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### BY WHAT AUTHORITY?

withholds from sale? Why should not that company be gould not that company be required to sell this lands to actual settlers at a price not to exceed \$2.50 per acre as a law of congress provides? What is this corporation that, while the individual must obey a law, it need not? What are these laws and this government of ours if they are for the individual to obey, but for the corporation to disobey? Is the corporation to disobey? Is the corporation to disobey? Is the corporation greater than the law, or is

the courts and authorities know that creased in just the same ratio as the language of the act plainly speci- New York, Los Angeles or Portland. agent, the trustee of the government the man in the moon." in selling the lands, and actual settlers in Oregon were to be the buy- VALUE TO A TOWN OF A REPUers, nothing more, nothing less. Wherefore, then, and by what authority, are these lands withheld which they lie retarded? By the become bigger than the government, and if so, by what and whose au-

ROM A thousand egregiously say the least burdensome, disap- Get a reputation, and deserve it. that civilization should have so long tation, and that pays. tolerated and almost reverenced it Have clean streets, and the prined and semi-barbarous age, something; starve the mossbacks. when a few did all the thinking for

ical, grievous, outrageous, and ap-rounding land owners with big

pear in manifold ways, constantly, farms to break them up into small everywhere. It may be cheaper for tracts. Pull for small farmer immia creditor to take 50 per cent of a grants to support your mills and just claim than to go to law with factories and merchants, and have lished every evening (except Sunday) and an obstinate and resourceful debtor. the farms to show, resp Senday morning, at The Journal Building, Fifth and Yamhill streets, Portland, Or. A poor man who has a just claim. When you have de-A poor man who has a just claim When you have done any part of for damages against a corporation this let the world know it. The may have to fight for it for years, Journal will tell it free of charge. and get at last but a little fraction Every time you do something to im of his due. The cost of maintaining prove your town tell of it. Keep a just contention is in many cases doing, and keep in the public eye. more than the amount sought to be Thus you get a reputation and atecovered. And in the case of rich tract attention and people. lawbreakers, their conviction and possibility. The people can put them stop off in Portland. They will be to a good deal of trouble and ex- attracted to a town with a reputapense, but in many cases this is the

### THE CENSUS BUREAU'S POPU-LATION ESTIMATES.

extent of their power.

FTER THE last census was taken, the census bureau was made permanent. It might as well have been, for the work was already prolonged well through bureau, however, afforded an opportunity to congressmen to appoint a lot of clerks, which is considered of some value in political fence-build-

The bureau no doubt finds some useful things to do, even now, nearly seven years after the census was taken, but estimating the population of cities is not one of them. The estimates are made entirely on a basis of former census figures. If a city grew a certain percentage from 1890 to 1900, it is growing at the same percentage now, and has been ever since 1900. No facts as to accelerated or retarded growth lice Captain Mooney with being an are considered, or decired. If a city that had 10,000 in 1900 and 9,000 HY SHOULD not the South- in 1890 had 100,000 now, the cen-

poration greater than the law, or is This method does not give a square the law greater than the corpora- deal to cities that are growing i tion? If the corporation is the good deal faster since 1900 than greater, is this a government of, for during the decade ending with that year, By the simple, easy, lazy The Southern Pacific company is process adopted by the bureau, Portbound in honor and in law by the land is credited with about 106,000 Clark exposition at Portland in 1905. terms under which the land grant and Seattle with 102,000. If they please. At least it was pretty nearwas publicly and officially accepted had a full quarter of a million of ly ready, much more so, than any to sell these lands, to sell them to population each, and could prove it, other. tual settlers on demand, and to the figures of the census bureau sell them at not to exceed \$2.50 per would be the same. How much a acre. There may be hitch, or there city has really grown is of no condge, or there may be tech- sequence to the bureau; officially, it to the contrary may be set up. By tenths as much as it did between the tricks of rogues it is possible to 1890 and .900. And if a city had dispute and embarrass even an been deserted and not a soul inhabitaxiom. But everybody knows and ed the place, the census bureau the railroad corporation knows and would put it down as having in-

fies and that congress plainly and Growing cities would be obliged unmistakably meant that the lands to the census bureau if it would add were to go to settlers at a price not an explanation in bold type, to this to exceed \$2.50 per acre, and that effect: "N. B .- These figures are the grantee company so accepted merely the result of the non-work them and positively and irrevocably principle; as to what the real popuagreed to sell the lands on those lation of any city may be, the bureau terms. The company was to be the doesn't know nor care any more than

## TATION.

LL GROWING and ambitious cities, even comparatively from willing buyers and the settle- A cities, even comparatively ment and growth of the counties in A small ones, like the principal ones in Oregon outside of token, has the corporation actually Portland, should realize and remember that a town's growth depends very much on its getting a reputation. And it should not be necessary to add that what it wants is a LAW WINS-JUSTICE LOSES, good and not a bad reputation.

Get into the news columns of metropolitan papers with whatever inequitable and wearisome in- you have that will go to make up stances that might be cited it a good reputation. Let your light is clear that the American shine, which you can't do without system of trials, both civil and crim- the light. Advertise, but be ready inal, but particularly criminal, is to to show the goods as advertised.

pointing, in many cases farcical, and How? The same old story. Be in some fairly revolting. The sys- progressivists, not obstructionists. tem of procedure, as illustrated in Don't be afraid of spending money the Thaw and Ruef cases for ex- for the "light," for the "goods." ample, is monstrously absurd, and They cost, but they establish a repu-

is illustrative of how wrapped round cipal ones paved. Put down cement and clossed up the human mind is sidewalks. Keep your premises with ideas, forms, customs, theories cleaned up and your houses painted. and practices of former times that Have good water and fire protecdurn world, it would seem, tion. Tax old shacks and rubbishshould long ago have outgrown and cumbered property the law's limit. cast aside as pertaining to an unen- Stand by the men that try to do

Get a mill or factory or two. Furnish a site for them if required. and delays and interminable hair- thing of that kind, and don't stop itings are not imaginary, senti- at talk. Make a beginning and do atal or alight; they are real; prac- something. Try to induce the sur-

Thousands of immigrants are com proper punishment is almost an im- ing to Oregon, and most of them tion, and in the vicinity of which small farms can be bought reasonably. One manufacturing establishment that succeeds brings another, and they others. People hunt up such a town-the town with a rep-

Getting a reputation also helps subjectively. The realization that a town is getting an enviable reputation encourages its inhabitants to a decade. Making it a permanent live up to that reputation and better it. They become proud of their town's reputation, and will do more and more to increase it.

A town the greater and wealthier part of whose people hoard their money or refuse to let go of a dollar till they can see two dollars on the return trip will never get a good eputation, and never will amount to anything. The best its impotent minority of progressivists can do is to pray for a succession of funerals or move away.

Accounts from San Francisco of the boodle investigations credit Pohonest officer throughout the whole carnival of graft, and he is considered almost a miracle of virtue, one

a blatant yawn?

An exchange says the Jamestown exposition will follow the example of all others in not being ready on the opening day. Except the Lewis and Clark exposition at Portland in 1905, fall was easy."

Senator Spooner says in the matter of railroad legislation the Amergeance. But the people object to allowing the railroad presidents and attorneys to decide what justice is.

make great progress when it gets a stable government. The world will have peace when the millenium ar-

"I am as much of a standpatter as ever." Uncle Joe Cannon is reported to have said. Oh well, nobody expected that he would ever

But Mr. Graves knew very well that neither Roosevelt nor Bryan would do it.

exposition are not superstitious. It will open on Friday.

From the Chicago Tribune. "Brother Millsap," said the leader of the meeting, "will you please start a

whose repertoire of sacred music was more or less limited, could think of only one thing that had not been sung within the previous half hour, and he "He that hath plenty of pea-ea-ea-nuts

And giveth his neighbor none,
He shan't have any of my peanuts
When his peanuts are gone!"
Here all the male voices in the congregation joined in with great enthu-

When his peanuts are gaw-haw-hawn

Turn Thurston's Picture to the Wall. From the New York Tribune. Because ex-Senator John M. Thurston of Nebrasks made an anti-Rosseveit speech before the Young Men's Republican club of Omahs, the leading Republican club of Nebrasks, turned Mr. Thurston's picture to the wall amid the hisses and grouns of the members. The president's name was cheered and applauded

groans of the members. The president's name was cheered and applauded at the same time.

The picture of ex-Senator Thurston has hung on the walls of the club for many years. When it was reversed a clipping of the Philadelphia speech was passed across the back.

From the Walker (Neb.) Record, Great big strapping Bill Shoels, who an fell a steer with a blow from als

### The Most Handsome This Is the True Harriman in Bad Senator

From the Lexington (Ky.) Observer. Who is the handsomest senator? Dur-ing the brief session of congress just ended this honor was generally assigned to Mr. Mulkey of Oregon, where period of service was so brief that it might be said of him that "he came right in, and he turned right 'round, and he walked right out again." giving him no opportunity to gain distinction for anything but his pulchritude, which spoke for itself. Mr. Mulkey's reputation in this respect coming to be known in the northwest, a Washington state paper roughly declared that "Ofegon has hundreds of men who can make him look like a cartoon," and that "the United States senate must be unusually short of beauty." Aroused by this star upon the distinguished body which is, in a sense, a Washington institution, the Washingled this honor was generally assigne beauty." Aroused by this siur upon the distinguished body which is, in a sense, a Washington institution, the Washington Post takes up the cudgels. "Without reflecting upon anybody," retorts the Post hotiy, "it is safe to say that Oregon has been niggardly of her manly beauties, if they abound in such numbers. With the exception of Mr. Mulkey, whose stay conferred all too brief delight upon lovers of the beautiful, Oregon has not won especial renown as the nusery of comeliness. It hardly becomes her to say that there is no handsomest man in the senate worth mentioning. Necessarily, there remains the handsomest man so long as there is a senate. It would be worth while, too, to have his name mentioned, that all the country might give honor to the state of handsome men. But the Post does not purpose to throw any apples of discord into that august body. There was a loss in the high average of handsomeness when Mr. Carmack of Tennessee departed. Some of the glory faded, too, when Joe Blackburn turned the light of his counfenance toward Panama. But there is beauty left, lets of the men. too, when Joe Blackburn turned the light of his countenance toward Panama. But there is beauty left, lots of it, and some of it individualized. One senator there is the handsomest of all. We could name him if we would." The Post's reluctance to name the present possessor of the distinction is easy to understand, but the Observer has no cause to share it. The senator referred to is Mr. Overman of North Carolina, who, we need hardly say, ranks high in every other respect as well.

# spect as well. Now let the country render to North Carolina the honor which, as the Post says, is due the state of handsome men.

First Downward Step.

ommon thief.
"The judge was greatly moved. He

Plugs and Mongrels.

The Princess de Montglyon, whose colles were a feature of the winter's kennel show, was explaining to a young woman journalist her method of breeding dogs.

"But you," the princess said, "are somewhat ignorant of dog breeding are taining the substance observed by the strong imaginations:

To the City of New York—Since observed by the strong imaginations:

"I am," the interviewer confessed. "You are like," said the princess, "that amusing Mark Twain, who bought in the west a "genuine Mexican plug," thinking that phrase meant 'theroughbred Arabian, or something of that sort. You are like a young friend of mine who said one evening to her hus-

for you! Look at this perfectly sweet little dog I bought this morning. Only \$25, and the man guaranteed him to be a pure mongrel."

# Installing the Ring. "Much as it pains me to have to tell ou, Mr. Simkins," said the fair Muss obinson in tremulous tones, "I do not

"Oh, I could not dream of doing such a thing," said Sinkins gravely; "pray keep it in remembrance of me and my

"Thank you. A thousand thanks," murmured the girl; "how good, how gen-erous you are! I shall never, never part

kins with his hand on the door knob.
"I'll tell the man you're solely responsi-ble. You see, there are five monthly installments to pay on it yet. Good by!" And before the astonished Miss by!" And before the astonished Miss Robinson could reply Simkins was run-ning down the front door steps.—Home

### As to Small Farms.

From the Irrigon Irrigator. Last week we published an editorial ment the size of the farms in Oregon, dvocating "the small farm well tilled," as we have often done before.
On the same day the Portland Journal published an editorial on the same sub-ject, under the caption, "Twenty Acres Enough," which we republish in another

column, and to which we invite the care-ful attention of our readers. This is a subject which is of great When his peanuts are gone,
When his peanuts are gone,
When his peanuts are gone!

When his peanuts are gone!

At this critical moment the pastor rose and began a fervid exhortation, thereby averting a further calamity.

This is a subject which is of great interest to every person in Oregon, even in the entire country, and there is not a bit of doubt but what if the newspapers would keep hammering on the matter, many men would begin to increase the fertility of the land they have rather than have more act and the second country. have, rather than buy more, and many who have large tracts would cut them up and dispose of portions of them.

### Good Guesses. From the Philadelphia Bulletin. One man in 268 is over 6 feet.

one man succeeds in business to eight who go bankrupt.

There is one sudden death among women to eight among men.

One cold is taken out of doors where nine are taken indoors.
One in each 1,000 couples lives to celebrate the golden wedding.

### Her Husband's Luck.

By Beatrice Fairfax.

Dear Miss Fairfax:
Would you kindly decide the following argument and we will be greatly obliged to you? A young man and myself have had a great argument. He claims the educated girl is the only one who can claim the title of lady, while I say the good, hard-working girl is every bit as much the lady.

Now, Miss Fairfax, this is the question! Is not the good, poor, hard-working factory working girl every bit as much a lady as a good, educated girl with money?

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Refinement, modesty and kindness of heart are the three most essential qualities that go to making a lady.

The fact that a girl earns her own living makes not a penny's worth of difference. She may be a factory girl or she may be the first lady in the land; she can be equally a lady in either recettion. The word "education" covers a large ground and has many grades.

There are few women in this enlightened day who have not the chance of some education, however slight. But the fact that she is obliged to leave school and earn her own living at the age of 14 need not keep a girl from believe leaves.

ladyhood.

It is refinement that keeps a girl neat and cleanly about her person. Fine clothes cannot help her in the smallest degree to act or look like a lady.

No girl can hope to be a lady unless she is modest in manner and conversation. Purity of mind stamps itself on the face. Boldness, loudness and behavior that makes her conspicuous at once stamps a girl as being ill-bred. It seems needless to add that a true lady shows the same kindliness to all classes. She has not one set of manners for the high and another for the lowly. In all places and to all people she is

In all places and to all people she is courteous and gentle.

I have known women of great wealth, high social position and most superior education whom I have not considered ladies, for the simple reason that they were arrogant and vulgar in mind. At the same time I know a simple old Irish woman who can write her own name and

woman who can write her own name and that is about all, whom I consider a gentlewoman. She could not do or say a vulgar thing to save her life. Her gentleness and kindness to every one are beautiful to see.

It is not necessary to have money and live in a fine house in order to be a lady, but it is necessary to be refined, modest and gentle in your manner to all classes. To make distinctions between rich and poor is to be a snob and no snob can be a gentlewoman or a gentleman.

The Dictionary of Misinformation Antiers—Decorations for a hall; also for a deer's head.

or a deer's head.
Garden—The graveyard of hopes.
Oats—Shad roe for a horse.
Spring—The season of mud, love and -Fancy dress its wearers don't

Rossetti thought the letter "v" the most beautiful of all, and tried to embroider his verse with words like "velvet." Americans share his views about the desirability of V, but they think twice as much of a bill marked X.

way to the city, its real owner. Oh for a sound sleep. A. BELMONT. To the Governor of Texas—I haven't known what slumber is since I elected to the senate, so I hereby nounce my intention of resigning. Now to the mattress. J. W. BAILEY.

The morning's mail in 1907 is usually ade up like this:

Postal card showing scenes in Call-ornia: "Having fine time.—Bill. Postal card with photograph of wit-ness in celebrated trial: "Do you know who this is?—T." Postal card asking for a loan. Postal card announcing an engage

Postal card bearing impression of Postal card in one section: others come later; all to form picture of a

Postal card with photograph of baby: Tan't he a fine boy?—Bud."
Two hundred and fifty other postal

Harbin, lately filled with Russians in all the panoply of horrid war, now ex-periences the benefits of peace. A score of persons have been killed in a railroad wreck.

### Trousers Irreligious.

(From Notes and Queries.)
It will assuredly seem more than strange that within the past hundred years the wearing of trousers has been strange that within the past hundred years the wearing of trousers has been regarded even as irreligious. The fact that in October, 1812, an order was made by St. John's and Trinity colleges that every young man who appeared in hall or chapel in pantaloons or trousers should be considered as absent is startling enough; but it would appear that eight years later the founders of a Bethel chapel at Sheffield inserted a clause in the trust deed ordaining that "under no circumstances whatever shall any preacher be allowed to occupy a pulpit who wears trousers. This is striking, but it is even more impressive to find that Rev. Hugh Bourne, one of the two lounders of the Primitive Methodist Connection, said of his cofounder: "That trouser-wearing, beerdrinking Clowes will never get to heaven." And it would need a student of "the Breeches Bible" to say precisely when this assumed connection between theology and trousers began and where the departure from it will end.

Today in History. April 23, 1616. 1662—Connecticut's famous charter

1813-Abdul Medjid, sultan of Turker 1851-Postage stamps first issued in

Canada

1882—John Young, governor of New York in the anti-rent agitation, died Born 1802.

1894—Earthquake near Athens, Greece; 227 lives lost.

1896—The Bourgeols ministry in France resigned.

1900—The Duke of Argyll died.

1902—Andrew Carnegie donated \$600,300 to Tuskogee institute, Alabama.

From the Railroad Gazette.

"The amount credited as the gain of E. H. Harriman alone is placed at not less than \$10,000,000 by many brokers."

—Wall Street Journal, August 17, 1986.

"Kansas City Southern advanced hefore the declaration of the preferred dividend, but the market shows very plainly that there has been none of that preliminary heavy inside speculation which did so much to disturb confidence and start the decline in stocks last year. The controlling interest has not been in the market."—Wall Street Journal, April 2, 1907.

and start the decline in stocks last year. The controlling interest has not been in the market."—Wall Street Journal, April 3, 1907.

These two brief comments selected from the "Features of the Market" column of the Wall Street Journal might well be made the subject of careful thought by those high railroad officers who feel that the financial difficulties with which railroads are confronted to day are due only to the meddlesome activity of one Theodore Roosevelt, and that the district of railroad securities and railroad management has little or no justification. The fact that the railroads cannot borrow on reasonable terms the money necessary for improvements is due to a number of causes, in particular the great demand for capital in all lines of industry. An exceedingly important cause is the widespread distrust of railroad stocks and bonds. The comments noted above, it should be remembered, are taken, not from the editorial column, but from the current count from hour to hour over the tleker. They represent, not the quiet and philosophistical opinion of an editor in his study, but the swift judgment of market facts of a trained observer. We have several times taken occasion to condemn the Harriman dividend incident as an essentially unjust exercise of corporate power. It is a pleasure in contrast to record this frank opinion of the way in which the first dividend of the Kansas City Southern was declared last week. There is an added contrast between the two instances if one remembers that the Kansas City Southern was declared last week. There is an added contrast between the two instances if one remembers that the Kansas City Southern was one of the severest indictments of a railroad management which has been made since the receivership era of 10 to 15 years ago. In brief, the roadbed, structures and equipment had been allowed to seriously deteriorate; traffic had (apparently) been diverted to other lines; there were over 600 wrecks in one year, and improper bookkeeping entries. Without attempting to pass on

Whiskey and Whiskey.

From the New York World.

"When is whiskey not whiskey and when is not whiskey whiskey?" has been answered by Attorney-General Bonaparts by asking "What is whiskey?" He has answered his answer by saying "Whiskey is whiskey." To quote from the attorney-general's epinion in the controversy between the "straight" whiskey people and the "blended" whiskey makers in answering his question of "What is whiskey?" he says:

"A chemist or a distiller might

of "What is whiskey" he says:
"A chemist or a distiller might
answer this question altogether differently from the ordinary purchaser of
whiskey for his own consumption; but
the purchaser's view of the matter is
material to attain the primary purpose
of the pure food law: I think it may be
safely said that what he means by
'whiskey' when buying it is a distilled
spirit fit for use as a beverage and having the particular flavor which human
experience has classified as that of
'whiskey'."

The attorney-general admits that the flavor of the "hummer" and "private stock" may be different, but insists that it is all known as "whiskey." Regardng the difference in flavor, the at

torney-general says:
"It may be that the general impression of their similarity is due, in some measure, to imagination or imperfect

Under the ruling of the attorney-general, which he says is "warranted by information contained in papers before me and by such other information as I have been able to obtain," these classifications were he made. have been able to obtain," these classi-fications must be made: "Straight whiskey must be labeled as

"A mixture of two or more straight whiskies will be labeled blended whis-key or whiskies.
"A mixture of straight whiskey and

ethyl alcohol, provided there is a suffi-cient amount of straight whiskey to make it genuinely a 'mixture,' will b labeled as compound or compounde with pure grain distillate, "Imitation whiskey will be labeled a such."

"The decision is a victory for Dr. Wiley and the straight-whiskey people. They have contended all along that neutral spirit or high wines and whiskles do not constitute "whiskey" under the pure food law. The decision of the attorney-general is that only whiskles of a like character can be called blended whiskey, and that the mixture of straight whiskey with ethyl alcohol is a "compound" and not entitled to be labeled "whiskey," but must be labeled "compound whiskey."

"compound whiskey."
The blended whiskey makers and rectifiers, it is said, will appeal to the supreme court.

The Bravest Song and the Sweetest (8, E. Riser in Chicago Record-Herald.)
The bravest song is the song he sings
who is hoping the best he may.
While he faithfully helps to do the
things that have to be done each
day:
The warder may after a plantage of the state of the stat

day;
he warrior may sing a giorious song
as he marches to meet his foe,
And the hunter may sing as he
hurries along where the quarry is

To faithfully labor as best he can for the ones who depend on him.

sweetest song is her song whose eyes are filled with a righteous pride

as she watches the cot where her baby lies while her needle is deftly plied; The prima donna may grandly trill, and

her bird-like notes may be pure that they never may fail to fill her hearers with ecstacy.

Ind her song is sweet who in rapture brings her lover the faith she should:

sings in the joy of young mother-

# Small Change

Now what excuse have you for not naking garden? We shall soon now have a spell of de-centia baseballanis.

Devlin is away shead—in the number of pictures displayed.

The people seem to think they need a colitical boss like Roosevelt.

Yet it is unlikely that the "labor vote"

Rhode Island has but one senator, but is twice as well off as New York. One thing Portland luckily never im-

There is small likelihood of Roosevelt

The mayor has another good quality: He knows how not to talk, as well as

Since the question, what is a Demo-crat? has been given up, can anybody tell what a Republican is?

Perhaps the better way would be to give all the facts to the public and let the people judge who are liars. Pittsburg is said to be in favor of another term for Roosevelt, but he should not be blamed for that.

It is not believed that Senator Bever-idge would die of grief if Fairbanks should have but slim support in the

A lot of Delaware people ought to be ashamed to allow old Gas Addicks to suffer in extreme poverty. He lined many a pocket in that little rotten ber-ough.

Senator La Pollette did not dine with Senator Ankeny at Walla Walla, and Senator Ankeny did not attend Senator La Pollette's lecture. Each has his opin-

Now it is the Colorado fruit crop that has been destroyed. We are a good deal discouraged about the Oregon fruit crop and fear that it will be a failure; it hasn't been destroyed once yet.

# Oregon Sidelights

Albany is now sure of a sawmill.

Gold Beach, says the Globe, needs Lane is now another free-of-debt

Astoria Elks are to have a fine home A Eugene man is organizing an

Pointoes are scare at \$1.50 a bushel at Myrtle Creek . A Umatilla county man sold his wheat

Many fruit trees are being planted

Great bodies of iron ore are believed

Farmers in Benton county are finding alfalfa a great success. It promises to be a banner prune year in Linn and Benton counties.

Prospects for a bumper cronever better in Morrow county.

The prospect is for a big crop of prunes and other fruit in Polk county. A strong Eastern Oregon Miners' as-sociation has been organized at Baker City.

There are 150 acres of strawberries in Clackamas county, and soon will many more,

A dog poisoner has been operating in Springfield and the owner of one victim offers \$50 reward.

The first potatoes heard of in Com-gon this spring were raised by a farm-er near Independence. The Polk county court will have the county's timber lands cruised for the

The Coquille valley is a fine apple country, but so far it has been thought that dairying paid better.

A Line county man went out to sh tot a chicken hawk; the gun went off acci-dentally and badly wounded his wife.

prospects for Sherman county looked brighter in a business way than the present year. Crop prospects are fine and everyone is jubilant.

A new copper belt has been discovered on the divide between the South Umpqua and the Rogue rivers, in the northern part of Jackson and southern part of Douglas counties.

The Philomath Review, that is crowd-The Philomath Review, that is crowned with timber land notices, says it will soon run out of them and will be rejoiced thereat, so it can publish more news, but this statement may have been made with a mental reservation. Land notices pay.

Aurora Borealis: It takes more nerve to run a newpaper in Aurora than is would in a city of a million inhabitants. The most inhocent story in the world, when published in the Borealis, is sure to offend some subscriber and then they get up on their hind legs and how! and threaten to knock the editor's block off.

willie's Definition.

"Willie's Definition.

"Willie Green," said the teacher, "you may define the word memory."

"Memory," said Willie, "is what we forget with."

She Knew.

"Miss Janet is a long time coming down," he said to the pretty parlor maid. "Perhaps she is—ha, ha—perhaps she is making up her mind whether to see me or not."

The maid smiled coidly.

"No," she said, "it is not her mind that she is making up."