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WHAT DOES HENEY PROPOSE TO DO?

HE PEOPLE of Oregon are future, and in the light of past ex- guile. summary notice that further delay but Himself. would not be tolerated. Assuming that this story is true, Heney has ostensibly complied with his injority of the cases are as far from trial as ever.

There are some sixty defendants in these cases. They have been destruction to fellowmen, people awaiting trial for periods ranging cheer tumultuously, shouting vociffrom two to three years. In the erously, "Hurrah!" And if the than city life were more numerous eyes of the law every one of them is fleet is victorious over the enemy, and could be located where they innocent until proven guilty. It sinks his ships, kills thousands, dewas the duty of the government to stroys millions of dollars' worth of give every one of them an early property, and makes a multitude of trial. This has not been done and widows, orphans and cripples, the more than a year has elapsed since people of its nation enthusiastically the last land fraud trial in Oregon, and excitedly shout "Hurrah! Hur-One excuse after another has been rah!" They are exultant, joyous, given for the delay and as a last overflowing with patriotic fervor. Senator Beveridge interrupted to ask desperate expedient for escaping the Just below the skin we are savages if he really meant it, and added, "I chance to be the ne responsibility for this inaction the yet. administration is now striving to make a scapegoat of District Attor- this, but hurrah we for a great 000,000 a year for pensions, \$250,ney Bristol, who seems likely to be naval expedition of peace. No foe 000,000 a year on the army and deprived of his office as a sort of is sought. No ships are to be devicarious sacrifice to the shortcom- stroyed. No people are to be killed. 000,000 on the Panama canal, and ings of others.

than once the folly of expecting sels, their 15,000 officers and men country not spend \$50,000,000 a Bristol to proceed with the land can truly say: "Peace on earth, fraud trials until he is put in pos- good will to men." ression of the evidence gathered by ment of justice seems to be far more movement makes for peace. an embarrassing and untenable po- naval expedition of peace! sition than in prosecuting the remaining cases.

More than a year ago Heney announced in the most positive and emphatic terms that he would return to Oregon and conduct in person the prosecution of every defendone or at most two of the cases. Whether he is justified in this the party in Oregon. change of program we shall not now discuss, but that the responsibility for the delays rests largely at Heney's door seems indisputable, party has been kicked into the The doll rags have been gathered up, and there is positively to be no more play in the back yard. The party has been kicked into the The gathered was a case of letting out the man higher up."

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CHRISTMAS GIVING.

DUYING CHRISTMAS presents is this year than ever. The subject was brought particularly into noagainst and is seeking to check the practice of a general purchase exchange and distribution of gifts on Christmas. It is safe to assume that this action did not meet with unanimous favor among the club women of Chicago, but it seems to be ap-

While not believing that much will be accomplished in the way of checking Christmas gift purchases. made a net profit of \$1,000,000 in ture voted for Mitchell for senator. the proposition that the custom has by rail eastward were only about 10 for ever voting for a Democrat. been overdone, so that, as to some per cent of its output, and that there-It is so when people give beyond per 100 pounds is not materially in- then wet for a period, and so havtheir means merely to be in fashion, jurious to that establishment, will or soliciting valuable gifts or goes, but it does not go very far, for large majority. Thus doth the pro-

proved by the majority of them.

ever small or simple, it symbolizes, posed new rate a reasonable one? way that they need to spend otherwise merely to be in the fashion of giving, and in making gifts each one higher; but that does not show that

one of good cheer, friendliness, fra- the mills and the railroads. deeply dissatisfied with the ternity and love, and this overbaldissatisfaction. True, he has caused club women are childless, or negto proceed with the trials when the of the children, of whom it was said: cases are called. But the very fact "Of such is the kingdom of heaven"? that all the cases, nearly a score And adults are in a measure chil-In number, have been set for the dren yet. It is good for them to besame day, January 13, plainly in- come for a little while as nearly as dicates that all but one of them are possible like little children, whose to be postponed to some date in the joys are pure, in whom there is no

perience it is safe to assume that this Let the gifts go around, then, as means more dreary and indefinite de- they will in spite of club women or lays. It is said that in coming to editors, and as they go let them be Portland and setting the cases for made precious with the accompanitrial, Heney was acting under im- ment of true friendship, in rememperative orders from the department brance of the birthday of Him who of justice, which served him with gave not things bought with money,

A VOYAGE OF PEACE.

structions, but in reality the ma- T IS a voyage of peace. Hurrah When a fleet of battleships start out to fight, slay, destroy, to carry terror and death and

No damage is to be done. As the are "protected" at the cost of a The Journal has pointed out more Christmas time comes to these ves-

Hurrah for Fighting Bob Evans, Heney and Burns and without which that he sails forth in his country's convictions would be impossible, service on a great mission, but not That evidence has never been turned to fight. Hurrah for them all, ofover to him, and in demanding that ficers, men, ships and guns, that he proceed without it the depart- they move in peace, and that their

deeply interested in placing him in Hurrah for the world's greatest of himself as a possible candidate tion.

SAD BUT TRUE.

A GREAT CRISIS, as it were, has A come upon the Republicans of Oregon. Arrayed in the immaculate robes of its imaginaant whom he had caused to be in- tion, pointing with pride to its recdicted. It was a recognition of the ord, real and fancied, as a loyal sup- formation about state lands, the suobligation which rested upon him to porter of Republicanism, and with preme court has held the ex-govcomplete the task which he had be- incantations and solemn voice the gun. He now proposes to try only Tall Tower asseverates itself here-cided that the state land agent, after to be only a candle-bearer for Odell, is responsible. The plaintiffs

and indeed he admitted as much street and set adrift in the cold and three months ago. If he frankly cruel world, without father or lating the laws two more hard slaps, places all the facts before the au- mother, and all without warning. deciding that a "social club" where thorities at Washington there should It can go straight to the devil as liquors are dispensed is illegal, and be no more talk of removing Bristol far as anybody in the Tall Tower is that an ordinance prohibiting women concerned, and no saving hand will in saloons is constitutional. It be stretched out to rescue it from would seem that after awhile the sadestruction. Henceforth, if the loon men would give up and obey the party asks for bread it will be given laws. a stone, and if for the "glad hand," the annual "order of the day." it will be given the "icy eye." If Is this custom overdone? is a Jack Matthews asks for a piece of dered the burning of a lot of old question often discussed, more huckleberry pie, he will be hit in the disease-breeding shacks. Every city eye with a snowball, and if for ought to have and exercise this au-

sad, but alas, too true. THE LUMBER RATE CASE.

R. JOHAN POULSEN of the In-man-Poulsen Lumber company testified in the we would not be inclined to dispute five years, that its lumber shipments, Yet that paper rails at Republicans people, it has become almost a vice fore the increase from 40 to 50 cents

or with a view of thus bribing good This evidence is good as far as it favors in return. The true, perma- two reasons: First, most of the mills hibition wave keep rolling on. ment, delightful value of a Christmas have not and cannot make such large gift, rightly viewed, lies not in its profits as this great establishment iniginale money worth so much as in does; and second, the main question Mr. R. D. Hume, the hitherto "king

giving is that many people cannot sidered. The small mills are to be not do to print. afford it; they spend money in this considered, and besides them, the

We have no doubt that .he Inmanto forestall criticism or obviate Poulsen mill has cleared \$1,000,000 sneers or scorn. No such object in five years-perhaps Mr. Poulsen should prompt or impel Christmas might have put the figure even should do so according to his means the railroads ought to receive more and circumstances, spending there than a reasonable rate. It rather for only what he can reasonably af- shows that consumers should have ford to spend, and with unalloyed been able to obtain lumber cheaper. A net profit of \$50,000 a year, a But realizing and recognizing the quarter of a million in five years. fact that some people overdo Christ- would seem to be fair for even a big mas giving, and that many have a mill; but however that may be, it is wrong conception of the custom, we a private concern whose prices the think it is yet a good custom, that it government cannot regulate. But would be unwise to abolish, if this the railroads' rates the government were possible, as it is not. It cer- can regulate, and reduce if unreatainly helps greatly to make Christ- sonable. The people who use lummas a really joyful, "merry" day, ber must be thought of as well as

Besides, the Inman-Poulsen mill procrastination and inaction of ances all the evil. What a gloomy is not an average case. It and a few the government in the land day by comparison it would be for other very large mills might prosfraud cases during the past year and the children if there were no per in spite of the proposed new rate. Mr. Heney's recent visit to Port- Christmas giving! We fear that a while others could not. To decide land has done little to lessen this large proportion of those Chicago whether the rate was injurious would all the pending cases to be placed lect their children. What on earth classes of millmen, in various localon the trial calendar, and has de- is worth more, or should be, than ities, and we think that the testiclared his intention to be here again the innocent and perfect happiness mony of most of them will show that

> present fiscal year. During the year Around ending June 30 last, 1,298,513 immigrants arrived in this country about a quarter of a million more than arrived any preceding year. But since the "panic" came on many thousands have returned to their native countries, and many other thousands will follow their example this winter. When this happens there is also a lull in the immigration movement westward. There was work enough for all who came up till recently, but now it is as well that some should return and this country could get along quite well if not so many were allowed to come when times improve. If immigrants adapted to rural rather would do the most good, a heavy immigration would not be so objec-

While Senator Newlands was advocating appropriations of \$50,000. 000 a year for inland waterways, hope not." Why does Beveridge hope not? Since we spend \$140,navy, are to spend perhaps \$300,billion or so a year, why should the year on rivers and canals?

Mr. Cortelyou has issued a statement saying that he is not an active candidate for the Republican nomination for president. Mr. Cortelyou takes himself altogether too seriousty. How enormously his head must be swelled. That he should think is a grotesque joke. We doubt if Cortelyou, if a nominee, could carry a state west of Vermont, except Pennsylvania.

For the wholesale frauds, or at least inexcusable and suspicious mistakes, perpetrated under the Geer administration in the sale of misinernor not legally responsible, but dehope Odell has the money yet. Odell

The supreme court has bit the sa-

tice by the action of the Chicago fund, not one clearing house cer- ings are clearly, in fact if not in law, Woman's clab, which declared tificate will be handed over. It is public nuisances. Portland has not

> testified in the lumber rate treasurer, George W. Webb, who was case, being heard by the in- glected, for the reason that the Reterstate commerce commission at publican candidate, Mr. Marston, Washington, that his company had had when a member of the legisla-

> > Ashland, once dry for awhile and then wet for a period, and so hav-ing experience of both policies, has poleon from the British.

So it has been finally decided that

A practical, homely objection to There are others besides the rail- down there. We fear that Mr. so much and such indiscriminate roads and the big mills to be con- Hume's opinion of the court would

> There will soon be literally money to burn," or what is to some extent taking the place of moneyclearing house certificates. In a little while they will all go into the

The New York Sun says President Roosevelt is insane. And of course he is also unsafe. Whom would the Sun consider sane and safe? Aldrich, perhaps.

The new senator from Alabama Bankhead, ought to know something about banking and currency-if there's anything in a name.

Like a Boy Again.

O. I am growing anxious, just as anxious as a kid.
To see the Christmas presents that I know are snugly hid

In closet or in bureau-anywhere my eyes won't see

Intil they hang in splendor on the
lighted Christmas tree.

know my children bought them for
they siyly nod and smile,
and mamma—who's their partner—
wears an air of utter guile.

I know I should know better at my age. but Gee Whis! when The Christmas season strikes me I am just a boy again.

know it would be proper at my age I'd decide this rate is very injurious, and in some cases ruinous.

To court a quiet manner and be grave and dignified;
That 'twould be more in keeping with Evidently there will be a big slump in immigration during the But what's the use of talking? When the kids begin to sneak and upon their tiptoes, scarcely dare to speak Above a giggling whisper—something strikes me biff! and then I know it's nigh to Christmas and I'm

just a boy again. At close of day I hasten toward the lights that shine for me; want to hear the music when my chil dren laugh with glee; t to see them scatter as they haste to hide their things

That I'm not supposed to look at till old Santa kindly brings.

I want to be a sharer in the old-time Christmas joys That have made the old world brighter to uncounted girls and boys.

And that's why I can't be stately or austere, like many men.

For I get chock full of Christmas and

-W. W. Maupin, in the Commoner.

Behind the Foraker Mask.

From the Cleveland Leader. Senator Foraker will be a candidate for president-nominally-for several months to come. There's no doubt about that point. He has gone too far to retreat, too far to use his pose as stock in trade when the time comes to dicker for his present office. He has riveted on the mask so to speak, but it remains a mask, and nothing more. For the senior senator from Ohio is far too able, too experienced, too shrewd, to take himself seriously in his latest role. He knows that the only Ohio Republican who has the slightest chance to be the next president is Will-lam Howard Taft. Mr. Foraker is not months in advance of the national convention of his party, because it can give him joy to plunge into a futile quest, for the mere zest of the seeking. There must needs be some other goal in the background, some other purpose in the background, some other purpose.
In truth the mask fits loosely. It may be fastened well, but the concealment of the face behind is not complete. And that face is the face of antagonism, not of earnest seeking. It is the face of revenge, not of desire for personal honrs. It is not the face of a candidate ut of an opponent of a candidate—and he forces for which that candidate tands. Behind the mask of the Foraker candidacy is the settled determina-tion to defeat Taft, if possible, and through Taft to thwart and "down"

And Ohlo desires and intends to give e next president to the country. At e earliest opportunity the Republicans this state will make that point entirely clear by choosing a Taft delega-tion to the Republican national conven-

Pin Money.

Because the Northern Pacific Rallroad ompany consumes \$220 worth of pins every month a communication has been sent out of the general manager's office asking that the many branch offices throughout the country exercise as much care as possible in using the pins, and incidentally requesting that none and incidentally requesting that none of them be appropriated to a personal

In connection with the communication there was also information given that the consumption of sealing wax and bands was more than it should and the many employes were also utloned about using the two latter cautioned about using the two latter necessaries of a railroad office in a too freehanded manner.

The pins for the Northern Pacific pound, one of the boxes is worth 12½ cents. At these figures the company uses 440 pounds of pins each month, making 1760 boxes.

But in these figures are not included ins that are saved and used time time. In other words, 1760 boxes is the amount of pins wasted by the company each month, and it is on account of this that the communication count of this that the communication was sent out of the general manager's

Michelson's 55th Birthday.

Professor Albert A. Michelson, who recently was awarded the Nobel prize for physics was born in Strelno. nany, December 19, 1852, but early to America was reared crancisco. He graduated at the wherewithal to swell the campaign to have and exercise this au-thority, for such old decayed build-fund, not one clearing house cer-ings are clearly, in fact if not in law. several years that followed e studied in the "clentific schools so many of them as it had a few years ago, but they are entirely too numerous yet.

In 1886 the Oregonian supported the Democratic candidate for state the D the department in the University of Chicago. In 1889 he received the Rumford medal of the Royal Institute of Great Britain, and this year was awarded the Copley medal of the Royal society. His recognition by the scientific world is due chiefly to his discoveries and researches into the velocity of light.

he spirit of love or true friendship at issue is not how much the mills of the Rogue" and of the southwest 300,000 volunteers, have been making, but is the pro- Oregon coast, is not quite monarch many farces, died in London,

THE FABLE OF THE SENTIMENTAL WILDCAT

By James J. Montague. A Sentimental Wildcat who for Long had lived Alone Discovered he was Pining for a Hearthside of His Own; He therefore made a Canyass of the

Girls around the Town, Who with much Unanimity and Firmness turned him Down. But, nothing Daunted, he observed, 'A woman's 'No!' means 'Yes!' And though Rebuffed, I still hold Hope of Ultimate Success."

Again he asked each Maid in turn to be his Loving Wife, And this time none said "No!" but

each replied, "Not on your Life!"

"I don't think that means 'Yes!' he thought, and wildly paced the floor Till he was Vastly Wilder than he'd ever been Before. And Grizzlies are but Pettish Brutes, and Tigers Meek and Mild Stacked up beside a Wildcat when he's really Good and Wild!

In this Distressful State of Mind there chanced to Meet his View Booklet of a College where they Teach You how to Woo And where, when you have Learned that Art, they put you through a

Course That fits you for the Higher Art of getting a Divorce).

When he was Handed his Degree he straightway Undertook o round up the Reluctant Maids and Woo them by the Book, t being his Malign Design, when their Consent he'd Got, By way of Getting Hunk on them, forthwith to Jilt the Lot. But, strange to Say, by College Ways they failed to be Beguiled. And when he Worked the Books on them 'twas their Turn to be Wild! In Vain the Lure of Learned Love with high-trained Skill he set-The more he Tried the Latest Wiles, the Wilder did they get!

Which shows that Modern Colleges, to Give them all their Duc, Can sometimes Teach the way to Court, but not the Way to Woo, And that the only kind of Books which influence the Sex In Matrimonial Affairs are Books containing Cheques.

dearth of

this should not be until

a reasonabl

ly consider this matter; the time is not far distant when they will have to submit to a cut in wages, although

household commodities and rents fall to

Self-Apparent Fact.

Portland, Or., Dec. 17 .- To the Editor

of The Journal-I see by dispatches

from the meeting of the National Civic

federation that Horace White spoke

against Bryan's plan for the govern-

ment to guarantee national bank de-

posits. The reason this noted finan-

ciar (?) gives is that all the nations in

the world could not afford to guarantee

the responsibility is too great and, be-

sides, that it would invite lax methods

of banking. Horace White, however, like all the rest of the high financiers

and their spokesmen, favors greater powers being granted the banks, espe-cially in the handling of their currency. In other words, he is not afraid of lax methods so long as the banks are fa-

tween Bryan and all the Horace White

class of politicians and thinkers. Bry an's heart goes out to the common peo

ple, so little able to stand bank failures, while the other class think only of the rich and great and how their interests may be furthered.

It is needless to call attention to the

fact that only one-fourth of one per cent of loss in proportion to deposits has occurred in a period of over 40

years, and that Bryan's plan, by in-creasing confidence, would make the loss smaller. Nor is it necessary to say

that this class has always argued that a currency redeemable in gold could be maintained many times the amount of

maintained many times the amount of the standard currency. A reversal of their line of argument is made simply because this is in the interest of the people and not the banker. There is no need to look further for the reason.

nor to answer the argument by the production of any other fact. It explains itself.

ONE OF THE PEOPLE.

No Norwegians Invited.

of The Journal-In this morning's Ore-

statement that the memorial services in

gonian there appears the erroneous

honor of King Oscar of Sweden are ar

ranged by the various Swedish and Nor-

Portland, Or., Dec. 18 .- To the Editor

ble figure.
WELL WISHER OF CITY.

the dollars of this proposed expendi-Letters From the People

ture.

The money asked for could be put to infinitely better use by improving our streets within the (old) city limits.

Outside of about eight streets, or, propositions of eight streets. Tactical Blunder by Liquor Dealers. Portland. Or, Dec. 17.—To the Editor of The Journal—It is rumored that the liquor interests of the country will fight appropriations for public work in such states as have recently gone "dry." We heartly hope they will. Nothing will please us more than to see the "rum sheps" try some more of their "bluff" rule.

The saloon and brewerymen fought local could be such as a carried the more in the same visitors go around the city after they forget, or do not know, that these same visitors go around the city after Portland, Ort, Dec. 17,-To the

The saloon and brewerymen fought local option. It was carried the more easily at the polls.

The liquor association, it is said, spent \$460,000 to pass the "iniquitous Jaype's bill," so-called; the purpose of which was to defeat and cripple the effectiveness of Oregon's famous local option law, (for by the way, Oregon boasts of having the most effective local option law of any state in the union). This attempt met a crushing defeat at the polls. And now we are told they will try some more of their "gag" rule by an attempt to deprive the "dry" states of appropriations for public work drawn from the general fund supplied by the internal revenue taxes.

by the internal revenue taxes.

As we said before, we hope they will.
It will probably result in showing the
"wet" states as well as the "dry" ones. plant rose trees all along our plazas, so that, as it has been proposed to change the name of our city from Portland to "Rose City," it will truly be a rose city. I trust the working man will seriousthe general public indifference that will stoop so low as to permit "rum shops" to produce paupers, criminals, drunk-ards, break up millions of homes, fill our jails, penitentiaries and asyluma laugh at the destitution of orphans and mock the despair of heartbroken widows, and all for the sake of a few

pairy thousand dollars which cally be collected by an equitable distribution of taxation. Who pays the local liquor license? Who pays the government of the drinks. local liquor license? Who pays the government revenue? The man that drinks, and nine tenths of the drinking men are moderate means. The men of very moderate means. The moneyed men of the country, the very ones who should bear the bulk of taxalion, are men who drink very moderate-y, or not at all.

Over one half of all Portland property

is owned by moneyed men who do no drink at all. this talk about license and rev-

enue from saloons and breweries is merely a "blind." The burden of taxa-tion, assuming that the liquor dealers' argument is true—to-wit: That the revenue from their traffic reduces taxation—falls on the consumer, who pays more for his "booze" because of govern-ment and local tax on liquor is injured in a thousand ways through the use of it, and finally pays more tax on the small amount of property he owns than

he rich.

But does the saloon license really reluce taxation? Let us see.
Portland has, we are informed, over
50 saloons. The annual license is
bout \$800. This gives us a total of,
ay \$360,000. Portland has 129 policehen with a salary of, say \$100 per But does the saloon license really reduce taxation? Let us see.
Portland has, we are informed, over 450 saloons. The annual license is about \$800. This gives us a total of, say \$360,000. Portland has 129 policemen with a salary of, say \$100 per month, an expense of \$12,900 per month, an outlay of \$154,800. Making allowances for emergency hospital and coroner's expenses directly the result of drunkenness, we will say a total of \$200,000. We are informed that the police record shows that from 300 to 500 men are arrested for drunkenness police record shows that from 300 to 500 men are arrested for drunkenness and disorderly conduct per month. We have our hundreds of crimes per year directly the result of drink, stab-bing, shooting, fighting and killing, an every-day occurrence. This means trial

every-day occurrence. This means trial by jury, appeals, court costs, etc., etc. It is safe to say that Portland's sa-It is safe to say that Portland's sa-loons cost the city yearly close to \$1,-000,000. As we said before our total license is perhaps less than \$400,000. Now where is the reduced taxation re-sulting from the presence of over 450 Portland's taxable property for 1907 s valued at over \$200,000,000. A tax

of 2 mills on the dollar would supply us with an income equivalent to the total license of over 450 saloons. This \$400. license of over 450 saloons. This \$400,000 would then be paid largely by the wealthy few, many of whom would be more than willing to pay their share, provided the saloon was abolished.

This how about cutting off appropriations won't work. Let the saloon interests try it.

JOHN L. SCHUYLEMAN.

wegian societies and chruches of this city. It is not so! No Norwegian or-ganization of any kind has been asked to partake in either arrangement or participation of this memorial, as the loyal Swedish Americans have seen fit o not at least, insult the memory of of dition of our streets and the wasteful expenditure of funds raised by bonds and taxation of the working class?

First, I wish to touch slightly on the bond question—\$2,000,000 for parks.

The part of the working class?

Sec. Swedish-American Nat. League. First. I wish to touch slightly on the bond question—\$3,000,000 for parks. When will the taxpayers understand This Date in History.

1154—Henry II crowned king of England.

1662—Huguenots defeated at Dreux.

1686—Sir Edmund Andros, first royal governor of New England, arrived in Boston.

1793—City of Toulon retaken by Napoleon from the British.

1849—Henry C. Frick, American financier, born.

1851—J. M. W Turner, eminent English landscape painter, died in obscure lish landscape painter, died in obscure lodgings in London under an assumed of the world in the long of the lowest state of \$17,000 per cent actual profit on the investment.

This Date in History.

Mount Tabor into a park (?) is a great scheme erged forward by real estate of the value of land held by them for building lots. In addition to the purchase there would be the cost of maintenance of same, some thousands per annum, all to be paid for by increased taxation. Now, a movement is on foot to induce our council to purchase 20 acres of land, a portion of the Lewis and Clark fair, grounds at the modest rate of \$17,000 per cent actual profit on the investment. Their answer is 66.2-3 per cent profit is also to be paid for by taxation. If the late of \$100 per cent actual profit is 200 per cent actual profit is 200 per cent on the investment. Their answer is 66.2-3 per cent profit is 200 per cent actual profit is 200 per cent of 5 cents also to be paid for by taxation. If the late of 5 cents are contained to the scheme are great of the vests \$1 and afterwards sells for \$2. or "cent actual When will the taxpayers understand that the expenditure of \$1,000,000 for purchase and transforming of a hill at Mount Tabor into a park (?) is a great scheme arged forward by real estate roses, but not at such a cost. And this also to be paid for by taxation. If the "Rose Carnival society" desires a "rose garden," let them contribute a fund for the purchase of a few acres and let its members hold shares in same. It seems to me some one wants a goodly share of per cent profit. A profit of \$2 is a 200 to me some one wants a goodly share of per cent profit.

Keep an eye on the Taft boom—Sloux City Journal. Lend us a telescope. Now that he has built the north bank road, Mr. Hill can say what he pleases. New York has a mummy 4,000 years but it mustn't be looked at

Mr. Cortelyou is ill, perhaps from thinking over that horrible currency re-

Chicago has a judge named Fake. But his name may apply only to the pro-ceedings in court.

Small Change

Nothing that happens decreases old Santa Claus' popularity.

If Denver really pays that \$190,000, won't it be a joke on Denver?

Now for another round between those heavyweights, Harriman and Fish.

Russia can't be such a terrible country when such a tempting target as Taft gets through it alive.

Mr. Harriman Has been reported ill again. And no investigation needing him as a witness going on, either. No newborn baby is found to be

bouncing by dropping him on floor to see if he will bounce. Boston's debt amounts to \$183 per capita. At that ratio Portland would have a debt of about \$26,000,000.

People are af various opinions about

going to heaven, but are unanimous in not wanting to go now, or soon, Rack in New York city most people don't know the difference between Port-land and Laramie or between Oregon and Guam.

A president who would promise to write annual messages of not over 5,009 words each might get a lot of votes on that account.

the nation sympathizes. Even to a big man of 50 the death of a mother is a heavy bereavement.

With Mr. Taft's homecoming sorrow

Apparently some of the councilmen can't do anything whatever officially without trying thereby somehow to an-tagonize the mayor. Portland won't get a national politi-

cal convention soon, but it is to have a National Peace convention next year, which is pretty good. A New York electrical company is subject to a fine of \$500 a minute for whatever time it fails adequately to supply certain power. That provision should keep it vigilant.

A Minnesota boy of 16 married a miss 12, but their parents separated them that was eight years ago, and they have just been married again. And yet some pessimists say there is no such thing as

lovers' constancy. A Chicago woman is advertising a liberal reward for the return of her vermi-form appendix. She doesn't really need the thing, and wouldn't have it put back, but being an actress she was

bound to advertise somehow. A Pennsylvania girl of 15 killed her-self because ner parents self because ner parents would not allow her to receive the attentions of a young man but an Indiana girl of 17 killed herself because her parents allowed her to "run with" a young man when she was 15.

Oregon Sidelights

A Eugene man is still picking ripe

A Grants Pass man realized \$360 from four pear trees. John Hildebrand of Cove has cele-

A 140-acre farm near Cove, Union inty, will be divided into six-scre

brated his ninety-third birthday.

There are in Klamath Falls 601 children of school age, which is an increase over last year of 56.

It is rumored, says the Tribune, that a big enterprise is going to come to Canby in the next few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Swank of Tallthe world could not afford to guarantee man, Linn county, have celebrated the \$100,000 000,000 of deposits; that sixtleth anniversary of their marriage.

Medford's postoffice receipts for November, 1997, were \$913.13 as against \$622.71 for November, 1996, an increase Half a million dollars for cheese

will be somewhere near the amount of money Tillamook county will receive Two fine new school houses have been built on the South Santiam above

Bears are rather plentiful and tame along the Santiam in the Foster neigh-borhood. They have been raiding the

borhood. They have been raiding the orchards up there and several have been W. H. Odell of Deschutes Ridge raised

two potatoes one weighing five pounds two ounces and the other over four pounds, and has several sacks full near-Lawyers of Medford are about equally

divided in opinion (of course) as to whether Mayor Reddy can legally hold office only till the first of the year, or for two years yet.

There are pienty of people who openly declare that local option is more than likely to carry in Union county in June, and it seems quite probable that it may, says the Republican. Salem. says the Statesman, is doing very well in having the large farms di-vided up into small fruit and garden tracts. But the work will not be com-

tracts. But the work will not be com-pleted until all the large farms are divided up. Lakeview Examiner: The tules over at Tule lake are on fire, and Tuesday evening the clouds hung in the horizon

In such a way that the light from the burning tules reflected in the sky, and the fire was plainly visible in Lake-view, 100 miles away, and over a moun-

Seghers correspondence of Forest Grove Times: Duck hunters are more numerous than ducks in these parts. Every lake that has water enough to float a duck is rented, and some of the Dilley sports were seen with shovel and gun. We suppose they were going to gun. We suppose they wer dig them a lake of their own.

The Canby Tribune prints a strong, sensible lecture to the people of that town on the subject of improving their opportunities, and warns them that "Canby must either have an awakening or new blood must be imported if the town ever expects to amount to anything." There is no other alternative.

Fossil Journal: Great flocks of geese flying over town in a southwesterly direction, en route to the Willamette valley, remind us that winter is net får off. That the geese have put not far off. That the geese have put off their flight to their winter quarters till well along in December is an omen of a short winter. Last year ere this time the feeding of stock had been in progress several weeks, while this year there has been no feeding pet, with stock as a rule fat and sassy.