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To be trusted is a greater compliment than to be loved. -- George Macdonald.

### MAYOR AND COUNCIL.

HE PEOPLE of Portland care nothing who is president of the council, except as the contest for the office may indicate a design or purpose to oppose unreasonably and spitefully the mayor on done by the majority of the former council, composed in large part of the members of the present council. The people have no objection to the mayor being opposed on any good and reasonable ground, and honestly and conscientiously, but they do object to habitual and unreasonable opposition on merely political or other petty and improper grounds. The people of Portland, by reelecting Mayor Lane, practically instructed the council to give to him support and aid. The people are satisfied with his policies in general, and will not approve opposition merely for the sake of opposition, and to thwart him when he tries to do right.

Several councilmen manifest a disposition to drop this petty game, and they are to be commended for doing so. People will respect a councilman for standing either with or against the mayor, if he does so honestly and conscientiously, but they despise petty, peanut-politics contrariety. The people's interests are the only thing a councilman has any right to consider, and the people have said the mayor is generally about right.

### A MODERN AHAB-NABOTH STORY.

HE incident of William Rockeold man Lamora, the only remaining citizen of the former village of Brandon, New York, has

and Lamora refused to sell. This dealer in teeth. may have exhibited more stubborn-

three miles away, within the Rocke- of happiness. feller demesne, and Lamora, without being subject to prosecution for trespass, could not go to the post-

tariff at the next session of congression of the person of

Naboth of extinct Brandon.

### EUGENE.

HE Eugene Guard quite naturally resents some unjust criticisms that have been made retreets and walks, and pardonably resents a more pleasing picture of the university town. It admits that the water is not yet quite all that is desired, but says that "next September the question of issting \$300,000 bonds will be voted upon and carried by a large majority, and after that the city will be in a position to do business. Either they will buy the present plant and improve it so as to meet all requirements, or they will construct an entirely new system that will solve the water problem in Eugene for many years to come, if every proposition, as was not for all time. That is the program as it has been arranged-and it is going to be carried out."

No town of its size, asserts the Guard, has better or cleaner streets and walks, nicer lawns or greater civic pride. That Eugene has begun to be progressive, if it has not been so before to as great an extent as was desirable, is shown by the subscription of \$60,000 to the stock of

the proposed Siuslaw railroad. The whole state naturally takes an interest and a pride in Eugene, rather more than in any other city, unless it be Salem, the capital, because it is the home of the state university, and everybody in the state is pleased to know of the progressiveness and attractiveness of the pretty and growing city at the head of the Willamette valley.

### ELKS AND ELKS.

TYPE ARE pleased to note that the Elks' convention in Philadelphia, after discussion, appointed a committee to consider the proposal to cease the destruction of four-footed elks to rain their teeth, and adopted a resountil this committee had reported to city government, and this carried. the next convention; but we regret The ring fought hard, but the comthat the Oregon biped Elks were mission plan won, and the legislafeller's winning contest with among the opponents of this humane ture and governor have ratified the cently

recently for having slaughtered withlately been retold, and thus there is in a short time over 1,600 elks-one inate members of a governing comagain a modern reenactment of report says over 1,700-for their mission, the five receiving the high- gave Portland better shipping conditions something like the story of King Ahab and his poor neighbor, Naboth. to rot. These men, it was said, at-Ahab and his poor neighbor, Naboth.
To say that a man who would do what William Rockefeller has done in this case is a hog expresses the interval in the case is a hog expresses the interval in the case is a hog expresses the interval in the case is a hog expression is prevalent every who will receive \$3,500 a year, the commissioners \$3,000. The duties of the commissioners will be much together is not amiss. And yet as Capture in the case is a hog expression is prevalent every who will receive \$3,500 a year, the commissioners \$3,000. The duties of the commissioners will be much together is not amiss. And yet as Capture in the case is a hog expression is prevalent every who will receive \$3,500 a year, the commissioners \$3,000. The duties of the commissioners will be much together in an analysis and the case is a hog expression in the case is a hog expression i truth but very mildly and insufficiently, and is a slander on any hog that there is any record of.

In buying up some 40,000 or 50,000 acres around the village of that this was done to fill an order that the same as those of Galveston, recently mentioned in The Journal—each to be the absolute master in one department. The charter also produced that this was done to fill an order that the same as those of Galveston, recently mentioned in The Journal—each to be the absolute master in one department. The charter also produced that this was done to fill an order that this was done to fill an order that this was done to fill an order that the same as those of Galveston, recently mentioned in The Journal—each to be the absolute master in one department. The charter also produced that this was done to fill an order that this was done to fill an order that the same as those of Galveston, recently mentioned in The Journal—each to be the absolute master in one department. The charter also produced that this was done to fill an order that this was done to fill an order that the same as those of Galveston, recently mentioned in The Journal—each to be the absolute master in one department. The charter also produced that this was done to fill an order that the same as those of Galveston, recently mentioned in The Journal—each to be the absolute master in one department. The charter also produced the same as those of Galveston, recently mentioned in The Journal—each to be the absolute master in one department. The charter also produced the conditions give reason for boundless entitles the same as those of Galveston, recently mentioned in The Journal—each to be the absolute master in one department. The charter also produced the same as those of Galveston, recently mentioned in The Journal—each to be the absolute master in one department. The charter body's land but Lamora's—a little suppose this order did not come from tract, only a lot or two, perhaps- the Elks as an order, but from some

ness and selfishness than were rea- order owes it to itself and to its terest throughout the country. sonable, but the old man had a right thousands of members who are good, to refuse to sell. Here he had lived humane, law-observing citizens to all his life; the hills and creeks and take measures to stop this slaughter glades around, and his own little of elks for this purpose. The Elks plot of home ground, were a part of will increase in number, causing an his life. No man had a right to increased demand for teeth; while I in some points his testimony drive him away, and here he would the four-footed elks, at this rate, will soon disappear, as the buffaloes The village disappeared, the roads did, so that at some not far distant an all-around villain that, it may were all fenced up, trespass notices time some other emblem must be well be doubted if the jury in the were posted everywhere, and re- used. It is time now to change the Haywood case will convict on testipeatedly the old man was prosecuted emblem, or somehow lessen the defor catching a few small fish for mand for elks' teeth, and stop this Orchard has told a good deal of truth tal his own use, until he had no more unlawful, cruel and insensate slaugh- does not negative the possibility that money to go to law with. He was ter of beasts that, as well as we, are he may be doing a good deal of lying,

TARIFF REVISION.

ance to Ahab Rockefeller, but should often broken. But we incline to the rather give aid and comfort to the opinion that if the party is in power

There might be revision that would be no benefit to the people and that would be satisfactory to the trusts Tariff revision by its friends is to be suspected. The present tariff ought to have no friends. It is a robber, the greatest on earth. There must be a tariff, of course, but protection ought to be pretty well eliminated from it. The tariff needs not only revising but revolutionizing.

### REFORM IN DES MOINES.

ES MOINES and Indianapolis are the only considerable northern cities that have adopted the Galveston commission plan of municipal government, and in these cities the Galveston plan has not been strictly carried out. We have no details at hand of the reported new Indianapolis charter, but Des Moines has adopted the Galveston plan with some modifications and perhaps im-Moines were driven to this movement because the city had long been in the hands of a corrupt Republican ring, that used the city government for bad partisan purposes in connection with state and national politics -a very common state of affairs in cities, and in which it was recently sought to place Portland. Des county seat, and the state and county politicians combined with municipal office-holders and office-seekers to do up the people until conditions became so unendurable that they rebelled and revolutionized their form of municipal government.

First the discontented and disdependent candidates to the council and other municipal offices, but that failed; then they proposed and voted charter approved by the popular ter tisan primary will be held to nom-

000 inhabitants, and the result of This "benevolent and protective" this change will be watched with in-

# THE HAYWOOD CASE.

has been corroborated by unimpeached witnesses, yet he is such

at least the privilege of getting his mail, and that the Rockefeller minions will not catch him catching fish.

There is no Jezebel in evidence in the supervision of the supervision of

the Rockefeller family, and if there promises, nor in the sincerity of moral right to usurp power in Korea were William would not resort to many of the political leaders. If but this consideration will be of little the trick of having Lamora charged the Republican party promises to weight against the fact that their with heresy and stoned to death, not revise the tariff it will do so because government of it will no doubt be of because his heart is any better than its leaders believe the people are great advantage not only to them-Ahab's, but because times and bound to get the tariff revised. But selves, but to the Koreans, who have customs have changed a little. The having got in on the promise, there no great reason for maintaining their same spirit is displayed, and Uncle is no assurance that performance present government. The Japanese Sam cannot afford to lend his assist- will follow. Platform promises are will make a fine country of Korea.

There is no doubt that Harriman in 1909 and 1910 the tariff will be will get busy building through censomehow revised. The demand of tral Oregon if he is sure somebody the people could not longer be re- else is going to build right away if he doesn't. He builds roads in Ore-But how will the tariff be revised? gon only when thus forced to do so.

# Letters From the People

More Nature Faking?

Arleta, Or., July 18 .- To the Editor of The Journal-In last Wednesday's paper you published an article from the Indianapolis Journal entitled "A Wren's Appeal," written by L. E. K. Would not such an article properly belong to the list of animal stories condemned by the president? Certain it is from that story, that that wren was a most precocious bird, capable of a high de-gree of reasoning; what else could it be called when a bird approaches a human being and in bird-language asks that an enemy might be driven away? I fear that L. E. K. is a likely candidate for President Roosevelt's Ananias club. President Roosevelt's Ananias club.
Even the higher animals are incapable of reasoning, to say nothing of such a little mite as a wren. Was that article intended to bring out the question of the so-called "reasoning power" supposed to be possessed by the mere animal? If so I should like very much to see it discussed through your columns. For myself I am of the opinion that animals do not reason. mals do not reason. INVESTIGATOR.

Suggestions From a Conservative. Portland, July 19 .- To the Editor of The Journal-The Journal of July 17 quotes a Portland real estate man and as The Journal says, "a well-known financier." as follows:

"I have heard ultra-conservative business men here deprecate and deplore what they misnamed the real estate boom that Portland is now supposed to be having. What a mistake. There is no boom here. Values have been made by the natural opening up of what for years was a dormant field."

The Journal had stated voll-known financier" had, "woll-known financier" had, in a few months, made a fortune in buying and selling Portland real estate; certainly a suggestion of somewhat of a boom. But no matter what the movement may e called it is manifestly in the di ection of high prices, which the ten dency of the times is to confound with prosperity, but which the ultra-conserv-ative business men of Portland may regard as the forerunner of a collapse. Any way, in the contest among Pacific coast cities for commercial supremacy, high ground values are a handicap, and a very serious one, rather than an ele-ment of strength. A building occupied a very serious one, rather than an ele-ment of strength. A building occupied by a mercantile company in a coast city cost \$250,000 and the grounds upon which it stands cost \$600,000. Obvious-ly the lower the rent the stronger the merchant's position to compete in the markets. Other things being equal the lower the rents the larger the market a city is able to command, and cities are supported by the business they carry on conservative business men of Portland show good judgment in disapproving the methods that have obtained, especially during the last two years in the two cities cited by the real estate man. The tract of 188 acres adapted to manufac-turing purposes, reported sold here re-cently for \$40,000 would probably have cost several hundred thousand in no bet-ter situation for manufacturing in either of those cities.

Besides occupying the strategic posi-on of the whole Pacific coast—and

railroad along the Columbia to Pasco even if the river has to be crossed twice

to provide trackage to such trunk
lines as may need to use it; also terminal facilities here.

The other is that Portland have, by some means the service of lines of steel steamships to Alaska, and to the orient, ships similar in model and construction some that are running on the greakes, described by Secretary Taft in lakes, described by Secretary Taft in his Panama canal report—600 feet long OBODY DOUBTS that Orchard told a good deal of truth, and in some points his testimony.

His Fananta Canal report—500 feet long.
60 feet wide and 20 feet draft. I under-stand that such vessels may be larger—more tonnage—and at the same time less draft; say 18 feet.

H. WILLIAMS.

### The Oregonian's Attack on Colonel Wood.

Portland, July 19.—To the Editor of The Journal—When a newspaper allows personal spite and bitter animosity to vent themselves in continued attacks in its editorials it cheapens the paper and is to be deplored. For the Oregon-ian to retaliate so bitterly in its editorcolumns is far beyond what Mr. Wood's remarks at the Press club banquet called for and certainly undignifies the paper. Mr. Wood had the right to make such remarks as he saw fit and he the postmaster, but through Rocke- God's creatures and entitled, unless feller's influence he lost this positive do damage or are needed for tion and the postoffice was removed food, to life, liberty and the pursuit about what he had done, and that for ink and stoops to a personal attack a man that would commit the crimes of which he is guilty would not scruple to perjure himself on slight provocation may be a reasonable continuous for ink and stoops to a personal attack upon Mr. Wood, not because their views do not coincide but because he wishes to vent his spleen upon Mr. Wood whenever he has a chance, then he goes beyond the broad fine criticism that might be hoped for in the columns of the Oregonian and simply uses the office or anywhere else off his own small premises. At last he was a prisoner in his own home, that off by the modern Ahab and Uncle Sam

they all agreed that there weakens rather than strengthens his from all communication with the should be no attempt to revise the world.

weakens rather than strengthens his from the deeds were credibility. That the deeds were tariff at the next session of concommitted, that Orchard has told a certain that in the present instance the

# Conditions in China

The business, political and religious

situation in China today, as viewed from Shanghai, presents some interesting and contradictory phases. That there is a deep feeling of discontent among the masses of Chinese in Shanghai seems a fact, though I heard one resident there say it was not so, and that everything was serene, while an up-country realdent said there was an undercurrent of distrust and a feeling which, though he did not so designate it, was clearly antiforeign. There is a freely expressed fear that, when the tramway is opened trouble will follow, for thousands of rickshaw men think it means the lessening of their chances to make a livelihood. This is the main phase of the focal situation. An indefinite fear of trouble which some residents there think to be without foundation, while others think that there is strong reason for its existence. The fact that the international guard is constantly drilling so as to be able to prevent another riot like that of last December, and that all the pations from Japan to Austhat all the nations, from Japan to Aus-tria, are working together to prevent an outbreak seems indicative of something. The Shanghai Volunteer corps, which is made up of citizens who drill weekly, and which has skilled officers from various countries appointed to look after it, shows that the people there after it, shows that the think such a thing necessary. I was told that business was not sat

isfactory. That some of the firms had bought large supplies looking to Man-churia with the open door idea for a ready and profitable market, but that ready and profitable market, but that somehow the door is rusty after its long closing by Russia, and the new conditions now prevailing there are quite unsatisfactory for trade. This, however, has been fully written of by experts who have visited the regions, and official reports are public to those who wish to inquire further.

wish to inquire further.

A striking thing to me was the fast pace at which, generally speaking, the people live. I know of no other cities except Chicago and New York in which the pace is so fast. It is the rule for cierks and others to live up to the limit clerks and others to live up to their salary, and, ceasing work at 5-p. m., with a half holiday on Saturday, they work harder at play than they do also noticed the same apparent indiffer-ence to customers in big and little houses, banks, etc., that I noticed eight years ago. An undue or exaggerated obsequiousness is worse than indifference, but the happy medium is not known of in certain houses in Shanghai. The same man in the same business in London or on the continent, I have no-ticed, is a vastly different creature ticed, is a vastly different creature when transferred to a port in Asia, and this "vast difference" will be one of the things which with others related, will make it easier for Japanese and Chinese to get back business now in the control of other nations. Another thing was the enormous profits required by merchants in the foreign concession. Articles of known value are charged for at prices considerably greater than those prices considerably greater than those which individuals can import them all. The necessities of life in food retail. The necessities of life in food and clothing are cheaper than in either Japan or Korea. Korea is a much more expensive place to live in, as regards necessities, than Shanghai and Shanghai is of course more expensive than the interior cities. And yet it costs more to live in Shanghai for superfluities must be had and naid for. must be had and paid for.

The professional beggar was a strange feature especially to one from Korea, where beggars are rarely seen. Here in where beggars are rarely seen. Here in Pyengyang there are not half a dozen, and only one or two regularly come around for money, there one road, that leading to the celebrated Pagoda, some six miles out from Shanghai, was lined with them. That is they were never out of sight; some with self-inflicted wounds so as to exite a line of the self-inflicted and the self-inflicted wounds so as to exite a line of the self-inflicted. wounds so as to excite pity, some de-formed, some sturdy and able bodied— men, women and children, knowing nothing but the art of begging, and whose business is kept up by the fact that the Chinese give, thinking that by so doing they get to themselves merit. So much for some superficial obser-

vations on business in Shanghai.

The political conditions I have ready alluded to—that is the local. the general are too much for me, for I believe that the most astute diplomats are amazed by what is happening. One thing which impressed me was that China has some strong men. If conditions permit of these men getting to or being placed where their advice and ideas can be carried out, we shall see a rapid advance in the betterment of China. At the same time I am one of the few who are inclined to think that the dismemberment of the empire will the general are too much for me, for I the dismemberment of the empire will be necessary for the best good of the people and the country. A northern, central and a southern China, with federal agreements, each with some outside guarantee of stability and, for senti-mental reasons and for practical good one supreme authority; each of the countries to be independent as the states of Europe—something like this, I appro-hend, will have to be done before th huge empire can be properly worked from a political standpoint.

#### Harriman on Sea and Land. From the Commoner

E. H. Harriman disobeyed orders on the Harvard-Yale race course and met with a great surprise. A naval lieutenant whose duty it was to keep the course clear and enforce orders, had the extreme impudence to actually arrest Mr. Harriman just the same as any other common offender might have been arrested. And when Mr. Harriman shook his finger at Chairman Schweppe of the regatta committee and shouted:
"Young man, I'll see you later." the
people within earshot merely laughed.
Lieutenant Bulmer, the officer who arrested Mr. Harriman, took his prison aboard the revenue cutter Gresham and kept him there until after the race was over. Then he was permitted to go on his own recognizance, but the Harriman moter boat was tied up at the navy moter boat was tied up at the navy yard. Mr. Harriman is not used to that sort

Mr. Harriman is not used to that sort of thing. He is accustomed to having his own way, in court and out. On land no one in authority thought of having him arrested for his arrogant violations of the law, but on water it was different. Perhaps it would be a good idea to send all of our judicial and executive officials to sea for a while in order that they may learn how to executive officials to sea for a while in order that they may learn how to enforce laws and rules, and while they are learning let the naval officers come on shore and take the judicial and exec-utive places for a while. Until they learned the methods of distinguishing between the people of high and low financial degree we might have pretty fairly good enforcement of the laws.

## Indian Handiwork.

From the New York Times. Passing one of the most elegant jew-elry stores in Boston not long ago, the writer's attention was arrested by a silbowl of exquisite he windows. Upon inquiry it was American board school in Ahmednagar, India. The boys attend school half of the day and the workshops the other half. Finely wrought articles in brass the day and the workshops the other half. Finely wrought articles in brass and copper, as well as silver are finding their way into New England and Canado at fair prices. Another industry in the same school is rug weaving. One of the largest importers of oriental rugs in America selected and sent to Ahmednagar some choice patterns which are being reproduced in most satisfactory manner by the boys. Other students and turn out household furniture of the best workmanship. A school of arts and crafts for women and girls in the city of Bombay is supported by a committee of ladies in New York City. Scholarships are sent from America and are open to girls from any denomination. Thus youth of both sexes in faroff India are being trained is Christian schools to be self-supporting men and women. The fruits of their labors may be termed only the by-products of missionary effort, but they have both moral and commercial value.

### Why Commit Suicide, Young Man? By Dr. J. Hunter Wells, in Seoul Press.

By Arthur Brisbane, in the New York Here is an exact copy of a letter sen

to the editor of this newspaper: Editor New York Journal-Dear Sir-Very few of your editorials have escaped my reading for the last two years. In many of these editorials you pay special attention to will power.

I am exceedingly ambitious, but extremely weak-minded. Suicide is in my mind constantly, especially after some temptation has swept me off my feet and my mind wavers so much that I am in a state of perpetual misery.

I am sure an editorial in the Evening Journal regarding the cultivation of the will would help thousands of young men like myself.

A YOUNG MAN IN DESPAIR. It is a pathetic letter, and it must be answered. We shall begin by asking the young man some questions:
You say that you yield to temptation and then want to kill yourself. What good would it do to kill yourself? You would prove yourself a coward, you would achieve nothing else.

would achieve nothing else.

If you don't like this life, are you sure that the other side of the grave is any brighter than this side? any brighter than this side?

A man may feel gloomy when the sun doesn't shine,' but he doesn't climb down into the cellar or into a sewer. He makes up his mind to do his best until the sun comes out again.

Don't you suppose that millions of men are discouraged and have been discouraged and have been discouraged with for greater reasons.

couraged, and with far greater reasons than your reasons? Can you not realize, as they realized, that what makes life worth while is the chance to fight and to prove yourself not a coward? Suicide is another word for cowardice.

The only thing that is really worth while is manly effort. And the harder you struggle the more pride you ought to take in your determination to fight it

out successfully.

How long do you suppose you can live at most? Only a few years. Death will come and get you soon enough; you come and get you soon enough; you have nothing to gain by hurrying him. So far as you know, the only chance that you will ever have is in your hands now. The now you know about. All the rest is belief or guesswork.

You have a chance to prove yourself a decent, courageous man now.

Tou have a chance even yet to prove yourself worthy of your mother and the care that she gave you. Is a cowardly suicide to repay her for suffering courageously endured, and for years of affection?

Instead of thinking about the tempta-Instead of thinking about the tempts

tions that attack you and about suicide simultaneously, why not think of those temptations with contempt and hatred and an absolutely definite determination overcome them?

ask this newspaper to write "an editorial regarding the cultivation of the

will."

Will power means turning your face in the right direction and walking in the right direction. Turn away from the cowardly thought of suicide—that is the poltroon's thought.

You know in which direction temptation lies. Turn in the other direction. tion lies. Turn in the other direction. You can do that if you want to. All

you require is to want to do what you What is it that attracts you and overcomes you? Is it drink or gambling, or some drug, or some other weakness or vice? Do you love this folly so that you would rather die a cowardly and

you would rather die a cowardly and shameful death than give it up?
Your idea concerning cultivation of the will is a good idea. The way to cultivate the will is to use it. If you did not use your feet for a while you would not be able to walk. If you lived for a few years in a dark cellar and did not

rew years in a dark cellar and did not use your eyes, your sight would go.

Bring back your will by exercising it, and do it systematically. There is a great deal more fun and triumph in overcoming the vicious promptings that discourage you than in creeping out of life via the suicide route.

Many very good men have contem-lated suicide in their despair, and have subsequently risen to great success and honor, to rejoice that they overcame the cowardly impulse. May you be such a one. When you think of suicide laugh at yourself and denounce yourself as a

Coward with dull reason.

Life lasts only a few years. You would smile at one of those yellow butterflies if you saw it trying to drown itself in a mud puddle, and you would say to it, "Don't be in such a burry, the first cold snap will end you."

The man that talks of suicide is as foolish as a yellow butterfly would be trying to end its few days in the mud puddle. coward with dull reason.

In developing your will, try to think about yourself and more about some one thing that you can do.

Make out fixed hours for going to bed and getting up, and stick to them. However small your income may be

make up your mind to save part of it and stick to that. Whatever the temptation may be that attacks you, make up your mind to fight it and beat it.

it and beat it.
You are no great exception. Life is not such a very gay and parfectly delightful thing at its best. We are all here to do something, and if the old, the poor, can stand brutal and unjust treatment from others, living and bravely its property of the standard of the stand fighting under it, you can stand your own weaknesses and shortcomings and live and fight under them.

We write an answer to your letter, not coldly or indifferently but in a way that seems most desirable under the cir-

cumstances.
Just remember this: You may not keep from being a failure. You may not keep yourself free from sorrow and dis-

achieved something. This Date in History.

But you can keep from being a cow-rd. Do that, and you will already have

## 1031-Death of Robert the Wise, kin

1242-French defeated Henry III a Taillebourg. 1304-Petrarch, the Italian poet, born. Died 1.74. 1588-First of a series of engage-

ments between the English fleet and Spanish Armada. 1629—Champlain, after the capture of Quebec, taken prisoner to England. 1808—Spanish defeated the French at

1850—Daniel Webster of Massachusetts became secretary of state, 1864—Battle of Peach Tree Creek, 1886-Gladstone's cabinet resigned. 1891-Riotous miners at Briceville, Tennessee, refused to allow convicts to

work in the mines.

1896—Trial of Dr. Jameson and his fellow raiders in the Transvaal began 1897—Jean Ingelow, English poetess, dled. Born 1820.

### The Negro in Cambridge. From the Minneapolis Journal.

The New York Sun notes these sachusetts: A black alderman board with 10 white col-ues; two negro representatives in olitical Massachusetts: Massachusetts:
on board with 10 white colleagues; two negro representatives in the legislature, chosen by a majority of white voters; seven members of the common council of African descent; a negro chief of the fire department, of which he is the only man of color; a negro member of the library board; a negro at the head of the city department of bacteriology; a black commander of a G. A. R. post; an almost pure negro a G. A. R. post; an almost pure negr woman acting as principal of a grammar school, with six white pupils under her. What would not Br'er Tlliman give to he in that town for a while to straight

# Meant It All.

From the Kansas City Star.
In explaining what he meant when he said, "There is something wrong in the army," General Franklin J. Bell, chief of staff, makes it reasonably plain that he meant what he said.

# Small Change

Jacksonville is to have a new \$15 0

Think of such a friend of the tariff as Uncle Joe Cannon revising it.

Another body of coal has been discovered in the Meadows district in Jack son county.

If Schmits can think he is mayor hard enough perhaps that will be as good as being so.

Oregon has now another funny editor, he of the new Jacksonville Post. He makes his readers laugh.

A Polk county man picked over 18 tons of cherries, worth \$1,380, or \$1,080 net, from 148 trees, covering a little over an acre of ground.

It has been demonstrated that Wallowa valley is especially adapted for raising blackberries, dewberries and raspberries, says the News-Record.

The past three months have broken all records in the history of the hotel business in Roseburg, for many years, due largely to the arrival of easter people.

An Independence man has picked 52 boxes of Royal Annes from one tree which sold at 50c per box, making the returns so far \$26. Fully 10 boxes will remain on the tree.

A woman found a stone on the beach at Newport with the initials I. M. T. on one side, and on the other the inscription: "In memory of Captain B. T. Taylor of H. M. S. Apollo, who was drowned in the Adriatic, February 24, 1814." Gold Hill News: Last year there were nearly 8,000,000 salmon eggs taken from the river at Bybee's bridge by the water bailiffs. One of the bailiffs informed us that this year there would not be 800 if the existing conditions

were still continued. An Ashland bachelor, while sewing on buttons swallowed the old rusty needle he was using, and next day, suffering excruciating pain, sought a sur-geon, who cut it out of the muscles of the abdomen walls, it having worked al-most through the bowel tissues. The man started back the same evening to tend his sheep, a little sore but not se

D. C. Ireland of the Moro Observer boasts that he "has a record of 46 years newspaper work in Oregon; and on his seventy-second birthday anniversary, July 4, 1907, was sticking up type in Moro, recording events of the one hundred and thirty-first anniversary of American independence, and the coronation of Mrs. Mary Ramsey Lemons Wood, as mother queen of Oregon, aged 120 years."

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# Oregon Sidelights

Watch your Japanese servant; he may

A Boston heiress, being covetous of ore wealth, married a plumber.

If Hobson will charter a boat and go over and fight Japan nobody will object

A negro struck another one over the head with a big chunk of 'ce, which was shattered. Teddy has been making better use of a pitchfork than Tillman sometimes does of his.

Being tried in a German, instead of an American, court, Professor Hau can already see his finish.

The Taft boom seems to have diminished somewhat lately, but it doesn't follow that it will collapse entirely.

A South Dakota widower advertises for a dumb wife. But a dumb woman At last San Francisco has a mayor, for a few days at least, who so far as

Geronimo gets religion quite often, but can't keep it long. In thi

known shouldn't be in the penitentiary.

There are three heavens, says a preacher. There is the one we have read about, and Oregon, and—where is the other one?

State pension bills were vetoed this year in Minnesota, New York and Penn. sylvania. Some governors are useful as well as ornamental.

A swarm of bees settled on a \$50 Benton county dog and stung him to death. It is supposed he mistook them for an overgrown lot of fleas. A farmer near Albany has a stalk of

corn 8 feet 4 inches high and says where, particularly on the bottom land Rockefeller's daughter says he lives

times. But many think that he belongs under a cloud. Now that Conan Doyle is to be me ried, Sherlock Holmes can kill him of of with an overdose of dope and Dr. Watson" can attend to his own proper

For collecting \$3,000 life insurance, where no lawsuit was involved, a New York lawyer charged a widow \$1,036.79, and the court ordered him to put it all back but \$200. But he ought to have been prosecuted for larceny or extortion

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