

and sure income. work that had been done by continuing the board Young man, if you are offered a job of herding sheep at \$40 a month, or even \$25, don't despise it. in the exercise of his appointive power Governor in has adhered with remarkable success to the WHY YOU SHOULD VOTE 'ER STRAIGHT. ple that efficiency, not party politics, must be the

reat test. THE WAY TO DIG THE CANAL.

**TOHN C. CALHOUN was in favor of state right** therefore be sure to vote for the Republican can-

**OREGON SIDELIGHTS** 

which they may witness, to execute warrants issued by proper authorities, to act as forest wardens and in general to have the powers conferred upon mem-bers of the police force of cities of the

CENERAL FUNSTON

From the New York Sun

with power to make arrests without war-rant for all violations of the state law

There is a rousing melodrama at the Empire this week, not quite so wild and thrilling as its title, "The Silver Dagger," suggests, but plenty exciting.

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but the greater part of them are al

At Waitsburg, Washington. April 30.—Although we had hobbled and secured our new purchases, we found some difficulty in collecting all our horses. In the meantime we had purchased several dogs and two horses, besides exchanging one of our least valuable horses for a good one belong-ing to the Chopunnish who is accoming to the Chopunnish who is panying us with his family. ing to the Cho

HE GOVERNMENT IS an incompetent thing when it comes to doing such a piece of work as

digging the Panama canal. Politics and graft into it in spite of all efforts of high officials to nt. At the present rate of progress it will take years to dig the canal, and the original estimate will be duplicated if not multiplied several This is the present prospect, and there is no on to suppose or hope that it will change for the There is an army of leeches, hangers-on, idlers down there, doing nothing but drawing salaries. The en with the pick and shovel, the men who do the real fork, do anywhere from one fourth to one tenth of a fair day's work, even in that horrible climate. And so it will go on, year after year, as long as the government tries to do the job. The president is not to blame, nor Secretary Taft, nor Chief Engineer Stevens; they simply cannot help it, powerful as they are supposed to be.

There was a sample of canal and lock digging in this egion years ago. It took the government 20 years to construct the canal and locks at the Cascades of the mbia, when a private contractor would have done within three years. So it has been with all such jobs The government finally "got wise" and sensible enough to let such jobs out to private contractors, and the consequence is that the work, instead of being dallied with and made a soft snap for an army of political parasites and idling grafters of all sorts, is done; finished, turned over and the contractors go on about their business. Now the government lets the jetty construction, the Gray's harbor improvement job, the Celilo canal job and Il such work out to responsible private contractors. Why not the Panama canal? It is the only way to get ne within any reasonable space of time or for anything less than four or five times its proper cost.

Suppose Mr. James J. Hill or Mr. E. H. Harriman ad the Panama canal to dig-it would be done, promptly, properly, within the prescribed time and cost. But Uncle Sam can't do it. He is loaded down with barnacles and parasites and hampered with red tape and is a able old cripple. The only thing for him to do is to let the contract for the whole business to some man like Hill or Harriman, and it will be done. Suppose the contractor does make a million or two or hree or five millions out of it; he will deserve to do so, and if he made ten millions it would be money in the overnment's pocket to let him have the job. Then ere would be no loafing, card playing, foremen and clerks, no dawdling, strutting, idling overseers and suboverseers and non-working grafters of high and low egree by hundreds, as there are now at Panama; but the work would go right ahead and the man who didn't work in his proper place and earn his wages would be accontinently fired.

The only way to get the canal dug within 40 years and cost of less than half a billion dollars is to let ob out to private contractors, under sufficient bonds.

A private letters received from Nome under date of uary 13, 1906, states that the winter has been very On the question of Portland getting any of the ed to run so long without anything being done-that towns have now a very strong foothold there and uld be very hard to oust them. The writer adds in Nome the business men do not even think of business standpoint and that it would alk about getting any business there are put on the run and kept there

didate for constable in East Portland. Jefferson Davis ought to have been hung on a sour apple tree; therefore be sure that the justice of the peace in Skamokawa is a Republican. Clement L. Vallandigham was a rabid sympathizer with secession; therefore never allow any other than a Republican to get onto the supreme or circuit court bench in Oregon during the twentieth century. This is the logic of the Oregonian's plea for party "regularity" and a "straight vote." Really, how silly it is!

How ridiculous it is to go back to discuss what Democrats did who have been in their graves for a generation as pertinent to the election of a governor or senator or supreme judge of Oregon in 1906!

Then about those present "measures of legislation and administration," which the morning paper urges you to support. It does so only abstractly, for nearly every day it shows you, both in its news columns and editorially, that these "measures" are wrong, vicious, becoming intolerable. For instance, Saturday after saying that the situation as to the railway rate bill was "disappointing," it went on to discuss the failure to pass the Philippine tariff bill, urged by President Roosevelt (Dem.), thus:

"It mattered not to the greedy and selfish trusts that failure to pass this bill providing for reduction in the tariff was betrayal of sacred promises made to the people across the Pacific. The senatorial view seemed to be that the end justified the means, and the means used were not at all creditable to the United States of America. • • • Democratic support of the motion was promptly forthcoming and, with the rate bill out of way, it is probable that there will be a sufficient the number of votes again to get it before congress. When the Arbuckle-Havemeyer sugar war was on a few years ago, Mr. Havemeyer in the course of the attendant litigation testified that there was a profit in the sugar business when the refined product could be sold for 3 cents per pound. As the consumers have for several years been compelled to pay about twice that amount, it is not at all clear that this country would suffer a heavy loss by admitting Philippine sugar duty free. The same is true of tobacco and rice and other products."

So it is all along the line. The "measures" the people want they can't get. And the surest supporters of the president in congress today are the Democrats. The Republican leaders and masters are every one against him, and what is more, they are beating him. And yet the morning paper prates about the beneficent "measures" of legislation and administration of the Republican party, in order to get people to shut their eyes, open their mouths and take whatever is spooned out to them.

## A CASE IN POINT.

THE OREGONIAN speaks of the assessment. property in certain instances at a value which is an infinitesimal part of its real value. It seems to think there is great injustice done the public in this action.

Probably there is, but the most flagrant fraud in this connection is the case of the Oregonian newspaper property itself. The fact of the matter is \$1,000,000 cold cash has been offered the majority stockholders of that concern for the Oregonian, its plant and its evening edition and the total assessment on this very property is only \$100,000, just 10 per cent of the amount at which it can sell.

The Oregonian lives in a glass house and at times it stupidly shies rocks at its own window panes and awakes to discover its indiscretion.

Grain, hopvines and fruit ooking well up the valley.

A Boston preacher says that what this country needs is a king. A good many individuals have needed one, too, when they had only three.

The Grand Ronde valley in county is perhaps the richest region of its size, and it is not small, in ma wealth northwest.

of the riot duty and other emergency work which has hitherto devolved upon the national guard. Being regularly in service, thoroughly trained and equipped, subject to army discipline and com-manded by competent officers, the state police should ultimately become a pow-erful factor in military education throughout the state. With war in pros-pect this force should prove useful in organizing and training volunteer sol-diers. Intelligently organized and trained, as we believe it will be under Captain Groome's direction, it will be new tabernacle at La Grande will cost \$50,000.

Elgin has a lawn to Clatskanie is to have a bank

time of emergency. We hope that in accepting recruits Captain Groome may Several stockmen will build he Ontario. give preference to honorably discharged men of the army, for by so doing he will not only take into his command men

Heveral eastern timber rrived in Grant county.

have already received the needfu desirable places for old soldiers who have a special claim to consideration The late election in Grant county is doomed to go down into history, says the John Day News, as the pokiest one when there are such favors to bestow. ever held.

The Umatilla County Development eague will issue 50,000 booklets.

Forest Grove is to have a park.

Fruit prospects good in Grant county

Out of three Republicans nominated for representative in Washington county, two live in the little village of

widely or conflicted more directly. In the Philippines at the outset of his ca-A Corvallis attorney also had to plie brick in San Francisco. Probably him good.

All conditions favorable crop in Sherman county.

All the interior Oregon done nobly in the matter of towns have .

Saloons at Houlton close ut at St. Helens are open. . .

Pine Grove correspondence River Glacier: Everyone is b news are scarce. of Hood

Lots of industrial life in and As in all such cases, the truth about

Lexington has an impre .....

Portland parties have been over the coal field. It ought opened up.

A Logan carthorse pounda Many new sawmills this year in Ore-

Coal at the head of Hay creek said to be all right. 1000

Kent Recorder: Necessity us to call attention to the fact that we are not running a free reading room, nor a free circulating library. . .

The Umatilla Indians will have me to throw at the birds after today. But a good deal of it will be thrown over on bars.

ton the fair and A BURGE The Hood river strawberry crop will e short, but prices will be very high.

It is confidently believed by the or-ganizers of this new police force that it will be capable of performing much of the riot duty and other emergency terday liked it first rate. It is get-ting rather late for melodrama, or any other sort of drams, but until the

"The Silver Dagger."

annot always be young.

they sort of drams, but until the weather gets solidly settled as worm, Bill and Emma and Joe and Susie will take pleasure in the hard seats of the house on Morrison street. There are four sets in "The Silver Dagger," with something going on all the time. When there was emotional work Miss Cora King Swain was on hand. Some specialties helped the gen-eral impression. Dorothy Fairfax-bet four dollars that isn't her real name-sang "Good-Bye, Sweetheart, Good-Bye," with a plaintive tremor, and "While the Tom-Tom Flays." Jinmy Wright provided some songs and danced. The rescue from an underground room was the principal thrill-producer, and was well done. The Play will run the week. Captain Groome's direction, it will be a valuable coordinate of the national guard, capable of excellent service in

Refugee Vaudeville.

Refugee vaudeville proved an inter-esting and satisfactory attraction as presented yesterday at the Baker the-The program said that the per formers were all from San Francisco. One of them, a Jlack-faced monologist, started to tell the crowd so in jocular vein. He had figured out beforehand what he would say, and said part of it.

what he would say, and said part of it. But the reception was not cordial. The people had not come yet to look upon the diaster as joke. The program consists of eight vaude-ville acts, each rather better than the average seen at local houses, followed by a farce in which most of the vaude-ville people took part. A young man who styled himself The Boutons con-tributed last night some bag punching that was way ahead of the ordinary. Dot Raymond sams a Marie Cahill song fairly well, and followed it with a coon song in French dialect that was an agreeable novelty. Homer Long, the black-faced monologist, sams some par-odies that took, and told a few new stor-ies. A child billed as Little Madelins There is no high officer of the United States army, with the possible excep-tion of Leonard Wood, concerning whom the various opinions held by the unprofessional public have differed more reer he was the victim of overadver-tising. The sensational accounts of his exploits at first raised his reputation to the pinnacle of popular glory. When the reaction came he suffered, no doubt the reaction came he suffered, no doubt unjustly. By some of his fellow citi-mens, and not in Kansas only, Funston is yet worshiped as one of the most remarkable of military heroes. By others he has been regarded as a news-paper-made soldier, of a fame some-what saffron in hue; and the latter es-timate of his abilities and unschloses es. A child billed as Little was principally interesting in that she refrained from singing any of Charles K. Harris' songs about angels and heaven. Frank Rents is a better trap-ese man than most of those we have seen of late; the three Leondors offer more interesting nonse and Mr. timate of his abilities and the latter es-timate of his abilities and usefulness has not been weakened by the circum-stance that he is not a West Pointer, but an officer appointed from civilian life.

seen of late; the three Leondors offer some interesting poses and Mr. and Mrs. James P. Lee as the polloeman and the stage-struck girl are amusing. The farce which was presented by the assembled talent, "The Wrong Doctor," brought one back to the days when "Charley's Aunt," and the Hoyt plays were popular. It is a first-rate farce, with something new every minute, and the crowd liked it. James P. Lee does the principal comedy work in the role of a man of many troubles. The perform-ance runs all week.

## Condemned to Slavery

and women were condemned to death for trivial offenses, it was the custom in Scotland to commute the death sen-tence into perpetual servitude to speci-fied masters—in other words, the con-demned person became a slave. It was further ordained that he should wear a metal collar round his neck recording his sentence and punishment. The Society of Scotlish Antiquaries owns one of these collars, fished out of the Forth above Allos. It is of

mas, with this inscription: "Alexander lowart, found guilty of death for theft T. J.701. M

arces to the occasion. He did not trench brass, will on the civil authority, but dominated it for the general weifare. His first dis-patch to Secretary Taft shows that he by the ju grasped the situation and that his tact to Sir Jo inticiars as a perpetual

in general are cruel masters; they ride very hard, and their saddles are so badly constructed that it is almost imbadly constructed wounding the back; possible to avoid wounding the back; yet they continue to rede when the poor manner. At 11 o'clock we left these manner. At 11 o'clock we left these honest, worthy people, accompanied by our guide and the Chopunnish family, and directed our course north '30 de-grees east, across an open, level, santiy plain, unbroken except by large banks of pure sand, which have drifted in many parts of the plain to the height of 15 or 30 fest. The rest of the plain is poor in point of soil, but generaly supports short grass interspersed with aromatic shrubs and a number of plants, the roots of which supply the chief sustenance of the natives. Among chief sustenance of the natives. Among these we observed a root something like the sweet potato. At the distance of

the sweet potato. At the distance of 14 miles we reached a branch of the Woliawollah river, rising in the same range of mountains and emptying six miles above the mouth of the latter river. It is a bold deep stream, about 10 yards wide, and seems to be naviga-ble for cances. The hills of this creek

ble for cances. The hills of this creek are generally abrupt and rocky, but the narrow bottom is very fertile, and both possess 20 times as much timber as the Columbia itself; indeed, we now find, for the first time since leaving Rock fort (at The Dalles), an abundance of firewood. The growth consists of cot-tonwood, birch, crimson haw, red and sweet willow, choke cherry, yellow cur-rants, gooseberries, the honeysuckle rants, gooseberries, the honey, with a white berry, rose bushes, bark and sumac, together with corn grass and rushes. The adv of a comfortable fire induced us, We ware soon supplied by Drewyer with a beaver and an otter, of which we took only a part of the beaver, and gave the rest to the Indians. The ot gave the rest to the indians. The ot-ter is a favorite food, though much inferior, at least in our estimation, to the dog, which they will not est. The horse is seldom esten, and never except when absolute necessity compels them, as the only alternative to dying of hunger. This fastidlousness does not, however seem to make and however, seem to proceed so much from any dislike to the food as from attach-ment to the animal itself: for many on them eat pery heartily of the horse beef which we give them.

## How Kaffirs Smoke

From the St. Louis Globs-Den ald a tobacconist, "using the

benighted savage, when the "This benighted savage, when the to-bacco hunger selass him, selects a piece of clayer soil about a foot square and puts a curved twig therein, so that both ends of the twig stick out. Then he builds a fire over the place, and when the fire has sufficiently hardened the clay he draws out the twig and a chan-nel, a kind of pipestem, is left. "One and of the channel he hollowe into a bowl. The other end is his mouthplace. He puts his tobacco in the bowl, drops a live coal on two and

nto a bowl. The other sha is mouthpiece. He puts his tobacco is bowl, drops a live coal on top, lying down, falls to. . The Kaffir sucks away vigore

fumes that enter will not use an ord inary pipe. smoking ber

As in all such cases, the truth about Funston has always been somewhere between the extreme unfortunately marked for him at a time of epidemic adulation and the other extreme of de-preciation which would dismiss him as a mere energetic adventurer with a genius for doing things as to put the types in motion. He is just past 40, and is the master of his ultimate classi-flucation From the Collectors' Magazine. Two hundred years ago, when men ad women were condemned to death r trivial offenses, it was the custom floation. The events of the past week will con-vince millions of Americans that Wil-lam McKinley made no mistake when he promoted Frederick Funston. The

he promoted Frederick Funsion. The little brigadier has handled the dreadful situation in San Francisco with so in much judgment and resolution that he is entitled to the thanks of congress. No scener was the nature of the disaster known at the Presidio than he rushed troops to the city to patrol the streets and guard banks and public buildings. As the disaster grew he arose to the occasion. He did not trench