condition to the prejudice of the purchaser.

LEWIS AND CLARK

Captain Lawis came to the conclusion that the United States owed him a coat, on the strength of Drewyer's trade. We still need one more cance, and as the Clatsops will not sell on any reasonable terms, we intend to "borrow" one from them by way of reprisal for the six elk they stole from us last winter.

Hot Water Supplants Hens.

A Pertinent Criticism.

From the Baker City Herald.

The East Oragonian published in Pendicton, bemoans the fact that several eastern Oregon papers are supporting H. M. Cake of Portland for United States senator in preference to Judge Lowell of Pendicton. The East Oregonian claims to be for eastern Oregon candidates first and last and for that reason believes that Judge Lowell should be supported unanimously. While this is a very worthy sentiment, yet it does not carry weight with it for several reasons. One reason is that the East Oregonian does not support all eastern Oregon candidates impartially. But it is, perhaps, fair to the East Oregonian to say that it comes nearer supporting eastern Oregon candidates as a whole than any other paper. Anyway, if that paper is consistent it cannot well advocate a congressman and senator from Pendicton and a governor from the valley and oppose John L. Rand of Baker City and C. A. Johns of Baker City.

Paris Letter to London Telegraph.
Great honor has been done to that unique corps the Foreign Legion, the like of which axists in no other army than the French. One of the last decrees signed by M. Loubet has been that conferring the Cross of the Legion of Honor upon the regiment, which will now display the order on its colors. The Foreign Legion consists solely of

A Pertinent Criticism.

Lyell at the same time pushed back to an almost immeasurable date the advent of man on the earth.

He showed that the "finds" in caves and river drifts, in rock strata and al-luvium obliged the prediction of an age for man of many hundreds of thou-

weather will permit. The weather is so precarious that we fear, should we wait till April, we might then be detained several days longer before we could get on an age of the weather is settled, fair and calm. Drewyer returned late this evening with our cance—the one which Sergeant Prysteleft some days ago with the Cathlamahs—and also brought another, which he had purchased from those people. For this one he had given Captain Lewis' laced uniform coat and nearly half a coarrot of tobsece. Nothing short of this coat would have induced them to part with the cance. In their scale of barter a cance is the article of the greatest value, except a wife, with whom it is at par, being generally given to a father in exchange for his daughter. Captain Lewis came to the conclusion that the United States owed him a coat,

earth death raged and revaled among its occupants; that it so entered into the original constitution of things that the agony and infirmity it implies were known, as at present, when the mastodon and dinotherium were the rulers of the world.

Six Chapters of a Story. By James J. Montague. L.

Dear People:
I am going to swat the trusts an awful belt.
Fm going to put that rate bill through! Your friend. T. ROOSEVELT. II.

For your many woes deep grief I long have felt. I mean to put that rate bill through.
Your friend,
T. ROOSEVELT. III.

Hot Water Supplants Hens.

Canon City Correspondence Denver Republican.

A novel experiment is being made by Dr. Pitt A. Wade, who last summer purchased the Atlas artesian well about two miles east of this city. He is utilizing the warm water of this well, which has a temperature of 160 degrees, for hatching and brooding chickens on a large scale.

About three weeks ago, as an experiment, he placed nine eggs in a watertight wooden box and placed it in the flume that conveys the water from the well to a nearby ditch. In due time he removed the box and found a live chicken in each egg.

He at once began planning for the establishment of a hatchery and chicken ranch on an extensive scale. Incubators specially constructed are being made and will be placed so as to be in continual contact with the running water, which furnishes an ideal incubation, supplying the necessary moisture which the ordinary patent incubator fails to do. Dear People:

All this railroad graft has caused my heart to melt.

I hope to put that rate bill through. Tour friend, T. ROOSEVELT.

Dear People:
One great purpose has for long within me dwelt:
I want to put that rate bill through.
Tour friend,
T. ROOSEVELT.

Dear People: All the railroads know I want to get their pelt.

I'd like to get that rate bill through.

Your friend.

T. ROOSEVELT.

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Dear People:

I don't like the way the cards are
stacked and dealt.
Forget that rate bill for a while.
Your Triend.
T. ROOSEVELT.

Americans Everywhere.

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From the Daily Consular Reports.
Consul McNally of Liege gives another illustration that Americans are abroad in the world by citing the fact that the recent census of the white population in the Congo Free State shows 48 of our people there. Of other nationalities there are 51 Germans, 132 English, 1,400 Belgians (many being government officials), 33 Danes, 45 French, 5 Austrians, 4 Spaniards, 2 Greeks, 109 Dutch, 238 Italians, 31 Luxemburgers, 24 Norwegians 130 Portuguess, 23 Russians, 128 Swedes and 92 Swiss, making a total of 2,500.

Obliviscence.