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Agitation is the marshaling of the conscience of a nation, to mold its laws .- Sir Robert Peel.

and that it is between the Demobut on the back of a party. It is made into wool yarn. not a declaration on the high plane of what is best for the municipality. that declaration by the mayor is the husbandry to be run in small bands the primary law and the Republican will go "cheap for cash." The spokes keynote of the advanced thought of say 100 to 500 head, and give party will be destroyed if Portland and the "bull-wheel" is down deep in

and the first chapters of similar rec- "a very profitable industry." ords are coming out at Springfield and Chicago. It was at Jefferson City that, in the days of spoils polfries, the briber sat behind the lieutenant governor and pulled that offleer's coat talls to get the ruling he wanted. The corporations are preving upon the country with all the facility with which buzzards prey upon carrion, and it is the old systhis is will be luridly disclosed when all the confessions are in at San finally in the Heney-Burns net.

No less an authority than the interstate commerce commission dethird the transportation area of the country, and everybody knows the hands have been allied in political manipulation is current-and absorbing history. With the public mind continued. It will be stranger still Bourne will be in a position to be a if, in view of the facts, there is not prime favorite with him also. The the candidate whose promise and performance alike attest his supreme loyalty to the public welfare.

A "TEDIOUS FARCE."

fact, untouched by any preconcep- country's rescue.

his case, and to form some kind of take a majority of the voters with

pretend to seek, for such men, is revolution to get rid of him." therefore an absurdity, a mockery diced men who, having read all about the notorious matter and necessarily formed some opinions thereupon, can nevertheless give both sides a fair hearing and as far as possible an impartial judgment.

Mr. O'Neill is literally right; the selection of jurors in noted criminal cases is "a tedious farce."

WOOLS.

PORTLAND worsted yarn manhe can get enough of the right kind siderable number of them have of wool. Three requisites of wool plainly expressed themselves in of worsted yarns are nearly double some things about the Portland electhose of woolens. In length and tion, but won't because the election THE MANAGERS for Mr. Devlin, fineness the Australian wools take is none of that paper's business. But answering the proposal for a the lead, and they cost the Ameri- if Chairman 'Cake's reasoning is joint discussion, insist that the can manufacturer, duty included, as right, it is the business of all the of people to act thus in concert. fiber of combing wool is subjected None of them have made it their cratic and Republican parties. In to a severe tension by the combing business on the grounds advanced

"Since the Oregon wool grower has a remarkably good and fearless peobut merely a bid for the spoils. It the benefit of nearly 12 cents per ple's mayor, and not allow partisan Lane's nomination shows that you as is a repudiation of Mayor Lane's pound protective tariff in his favor politics to control a municipal electron and committee are the people's servant, not their boss. The political boss of famous insistence, that the first con- he ought to be making thousands of tion. This is the general view of Oregon saw his finish when he found sideration is the "public welfare," dollars today where he is making the matter, so far as expression has in our statutes the primary law and the initiative and referendum. Day by and that the question of party comes hundreds. In my estimation there been made throughout the state. afterward. It is a strange position is no more profitable industry in the None of the Republican papers of off the battle (or ballet) field for burto take, because, to thoughtful men, state of Oregon than that of sheep the state seem to have any fear that in.

This man is undoubtedly right, Every important episode at pres- and his "tip" ought to be valuable ent in the public eye is a living pro- to many Willamette valley land test against spoils and spoilsmen. owners. Expert testimony is on rec-The fallen San Francisco boss de ord that no place in the world is clares in his agony, and it is prob- better adapted to the production of ably in part the truth, that it was this high-grade, fine, long wool than to keep his political machine going the Willamette valley, providing President Roosevelt says: "I feel that he began grafting. Little Rock sheep are properly bred up and cared is reeking with details of graft and so is Harrisburg. Bribery and graft high price, and raising sheep that in both capitals form a lurid story, will produce it would certainly be the people of our entire country, and two shall put ten thousand to flight." that he began grafting. Little Rock sheep are properly bred up and cared

BOURNE STILL INSISTS.

that our usually closemouthed junior senator is talking rather too much in the senator is reputed to be "hyas tem of the party and spoils first, and close tillicum" with the president, the public weal afterward, that is and the latter has repeatedly and their means of success. How true emphatically declared that he would "under no circumstances accept a nomination," what is one to think Francisco and the "big fish" are of the senator's reiterated statement that the president should and must be the candidate? It is unthinkable that the president has privately clares that Harriman controls one given his Oregon friend a tip to boom him. And yet the Oregon senator is not a man to do anything means he employed to get it. How to displease seriously the president. his chief counsel in California and So it is a mystery, unless it may be Ruef controlled the legislature of explained on the theory that the senthat state is notorious and how their ator is calculating at the psychological moment to acknowledge that Roosevelt won't run, but that in that unfortunate emergency the shocked with the disclosures of what party must do the next best thing a system of spoils and party politics and unanimously and with tremenhas brought upon the country, it is dous eclat nominate the president's strange that there should be insist- choice. Very likely if Mr. Taft ence in Portland that the system be should be the nominee Senator general rally to the standard of junior senator from Oregon may only appear to be talking too much. He is no political spring chicken.

Still, when he in effect represents the president as being the only Republican fit to be intrusted to carry on the so-called Roosevelt policies, ND THE tedious farce"-of and intimates that the very safety selecting a jury in the Hay- and salvation of the country depend A wood trial - "went on," on Roosevelt serving four years says Mr. O'Neill, special more, we think he goes entirely too Journal correspondent at Boise. "It far, puts the case too strongly. But is all quite insincere. A legal fic- even if that be true, perhaps the tion based upon the impossible as- country would not be lost if Roosesumption that any living man could veit should not run; possibly the ever consider any debatable ques- Democrats may nominate a man to tion with a mind absolutely free of whom the ultra Roosevelt Repubblas, ignorant of every conceivable licans could turn in behalf of the

This is the third week of this ex- Bourne's insistence is the statement the primary election methods the power Quite different from Senator pensive and justice-degrading pro- of the Nestor of the Republican sess, and two or three weeks more party, now nearly 80 years old, in Oregon entirely obliterated. may be required. This is not only George H. Edmunds of Vermont, the old-time bosses severely alone. They tremendously expensive to both who is one of the few men who have no longer listen to his dictations a little sides, and wearing and wearying to resigned from the senate; he says all concerned, but it is actually cal- that he "does not think that any culated to be subservient of justice. amount of popular emotion would involved in the meshes of the political The object is not to get fair, reasonable, intelligent men, but to get ignorant and prejudiced men, and as the presidency again, because Presidency again, because Presidency again, let a spoils are numbered. He will soon disappear from the political horizon, let each side is about equally astute dent Roosevelt is a man of such and alert, the process would go on wide and patriotic views that he the people have learned the sweets of political emancipation, and in the end would see what enormously great will rule in city, state and national afarbitrary limit to the number of precedent it would establish if he fairs. The people seem to be determined that our nation shall be of a responded to the third term deo man fit to decide any case mand; that, by and by, the man who

an opinion about it. To seek, or him, and it would then require

This is Mr. Edmunds' rather than of the work in hand. What should the president's view, but it is a view be sought is intelligent, reasonable, well worth considering. But for conscientious, clear-minded, unpreju- the reasons that the president has himself announced, we believe that he will "under no circumstances" allow-himself to become a candidate. and that Senator Bourne's insistence that he must be is not under the circumstances entirely complimentary to the president.

THE COUNTRY PRESS.

WILLAMETTE VALLEY FINE DEPUBLICAN papers throughout the state do not seem to share Mr. Cake's fears of dire consequences if Mayor Lane ufacturer has been visiting Sil- should be reelected. So far we have verton with a view to estab- not observed a word of opposition lishing a plant there provided to the mayor's reelection, and a conshould elect a non-partisan people's mayor in opposition to a political they might be of use in Kansas or

Replying to invitations of the governors of Oregon and Florida to created waterways commission, or suggesting wise and suitable men for the larger offices. Big opposition need not affright us. Inde , the bigthat the problems before the comanything I can do to help forward the rapid solution of these problems and the proper utilization of our great waterways, I am glad to do." These are encouraging and greatly appreciated words. If the president will do everything he can to open up favor of the renomination of Presi-bors, we will say as little as we can our waterways and improve our harabout his curious support of the ship subsidy bill.

It is reported that Howard Gould that he can marry another actress. the courts to refuse divorces to these over-rich people for this purpose. A large proportion of the divorces of the country are a scandal and a stench.

How Orchard's plety may be regarded in the "last grand assize" we have no license even to conjecture, but the less he parades it on earth the less will he offend.

This Date in History. 1471-Henry VI of England killed in the Tower. Born December 6, 1421.

1527-Philip II of Spain born. Died Sept 13, 1598. 1660-Dollard des Ormeaux and his companions killed at the defence of the Long Sault. 1798-Benjamin Stoddart of Maryland became secretary of the navy. 1822—Society of British 1849-Maria Edgeworth, English nov elist, died, 1875—Donald A. McDonald became leutenant-governor of the province of

1890-House of representatives passed the McKinley tariff bill. 1894-Emile Henry, French anarchist

cheaded in Paris. 1899—Baby Marion Clark kidnaped in 1904-France recalled her ambass

Passing of the Political Boss. From the Scio News.

nation the political bosses are at the present time engaged in a struggle to maintain their positions of political power and prestige. So long as the old methods of primary election to be followed by the city, county and state conventions maintained, all was smooth sailing. But with the coming of the of the political boss has been materially reduced, and in some instances—as

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us hope, for all time. As before stated man fit to decide any case mand; that, by and by, the man who wer has failed to read about might go up for a third term might finish, to be replaced by political inde-

#### Unique Nomination Letters From the of Harry Lane

Democratic Column in Hood River

News-Letter.

Portland is overwhelmingly Republican. The majority became so great that it was a menace to good government. Some things were done in Portiand by the old gang that call for Prosecutor Heney's hand. People tired of this, threw aside party names and elected Mr. Lane as mayor. His term has been marked mainly by his record of vetoes. Small progress has been hostile council. We Democrats have We Democrats have and wondering. We have wondered how far the Oregonian would thrust its probe into "what Democrats be-lieve," while its own Republican lackeys proposed and in some instances put through twelfth century legislation. This, however, left Mr. Lane entirely as a "negative." He had convinced some of us on the outside of his worth. but not enough to be popular. This was left to the Democrats, in their own the Democratic central committee, for this purpose are necessary—

favor of it. The Woodburn IndeLane off and became sole candidate on
the Democratic primary ballot. Last

of worsted yarns are nearly double some things about the Portland elecjust wrote in 'Harry Lane' on their primary ticket, and did this until Mr.

contest in Portland is partisan, high as 48 cents a pound. Every Republican papers of the state. Portlanders among the most advanced effect, they demand that Mr. Devlin process, and if it cannot stand the by Mr. Cake—such an idea never Even Boston, so eager to criticise our New York, Philadelphia or Pittsburg. shall go into office, not on merit, necessary strain is cast aside and occurred to them-but they think new election methods in Oregon, may made into wool yarn. the great metropolis of the state nation is entirely unique. No large city has done such a thing.

One or two suggestions to present day their carcasses are being hauled ial. There are two or three "ma-chines" for sale in Wasco county. They With some slight repairs Pennsylvania, but not in Oregon. Chairman Thomas' defeat raises the question whether a committeeman, under the new law, should become a candidate. Certainly not, unless public sentiment was overwhelmingly in his favor. The duty devolves on committeemen of selecting

### The Play

This week music reigns supreme at opera company is singing the opera by which Alice Nielsen was introduced to fame. "The Singing Girl" is a wonderful collection of melody, a mirthful mingling of music and mimicry, and decidedly the most tuneful comic opera both

wilderingly melodious piece was begun last night and was heard by as many wants his wife to secure a divorce so people as could be seated in the Marquam. In its production the San Franopera company scored a tremen-It would be a very healthy action for dous triumph. The company demon strated wonderful ability as a musical

In costuming, scenic and lighting effects it is a more pretentious produc-tion than "Fantana," last week's offering, but offers less of the inimitable fun of Teddy Webb and the other come dians. What is lacking in fun, however, is amply made up in music, for "The Singing Girl" is strictly a musical

The plot, which is scarcely discern fble in the tumult of melody, is little different from the plot of most comic operas. There are counts and princes princesses and peasant girls, jesters and the usual functionaries that are introduced in productions of this kind. The scene is supposed to have been laid in Austria, or some other country where anything unreal enough for opera may be supposed to happen.
Upon a few of the principals of the company largely rests the responsibility of the success of the production

Miss Aida Hemmi is, of course, singing girl. She was in excellent voice last night and scored tremendously. Her solo, "Love Is Tyrant," was repeatedly encored.

Others of the company on whom rests much of the responsibility are Miss Maude Beatty, the contralto; J. A. Walledstedt, the baritone, and Carl Haydn, the tenor. Teddy Webb, Joseph E. Miller and George Kunkel provide the comedy of the piece. Miss Beatty, a graduate of the Pollard organization. won hearty encores with the song, "If You Were Only Mine." Teddy Webb, the droll and excessivaly

funny comedian, has comparatively litis a distinct disappointment to the au dience. He has one song, however, "So-cial Eclat," which partly repaid the audience for its disappointment. Mr. Kunkel has a German dialect part, in which he shows that he also is a remarkably clever comedian. Mr. Miller, as Pumpernickel, contributes generous

ly to the fun. disappointing feature many was the absence of Miss Florence Sinnott, the soubrette, whose work in "Fantana" won for her a host of admirers.

The chorus in "The Singing Girl" ap pears to even better advantage than in ast week's production. The song, "In sisted by a haif dozen other members, was very pleasing. The chorus, by the way, provided much more merriment to many in the audience than it is intended to do. At least many found cause for amusement in the efforts of one particular member to earn her salary. "The Singing Girl" is beautifully staged and costumed and was thoroughly pleasing to the big audience which heard it last night. There has been something of a complaint, how about the custom of the ushers in

seating tardy patrons during the first "The Singing Girl" will be the bill at the Marquam for the entire week.

Governor Hughes' Enemies From the Chicago News. Governor Hughes' enemies seem to be

# People

Resents Journal's Criticism. Hillsboro, Or., May 16 .- To the Edito liberty to pen a few words in reply to an editorial which appeared in your valuable paper on Monday, May 13, holding up to scorn the German emperor for causing the arrest of a Polish woman who while visiting in America wrote to her male friend in German Poland a letter containing among other inane vapidities criticisms of the smperor's policy, for which offense she may be eventually fined and imprisoned. In your opinion editorially expressed this woman's arrest and punishment is venge and persecution on his part, dwarfing him to contemptible littleness.

Our own great president would have ignored the writer.

I am a German, and having studied the literature and history, both sucient and modern, of Germany I am thoroughthe spirit of her people, and I can as-sure you that the latter would never endure such a ruler as William II is represented to be in the press of England, according to which he appears as a fantastic monstrosity, a indicrous cross between a hobgobbledecuss and a harlequin, grotesque, ridiculous and detestable. An occasional reference to the Almighty as his ally is considered excructatingly funny, while Admiral Dewey's statement that in the naval battle of Manila bay the Lord was on his (Dewey's) side is received with As for the emperor causing this

woman's arrest and subsequent punish-ment, suffice it to say that the state's attorney looks after those who wantonly and wilfully offend against the ultrahumane laws of the empire. The emperors time is occupied with matters less trivial and pairry; just at present he is preparing to meet the onslaught of combined Europe, instigated and carefully planned by King Edward, lover of peace builder of Descapanishts. lover of peace, builder of Dreadnaughts No one in the German empire is eve molested for merely expressing adverse criticism of the emperor's policy. The entire Centrist party, the strongest of the political parties of Germany, being under the absolute control of the Pon-tifex Maximus and therefore antagonistic and hostfle to everything Germanthe emperor included—do nothing our criticise him, and they do so with zest seal and enthusiasm, and, taking their cue from Rome, their criticisms are alsentiments openly at every session of parliament, unabashed and unafraid. and no revengeful emperor causes their arrest for publicly vivisecting him. In had this obscure woman from Poland jailed for criticising him; looks incongruous and inconsistent.

Isn't there a law in these United States prohibiting the sending through

the mail of letters containing obscene language? Had the United States postal ters she would have suffered arrest and punishment the same as she did in Germany, where the postal laws with reference to improper language are identi-cal with those obtaining in this country. I know the Poles and their flerce and undying batred of the Germans, heaping vile abuse and flithy epithet upon everything German. Could they be ex-

that has been heard in Portland this given to read in the press. Now hear the other side also. If you, plain John The week's engagement of this beguage oral or written, your assailant is jailed or fined, sometimes both. What more could mortal man demand? And is it anything but fair that the law of the land protecting the plain citizen

protects the sovereign likewise? I do not wish to pose as the emperor's champion. William, the potentate, is nothing to me; William, the German, a great deal. He works unceasingly and untiringly to advance the welfare of the German people and during his reign emigration from Germany has dropped from a quarter of a million emigrants per annum to an insignificant 25,000, a mere bagatelle when we consider how the people over there are crowded for

A people who would tolerate as their ruler a funny guy and all-round freak, such as Emperor William is represented to be in the press, would be on a level with Hindus, Chinese, Muscovites, Poles and other inferior races; they would be an aggregation of pusilanimous nincom-poops. In the people's behalf I register this kick, the mere perusal of which I am wicked enough to hope will duly afflict you. FRANK RICHTER.

Predicted the Honda Wreck. Portland, May 17 .- To the Editor of The Journal-By a superfluous four-bit piece staring me in the face, combined with a curious mental impulse, I found myself, the last Tuesday evening in April at a Spiritualistic circle, given by a transient "spirit medium," in their ranks well known, John Slater.

Our questions written and sealed at home were placed on a small table on entering, and at \$:15 sharp the door was clamped shut.

"flounced" in, sat down, wriggled—
then picking the envelopes up one by one, he rattled off volumes of the extra Journals during the week the extra Journals during t "circle," that it would cause even a fol-lower of Hudson (of "Law of Psychic Phenomena" fame) to blush.

There is a trick, too long for explanation here, by which fraudulent "Spiritualists" have from time to time buncoed the public in answering "sealed" questions. Nothing of the kind ould be attempted here, as those having knowledge of the trick method will understand from the following four

First—Each sealed envelope mus needs have on its face marks of iden tification chosen and written by the questioner at home, and Second-This envelope with its mark is held up to view, unopened, while being answered, the questioner thus knowing when he is being the subject of the medium's elocution, but the medium, by all known human laws, ought not to know what he is talking about; then, Third—The questioner identifies his

answered, and Fourth—And most important, has the privilege of tearing up his own question, or the medium does so for him and throws it away, thus totally disenabling himself to refer to previous questions, as in the trick method. An interesting part of the evening was when he told one woman present that she had in mind to go to the Mystic Shriners convention in Los Angeles. "You're safe," he said, "but a trainload

bound on the same object, only from

the east, not from Oregon,

avoided." After requesting all present to watch the newspapers for an account of a train wreck of Mystic Shriners, and again advising the woman to go, as better times awaited her in California. better times awaited her in California, he tore her question up after due identification by her, and went on to the next. In a few minutes he reverted back for a second to say that he gets—that the wreck will take place in southern California, possibly Nevada.

We all know what a penchant some religious fanatics, also a few mediums, have for prophecying the world's and

religious fanatics, also a few mediums have for prophecying the world's end or an earthquake, in just so many weeks, months or years; we also know how exactly to the letter each prophecy is carried out. Well I, and maybe others among the 80 odd present thought we had found an innovation a prophet whose favorite hand-out, in stead of being world's ends or quakes was railroad wrecks, and would come to pass just as surely. Sunday's Journal with its account of the Honda disaster, probably set those present that evening to thinking that if prophecy can be brought down to an exact science, as in this man, it should of a verity be studied down to a still firmer basis, and nations may profit by it, as well as individuals. "Fortune tellings" of hys-terical women need not necessarily be

If the exact cause and its location of such a catastrophe as this one was could only be determined weeks before-hand, from the same sources that give out such maddeningly inferential gen-eralities, future history could likely yet be made to take on a sunnier hue than that of the past. At the very least, it would be absorbingly interesting to watch fate's new course in drawing to

herself her unwilling subjects.
Telepathy is the only truly super Hudson. Will some ardent Hudsonite kindly explain how to account for the above by telepathy? Even "telepathy by three," if you please, Hudson's never-failing explanation for all occult phenomena like the one mentioned, which he was never too careless to exclude

HENRY C. SCHAPPERT.

City Merchants Should Heed This

"Kick." Scappoose, May 17 .- To the Editor of The Journal-As I note with pleasure The Journal's increased interest in the farmers' welfare, allow me to enter a vigorous "kick" in behalf of those said farm-folks against the city merchant in general. It is becoming such a common occurrence that the farmer buying from the city merchant must take what they send him, but not what they agree to; it seems as if they argue to themselves, "Well, that fellow is miles more or less from the station, he will have to take what he gets; it's too expensive and he hasn't the time to send the articles or goods back; so give him any old thing we have in stock. He will take it, he can't help himself."

You of the city marts must not overlook the fact that the "hay-seed" car get along without you better than you can without him and even a worm a sack of potatoes comes into the city that's had a stove pipe in the middle of it-why there ought to be a smokestack

in everything we send you.

Suppose you will say, well, something has "riled" that woman up; that's just it—but I am not alone in my misery you will find if you canvass the farmers on the subject. This plausible expression so familiar to the "man with the hoe" you will hear often, "Now if everything isn't satisfactory, just let us know The law pertaining to lese majeste is misunderstood. In Germany if you call the emperor a vile name and attack his time taken, which on the farm is money. character in language indecent and not to say anything of delay, perhaps a delay in cropping loss?—a day off going to and from a station although it may be but a few miles—when the routine work broken into—is a day practically lo and extra work on those left at home. They don't very often say that to the city buyer because they know if it is not right the city buyer will be back in about 15 minutes.

God speed the day when the farmer, irrespective of creed, nationality, or location, is a unit for his rights. Hop this kick will fulfill its mission making the city merchant more painstaking in his dealings with his ry cousins," I am yours for a square deal, BARBARA CORNWELL 'Meadow Lark farm."

Wants Better Streets.

Portland, May 16 .- To the Editor of The Journal--You seem very desirous of seeing more streets improved. So am I and many people in this district (Multnomah addition). But the want of more knowledge and the quality of some streets, said to be improved, makes the small property owners fear-ful. In Multnomah addition Shaver street was improved about a year ago. It looks today just about as it did before being improved. Now I offer an apology for making The Journal a suggestion. The people want to be educated on the matter, and how bet-ter than through The Journal?

Suppose you publish a full speci-fication of the four or five different kinds of street improvements, showing merits, demerits and probable cost to-gether with the bonding act, years to run, etc., and refer people to a street completed for at least one year under each article written. Now this would be a big job, but you could point with JOHN IRWIN.

Peremptory Challenges. McCoy, Or., May 17.—To the Editor of the Journal—To decide a question at stake will you please answer the following questions, viz:

1. Has God, Gooding and the Idah

legislature changed the law Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone while held awaiting trial and before permitting trial, doubling the number of peremptory challenges for the prose-cution in selecting a jury to try them? 2. Was the number of peremptory challenges increased from 20 to 160 for the prosecution in the Haymarket trial at Chicago in 1886?

J. P. SEARS, Prior to the last session of the Idaho

legislature the law of that state allegislature the law of that state al-lowed, in murder cases, 10 peremptory challenges by the defense and 5 by the prosecution. The last legislature, which convened after the arrest of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone, changed the law so as to allow 19 challenges to the prosecution to the defense.

We believe no change was made in the Illinois law pending the trial of the Haymarket case.—Ed.

From the Toledo Blade.

nly from "knows more than any other man in will be the world." And yet it is doubtful if can't be he could umpire a ball game.

### Small Change

Shoot the machine-with ballots.

Senator Bourne is still both visiting

All undesirable jurors—to the lawselves off for some country team?

The bushes are getting ready for the rose carnival, and will do their part.

The public agrees with both Ruef and chmits—in their opinion of each other. If, as reported, Taft is standing on his dignity, it must be stout and tuff

stuff.

Most umpires are also undesirable citizens, in the estimation of the losing teams. Mr. Devlin's respectability cannot conceal the red in the head of the ticket.

Not many people would weep if Corey hould be fired and Maybelle should sue for a divorce.

It will be a hard job to get them to "fall in line" and "stand shoulder to shoulder" any more.

Bidding good-bye to friends who are roing to travel by rall has become a really serious matter. Oregon editors are inclined to bee

wealthy prose-poetically showing that spring has surely come.

At last there is a great case with no woman in it as a principal, or even a confederate—that at Boise. A Russian doctor says riding on the

cowcatcher of an engine will cure con-sumption. It certain will if a head-on Buffalo times: We need in this

held together by something better than prejudice, passion and spoils. In certain \$1000 gold certificates the number is spelled "thousand," but the treasury department's proofreader' mistake doesn't annoy most of us.

Los Angeles Times: There is some-thing radically, criminally and most damnably wrong about the methods b which American railroads are operated

Irrigon Irrigator: During this fine weather hardly a day passes but what we think how fortunate we are that we did not die last year, or some other

Tillamook Herald: When Cain had killed off one fourth of the people on the earth, leaving only three, and went into the land of Nod and builded a city, it is evident that he did not sit around like a lump on a log and growl about the Nod real estate and people.

### Oregon Sidelights

Le Grande is elated over arteste

The strawberry crop around Lebanon will be large.

Freewater and Milton are n ping fine strawberries. With his father's coment, a Linn ounty kid of 18 married.

A Gales creek man's cows sold at auction for from \$65 to \$101.

A Cloverdale man caught two black bass weighing 7 and 6 3-4 pounds. A Pilot Rock dog, among other duties,

killed a hawk that had pounced upon An effort is being made in Corvallis to educe the skating rink license from \$400 to \$100 per quarter," says the Re-

publican. Wallowa Chieftain: There is no excuse for an idle man in Enterprise now. houses are springing up in every part

A 3-year-old Philomath girl while running with a sharp stick in her mouth tripped and fell, forcing it through the back of her mouth, and narrowly escaped

bleeding to death. A Woodburn man has six cows which he derived an income of \$45 in March. Besides he got 12 pounds of butter for family use and a half gallon

of fresh milk daily. Principal Reynolds of the Dallas public school does not indorse the move-ment to solicit funds for the Peary expedition, and the Dallas children not be called upon to contribute.

Much cream is being shipped out from this vicinity, says the Dallas Itemizer, and prominent farmers who milk many cows consider this an injustice, thinking the raw product might just as well

Irrigon Irrigator: The board walk is the scene of great activity these fine evenings. There is a lot of courting going on in town, and the board walk is the favorite promenade. We think some of the parties to these courting bees, or walks, will be getting married

Milton Eagle: Fishing is reported ex-ceptionally good in the Walla Walla river and its tributaries, and is not bad even in the irrigation ditches at times. line fished a salmon trout measuring 30 inches and weighing eight pounds out of the ditch on Main street,

There is scarcely an acre on Current numerous hillsides, except along the ocean edge, that is swept daily with northwest wind that wouldn't raise choice fruit, says the Gold Beach Globe. Back in the interior a few miles the finest of peaches and watermelons are raised in small quantities, and apples and berries in abundance for home con-sumption.

This is the way the Moro Observer heard it: An earthquake in Hood River valley, after dynamiting some stumps opened up three springs worth \$10,000 to the farm, as they furnish a flow of 30 inches of water for irrigation purposes. Besides throwing the stumps into another county all split for kindlings, the shot lossened 100 by 100 feet of hillside 10 feet deep and moved it 50 feet down to a more convenient place for cultivation as a berry patch.