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AN INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER.

TELEPHONES.

Better to be despised for too anxious apprehensions than ruined by a too confident security.—Burke.

THE COMING DES MOINES CONFERENCE.

EXT MONTH the conference called by Governor Cummins to discuss the election of States senators by direct vote people will meet in Des gates from nearly if not quite all the states will be in attendance. As every tures will have to go through the fring the choice made by the people primary elections, but this will besome, it is believed, only a clerical duce a Winston Churchill to quicken formality, the legislatures exercising the civic conscience and lead the peono real choice or power of selection, after the people by a plurality have pendence. expressed their preference.

The conference at Des Moines will in all probability indorse this primary method of choosing senators, already vogue in several southern states, in Oregon and in Illinois; but it is expected it will also take steps to ing about an amendment to the federal constitution by the action of three fourths of the states, as that instrument provides may be done. It requires only a majority of the states petition congress for a constitunal amendment, when that body is the several states, and if ratified by three fourths of them it becomes a her action on the part of congress. There is little doubt that if the oprtunity were presented at least three fourths of the states would such an amendment, but the thing necessary to be done first is for a sufficient number of legislatures to present the necessary memorial to congress, and it is partly to work up a concert of action in this particular that this conference has been called

In one way or the other the old method of electing United States senators is doomed to pass away, as it involves too many scandals and interferes too much with proper state legislation.

A BOSS-RIDDEN STATE.

ALIFORNIA Republican politicians are now engaged in loading dice for use in the state convention of that party. The governorship is at stake, and the smoothest manipulator will name the winner. There is no hitch over reform plans and methods, such as have disturbed Republican conventions in the east. No candidate depends on any particular issue. The primaries have been held, and the main thing now is to get the support of those delegates whose first allegiance is not to their constituents, or even to the Republican party, but to William F. Herrin, political distator of the Southern Pacific railway. The nomination folks"; then Herrin will say the word and a stampede will follow

It is a peculiar state of affairs. win without the aid of Herrin. A have attracted little attention, but in these days of political house-cleaning one expects something different; either a well-defined reform or a revolt. California Republicans seem to he reconciled to their fate. If there is to be any breaking away at election time it has not as yet cast any shadow before.

California is at the mercy of two bosses, William F. Herrin and Abe Ruef. One would prefer to name Warren Porter of Santa Cruz for governor; the other favors J. O. Hayes, San Jose millionaire and brother of

satisfactory to both. It is this that throws a rainbow across the path of Congressman J. N. Gillett. The man from Humboldt has never offended either of the bosses, and this doubtful virtue may make him governor of California

At a glance it would seem that Sovernor Pardee is the people's canfidate. Not so. Four years of office nas given him an opportunity to build up a machine. This machine has won for him a little more than a third of the total number of delegates. To gain what he lacks he would jump at the chance to compromise with Herrin, but the railroad boss is looking the other way Only in the event of a break with Ruef and the insistence of the latter that Hayes be nominated would Herrin turn to Pardee.

On the other side of the political fence lies a demoralized Democracy The state gave Roosevelt about 115,000 majority in 1904, and this has put fear into the hearts of the hither to unterrified. After the Republican convention has taken its orders from Herrin, there may be a public awakening, but it is not likely. No ordinary Democrat could beat even the weakes of railroad Republicans. At that this isn't a good year to fight and it is expected that dele- the railroad in California. The answering cry that E. H. Harriman came to the rescue of San Francisco t understands, the several legisla- at the time of the earthquake and fire would blind the public to the mality of electing senators, or rati- main issue. The Golden state is doomed to four years of railroad domination. By that time it may prople in a fight for political inde-

EARTHQUAKES.

THERE have always been earthquakes in various parts of the world, and many destructive ones, but this seems a time of unusual seismic activity, possibly portending even greater disasters, if possible-and it would be possible, say in New York or London-than those that have recently occurred in San Francisco and Valparaiso and other Chilean towns. We naturally look rolcanic region, and near a coast, and they generally occur there, yet not proved. London has suffered earthquakes, and temblors have been felt in the prairie regions of this country. A small Missouri town was once Valparaiso has been subject to

been so numerous there that people thought little or nothing of them, ing little or no damage and not af- a greater regard mentarily; but in such a region a better. violent and destructive disturbance is liable to occur at any time; is pretty sure to occur at some time, though perhaps not for centuries. This year was the time in San Francisco and in Valparaiso, though in both cases the principal cause of destruction was not the earthquake, but subsequent fire. A person living in a city so situated always runs a risk of earthquake and fire, of just the calamity that has befallen these Pacific coast cities, but for that matter there is an uncertain degree of risk anywhere, in any city, particularly on a coast. It may be spared for many generations, for many ages, even for aye; yet it may be destroyed, as these were, any year, any day. A severe earthquake, with its almost certainly consequent fires, is something whose occurrence no scientist or savant can predict. It comes, like sudden death, like a thief in the night."

OBSERVANCE OF LAW.

that they have considered its viola-Four candidates are looked upon as tion to be a matter of course, somepossibilities, but politicians admit that thing scarcely to be denied or disnone of the four is strong enough to guised. They seem to have supposed did nation is moving ahead too fast that the law was a mere pretense, a to permit itself to be hobbled for few years ago such a condition would dead letter, something passed in ac- years with the policy of "standcession to a popular demand, but not patism." to be taken at all seriously by the persons whom it was designed principally to affect and whose transactions it was intended to regulate.

But latterly there has been even those who have most insolently progress, all right. defied it and held it for naught have been obliged to admit that it means something, and has force and vitality rible times under free trade 10 years

to punish its defiers and violators.

A Little Out of the Common

THINGS PRINTED TO READ WHILE YOU WAIT.

The Little Blind Beggar.

And never his stock of arrows falls.
For the pain of the wound is sweet.
And the stricken folk bring the arrows
back
To pile at the beggar's feet.

So he fits the arrows and twangs the how.

And laughs till his fingers shake,
for well he knows he can never miss,
But somewhere a heart must sche.

Now they who are struck, they keep still abroad The songs of the pain they lack

But still or singing, and grave or gay, Through the gate of the work And the little blind beggar site in the aun And laughs as he lays them low.

—Josephine Dodge Dasks

Press.

An optimist is a man pho polishes up the dark side of life.—New York Times The borrower always seems to be able to wear better clothes than the lender—New York Press.

The young lawyer's first plea is a trial performance.—Chicago News.

It is easy to expect others to set good axamples.

Sometimes money talks, but more waits are sure to turn up.
One secret of success is the ability the pour own secrets.
Life is a riddle; we can't guess it-therefore we must all give it up.

Chinese Fight With Fingers.

From the Bangkok Times.
On Sunday afternoon a Chinaman is reported to have been killed in a house at Talat Piu. Bangkok, as the result of a duel with another Chinaman. They fought with the two forefingers of each hand, stabbing each other with these in the region of the spleen and at the same level on the other side of the body. A strongly built cooling using the

for the country, and a very useful that heretofore have had no respect for this law which they in particular and will be inclined to heed them

This is what the country has long needed and still needs, not more laws, but better observance of laws.

Of course the courts will have to decide whether the holders of franchises granted before the adoption of the present charter are obliged to make reports of their receipts and ruined hundreds. expenditures. In equity they ought o do so, as well as the owners of possible effort made to tax all public this heretical. service corporations impartially.

While the excuse necessarily car-ries with it a confession of its in-adequacy, we will have to remain. content with President Roosevelt's

the university since its reestablishment in 1885 only 171, or about 16 per cent. have married.

T. Cader Powell to a position in Alaska without hope of defalcation is the only fit punishment that could be visited on a politician who brazenly nurses his crimes in the aegis of the statute of limitations.

The Journal is not jeopardizing its hitherto untarnished reputation as a political prophet when it predicts that "Uncle Joe" Cannon will not be elected to the presidency. This splendid nation is moving ahead too fast to permit itself to be hobbled for years with the policy of "standpatters" against college courting and engagements between students has anything to do with this showing, nor do they believe that the average age of the women graduates has had any effect, although the statistics show that the average age of the women graduates has had any effect, although the statistics show that the average age of the women graduates has had any effect, although the statistics show that the average age of the women graduates has had any effect, although the statistics show that the average age of the women graduates has had any effect, although the statistics show that the average age of the women graduates has had any effect, although the statistics show that the average age of the women who have graduated in the classes of the last two years abould have more time. But the classes of the last two years abould have more time. But the classes of the last two years abould have more time. But the classes of the last two years abould have more time. But the classes of the last two years abould have more time. But the classes of the last two years abould have more time. But the same consideration cannot be given to those who were graduated before, and the officers of the voice of the nine women who graduated in 1894, the year following in the suggestion

the sprightly little suburb are talking change, an effort, not altogether un- of celebrating the event by taking a successful, to enforce the law, and new census. Seattle is in a fever of

Senator Cullom speaks of the terago. We had no "free trade" then, Some of the big railroad and other and the terrible time began under the

Remarkable Metaphor.

Wingless Angel.

From the Yonkers Statesman.

"The theatrical angel has no wings,"
remarked the observer of events and
things; "when his money is gone he
has to walk just like the rest of the

Out of the Mouths of Babes.

From the Chicago News.

Mamma—Tou have been very naughty today, Tommy.

Tommy—Shucks! I could have been twice as naughty if I had wanted to.

One day small Elmer was given a por-tion of tripe for lunch, prepared ac-cording to the bpanish method.
"Ugh!" he exclaimed after tasting it.
"Ain't we got nothin' to eat but this old sour bath towel, mamma?"

Teacher (junior grammer class)Johnny, what gender is "phonograph"
Johnny—Feminine gender.
Teacher—No, no: it's neuter.
Femine, "cause it repeats everything

reconcile our business interests to the law has been a most excellent thing trifling loss occasioned by the car

for space by people who pay for their were called upon and bound to obey. advertising, we find ourselves unable And the country generally has on ac- to publish all the letters of those who but these were generally only slight count of these prosecutions and pun- foretold the disaster of Chile and negdisturbances of the earth's crust, do- ishments, though perhaps inadequate, lected to make their predictions

> Wheat has declined in price 10 cents a bushel and cotton and corn are getting cheaper, and yet the Republicans declare that the tariff protects the farmer.

> Stensland, who injured thousands and

later franchises. At any rate, the protection did not cause the big crops. matter ought to be tested, and all The Salem Statesman may consider

Coeds Won't Marry.

content with President Roosevelt's that of the 1,080 women graduates of the university since its reestablish-intimation that the appointment of ment in 1898 only 171, or about 16 per

to other matters than matrimony. They are almost unanimous in declaring that the university authorities have placed such restrictions on college courting that younger girl students go elsewhere

They cite the large number of engage-

Cognac for Automobiles.

A Little Nonsense

The Power of Talk.

The Bad Dollar.

conductor.

"Well, a fellow pussed it on me when I wasn't looking, and as I can't afford the loss, I must pass it along.

"See that fellow with a grip running to catch this car? Ten to one he wants to catch a train. He gets the bum The man with the grip clambers

The man with the grip clambered aboard. Near the depot the conductor rushed up to-him.

"Fare, please!"

The man with the grip handed out a bill, grabbed the change and dashed from the car just in time, carrying away unnoticed the worthless coin.

"What did I tell you?" said the smart conductor. "That fellow's always in a hurry and always changes a bill!"

Then he looked at the bill, and swore softly.

oftly.
"He caught me at last," he said, "this

Hillary K. Adair, a western detective Hillary K. Adair, a western detective, said in Chicago, apropos of certain circumstances that had enabled him to detect a bank robber:

"I deserve but little credit. The circumstances pointed to only one illomened conclusion. They were unmistakable. They were like an incident that happened the other day to a dear friend.

"Perhaps,' said my friend darkly
But how did you know there was a hole

A Child's Odd Mind.

The late Henry N. Pillsbury. famous chess player, was fond of chil-dren and delighted in incidents that illustrated the originality of the child

me new ways of looking at things. They give me new points of view. "I showed a little girl an aquarium

fish? said I.

"Not much,' said the little girl.

"Why not? I asked. "Because, she s.id, if you little fish your mamma wouldr

Didn't Mind Being Sued.

A thief who steals a few dollars is butcher and the man did not call upon him afterward to ask him to trade with him. Webster met him in the course of a few days and asked him why he didn't call. "Because," said the man, "I supposed that you would be offended and wouldn't trade with me any more." To which Webster replied: "Oh, sue protection did not cause the big crops.

The Salem Statesman may consider

Cardinal Martinelli's Birthday.

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Cardinal Martinelli, who became well known to Americans in his several years' residence in Washington as the apostolic delegate to America, was born August 20, 1848, in the parish of Santa Anna, Lucca. Tuscany. He became a churchman at 15 and spent the years of his novitiate in teaching. At the general chapter of the Augustinian order in 1889 he was elected prior general of the order. He was appointed papal delegate to America in 1896 and served in that office until he was succeeded by the present delegate, Monsignor Falconio. Archbishop Martinelli was elevated to the college of cardinals in 1891.

Cardinal Martinelli won the esteem of all Americans during his residence in Washington. He speaks English with ease and fluency. To the quick, vivacious arder of his countrymen he unites the keen insight and delicate sympathy of the high-bred churchman.

Inducted by His Sons.

Frank Stewart of Cedar Falls, Iowa, has been made a Knight of Pythias under remarkable circumstances. The three ranks were conferred upon him by his 11 sons, the event taking place at the castle hall of Red Cedar lodge No. 53. Some of the grand lodge officers of the state attended and a number of Knights of Pythias from outside lodges were present. Among the sons of Mr. Stewart who took part in the conferring of the degrees were W. B. Stewart and A. R. Stewart of Spartacus lodge, Chicago. The work was the termination cago. The work was the termination of a family reunion that has lasted for a week, and the boys took this occasion of making their father a member of the organisation.

Algerian Strikers. They have an original way of making

Some of the big railroad and other sand brother of San Jose millionaire and Bonalarde, and leak octained the San Jose McKinley tariff.

Shortly before the Shah of Persia was needed to keep them in hand. It was therefore said their leaders felt sometime was needed to keep them in hand. It was therefore will there arrived from Paris an automobile.

We sincerely trust that the knowlands was needed to keep them in hand. It was therefore said the grand wister, "there is no spirit available for the motor." "No spirit" available for the motor." "No later of the San Jose McKinley and the terrible time began under the McKinley and the trother in McKinley and the trother in McKinley and the trother in McK

Letters From the People on Topics of Current Interest

and so follars for this purpose could be expended if the city could afford to so. As to the water supply, we already have an abundance of water for the needs of the present population was 200-needs of the present population was 200-needs for the present population. And the course was abundance of water for the compensation, as man, the control of the course was abundance of the property and of the course was abundance of water.

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FROM AN OUTSIDE PAPER.

Plain Statement of the Marquam Case

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Commenting on a recent editorial in the Oregonian concerning the Marquam case. The Dalies Optimist says:

Ordinarily we have followed Mr. Scott in his views along the "plutocratic" campaign, but in this case we think his judgment is warped.

As we understand it, the Marquam case was something like this: P. A. Marquam, one of the pioneers of Portland, found himself in 1885, or thereabouts, in possession of some very valuable real estate in that city, and he was considered a wealthy man, according to the Portland standard of those days, and wished to improve some of his property to make it produce an income. He was urged to build a theatre, on the now famous Marquam Grand site, and finally undertook to do so. As the structure neared completion he found, in the first place, that it would cost vastly more, something like \$100,000, than he had expected, and to complete it he was forced to make a large loan.

The edifice was completed, completed after a fashion, and the doors of the proposition is this: Marquam undertook to show that Mr. Ross agent for the purchase of the property from himself as trustee, contrary to law, and the suits began. Well, the supreme court has twice decided that Mr. Ross acted within his legal rights, and the case is settled.

Now comes the Oregonian and others, and places a greatly exaggrated value on the property. We have been told, and we think truthfully, that the Marquam block would not today sell for enough to pay the original loans, operating expenses and 5 per cent interest. And we all know the estate has been carefully and economically eared for. The courts went into that matter and found that to be true.

The whole proposition is this: Marquam undertook to handle a deal which he could not master. He want brokes than he had expected, and to complete it he was forced to make a large loan.

The edifice was completed, completed aftes a fashion, and the doors were opened. But the theatre proper did not pay, and the rooms did not rent at anything like the rates he had figured on. It will be remembered that a large crack appeared on the Morrison street front, and tenants were wary of going into the upper stories.

And the property was badly handled. He had no uniform prices for rooms. One tenant would pay \$30 for a room and the one adjoining identically the same would be rented for \$16. The elevator service was execrable, the halls were lighted by candle, if at all, and all in all the management was very bad. About the time when things were at sixes and sevens, a prominent lady was killed by the gross carelessness of an elevator boy. This cost him several thousand dollars, and was the beginning of the end

The hard times came on and the interest could not be paid and current expenses could not be met.

Then, through Mr. Ross, or the Ladde, if you will, a loan was made to pay off the debts and the property turned over to the mortgagors. Then it was found that Mr. Marquam. In his simplicity, had greatly underestimated the debts and greatly overestimated the rentals.

As time passed, and the money stringency becsme more accentuated, and the mortgage again became due, likewise a large sum for running expenses, the property was placed under the hammer.

Now, as a strict matter of fact, the

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We do not bow the knee to Mr. Ross or the Ladds, or any of the "plutocrats." But we do not think the Oregonian is "toting fair" in this matter, and we give the facts, never having seed them fairly stated before save in the count proceedings.

The Road to "Success." By Wex Jones. Let everything go In the huatle for dough, And never let up For a billion or so.

To limbe with youth
And friendship and truth:
Get your mitts on the coin
Without scruple or ruth.

Expand your first million Till it swells to a billion. Then moli day and night to make it a trillion.