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Virtue dwells at the head of a river, to which we cannot get but by rowing against the stream .- Feltham.

COAL PLENTY: FUEL SCARCE.

ILL THE Portland men who recently visited the coal field near Heppner demand that a railroad be built to it? asks the Pendleton East Oregonfan, which asks farther if it is not "a crime on the part of the railroads to refuse to build a railroad to these coal fields when the need of fuel is so urgent in Oregon." Whoever owns them, a line should be built, an extensive field to market."

the people have said and done so it may and ought to be made. little in the direction of asserting It is perhaps true that some of with accidents and railroad men with ple, by one means or another.

THEORY VS. PRACTICE.

NDER the title, "Officers-Their Powers and Duties," Mr. Devlin, in his book on "Municipal Reform," makes some remarks that are worthy of repetition and consideration at this time. a few of which we are pleased to quote. "The very best men in any city are none too good for councilmen." The author believes that councilmen should be elected at large, and not by wards, for "As it is now the boodling, vote-buying, hobo-colonizing politician is too often the councilman, de jure or de facto," and is willing and anxious to loot the treasury for the especial benefit of his ward, or of the element of his constituents that vote his way."

Disagreeing with another writer, who argued that certain districts in a great city were properly represented by "thieves and ruffians." Mr. Devlin says: "The sections of s community where vice reigns should have no representation. Such sections are to be governed and not ties. The gambling, thieving and and most conscientious of men."

a correct view of the politician, to spring seeding. whom he says, "the science of politics means a knowledge of the deprinciples of government which will all on the place seldom ends until been the ablest trust attorney in the best insure safety, peace and pros- long after that hour. perity, is to the politician in office In consequence, many a farmer

thinks, for base purposes, and to by the year of rest. criticise citizens for their indifference, saying: "Whenever a community earnestly insists upon having its government administered on principles of right, morality and economy, it will be successful. Police protection will be withdrawn from gambling dens and houses of prostitution; the saloon will not have ad- system to handle the traffic becomes vantages over every other business; careful and painstaking work will be the rule in city service, and jobbery

and fraud will cease." From all of which good and wise sentiments we conclude that Mayor Lane has made an exceptionally good official; that not enough care has been or is being taken in electing councilmen; and that Mr. Devlin has got out of his proper latitude by being a strictly partisan candidate, backed by a party machine, and, unfortunately for him, supported so generally by those very elements that should have no part in government, but should be strictly governed.

MONEY FOR IMPROVEMENT.

DORTLAND WILL progress and office. It is important to elect the best men possible to office, and that entirely regardless of poland the people given : chance to buy ities or party, but Portland cannot track railroad at this moment and use the needed fuel. "This," be kept from growing and becoming through the more populous section adds the East Oregonian, "is only great even if this be not done, but of western Oregon would not nor another illustration of the inconsist- providing the city moves forward could not give the section the servency of private ownership of public with contemplated improvements, ice it deserves. The growth of the utilities. Think of Oregon suffering These will cost what seems a large from a fuel famine with hundreds of amount of money, but it is not a very those who move up and down the acres of excellent coal lying under great amount for a city of Portland's lines and see the roads and trains the surface, only needing a short present size and sure prospects, and struggling under impossible burdens other life and hear them preach. branch line of railroad to open up all the proposed expenditures are instantly recognize that some kind necessary, or at least advisable, if of change must soon come. It is a It is indeed a strange thing that Portland is to be made the city that spectacle of frenzied railroading that

public ownership of these subter- these expenditures will benefit some nightmare. It cannot long endure, ranean sources of fuel, or at least people more than others, will be of for the unstoppable growth of the have not so regulated production and greater advantage to property own- country will soon press existing contransportation as to prevent extor- ers in the vicinity than at a distance, ditions beyond the bursting point. tionate prices and coal famines. We but this is inevitable. If the city is believe that this is one of the large to refrain from making any large one but many. Nature destined westsubjects which will be taken up for and necessary improvements on this ern Oregon for them when it thickadjustment before long by the peo- account it will never get them. But ly seamed the adjacent mountainif, as in all the proposed cases, the sides with torrent streams as a basis We suppose there is no means by improvement is primarily and prin- of electric power. The electric is which a railroad corporation can be cipally for the benefit of the whole a more cheaply operated road, and compelled to build a line to these or city and only incidentally and un- with the demand for it so extraorother coal fields, but it would be a avoidably for the benefit of some dinary and the opportunity for it so very fine thing for the state and more than others, it ought to be marked it should not be long in especially for this city if private cap- made. Every street paved is an coming. stallsts would build such lines, when- especial benefit to the abutting propever such an opportunity offers, and erty owners, and not all streets then existing lines could be com-pelled to haul the coal to points be paved at once. Public ownership where it was needed at reasonable of docks would principally benefit in the spring of 1909, immediately those engaged in trade and com- after the inauguration of the next in the way my correspondent describes. merce, but all would share in the president. Since there is no prosultimate benefit. A new bridge to pect of any tariff revision before to salvation: replace the old Madison street that time, it is in order to say, "betbridge would be of more advantage ter late than never," but perhaps if ening, if there is a human being on sustaining the life of any human beto the contiguous section of the city the tariff is to be revised in entire any one over whose misfortunes you than to downtown sections, but that accordance with the schedule that would rejoice; any one to whom you would not extend a kindness, if asked. is no reason why the bridge should will be presented by the manufacnot be built. The proposed small turers' association, it might as well parks and boulevards may be be never. thought by some a needless luxury rather than a necessity, but we must consider what the future of Port- owned and published by Mr. Frank churches in the world, land is to be and what we wish it to Davey, speaker of the last assembly, the negative, if there is any one you be, and remember that land will be and in his proprietorship it will undislike enough to wish ill, then be sure far higher for these purposes in the doubtedly become one of the leading your religion is not the right kind. Only

> future than it is now. eration—then the proposed bonds new venture. should be voted for.

AS TO DOLLAR WHEAT.

to govern. Self-government was the usual average, but the wheat tures, says the Louisville Post. Yes, never intended for such communi- areas in the state for the season are and in every case against a party some of the people, or all of the people, white chapel section of a city de- the scarcity of labor, though unfa- of United States senators and "inmands the attention of the wisest vorable weather, at least in western terests." Oregon, reduced the area of fall-sown In another chapter the author grain, and equally unfavorable clitakes a pessimistic though perhaps matic conditions have lessened learn a lesson from the Irish, who

vices by which voters may be influ- ous handicap. Many farmers could off without even a row. Fortunately enced and the passions and preju- not get labor at all, while others the opinion was unanimous against dices of men turned to the advan- could not afford it because of its the bill, the Irishmen declaring with prospers, and conversely they know that tage of his party and himself. The cost. From \$1.50 to \$2 per day is one voice that they would accept broad field of politics proper, where the going farm wage, a striking con- nothing less than real home rule. right, morality and honor on the trast with the 50 cents that was paid And they will get it yet, too. part of individuals and the nation a few years ago. To increase the take precedence of personal profit embarrassment, many laborers insist or partisan success, and where pol- on ending the day's work at 6 p. m., look less black than he has been ities mean the consideration by able, a difficult thing to bring about on painted, who should be so able to do earnest and patriotic men o. those the farm, where the day's work for it as Secretary Root? Hasn't he

an undiscovered realm. . . has put in his crop himself, leaving But the professional politician will unsown such acres as there was not tween Russia and Japan, but to do not always do. It sometimes be- time to reach. A comparatively lim- so in Ohio is not such an easy matcomes necessary to add strength and ited acreage, and a strong probability ter. pectability to the ticket." So the that the Oregon wheat aggregate will party managers select some really be below the average will be the outman, flatter him, interest him come. If, however, wheat reaches served more than a Carnegie medal, swallow live and pursue its insect pests as the limitations in the use of any other

TRIC ROADS.

T IS A RIPE moment for investment of capital in electric roads in western Oregon. The utter more markedly manifest every day. The east side tracks are overcrowded with a traffic that makes this selfconspicuous in constantly belated trains. The congestion of freight and passenger business is so great that the observance of any semblance of The Religion That schedule time often becomes almost impossible. The railroad time cards displayed at stations have become a joke, and the arrival of expected trains a Chinese puzzle. The passenger who buys a railroad ticket expecting to reach his destination at sister preached to me that I would a given hour, after dodging accidents for a season, alights from his train with his engagements out of

gear and his temper out of joint. To ease the congestion as much of the traffic as possible is done on the west side tracks, until they, too, prosper whoever is elected to are overcrowded with a business that, like all railroad business in Oregon, moves only when it can, or "when the sign is right." A double fills the layman with awe, the air

The solution is electric roads, not

The manufacturers' association taliation.

The Harney County News is now The cost of these improvements papers of Eastern Oregon. The is not the only thing to look at, but field is large and comparatively the money will be a good invest- and exceptionally well-informed ment-and it will be largery paid, newspaper man, and his host of acas it should be, by a succeeding gen- quaintances wish him success in his

Governor Hughes of New York. Governor Deneen of Illinois, Gover-REGON will probably contribute nor Folk of Missouri, are all fight- newspapers or people of any section to the general deficit that ing for the people, and for the repromises to make dollar wheat. demption of party pledges, against We cannot forge ahead by walking The yield per acre may reach the obstructionists in the legisla- backwards. Neither can we help ourbelow the normal. A main cause is machine run by a boss in the interest

Democrats in this country should who write such twaddle. held a great meeting to discuss the their ranks, but their number is grad-Throughout the state the labor Birrell bill, 3,000 being in attendproblem on the farm has been a serl- ance at the gathering, which passed

> If anybody can make the devil country for many years?

The president effected peace be-

That was another hero, who de--and succeed in corrupting him. the dollar mark, or a figure even the captain of a Lake Michigan ves-

Mr. Devlin proceeds nevertheless approximating that price, the pro- sel that was on fire at night, who to censure the press severely for unceeds of the crop may be as large forced discipline upon not only Alcohol as Medicine warranted and indiscriminate criti- as usual, the net profit to the farmer erew but passengers, and by his cool cism of officials, cometimes, he be greater and the fields be benefited courage saved over 100 lives, being the last to leave his ship, his clothes having been burnt upon him. He CONDITIONS INVITE ELEC- only did his duty, but doing a duty thus is heroism none the less.

> The new senator from Wisconsin will serve but for two years, when it it supposed Lenroot, who has been inability of the present steam La Follette's most active lieutenant, will be elected.

> > We don't blame the Irish for hold ing themselves as good as the Boers.

Saves

By Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

(Copyright, 1907, by American-Journal-Examiner) "For two hours last night," writes an acquaintance, "my mother and my lose my soul unless I came to their believe as they do. I believe in the Great Creator, and in the law of love. I believe Christ was a Great Master. who taught this law of love. He is my teacher and brother and friend. "I believe the translators have left

very little absolute Holy Writ unviolated. There are so many interpretations one can give various passages that I believe I have as good a right to my interpretation of Holy Writ as all the conflicting ones of the various sects and creeds. I try to love my neighbor as myself, and one of my ways of showing it is in letting him worship his own way-just as I want my own is an evidence of brotherly love to allow your friends liberty of conscience They feel they must think for me. and bring me to their point of view, or traffie within it has been such that else consign me to fire and brimstone after I pass on. I really feel sometimes that such a fate would be happier than to live with my relatives through an

The battle of my friend for her liberty of conscience is just the same battle that great man of history William the silent of Holland, fought the bigets of the Spanish Inquisition. And he was finally assassinated because he maintained the principle as one of the ethics of true religion.

The world suffered from a hundred years war through just such bigots as the family of my correspondent. Had she lived in those "good days" she would have been dipped in hot oil and allowed to slowly roast to death if she had not come to the point of view of her interested friends and

well wishers. Philip II. of Spain said there was no crime so terrible as freedom of conscience, and he issued an edict that all who worshipped in any way save his way (which was the way of his church)

And so he and his friends burned and ortured, and hung, and beheaded, and buried alive, and starved to death hundreds of thousands of good people; and all this was done in the name of Christ. And his opponents paid an eye for be because of their prominence in the an eve-and slaughtered as many in re-

Those charming days are past, but ing their friends and relatives miserable so is optum. It ranks with these. The Here is an excellent test for any soul wishing to find if it is on the right path

Each morning ask yourself, on awak- warming, strengthening, nourishing or earth for whom you feel any ill will; If you can answer your own soul frankly in the negative, and if you go forth toward the day with the love of God and humanity in your heart, hoping to do only good, then you need not fear you are to be "lost," however your

and most valuable and interesting as it fills the heart full of love, and with pity for what is unlovable, and fulness toward the whole struggling world, from human down to the animal also what the benefit will be. If new, Mr. Davey is an experienced kingdom, only as it brings a consciousness of universal kinskip, is religion of any use in the world. That alone is the religion that "saves.",

All Pull Together. From the Irrigon Irrigator.

The Irrigator believes that we mus all push and pull together, and that Governor Stuart of Pennsylvania, we must not try to build up one portion of the state at the expense of another howl at and abuse some other section. We cannot build up by tearing down. selves or our towns or communities. by eternally abusing and howling about in some other section.

It has been the fashion for a few napers in the state to keep scolding Portland and the Portland people. know what newspapers we refer to, and you know their editors, the soreheads And you also know that the papers doing this nasty work are not getting any recruits to

ually getting smaller. people loyal to the rest of the state. They are not fools. They know that their city cannot grow or prosper unless the balance of the state grows and for us to prosper is for them to pros-per. And the Portland people are not only as loyal as the people of any other town in any other state, but as we pointed out a couple of weeks ago, they are more loyal to their state than the people of any other city are to the

Don't Kill the Swallows.

From the Minneapolis Journal. Farmers who have been doing their best to exterminate the barn swallow. will feel pretty cheap when they learn that the swift-winged little fellow is one of their best friends. It is his misfortune and not his fault that his nest is infested by a suspicious looking bug. But the entomologists have discovered that this bug, in spite of his resem blance to the one that "gets there just the same," is of a different breed and is a poison which, like other poisons, wouldn't stay in a bed even if put there, has certain uses; but the limitations in Nests are its specialty. So let the barn the use of alcohol should be as strict to his heart's content and the farmer's kind of poison. Moreover, it is an in-

and as a Food

By the Rev. Alexander Alison, D. D., General Secretary of the National Temperance Society.

The London Lancet has recently published a manifesto on the subject of "Alcohol as a Medicine and a Food," than a score of physicians who are harm in a little before a meal. What claimed to be prominent representatives are the facts? First of all, no appetite of their profession in Great Britain. It needs to be artificially stimulated. There is causing quite a stir in the public is no need, supposing this property of prints of the Anglo-Saxon race and a alcohol to be true, to use anything that much larger area. Here is what these

"In view of the statements frequently made as to present medical opinion regarding alcohol and alcoholic we, the undersigned, think it desirable to issue the following short statement on the subject—a statement which, we believe, represents the opinions of leading clinical teachers, well as the great majority of medical the nourishment of the body."

"Recognizing that in prescribing alcohol the requirements of the individual must be the governing rule, we are convinced of the correctness of the opinion so long and generally held that in disease alcohol is a rapid and trustworthy restorative. In many cases it may truly be described as life preserving, owing to its power to sustain carorthodox views of religion. I cannot diac nervous energy while protecting wasting nitrogenous tissues.

"As an article of diet we hold that kind that the moderate use of alcohol is, for adults, usually beneficial, is amply justified.

"We deplore the evils arising from the use of alcoholic beverages, but it is obvious that there is nothing beneficial which does not, by excess, become injurious.

One very good reason I possess: Not being a judicial expert, my opinion might suffer large discount in the mind of the average reader. I am not sure however, that the disciple of Esculapius s the only person who has the right to express ideas upon this subject. It is pleasant to note that these students of 'the healing art" are not as drastic as persons who express themselves on heir side of the subject frequently are. The fact that they have been somewhat conservative in their deliverance may have the more weight with a reading public that is so occupied with material things as to have little time to spare for the scientific study which such a subject suggests. The old saying, "Doctors differ," may not be found untrue in this instance when we have given some little attention question in its fullness. Only a few decades ago medical practitioners who would express respect for the advocates of total abstinence were not numerous. A kind word was not infrequently spoken by the average doctor for alcoholic liquors. Things have changed since them. It is not so easy now, on this side of the Atlantic at

least, to find even as many as those who have signed the Lancet manifeste who would willingly be classed with the ancients in this field. Thousands of leading medical practitioners may be gathered together on both sides of the Atlantic who will earnestly call in question the position taken by the noted men who have signed their names to the statement published We can without difficulty offset their claim, distinguished as it may profession, by quoting from others not

less weighty in the public estimation. health is always in some way or other injured by it; benefited by it-never!" N. S. Davis, M. D., says: "No form of alcoholic drink is capable of either

Professor Youmans says: "All alcohol is the product of death and decay." Sir William Gull, M. D., says: hardly know any more potent cause of

disease than alcohol." R. D. Mussey, M. D., says: "So long as alcohol retains a place among sic patients, so long will there be drink-

Benjamin Ward Richardson, M. D., says: "I had learned purely by ex-perimental observation that in its action on the living body this chemical substance, alcohol, deranges the constitution of the blood; unduly excites the heart and respiration; paralyzes the minute blood vessels; increases and deonly as it awakens the impulse of help- creases, according to the degrees of its application, the functions of the digestive organs, of the liver and of the kidneys; disturbs the regularity nervous action, lowers the normal temperature and lessens the muscular power. Such, independently of any prejudice of party, or influence of sentiment, are the unanswerable teachings of the sternest of all evidences, the evidence of experiment, of natural fact revealed to man by experimental testing of natural phenomena. Alcohol begins by destroying; it ends by destruction, and it implants organic changes which progress independently of its presence, even in those who are

James Howie, M. D., says: adds the smallest amount of energy to any man, either healthy or diseased." J. J. Ridge, M. D., says: "The in-fluence of alcohol is never to stimulate It's good to feel that you didn't shirk." life-growth, but always to hinder and

Edward Smith, M. D., says: "Alcohol cannot be regarded as food. Alcohol neither warms nor sustains the body. F. R. Lees, M. D., says: "It is false that alcohol promotes digestion." Dr. John H. Griscomb says: "I have

come to the conclusion that alcohol as a If you trust in the Lord and medicine can be wholly dispensed with."
Dr. R. D. Mussey says: "I deny that Dr. R. D. Mussey says: alcoholic spirits is essential to the practice either of phyhics or surgery." Dr. Willard Parker says: "When peo ole understand what alcohol is and what it does, they will put it out of exist-

find alcohol to be an agent that gives It would not be difficult for the writer to multiply similar statements by the hundred—yes, by the thousand. Tes-timony is overwhelming today for the

Sir Henry Thompson, M. D., says: "I

position which I attempt to hold. During a recent visit which I made to London, an eloquent address was delivered at the Church House, minster, under the auspices of the Woman's Union, C. E. T. S. The speaker was Sir Frederick Treves, Bast., K. C. V. O., C. B., LL. D., F. R. C. S., Ber. geant Surgeon-in-ordinary to the king. Edward VII. and surgeon-in-ordinary to H. R. H., the Prince of Wales. Among

other things he said the following: "The point in regard to alcohol is simple enough. It is a poison, and it sidious poison in that it produces er-

dote-alcohol again. This applies to another drug equally insidious, and that the term poison is by no means an ex-aggerated one, when it is realised that poor classes, there is apt to be mixed a very definite poison in the form of fusal

oil. There is no disguising the fact that alcohol is of late years less used by the medical profession. * * Some people say: 'Alcohol is a most excellent

will excite an appetite." Sir Frederick Treves continued: is said that alcohol is strengthening and that it gives great working power We hear a great deal of this in the advocacy of British beef and beer. That sounds very well, but let us view the facts. Alcohol modifies certain constituents of the blood, and on this account and on others it affects prejudicially

Bir Frederick goes on to speak of the troops at Ladysmith during the South African campaign a few years ago. The great surgeon was with the relief col-umn that moved on to Ladysmith, He states as follows: "In that column of some 30,000 men the first who dropp out were not the tall men or the men or the big men or the little men but the drinkers, and they dropped out as clearly as if they had been

with a big letter on their backs." Sir Frederick, in speaking of the effects of alcohol on circulation, says: "Alcohol produces an increased beat, a fuller pulse and redder skin. It calls upon the reserve power of the man, but the moment the off the action of the heart is actually weakened. Consequently the temporary effect is produced at an unfortunate cont.

Sir Frederick also shows that liquor drinking is inconsistent with good work He states: "Alcohol is certainly inconsistent with what may be called fine work. It is inconsistent with the geon's work and with anything that requires a quick, accurate and alert judgment. I am much struck with the all the pictures of Maybelle Gilmanthat many professional men have discontinued the use of a stimulant in the reason in 99 cases out of 100 than that they find they can work better withou

Again Sir Frederick Treves deliberately states, "Alcohol does not 'keep out

Again he declares that to be young men must not touch it. He de-"No one who is young and healthy can want alcohol any more than he can want strychnine."

Finally he states as follows: "In conclusion let me add one more testimony. Having spent the greater part of my life in operating I can assure you that the person of all others that I dread to see enter the operating theatre is the drinker. I share with the late James Paget his absolute dread of the secret drinker."

What may we now conclude? Surely there is a large concensus of highly skilled medical opinion against the use of alcohol in health or disease at any stage of our earthly pilgrimage. follow the weight of scholarly scientific opinion upon this subject it seems to e that we shall be constrained to admit, however much we may have remen who have spoken through the columns of the Lancet, that an unprejudiced jury, giving a verdict in accordance with the facts, would be under the necessity of deciding against them.

If any one desires information covering the whole question and many field application should be made to the National Temperance Society and Publication House, No. 3, East Fourteenth street, New York City, for a catalogue of its publications. I shall be pleased to mail a copy of this catalogue to any address on application.

Letters From the People

Too Many Bills.

Portland, May 16 .- To the Editor of The Journal-There seems to be a great many Bills sevocating the elec tion of Thomas Devlin—there's Bill Cake, Bill (Fike) Days Bill Smith, Bill Keady, Mysterious Bill Smith, Half Dollar Bill and Billy Ayres. Cake, Bill (Pike) Davis, Dollar Bill late of the notorious Portland club. If this sweet scented bunch should have something to say, the con-ditions preceeding the fall of the Roman Empire would not be in it. ANDY VALCOUN.

Old Sunny Side Up.

Old Sunny Side Up, he used to say: "Yes, things are a little bit dark today, But just a touch of warm sunshine Will make this old world look mighty And pretty soon it will be so bright

That you'll be glad you're alive, all

Old Sunny Side Up, he used to say: The work was a little bit hard today. But it's good for folks to have lots to

quite impossible to believe that alcohol And the pay, some day, will be better, And anyway, when you've done your

Old Sunny Side Up, he used to say: "The luck seems a little bit tough today,

But it never does any good to mope While the helpfullest thing in this world is hope, And you bet your life you can't go

along." Old Sunny Side Up, he did his best; He worked and hoped till he went to

He never was rated a great success As viewed in a worldly But when he left us, I dare to say, He went right home to the brighter day. -Kansas City Times.

This Date in History. 1125-Death of Emperor Henry V at

ernor of Canada, it was all gone and that there would 1706—British under Marlborough vic- not be fruit enough to wad a shot gun. torious at battle of Ramillies 1729—Empress Catherine of Russia

Augusta, Georgia, Died September 3, 1881. 1831—Levi Woodbury of New Hamp-

shire became secretary of the navy. 1862—Battle of Port Royal, Virginia. 1877-Don Carlos, Spanish pretender, expelled from France.

1885—Shah of Persia arrived at St. Petersburg on his first European tour, 1895—Secretary Carlisle spoke against the free coinage of silver at the soundmoney convention at Memphia

Small Change

Now it begins to justify its name of

The green bug is one species of immi-

rant that Oregon does not want. If wheat goes up to a dollar, less bread will go down the throats of the

The person most easily interested in your trouble is a lawyer-if you have

And then it doesn't hurt the machine as much to smash it when it is young and small.

It begins to look and feel as if 1907 was recovering from its long spell of spring halt.

Curiously nothing, so far as we have heard, not even a cigar or baby, has been named after Heney. Aurora Borealis: Every windy day we marvel at how thin it is possible for

ome women to be and live A visitor to the president is spoken of as a "Rouse guest." Does he lodge

A Michigan man was drowned in a vat of whiskey, but many a man has been killed by getting outside of instead of into whiskey.

"Cut it out entirely," says the Harney Valley News, referring to the scheme to raise money for Peary through the school children.

The royal baby of Spain should start out in life friendly to the United States, that relieved his government of Cuba

If anybody in Oregon in reasonably good health isn't glad he is alive these May days he doesn't deserve to be.

It is to the credit of the press that

Corey are entirely respectable in appear-There seems to be reason to believe that Ohio will or ought to go Democrat-

next year whenever one thinks of

The minister that married Corey is named John Lewis Clark, but that doesn't prove that he is descended from our Lewis and Clark.

Some people will spend money to buy flowers and pay funeral expenses for a man, but neglect to keep him from the poorhouse, while alive. The monorall railroad scheme is noth-

ing new. An Oregon man worked on it for years, got patents, and had an en-gine built, but his funds ran short. A Canadian conductor "got" three years for allowing his train to be wrecked. The officers of the road are

at liberty, though the same as in this country. "The way to get thin," says Secretary Taft, "Is to eat only four ounces at humor." We don't believe in the humor" part of the recipe. And Taft is not a very good example of thinness

but perhaps, like other doctors, he

Oregon Sidelights

Magpies kill young chickens in Crock

Prairie City is now sure of a chee "Bumper crops sure," declares the Sa

A Condon man received 3,500 head of cattle Bunday, Bend home talent will produce The

Merchant of Venice. Many timber claims are being taken yet around Gold Hill.

Sage rats are doing great damage to crops in Crock county. The sound of the cannery whistle

will soon be heard again. Representative Hawley is visiting Klamath and Lake counties.

A Lakeview butcher pays as high as \$7.50 a head for mutton sheep. Fishing good now in Rogue river a Bear creek; many steelheads caugh

Aurora Borealis: How proud a town own garden!

A Hood river young man was fined \$50 for misbehavior and a few days later was fined another \$50 for the same offense.

A Polk county man has invented a string tying machine for tying strings on the trellis for hop vines by the use of which he can tie the strings much faster than can be done by hand.

Dayton Optimist: Oregon is not to blame for the few poverty-stricken mortals who live here. You will find men who have made a failure of life wherever you go. Brains and elbow grease bring better returns here than

anywhere else on earth.

Almost within the corporate limits of Glendale there is "something doing," says the News, that undoubtedly will in a very short time surprise mining men. High grade ore containing copper and gold exists in large true fissure weins, encased in walls of porphyry, grante and slate,

Prairie City Miner: Last week there 1633—Samuel de Champlain entered was a general complaint about the frost upon his second tenure of office as gov- killing the fruit, some declaring that The warm sun of the past few days has allayed all such fears and now some are kicking because the trees are 1781-American force laid slege to so heavily laden with blossoms that they cannot stand the strain.

> That Rogue river for the 100 miles from Grants pass to its mouth at Gold-beach, where it empties into the Pacific ocean, could be made navigable for boats up to 20 or 25 tons capacity is the opinion of many experienced riv-ermen who have examined it. Fisher-men and prospectors have been navigat-ing Rogue river with small boats since white men settled here 50 years ago, says the Grants Pass Courier.