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The highest point outward things can bring one into is contentment of mind, with which no state is miserable,-Sidney.

AN ASTONISHING REPORT.

T IS UNLIKELY that congress will act favorably on the recent Gardner and Moon, should have made ask no more. Yet that simple provisvors radical restrictions of the libconceived in a spirit of rancorous model set up in Oregon. hostility to the press.

sors expressed himself against "the confusion of newspapers and magazine types, and the unhealthy exaggeration of the modern newspaper, especially its Sunday ediwhich he said was "a consequence of the expansive power of fiction." What a convincing statement! . If "expansive fiction" is to be excluded from the mails, a large part of the Congressional Record, with its "leave to print" speeches,

the larger papers. Free copies are forbidden, with specific exceptions. She premissing, gift or rebate can be \$424,931 and paid 677 which became the support of colleges selected by Mr. Rock of the support of colleges selec

who are constituted press censors, total disbursement was \$26,645,124 and The thing is surely an impossibility, and that six members of congress would make such a report probably not a newspaper in the United States would have believed if it were not a duly and officially reported fact, put own in black and white. The senatorial part of the commission may not feel immediately and directly the from such vultures as Dryden. power of the press," but we shall not be surprised to see Messrs Overstreet, Gardner and Moon retired at

DESERVED TO BE KILLED.

provision in the primary law. Next the mineral rights to coal and other as fain a measure as human hands can sold, but providing for leasing the report of the postal commission, fashion. The legislative candidate mineral rights under a system can take Statement One, Statement licenses. The area to be leased posed of senators Penrose, Carter and Two or no statement, as he chooses, one person or association is not to Clay, and Representatives Overstreet, He has his free choice and he should exceed five square miles, and no com such a report is astonishing. The re- ion has delivered Oregon from legis- interested in the business of a con strictions of the press which this lative scenes in senatorial elections mon carrier is to be allowed to hold measure proposes would not sound that were a humiliation to the people a license. The term of license is not amiss under the despotism of Rus- and a blight on the name of the state, to exceed 30 years, and the royalties sia, and would be considered drastic They were scenes in which passion, are not to be less than eight cents a in the imperial German empire. Its corruption and scandal were the set- ton on coal, 60 cents a ton on mineral provisions are not only almost in- ting and the debauchment and pros- for hard asphalt, 15 cents a barrel on credibly harsh, but it betrays with titution of public men the conse-mineral for soft asphalt, one-sixth of cynical frankness an avowed hos- quence. All this by one quick, effect the value of the product of any oil tility to the press that if shared by tive stroke Statement One eliminated, well, \$50 a year for each gas well the majority of congress and the ad- and we should be a queer people were not utilized, and a cent a thousand ministration would be alarming. Jef- we now to deliberately toss it aside, cubic feet on gas used at the works. ferson is reported to have declared by change of its terms. To do so Elaborate provisions are made for that if he had to choose between a would be to surrender the ground we carrying out the details of the busigovernment without newspapers and have gained, to turn our backs on ness. The government is to retain newspapers without government, he progress, to hoist the white flag in full power of regulation, and the pres would choose the latter, and the con- the moment of our victory. It would ident is to have the right to resum scitution declares for liberty of the be to spurn the congratulations possession of the land at any time press, but this report not only fa- showered upon us from other states on compensating the licensee for his now preparing to fashion their own erty of the press, but is manifestly senatorial elections after the splendid any remaining mineral. The mini-

Those senators whose votes saved

INDUSTRIAL INSURANCE.

TOHN F. DRYDEN'S unsuccessless than the preceding year, although paid back to the poor. There have none of the railroad graft had been been some very reprehensible men in the responsibility of the preservation of the senate, but we think of none tion of whatever is left of these nation of its future. It is the children of today. The city is responsible for the education of its future citizens. That it does then of its future citizens. That it does not live up to its responsibility is a lambda discovery amounts to \$25,000,000, quite so contemptible as Dryden. Even New Jersey had to reject him, all the people, rests now chiefly with less than the preceding year, although paid back to the poor. There have law, and this is not supposed to be self- Even New Jersey had to reject him. all the people, rests now chiefly with sustaining, and nobody is asking that Dryden's game was a sure-thing slot- the public lands committee of the

more than 50 per cert of its surface.

All parts or sections must be of the same size, form and weight of paper.

Supplements must be of the same form as the main paper, must contain a state of the same form as the main paper, must contain a state of the same form as the main paper, must contain a state of the same form as the main paper, must contain a state of the same form as the main paper, must contain a state of the same form as the main paper, must contain a state of the same form as the main paper, must contain a state of the same form as the main paper, must contain a state of the same form as the main paper, must contain a state of the same form as the main paper, must contain a state of the same form as the main paper, must contain a state of the same form as the main paper, must contain a state of the same form as the main paper, must contain a state of the same form as the main paper, must contain a state of the same form as the main paper, must contain a state of the same form as the same form as the same for both girls and boys about the sa ter left incomplete in the main sheet, concerning the purpose of which he public. Sample copies must in no case ex- says: "It is intolerable that the work-Sample copies must in no case exceed 10 per cent of the regular paid ing man should be obliged to give up issue. In each issue the publisher must make oath to the number of copies mailed to subscribers of different classes, and the total weight and weight per copy. He must also furnish implements of the copies mailed to subscribers of different classes, and the total weight per copy. He must also furnish implements of the copies must in no case ex-says: "It is intolerable that the working the copies must in no case ex-says: "It is intolerable that the working man should be obliged to give up so much of his earnings to obtain a busity engaged making treaties between the Californians and Japanese that he just has not find the time to with its darkness and the following the multiplication table. When the just as much right to God's sunshing the multiplication table. When the just as much right to God's sunshing the multiplication table. When the just as much right to God's sunshing the multiplication table. When the just as much right to God's sunshing the multiplication table. When the publisher is the darkness and the children at the dancing school.

weight per copy. He must also furnish under oath "such other information as the postmaster-general may prescribe," who is also to dictate the manner in which newspapers shall be folded. The postal rates are increased in such a manner as to penalize larger papers. Free copies are forbidden, with specific exceptions. No premium, gift or rebate can be offered.

There are other regulations and restrictive provisions, but these will such a marvel, considering that this is the twentieth century.

The general ratio is the same, Dur
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The general ratio is the same, Dur
The general may prescate at cost."

To support such a movement facts and worn out formula of "twice two as the children at the dancing school. They had the right, poor bables, but they are document is printed, however, some changes will be made in the old and worn out formula of "twice two are the children at the dancing school.

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the people who furnished the money got but \$11,544,899. The net surplus for Dryden and the few stockholders, besides their salaries, was nearly nine and a half millions.

What an easy, profitable game, this vholesale pilfering from the poor! They need and deserve protection pity.

COAL AND OIL LANDS.

the first opportunity from public life. THIS CONGRESS has before no measure exceeding in importance the bill introduced by Senator La Follette, with the HE overwhelming vote by hearty approval of the president, for which the proposed amendment the retention by the government of to Statement One was killed at all its coal and oil lands that have Salem is highly creditable to the not yet been disposed of. The bill Oregon senate and reassuring to the reserves from entry and sale, in the people. Statement One is the best United States and in the Philippines, de direct legislation, it is the best materials mined for fuel, oil, gas or thing in the polity of Oregon. It is asphalt, allowing the surface to be mon carrier or any person in any way property and good will, but not for mum amount of product to be taken annually from any mine is to be fixed the measure deserve state wide com- by the secretary of the interior. No boy under 14 nor any woman or girl is to be employed in any mine under

the surface. It is argued with a great deal of plausibility, to say the least, that if ful campaign in New Jersey has any large proportion of the coal and not only exposed his discreditable oil lands of the United States were public and business character and worked under such conditions there bared to public gaze the type of man would be no coal trust, and Standwho too often gets into the senate and Oil would in a great measure from corporation-ridden states, but cease to be a public menace. It is has drawn attention to the loot of not certain just how much the govwould have to be kept out. And the public, especially of poor people, ernment possesses of such resources by the way, it is the abuse of the under the guise of industrial insura but it is believed that if the Indian franking privileges by members of ance. This man Dryden built up a lands are included they will be very buncombe, that accounts largely for the nickels and dimes of the working the deficit in the postal revenues. This deficit, however, which is sought to be made a partial excuse for this wonderful report, was last year about this fortune. No wonder Prudential but enough may remain to be an in
\$10,000,000 on a total business of became as solid as Gibralian relation of the treasure to the working ure has been stolen before this attempt to lock the door against prior to lock the door against prior to be made a partial excuse for this one of a widow's two mites to add to the necessaries supplied by nature, and childhood, how can they possibly become fine men and women?

S10,000,000 on a total business of became as solid as Gibralian relation of the working ure has been stolen before this attempt to lock the door against prior to lock the door against prior to lock the future. If their minute and fathers water and corporate appropriators of the future. If their minute and women and the future is the future and fathers water and corporate appropriators of the future. If their minute and warped by misto be made a partial excuse for this one of a widow's two mites to add to the necessaries supplied by nature, and corporate appropriators of the future. If their minute and warped by misto be made a partial excuse for this one of a widow's two mites to add to the necessaries supplied by nature, and corporate appropriators of the future. If their minute and the future is a future and corporate appropriators of the future. If their minute and the future is a future and corporate appropriators of the future. If their minute and the future is a future and corporate appropriators of the future. If their minute and the future is a future and f \$10,000,000 on a total business of became as solid as Gibraltar, raking calculable boon to the people in Sena-\$178,000,000, and this was \$3,000,000 in 20 or 30 cents for every penny it tor La Follette's bill can become a

sustaining, and nobody is asking that it shall be. So the deficit is no excuse whatever for such revolutionary and dimes and only occasionally gave anti-press recommendations.

Here are some of the provisions of this press-gag bill: The title and date line must appear on every page of every part of a paper. No paper shall consist substantially of fiction, nor carry advertisements covering more than 50 per cert of its surface.

All parts or sections must be of the

can censor and suppress it for any- \$589,000 for advertising, printing, post- an overshadowing cloud over the age and stationery, and \$2,786,765 for Philippines, the indications are that ter-general or any of his assistanta the expenses of the home office. The General Wood will have to practice some more pacification with his pen.

> The white wife of an unusually repulsive negro who is suing for divorce and the custody of their two children has suffered nine years of married life as a penalty for her folly, and so is now a proper object of

> Congress has refused further ap propriations to develop the infant frog industry, which will cause croak of dissatisfaction in some swampy quarters. But the frog industry is too small and weak an in fant to have an appreciable pull.

The house did well in passing sev eral bills embodying recommenda ions of the tax commission. The nore of the commission's report that is adopted, if the tax laws are not rendered inconsistent, the better.

There is no report so far of the president and Senator Foraker-havng exchanged valentines, though very likely each could have easily found one that he considered appropriate.

The statement that trains are arrivng in Portland on time has ceased to excite wonder. The people simply re-

Of course the men appointed railroad commissioners will want to be elected next year. The voters will

HowShe WouldUse Sage's Millions

By Beatrice Fairfax.

Sevanty-two little lives are snuffed out every day in New York ciey. Seventy-two possibilities of great man or womanhood ellp out into the vant hereafter. In almost every case the cause of death is malauretiton.

of death is malputrition.

In New York's public schools there are \$60,000 children. Four hundred thousand of these need medical atten-From end to end of this great city there arises a voiceless appeal for help. The appeal lies in the little pinched faces and pain-racked bodies of the

children.

Much is being done, both by the city and individual work, but that is not enough, there must be more and more and yet more.

and yet more.

Just at present this newspaper is receiving every day hundreds of letters
containing suggestions as to what Mrs.
Russell Sage should do with her yast

Mrs. Sage is a good and wise woman, and I have no doubt that she will spend her money where it will be of the most far-reaching benefit to humanity.

If this country is going to hold its place in the future as the greatest of all nations proper attention must now be paid to the welfare of its future citizens.

Children are like flowers; they must

famous restaurant and watched the chil-dren trooping downstairs from a dancing

Ideal Marriage

By Ella Wheeler Wilcox,

base Is like a mansion built upon the sand Though brave its walls as any in the and its tall turrets lift their heads in

Though skillful and accomplished tists trace

Most beautiful designs on every hand,
And gleaming statues in dim niches
stand,
And fountains play in some flow'rhidden place:

Yet, when from the frowning east of adverse fate is blown, or sad rains Day in, day out, against its yielding Lo! the fair structure crumbles to th

dust. Love, to endure life's sorrow and earth's woe.

Needs friendship's solid masonwork
below.

Domestic love and happiness is sup-posed to be one of the lesser themes t interest the intellectual mind; subjec-tive to religious, social and politics

questions.

Xet while there are thousands of people who fail to find entertainment in the discussion of the graver subjects, there is scarcely a mind on earth that does not respond to the thought of home life, with its innumerable associations, sweet or sad, grave or say, agreeable or painful.

The old idea that all greatness of intellect must be linked with crankiness of disposition has never appealed to me. It is a pernicious doctrine and ought not to be preached in the hearing of the young.

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One of our most brilliant literary men in the line of wit and humor was a miracle of love and devotion to a hopelessly crippled wife during her long years of invalidism.

Such men are worthy of having a modern society established in their honor, entitled "The Knights of the New Round Table," where the chief pride of each member should be that he kept a clean name and an unsulled home life.

The great endearing loves of live are

The great endearing loves of live are not composed of passion, admiration, romance and sentiment alone.

All these elements are contained in a great love, but under all must be the solid foundation of friendship.

A husband must be his wife's best friend, a wife a husband's best friend, if either expects to live up to the highest ideal of love and companionship to the end of life.

To begin as the friend and to develop into the lover is not so ideal a relationship as to begin as the lover and to have the element of friendship evolve like a flower out of the coarser stalk of passion.

All the lover realizes in the first ardent phases of his infatuation is his desire to possess the woman he loves.

But after he becomes her husband, if he is a strong and noble character, and the is in any degree worthy of his love, he should feel an imputes to be her friend—to help her in every way possible to grow toward lovely and perfect womanhood; to protect her from unnecessary trouble, and to sustain her through all the ills and trials which fall naturally to the mortal lot.

When the wife realizes that this is When the wife realizes that this is the husband's wish and purpose, and meets his counsels, suggestions and protective impulses with confidence and gratitude, domestic love reaches an altitude impossible to be attained through any other course.

Only when the wife realizes that she

est good in every way, even when it means temporary forgetfulness of self and personal pleasure, can she know what the perfection of domestic ulon is.

Amende Honorable.

"We want to do the square thing."
wrote the editor of the Hickory Ridge
Missourian, according to the Chicago
Tribune, "to old Spike Thunderbrush of the McKinstry neighborhood. brush of the McKinstry neighborhood. Our readers will remember that we have spoken of him sometimes as the ragtag and bobtail of all creation. That old scalawag has played more mean tricks on us than he has warts on his hands, and we've given it to him hot and heavy every time. We don't allow no man to get the bulge on us without coming back at him. But wa've for no man to get the bulge on us without coming back at him. But we've forgiven old Spike. Last Saturday he dropped into our sanctum and asked how much he was behind on subscription. We told him 11 years, and he dug down in his jeans, fished up a dirty wad of bills, and squared up. It's the decentest thing he has done since we've been running a paper in this town. The old scarecrow was drunk when he done it, but we don't lay that up against him. Old Spike has some good points, and we shan't say mother mean thing about him until be tries to run for office bim until he tries to run for office again. We'll show him up then in all his hideous deformity, but in the mean-time him and us are good friends."

February 15 in History. 1719-Louis XV of France born. Died

May 10, 1774.

1748—Jeremy Bentham, English philosopher, born. Died June 5, 1832.

1764—St. Louis, Missouri, founded by company of French merchants.

1830—S. Weir Mitchell, American au-

thor, born.

1844—Thomas W. Gilmer of Virginia
became secretary of the navy.

1864—Andersonville prison opened for the reception of prisoners.

1872—First session of the first legis-lature of British Columbia.

1883—David R. Locke, American humordestroyed in Havana harffor. 1899—Million-dollar fire in Brooklyn navy yard.

Rellef of Kimberley by General

The Trouble With the Railroads

From Collier's Weekly.

Since Mr. James J. Hill a few months ago warned the country that its railroad faeilities had failen hopelessly behind the needs of its business, a succession of feightful accidents and trying commercial pinches has given impressive confirmation to fin assertion. The president of the great Southern railway has failen a victim to the same conditions that are killing 10,000 other people a year. The terrible disaster at Terra Cotta, near Washington, on December 30, in which a Baltimers & Ohio Irain ground out 42 lives by running into another on a block already occupied, was followed three days later by a head-on collision on the Rock Island, in Kansas, in which 43 people were killed through the error of a boy operator, most of them being burned to death, and the next day by a rear-end crash on the Union Pacific. The last accident, in which the Los Angeles Limited phunged into the Overland Limited, just happened to kill only two passengers and wound 11, besides wrecking 11 cars and a locomotive, but it might very sasily have been the worst of the lot.

The information obtained by the interstate commerce commission from all parts of the country indicates that through the anxiety of the railroads to push their inadequate facilities to the limit the rdies governing the operation of the block signal system are almost universally disregarded, and the system itself has become absolutely ineffective—indeed, in many cases, a source of positive danger.

merce commission shows that 5,703 per sons were killed and 36,008 injured of American railroads in 1905. Of thes 688 were killed and 7,433 wounded in American railroads in 1905. Of these 668 were killed and 7,435 wounded in collisions. These so-called accidents were almost all preventable. Most of the other kinds of accidents were preventable, too, but practically all collisions could have been avoided. They were due to disregard of the rules laid down to ensure safety, and this disregard was due to the effort to make one man, one locomotive, one car and one mile of track do the work of two. The president talks of the danger of race sufcide because not enough bables are born, but of those that have been born and brought up with infinite pains to be of service to the state, we have allowed the railroads to kill 46,532 and cripple 364,717—more than the whole population of a city as large as San Francisco—in five years.

The one bit of reassuring evidence that cropped up during this time was the statement that the record of the series of 1,625 "surprise tests" carried out by the Chicago & Northwestern during the year 1906, covering every imaginable contingency in the management of block signals, did not show a single failure

contingency in the management of block signals, did not show a single failure to observe the signals and obey the rules.

At the same time the shortage in cars is causing loss and distress throughout the west. Mr. Lane, chairman of the interstate commerce commission's subset commission that has been investigating this subject, has filed a report in which he shows that the railroads failed to prepare for a heavy movement of grain, although they had every reason to expect a large crop. This year they seem to have been overwheimed by the flood of cereals, although the crop is little larger than that of 1985. At the end of the year 50,00,000 bushels of grain remained on the farms or in the country delevators of North Dakota. Only 39 per cent of the crop had been shipped.

These conditions have reduced the price of grain by from 2 to 6 cents per bushel at many country points, and have involved the farmer, the merchant, the elevator man and the country dealer in elevator man and the country dealer in heavy losses. Yet there was nothing even in the testimony of the railroad men themselves to show that this situa-tion had been brought about by an actual shortage of cars. Although they had largely increased their equipment, the northwestern roads actually hauled less grain by 19,000 carloads in 1906, down to the time of the hearing, than they had hauled in the corresponding period of 1905.

In the case of the coal famine which has caused so much suffering in the northwest the railroads tried to shift the responsibility to the country coal dealer, who, according to their account, had improvidently failed to lay in his supply early in the summer. But the dealer came back with the comprehensive answer that "neither law nor custom required him to order his coal six months in advance of his needs; that it tom required him to order his coal six months in advance of his needs; that it was the duty of the railroad to meet his demand for cars, rather than the duty of the coal dealer to accommodate his business to the convenience of the railroad; that these who did order coal in the summer months were as poorly supplied as those who did not; that the railroad companies themselves did not foliow their own counsel, for their own reports reveal serious shortage of company coal at almost every point; that preference over coal was given to general merchandise and other freight destined farther west, and that in the months when coal would ordinarily have been hauled to North Dakota the railroads were engaged in supplying chail roads were engaged in supplying chal from the head of the lakes to the Mon-tana smelters whose customary supply had been cut off by a strike in Hritish Columbia mines."

Some of the railroad potentates questioned by the commission took a view of the situation that was almost tragic in its gloomy intensity. President Hill of the Great Northern declared that the roads as a whole had "not kept in sight of the country's growth." For the next five years Mr. Hill put the absolutely necessary increase to catch up with the business at 72,000 miles of track, which would coat \$5,500,000,000, or \$1,100,000,000 a would coat \$5,500,000,000, or \$1,100,000,000 a year. Even that he considered too little, and ret it was more money than he believed the United States could raise. tise. The commission's investigators agreed

with him on the latter point, but they

Small Change

Brother Geer has denied things be-A Minnesota man weighing 540 pounds died poor,

The United Railways can't get busy

The governor is at least relieved of a heavy responsibility. The tall and the short man seem to

Well, is that Mount Hood railroad going to be built or begun this year?

Mr. Caruegie is studying whether he shall try to beat John D.'s latest gift.

Gold in sufficient quantities is fine oloring matter for an expert's opinion.

Most men who would like to be rall-nad commissioners are not fit for the

We suppose somebody is working on a scheme to re-galvanise the yellow perit.

Eggs are worth \$5 a dosen in Alaska. That beats their price in Fortland this winter.

The Thaw trial is mainly an exhibi-tion of Jerome and Delmas stopping each other.

What propriety is there in a state treasurer having the appointment of a railroad commissioner? Of course the shippers will have to pay the raise in railroad employes'

An eastern preacher named Lemon has been given an assistant, and now the flock enjoys Lemonade.

Oregon won't care if the railroad com-mission does nothing if Mr. Harriman will get a move on and do it first.

A Chicago professor says American women can't talk. Has he lived all his life in a deaf and dumb asylum?

A Philadelphia man wants a divorce because his wife loves to go shopping. That fellow belongs to the old bachelor's The Detroit News says Rockefeller's

gift to education was a "confession." If so there is a great deal more to be Milwaukee is proud of its waterworks, We always supposed that water was something of but-little consequence in Milwankee.

The president has probably observed that the sailroads, though declaring big dividends are boosting freight rates allo

A Philadelphia man proposes to build a railroad from that city to heaven. But he could not depend on a heavy passenger traffic.

It is estimated that the late raise in the price of dil will not make up for nearly a year that \$22,000,000 Rockefel-ler gave away the other day. Julian Hawthorne says the president's

English is the worst he ever read. But readers know what he means, and that is the main thing. And it would seem that Hawthorne cannot have read much.

Oregon Sidelights

A Silverton man sold a 4-months-old

Alsike is proving a hardy forage plant up the valley. valley were injured.

Scores of robbers, and some of them, kidnapers, infest Pendleton, Residents of Mill creek near The Dalles

have formed a good roads association. Electric lights at Corvallis are very

A cow shut up in a building near Haines, tells the Record, lived four weeks without food:

Polk county farmers are plowing and getting ready for spring planting The Union Republican has information that the belt railroad in Grande Ronda valley will now be completed.

A Rogue river man while for coal exhumed the coffined remains of some carly settler, who for lack of more consecrated ground had found re-pose there.

A milch cow was found dead in Lake-A milen cow was found dead in lake view, and as the carcass was hauled away through the streets, the town mileh cows formed a lengthy procession behind it, says the Herald.

Port Orford Tribune: Strangers are datly coming and going on all kinds missions, but most of them are looking for land to locate, nor storms, nor roads, nor hardships, dampen their zeal

missing, and all the neighbors turned out to hunt for her, and it was supposed she had fallen in a awoilen creek and was prowned, but after some hours search she was found asleep in a chick-

en coop. Two Line county men have ordered 75,000 frogs' eggs from the east and will start a frog ranch in a hig slough located on their farms. Within six months they expect to be able to put 40 degen pair of frogs' legs on the market weekly.