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Nothing has ever remained on any revolution but what was ripe in the consciousness of the masses .--- Rollin.

### A SIGNIFICANT MEETING.

HE meeting at the Armory last evening was remarkable for

one of its kind, the opening meeting of a city campaign. It was significant in the number of people present, in the character of the audience and in the fact that, although the meeting was in the interest of Mayor Lane's candidacy, a large proportion of the people present were Republicans, who evidently were quite as much in earnest in his support as the Democrats. The hoodlums, the rounders, the thugs, the dive habitues, the gamblers, the heelers, were conspicuous by their absence. They have no sympathy with the mayor's campaign. On the other hand, all classes of decent, orderly, industrious, fair-minded people, including many women, were there to the number of about 1,600, and it was evident that, although the people; and we believe the probably more than half of them are proper business of the courts is to Republicans, they appeared to be in entire accord with the ideas advanced by the speakers and in complete sympathy with the non-partisan cases. movement to reelect Mayor Lane and prevent a reactionary administration in this city.

but it was plainly shown, both by ex- most upside-down and inside-out on Senator Gearin and ex-Judge Pipes, various occasions before now to meet that politically he was in extremely public or party exigencies by this had company and that if elected he same august court, and if we may end" element that is unanimous in straining the constitution a bit for his support, and to the "interests" the public weal.

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with the law if it interferes with of either statesmanship or patriotthe machine's projects and pur- ism. In this direction a simple and poses-which, it need not be added, seemingly harmless matter may work are inimical to the public good. We inestimable evil." In writing his book Mr. Devlin

think Mr. Cake is entirely mistaken; must have been greatly impressed the law will stand, whoever is electwith the evil of strict adherence to ed mayor, but it will be a good deal safer and, have a better chance to party in city elections, for on page 63, in opening a new chapter, he accomplish its design of establishing a government of the people if says: "In every national and many the machine is smashed before it a state campaign party enthusiasm runs very high. There is a persistgets a chance to operate for two ent effort to confine the vote within years in the city.

party lines. The great differences THE RECLAMATION LAW MAY proper in their place, are forced into **BE UNCONSTITUTIONAL.** the affairs of cities, with which they THE DICTUM, even if it be no have no legitimate connection what-

more than that, of the United ever. There are few questions in States supreme court, to the municipal affairs upon which good effect that the reclamation citizens should differ." He goes on

law is unconstitutional, is greatly to to say that party service should be regretted. The court, according count for nothing against honesty to news reports, expressed the opinand competency, but that "the peoion that congress has no legislative ple are secured in the web of parpowers except such as were clearly tisanship, and the city's interests granted by the constitution, and that the use of public funds for the reclaemoluments and honors are distribmation of arid lands by irrigation uted among those politicians who

was not one of those granted pow- will for reward perform questioners: hence the law passed nearly two able rervices. . . . With a years ago, and under which so much justy campaign cry and partisan vastly beneficial work has been done lines well drawn, the local (ward) or commenced, is unconstitutional boss will secure the partisan vote of and void. This opinion was only incidental, but private interests will no why free silver or protective tariff doubt bring the matter squarely beshould influence a man's vote in lofore the court, and seek to have the cal matters . . . is never exreclamation law knocked out. plained. . . Surely the alli-It would be presumptuous in us ance of the business of cities with to dispute the soundness of this national politics, and its control by ject is the "improvement of scholaraugust court's opinion, yet we bethe party machine, is a serious evil. lieve that the courts have gone en- It opens the way for every form of those who studied and tirely too far in overturning legisla- dishonesty and mismanagement tion demanded by and in the interest which avarice and ambition can sugof the people. Congress is supposed gest. With such riethods there can to act for the people. Theoretically, be no good government in cities." congress does just what the people desire and require; congress repre-Devlin uses the word "partisan" sents and is, for legislative purposes, seven times and party or partisanship five times, and in each case as someinterpret the meaning of the acts of plied to or connected with city elec-

congress when appealed to but not tions and government, yet his manto set them aside, except in extreme agers are now appealing to this very The constitution was framed and book Mr. Devlin so strongly and readopted a long time sgo, by men who

had no conception of the country as lin was writing a book and putting The Republican candidate for it is now. The constitution has his best and truest thoughts and of a young man at Harvard who had mayor was not personally attacked, been bent and twisted and turned al- honest opinions into it. Now he is a candidate, and says this is properly sounder and truer opinion? We would be under obligations that he venture so far, in all due deference, farther, no doubt to the profit of its and dissipated with wealthy young could not ignore to the "north we think this is another occasion for the public.

Governor Gooding of Idaho seems preparation of their studies. that are constantly seeking for. But if the supreme court shall to have made a bad break in arrangfiatly hold the reclamation law un- ing to give a few Associated Press constitutional, then no time should correspondents "a scoop" in the matbe lost in getting the constitution ter of interviewing Harry Orchard, amended so that this law would be the confessed murderer of ex-Govconstitutional. And since there ap- ernor Steunenberg. It was mani- in the boy except to hear his recitations pears to be such a danger, this movement should be inaugurated as soon stage of the trial, to allow Orchard as possible, by congress and state to be interviewed, as it is principally of the students, and that they were left upon his testimony that the prosecution relies to convict the defendants on trial. But since the governor, or some one acting with his supposed authority, had planned this interview for a few favored corre-AUTHOR VS. CANDIDATE. spondents, other and special correspondents, including The Journal's, **RE-READING** of Auditor Devwere right in demanding the same lin's little book entitled "Muprivilege. Mr. O'Neill, The Journal's special correspondent, not only had States" contains some very

Letters From the People

A Pugilistic View. Portland, May 17 .- To the Editor of The Journal-The fight is now on between Mayor Lane and Thomas C, Dev lin. Lane seems to be the favorite, and so far has the better of the fight. Devlin has done a little sparring, besides delivering two ineffective "blows" at long range which were so weak that Lane did not consider them of any conof all kinds. sequence. I understand this is to be a fight to a finish and that the knockout and prominent issues, which are of next month. So, no doubt everything will come off according to gram if the police do not interfere which is not likely, as I understand they all have money up on Lane. 11 has been intimated that Devlin has something up his sleeve which would surprise Lane and his followers if it were made public. He has been given an opportunity to show up, but don't do it. Perhaps he is only "Devlin" him a little. But it is a long "Lane" that has no turn, and it seems as if the turn has come. The fight will be watched with interest from now on. D. M.

## are forgotten. . . . Its offices, Rockefeller Millions and Princeton

By Mrs. John A. Logan.

(Copyright, 1907, by W. R. Hearst.) . It is to be hoped that the trustees nowever, assured me that, though they could see many advantages in it, they did not think it was original with me, for the expenditure of Mr. Rockefeller's millions will be empowered to aid such but that houses of this kind were to be found in plenty in America, and to consplendid movements as President Woodthe better classes \* \* • but row Wilson's "Princeton Experiment," vince myself of the truth or untruth of this statement I made a trip across the much hampered for money, because 10 the expense attending its practical adoption, requiring as it does employ-Atlantic in 1899. I came to New York, where I spent

considerable time, only to find apartment of a larger number of instructors nent hotels and houses by the hundreds than the regular force, and also a radibut with none of the features upon cal method of teaching. Its worthy obwhich I hoped to make my scheme. On the contrary I found that the evils which I was endeavoring to eradicate an intelligent comradeship between were much more in evidence in Americ those who -rents were outrageously high and ser-

taught.' In other words, students are to have some identity with the faculty, or at east with their instructors, by dividing the students up into groups and

having enough instructors to assign one In these few brief extracts Mr. or more to each group, who would become personally interested with the character, intellectual abilities, moral stamina, tastes and habits of the students, so, that the peculiarities of each student might receive the kind of thing offensive and evil when ap- attention which promised the development of the very best that is in each.

Those best acquainted with the re-sults of the past three years since President Wilson inaugurated the exspirit of partisanship which in his periment cannot say too much in favor of the importance of extending and elaborating upon the methods which peatedly condemned. Then Mr. Dev- have already done so much for the is continually renewed and an even Princeton students.

no experience of being away from home until he went to college. He was only one of a hundred who lived where they a partisan campaign. Which is the pleased, and had really no acquaintance with the instructors outside of the lassroom. He was quite young, and shall pursue the distinguished author naturally drifted into unfortunate habmen who gave little attention to the drudgery of study, and depended upon coaches whom they employed in the

Finally it was discovered that the young man in question was absent from class too frequently. His father was But the most novel feature of the enterprise is the financial arrangement, notified, and he went to Cambridge to find out the trouble, as the youth was The profits of the owner representing very. talented. The father spent interest on his investment and payment days in investigating to discover that for management, etc., are restricted to no one had manifested the least interest 4000 crowns a year. The city of Copenhagen, which from festly a very improper thing, at this with the many others of his class, the the very first has taken great interest in the enterprise, holds the first mort-gage, receiving interest at the rate of professors explaining that they had no time to make the personal acquaintance 4 per cent. to their honor, etc. The second mortgage is held colleclicense The father, now dead, a prominent tively by the tenants, who receive 5 Meanwhile, you who have not passed cent and the whole net profits over lawyer of Chicago, recomme nded the per through such training, and yet to whom and above the 4,000 crowns allowed the establishment of a chair in all colleges God has entrusted children, remember and the appointment of professors wner. this. A special committee elected by the whose business it should be to culti-Do not drag your children through the vate the acquaintance of students and tenants receives all suggestions and streets at a pace too rapid for them. complitints of the tenants and lavs them take some personal interest in them Do not let the sun pour down on their before the manager, who must act upon for the purpose of lessening the number tender unprotected eyes. Try to think of these two things until your mind is them. of escapades if students, and for the The saving to the tenants' aside from promotion of good morals and stimulafitted to learn more useful truths which the absence of worrying over servants, tion of the ambitious. will fit you to be good parents. As a matter of fact, Mr. Wilson's has been very considerable, amounting to about 25 per cent on rent and house plan has been modeled after Oxford hold expenses, and it is now the inten methods, and it is needless to say a tion of the city of Copennagen to help 1642-Montreal founded by Maisonhigher one could not be found.

## Cooperative Homes Suffering Caused by of the Future

By Professor Otto Fick of Copenhagen. The reasons which prompted me to find a solution of the housing and lowing: servant question in Copenhagen were that we in Denmark had the same difficulties to contend with, though not in as aggravated a form, as are even now existing here in New York—the high rents and the scarcity of domestic help

the lord mayor describes the latest charitable project to be launched from that historic center of benevelence; "'At the Pishmongers' hall it was my privilege to announce that I had decided to raise a Mansion House fund

I soon came to the conclusion that if anything was to be eliminated in the ordinary it was the family kitchen, with its drudgery, its waste and its many unnecessary inconveniences. The idea that from 25 to 35 families of the

I have reason to believe that better stiuated class, such as can afford to keep a servant, should maintain an equal number of cooks, when all the cooking necessary might as well be done in one place, at a great saving of labor

and expense, seemed preposterous to me and the idea of a central kitchen imme-diately suggested itself to me. This, however, was not enough; other improvements must be made, and I

added one after the other to my original idea. Cooperation having been generally successful in various enterp in Denmark, it occurred to me that if the tenants of an apartment house were financially interested in the house in which they were living they would not be apt to move, rents might be lowered and profits at the same time increased.

After some time my present plan evolved in detail and I submitted it to various business men, most of whom,

for the crippled children of the world, and it touches all hearts.

low to care for their own children. In Paris, as in New York, and every

vants next to impossible to find, and I went home convinced that I should in time find a far better field for my enterprise in the United States than anywhere in Europe.

Soon after my return I found the necessary capital and the necessary number of shareholders, and began the building of my "Central House" in the city of Copenhagen, which has proven a success financially and otherwise from the very day it opened its doors. This house, the first of its kind any-where in the world, is built in all its essential parts like any modern apart-ment house. It contains 35 apartments, of various sizes, each complete in itself except that the kitchen is missing. It the rapid pace it had been obliged to has electric elevator service, and by the modern methods the air in every room

temperature maintained at all time Each anartment has its dining room, is connected with the central kitchen in the basement and an automatic electric dumb waiter, upon which all meals are sent up. Each family turns into the kitchen

to the chef a list of dishes and courses which are not wanted, and these are then never served in that particular apartment. The manager of the house supplies

free of charge servants who do all the cleaning of windows and who also re-

Thoughtlessness Only two weeks more for campaign By Ella Wheeler Wilcox. (Copyright, 1907, by American-Journal Examinar) In the London Mail appears the fol-Taft's support seems to be growing up to his size.

Unless he unconditionally surrenders "Writing from the Mansion House foraker's name will be Dennis,

Small Change

The labor candidate for mayor, Mr. Kelly, will naturally expect the Kelly vote, which is no small matter.

A comedy now on the road is called "A Race for a Widow." "A Race From a Widow" might be more exciting.

So there are bad, criminal doctors here, and some of them are quite eth-ical, too, in the matter of advertising.

If Ireland really wants a legislature, there are several states in this country that could spare theirs with advantage

A man claims to have invented a machine that registers thoughts. Few people, only those fit for heaven, want it.

Answers to "What is a Democrat?" indicate that there is material enough among Democrats to start half a dozen new parties.

If Ruef and Schmitz tell all they know about each other, and then are properly disposed of, the situation will be cleared a good deal.

A New York girl has recovered \$35,-000 damages for the loss of one of her mother's limbs. What a dear creature the whole girl must have been.

If the president would give the weather bureau men a good looking over, might he not conclude that they were "undesirable citizens"?

Last year the Ohio Republicans indorsed both President Roosevelt and Senators Foraker and Dick. Why can't they continue to be consistently inconsistent and hypocritically harmonious!

Abe Hummel will have to serve a year in prison. For less offenses many man is serving from five to 20 years. scious that the poor baby's arm die But to send a man like Hummel over stretched to an unnatural position, and the road at all is an unusual instance the road at justice.

The Saturday Evening Post says Senator Dick "started life as a flour a nervous and feed merchant." This beats the "Well, you record for precocious infants. We never read of any other one dealing in anything at the outset but milk . .

If that minister who married Corey and Maybelle had not done the job, some other one would, and would have kept the \$1,000 too. But this minister's conscience became too troublesome-or else the prospect of losing his job was too terrible!

The Salem Journal is pleading the cause of the bull, which it says is treated inhumanly by confinement If the editor had ever been chased and tossed and gored by a bull, he might not be quita so soft-hearted. But he may be right; give the bull more rope.



The farmers want more rain but not for the purpose of more rest. . .

scolded on the street by a nervous mother, who exclaimed: "Well, you The child was simply exhausted with

inal thoughtlesaness, of mothers. Over and over, and everywhere, I see the helpless baby in the perambulator or "go-cart" lying with blinking eyes, unshaded from the glaring sun, while the mother or nurse stares in at shop win-

I was offensively officious.

move all dust from carpets, portieres, etc., by the vacuum method. For all other work servants are supplied at fixed rates by the day or hour. If the owner of the helpless object is

for \$60,000 to be expended in the es-tablishment of a specialized institution for the relief of the crippled children of the metropolis. "'It was my pride also to state that the

scheme, which has been drawn up with the advice of experts, is one which meets with the approval of his majesty the king. For many years, as you are aware,

I have been brought closely into con tact with the 7,000 little sufferers, the crippled children of the London poor, and it is because so many friends have helped

me annually to brighten their little lives somewhat that I have been encouraged to think I might successfully set on foot an important movement which is intended to do them permanent instead of merely temporary good.

" The scheme provides that the crippled child shall, whenever possible, provided with a training to fit it to be-"Every child thus assisted will be

the means of helping the struggling family to which the cripple would oth-erwise be a lifelong burden.

'May I ask for your sympathetic support in the furtherance of this project? London should not be behind Paris and New York in caring for such afflicted little ones in a practical way."

It is a lovely charity, this solicitude

But in every part of the world, wherever my wanderings have led me, I see the need of a society to teach mother

other spot in America which I have seen, mothers drag their helpless children of three, four, five years of age,

along the street at a rapid pace, uncon cious that the poor baby's arm dis that the chubby legs are unable to keep up the pace set by a thoughless parent without exhaustion to the small body. I have heard a crying child roundly

cried till I got you out, and now you are crying to go back home! You are a naughty, unreasonable child, and you shall never come with mamma again!

maintain, and its arm was aching from being half pulled from the socket.

Oh, the stupid ignorance, the crim-

dows or at passersby. Many times I have protested, and received angry giances or rebuffs from the selfishly ignorant parent, who felt

fering from the thoughtlessness or cru-

But when babies or animals are suf-

privileges and profits to which they are not entitled through the medium of public utilities.

In a word, this meeting showed clearly that the decent, respectable, honest people of this city, those who desire neither to violate the laws and indulge in and profit by vice nor to exploit the public for their legislatures, in anticipation of the private gain, are overwhelmingly in threatened decision. The work of favor of Mayor Lane's reelection, reclaiming our arid lands must go and that they are so regardless and on, if another patch has to be put on with scarcely a thought of party. It the constitution for that purpose.

was further manifest-for this was a thoroughly representative audience -that if party is taken into consideration the masses of voters are opposed to party politics in municipal affairs and to the reconstruction and A nicipal Reform in the United renewed operation of a political ma-

chine in this city. They agree that good ideas and observations, and among them scarcely any is made having smashed several machines, more prominent and emphatic than one after another, they should not the evil of partisanship in municipal permit another one to be organized for its selfish, corrupting and de- elections, and government, that basing purposes, but should see to is, the evil of adherence to it that Portland shall never again party candidates as in national be loaded, bled and cursed with an- elections. In the first chapter, page 13, the author says: other partisan machine.

This was the sentiment of this "In almost every American city the great representative rally. There people at one time or another have was an electrification throughout grown weary beyond endurance of the audience, sympathetic with the partisan misrule and extravagance eloquent and unanswerable speeches and have given expression to their of Senator Gearin and Judge Pipes, indignation through some form of indicating a high purpose and re- citizens' movement." The result, he solve to maintain in this city not says, has been disappointing, beonly an honest government, but a cause "the new officers have found high standard of political purity and a system of government so honeycivic righteousness, for which pur- combed with the greed and selfishpose party lines must be entirely ness of partisan politics . trodden down and obliterated, so far that no good could be done."

In the chapter on "Elections." as city affairs are concerned. This was the thought and word of the page 48, Mr. Deviln says that the speakers, and it met a sympathetic system of elections and the apathy response in that great audience, as of citizens have nearly destroyed in-It will at the polls on June 3. dividual sovereignty, adding (this

book was published in 1896): "The

#### PLEASE EXPLAIN, JUDGE CAKE.

revivals, is limited to a choice of HAIRMAN CAKE is reported as two partisan bosses, who shall have saying in a public meeting control of the city's business to conthat Mr. Devlin's defeat would duct it in the interest of himself and

be a death blow to the pri- his associates. Even in this limited mary election law. This is supposed sense he is influenced by partisan to mean that if the new machine, of passion." Conditions have somewhich Mr. Cake is nominally the what changed for the better since head just now, cannot elect its man this was written, yet it is manifest and so reestablish itself in Port- that the very forces and influences land, the Republican party in the that Mr. Devlin criticises are now at next legislature will, in revenge, re- work in his behalf.

peal the primary law. Or else he Again on pages 57 and 58 the sar's that the machine will some- auditor reverts to partisanship, to w evade and override the law. His which he now appeals, saying: "The nark expresses the antipathy of partisan must have no advantage machine politicians to the law, over the independent voter, for parand discloses its intent to do away tisanship is not an essential element very minute.

an interview with Orchard, but had it when no other correspondents were present and was therefore able to make it more complete and interesting than the others.

We hope Mr. Devlin's candidacy will create a boom for his book, "Municipal Reform in the United States." The auditor's expenses must be heavy, and we can recommend the book. It is especially strong and reiterant in depicting the evils of partisanship and machine erous millionaires. rule in municipal elections and government. As a Citizens' or Indehave lived up to his teachings. As a machine candidate, he has con-

demned himself. the second se Now it is Mayor Schmitz that is 'on the verge of physical and mental collapse." All the defensive devices are in vain; Heney and Burns "have the goods." It looks like a

power of the average citizen in city affairs, except during times of civic and throwing themselves on the mercy of the court next.

### A Chance for Somebody.

From the Chicago Tribune. Why doesn't some multimillionaire give Commander Peary that more trifle of \$60,000 and get him started for the north pole without delay?

The Mecca. From the Washington Herald. Whether they make their lucky strikes oil or coal or pork, the new - rich fairly burn the pikes to get to dear

New York. Two Is Company.

From Le Sourire. Urchin-I bet if I wasn't here the gentleman would kiss you. this Girl-You insolent boy! Go away

world long since has acknowledged its indebtedness to Oxford for the development of the greatest minds and characters that have ever been known. Our students as a rule are brainy,

brawny fellows with tremendous ener gies, and they need the stimulus and guidance of close comradeship with their instructors. But few are intractable, the majority being susceptible to edifying influences.

It would be a sad misfortune if this potent method for interesting students in higher education and greater achievement along intellectual lines should fail for want of monetary support, when so much has been freely given for education and philanthropy by our gen-

It is to be hoped that Mr. Rockefeller's attention has been called to Princeton's endeavor in this direction pendent candidate, Mr. Devlin would and that he may direct the trustees of the princely sum he has donated to ed ucation to include "Intellectual Comradeship" in the list of methods for the advancement of education.

#### Roosevelt Ruler.

From the Herald, Washington, D. C. Someone is sending out mimeograph, circulars, signed only by the initials of a "committee" of three, proposing Theodore Roosevelt be made dent of the United States for life, with power to nominate his successor. The complete breakdown all around. It circulars say that Roosevelt is likely is not impossible that Calhoun and to be acclaimed by both the national conventions, and suggests that it would Tirey Ford and the officers of the be the proper thing to propose at the United Railways will be confessing same time a constitutional amendment allowing him to hold the job down as long as he lives, and then name his suc-

> The circular says that it has becom apparent that a very large part of the American democracy, perhaps a great majority of it, has lost faith in itself democratic institutions, with their inherently cumbrous, hesitating, tentative qualities. The eyes of the people are turned, as it seems, without reference to party, to the personality of the doer of things, Theodore Roose-

velt, as the savior, the guide and the leader of the fortunes of the United States of America. "It is undoubtedly true," says the circular in conclusion, "that putting acwas young.'

tion into words is often a startling and apparently revolutionary thing to do, but let us look the matter honestly and squarely in the face. Is not the revolu-tion already accomplished, and are not

the American people really prepared, save for an insignificant hesitation Very likely it is true that many doctors do not know much, but nature works as hard to assist them as it does about the name, for a ruler like Theo-dore Roosevelt?" to assist the old practitioners.

If the owner of the helpless object is made to think just once on his or her responsibility, something is accom-

plished. A hundred times in this column it has been suggested that the greatest need of the world today is a college for

the training of parents. And only v a man and woman hold a certificate of graduation from this college should they be allowed to secure a marriage

working people to erect similar neueve. 1783-St. John, N. B., founded by U. houses all over the city, an idea which is also about to be adopted in several places in E. Loyalists. 1804-Napoleon Bonaparte proclaimed England, Germany and Sweden I have come to America for the puremperor of the French.

pose of forming a company to undertake the building of similar houses all over the civilized world, and I have in my ssion facts and figures which sho that no safer or more profitable investment can be found.

I have been made out a dreamer, a philanthropist and an exponent of Utopian theories, but I am determined not to leave America until I have proved to American business men that I am not, but that my idea is practical and good as a business venture based on the principle which underlies all sound enterprises-good profit and small risk.

### Two Heavyweights.

Washington Correspondence of St. Paul Pioneer Press. John L. Sullivan called at the White

House the other day and paid his re-spects to the president. While he was waiting Secretary Taft emerged from the inner office and started out.

"There goes the real goods." John L. said, "a genuine heavyweight in intellect the and avoirdupois. I want to shake his mit.'

The two "heavyweights" were introduced, and a reporter with sporting pro-clivities yelled "time." John L. threw John L. threw up his dukes and Taft "laffed." No blows were struck. Some heavyweight talk was indulged in, however,

"How much do you weigh?" asked Sullivan. hundred and eighty pounds, said Taft.

"You are in the middleweight class," retorted Sullivan. "I tip the beam at \$30. Go and take on 50 pounds and then

we will arrange for a 'go.'" Taft said he had been "going" some already recently and wasn't looking for

any more "goes." "Well, I hope you keep going until you land in the White House," John L. "If you get the nomination replied. am liable to forget my Democracy and

vote for you." After his conference with the presi dent, John L. said: "Teddy is a great fellow. He and Cardinal Gibbons would have made great prizefighters if they had taken up that profession when they

A Faithful Assistant.

From the Chicago News. voune

United States. United States. Victoria distributed medals to the wounded heroes of the Crimea. 1868-Czar Nicholas II of Russi born. 1895-Great damage caused by flood at Sloux City, Iowa.

1897-Turkey agreed to an armistice with Greece, 1898—Battleship Alabama launched at

island of Anholt.

Chester, Pennsylvania.

This Date in History.

1809-British took possession of the

1839-Caroline Murat, sister of Na poleon I. and ex-queen of Naples, died.

Nicholas II's Birthday. Nicholas II, the present czar of Rus-

sia, who is the eighth ruler to represent the house of Romanof-Holstein was born May 6, or May 18, according to

new style, in the year 1868, and was the eldest son of Emperor Alexan-der III and Princess Dagmar, the daughter of the late king of Denmark. His education by private tutors was sup-

plemented by extensive travel. One of the most exciting incidents of his early career was his attempted assassination 'a fanatic when he was traveling

through Japan on his way around the world. Njcholas ascended the throne November 1, 1894, and, four weeks later,

ate Queen Victoria. They have five

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children, four of them daughters, the youngest a son.

#### The Best Support.

From the Philadelphia Press. Governor Hughes of New York does not seem to have the support of any-body but the people in his fight against the political gangs of both parties.

### The Time to Worry.

From the Kansas City Star. It will be time enough to become alarmed about the financial condition of the country when you hear from Kanthat the crops are bad.

The Talk That Counts. From the Chicago News. Reports by large corporations ome man's panlo talk.

Jefferson will have a light and water system, and is otherwise improving. . .

Everybody that goes after crabs brings in a sackful, says the Seaside Signal

Some grain thieves are operating round Aurora, says the Borealis, and a load of shot would be the right thing to give them.

New buildings are going up in every part of Dallas, and carpenters, paper hangers, painters, and in fact all classes of labor are in great demand. . .

Three minutes after the Phoenix postmaster had been sitting at a desk on which was a telephone, lightnin struck the wire and ran to the phone. lightning . .

"Jacksonville," says the Medford Tribune, "enjoys the distinction of being the oldest town in the state." What do Astoria and Oregon City think about this?

The editor of the Oakland Owl wants a chance to sleep o' nights. He says: "If cows must run at large within the city limits the bells should be removed at night."

The prune crop is all right, so far, with a promise of a splendid yield next fall, says the Myrtle Creek Mail, While 1840-John M. Niles of Connecticut postmaster-general of the there is some shortage reported of Italians, in certain localities, the day age is not general.

> Klamath Falls Express: "There is nore 'than the usual amount of activity in boating circles this spring. several new launches and sail boats are already on the lakes and numerous others are in course of construction.

The O. R. & N. company has struck artesian water at LaGrande at a depth of a trifle less than 900 feet, and great rejoloing 18 reported at the county seat. The water is reported pure and sparkling, though slightly impregnated with sulphur.

The deposits of the First National bank of Albany have increased 40 per cent, during the past year, and have the million mark, which occapassed sloped Cashier Schmitt to give the of other Albany bankers a dinner.

Senator Fulton has sued for possession of his \$4,000 automobile. which recently arrived in Astoria with \$994 charges on it for repairs by a Buffalo company. He claims the charge was married to Princess Alexandra is excessive and offered \$600 which was Alix, daughter of Grand Duke Ludwig refused. An automobile is an expensive IV of Hesse and granddaughter of the luxury.

H. B. Stewart, a strawberry man of Myrtle Point, has received first prize for the largest strawberries. A large nursery firm offered prizes for the best and largest varieties and a few days ago the award was made, since when he has received letters from all parts of the United States regarding his ber-At the present he has 40,000 ries. plants out, but expects to have five acres next year.

William Griffin, of Baker City, while at Prairie City, says the Miner, found a team of horses that had been stolen from him about three years ago. The team has been in possession of Levi Anderson for more than two years, he having purchased them from Jim Anderson, who got the team from a man by the name of Knox, who has since been hung for horse stealing in so