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I am always contented with that which happens, for I think that what God chooses is better than what I choose. -Epictetus.

AN ENDLESS STRUGGLE.

T IS A long and probably endless fight-this struggle of the governed for the power of government. It has been going on for centuries, and will go on. Ground is constantly, if slowly and laborionsly, gained. It is being gained faster just now in this country than for many years past, thanks largely to Theodore Roosevelt, who with all his inconsistencies is a patriot before he is a partisan.

The first vantage ground in this perpetual struggle has been and in countries is yet manhood suffrage. It is within the memory of men still living when this fight was yet on in portions of New England, where property and not the man voted. / It was as late as 1842 that Thomas Wilson Dorr, who had been governor of Rhode Island, was sentenced to imprisonment for life on a charge of treason because he had vigorously fought for full and equal manhood suffrage and fair representation in the legislature, and he actually remained in prison for 12 years.

Full manhood suffrage finally obtained throughout this country, but gradually, and especially during the past third of a century, the people's little. Power was grasped by a few elf-seeking men, bosses and their followers, who constructed political machines, and picked out whomsoever they chose to fill the offices. These men as a rule had no thought of serving the people; they served the bosses, acted as moved by the masses of voters had nothing to do

alty, because her presidents so generally shrink from confirming the sentence. But lately, the pardon of an infamous criminal has occu-

oled public opinion with so much unfavorable criticism of President Fallieres, that "radical reformers" may be said to have received a body blow from the disciples of the guillotine. However, the mob does not hold in its hands the gift of pardon as against the infliction of a dreadful death. It is apparent that every president of the French third republic suffers mental agony in signing a death warrant.

After the Commune of Paris, Thiers promoted the idea of a commission of pardons appointed by the national assembly to decide on the fate of criminals under sentence of death by the courts. To secure a pardon it was necessary that there should be complete accord between the chief of state and the commission. As a result pardons were so rare that a young and turbulent deputy did not hesitate to decry the body from his seat in the assembly as "a commission of assassins,"

Marshal MacMahon shifted the re sponsibility somewhat, by following implicitly the judgment of the minister of justice as to the course he should pursue, but his heart always inclined to pardon. After him came Grevy, who was the decided adverment. sary of the death penalty and to whom it was always repugnant to confirm it; he occupied himself very

little with the judgment of the commission and always gave his opinion for pardon or the commutation of the sentence. In the world of criminals he had the nickname of 'Father Pardon." Advocates of the death penalty have often quoted the case of a criminal pardoned three times by the excessive clemency of Grevy. This clemency, however, did not reform the monster and finally Grevy saw himself obliged to abandon the brute to the executioner. And when at last he was to be guilaffords. lotined he yelled loud reproaches against Grevy as an assassin, until his voice was stopped by the dread-

ful machine of Deibler. The pardons of Grevy are remembered today in France with many reproaches. He saved from the block some monsters, as many as six in the month of June, 1882. The equilibrum was reestabvotes have really counted for but lished by Carnot, who without being inaccessible to the prayer of the condemned continued the practice of his predecessors in the Elysee. He stud ied with the greatest care the sentence of the condemned, and never consented to a commutation unless there were decidedly extenuating circumstances and they were admitted machine. Most of them were graft- by the minister of justice. His perarchists when France had been

people he may say that he doesn't shooting, electrocution or hanging, justifiable assumption yet such was France is discussing the expediency the repute to which the wide open know what they want or think, or that they don't care. Write to him, of wholly abolishing the death pen- gambling conditions were trending. A contrary view of the city and its then, about everything of real interlife, however, is given in the brief est and importance-open rivers. order of Mayor Johns to end the railroad regulation, parcels post, and gambling. It is so wholesome and 80 on.

so happy a step that there should be no diverging views respecting it.

GRANGERS VS. POLITICIANS.

C EVERAL GRANGES have de clared in favor of legislative candidates subscribing to Statement No. 1. This, we think, is the sentiment among the farmers and country people generally. The opposition to the statement, which

result. extends generally, if not so openly and actively, to the primary law as a whole, comes principally from the politicians of the towns, men who have been connected with former machines, and hope to be so again, and who have made such connection somehow profitable to themselves

at the expense of the people. There are exceptions to this rule; in the aggregate a good many Republicans, in both city and country, are on principle or because they think it impracticable, opposed to gency is over. Statement No. 1 and the primary

law; but on a general line-up the machine and grafting politicians and their immediate and expectant folfollows: lowers will be found against and the masses of voters, especially the country, for the law and the state-

The Journal believes that if the Republican party leaders make it appear that the party is opposed to banks, preferably the national banks this law, and to Statement No. 1, and if its candidates for the legislature refuse to make that stateissue when the necessity for it ment, the party will encounter a good deal harder time in Oregon than it has heretofore. The grangers and other country people, and a large proportion of those in the towns also, are not very closely tied to party these days, and they will

opportunity of electing senators by the people which Statement No. 1

THE CLERGY A FORCE FOR GOOD S IT a crime to be a clergyman in

the Oregonian inspires such queries. He is denounced as a falsifier and along with him other clergymen who signed the late "pink circular" are viciously attacked. Apparently there is no patience in the editorial sanctum of the morning paper with anything that emanates from the pulpit. ers of one degree or another. The mitting the execution of three an- they issued the "pink" manifesto. for the freight tariffs are presumed

to be men of broad views and of Evidently they erred with respect to business sagacity. They could not Judge Smith. In this, however, their apology was promptly forth- do a wiser or a better thing than to manfully acknowledge the mistake coming, and reparation, as far as that has been made, restore the old

Letters From the People

Will They Go to the Country? Portland, Or., Feb. 6 .-- To the Editor of The Journal-I noticed an article in your issue of the 4th inst. stating that it would soon be spring in Oregon, and advising the unemployed of the city to The trusts and railroads and other great interests don't fail to appeal to seek work in the country, where it is plentiful.

and influence congressmen. They do I want to tell you that the farmer has a big account against the unem-ployed of the city. Go out into the country this spring, ask the farmer how so constantly, in various ways, and so much that many congressmen apcountry this spring, ask the farmer how he is getting along and whether he is making any money. He will tell you he has a big show to make money but the unemployed of the city won't let him. He will show you a large field which has the appearance of having been planted but the weads have gotten the best of it, and there are others which he has given up entirely, not having been able to get sufficient help to till them. parently forget the masses of the people except on election day. The people cannot employ high salaried lobbyists and lawyers, but they can send letters, and if enough of them would do so some good might them

All this the farmer has charged to the account of the unemployed. The farmer may get men to go to work, but farmer may get men to go to work, but no doubt they of a roving disposition, no doubt they of a roving disposition, and as there are no attractions on the farm, about the time he thinks he is going to make something off them they leave him, which surely is a great Mr. Bryan said, among other

As to the elastic currency, I loss. Of course, if a man is married and has a family in town it is hard for him to leave them and go into the country to work. But many a farmer would be work. But many a farmer would be think provision could be made for sufficient elasticity in times of emergency by a law providing for the issue to work. But many a farmer would be willing to crect a comfortable little house on his place and give a man steady work at fair wages and his wife could help with the work around the farmer's house, for which she also would receive sufficient remuneration to make it worth while. Do you think, of United States notes, such notes to be loaned by the government to the banks upon adequate security, and at a rate of interest which would compel the retirement of the notes when the emer

you could persuade a family to do this? The farmer advertises for help in the papers, also through the employment bureaus, but is still unable to get help. But on January 9 Mr. W. R. Hearst made public a letter which although there are hundreds of able-bodied men out of work. he had written to an Iowa man, as

If more of the unemployed would seek work in the country and give up the attractions and vices of city life-there would indeed be much less crime and fewer burglaries and the farmer would be enabled to make a good profit off his acres. J. C. M. more of the unemployed would If I believe that the best plan to secure a more flexible cufrency adapted to business exigencies or financial crises is to have the government issue a specified amount of money and have the secretary of the treasury loan it to the

Political Sins.

Waldo, Feb. 4.—To the Editor of The Journal—Francis J. Heney's summing up of the sins of prominent men in California and Oregon in his recent Portland speech is enough to make hon-est men shudder. California may be excused somewhat on security approved by the secretary of the treasury, and at an interest sufficient to secure the retirement of the has

It does not follow that Mr. Bryan for having so many dishonest men aside from the tendency of the times on the ground that the early discovery of her purloined Mr. Hearst's idea. It is not strange that both thought of the great gold mines brought her people from every point of the compass and to some considerable extent the odds

from every to some considerable extent the out-and ends of the earth; but in Oregon our population comes largely from the sturdy pioneers and no such reason

It is the shame and sorrow of every good citizen that the state must wear a prison-striped conscience because of the acts of a few lightweight public men who were all along unfit to be trusted but who got the confidence of the people through political instance

trusted but who got the confidence of the people through political intrigue and led them to the slaughter. I should think when such men hear our national air and look up at the country's flag the instinct to flee and hide their heads would be very strong. A way should be provided by which all real enemies of society and good government—more especially the big ones—can be put upon the rock plies and public roads with a big ball and chain to their feet, and force them to help build macademized roads 100 feet wide from ocean to ocean and to all from ocean to ocean and to al

the leading markets; they to be housed in portable steel cell-cars to be pulled about by the railroad companies over any and all of their tracks free of

any and all of their tracks free of charge. In this way overcrowding of our peni-tentiaries could be avoided and a very expensive criminal element could be turned into a government asset. It is high time that every friend of our country should take a stand and declare himself W L WIMEP declare himself W. J. WIMER.

Correcting an Error



Most undesirable citizens hate Roos

Grafting is all right-for fruit grow

Heney's smile shows no signs of comng off

New York city is in debt \$720,000,000. Help make times good, not hard Everybody can. lold,

.... An officeholder of a f a few years ag

Rather than be held up a city should own its public utilities.

1 1 1 **1** 1 1 **1** 1 The majority of people are pretty tired of grafting politicians.

Thank the Lord! Harriman has noth-ing to do with Oregon weather.

. . Los Angeles is also in the dumps Portland is the solidest city of all.

It is perhaps in order for Miss Ore gon to send Harriman a valentine.

Men out of work back east are in uck; they can get a job shoveling . .

Now the big fleet is in the big ocean hat Balboa "discovered," and named for that Balboa peace.

The cry of "party" is ordinarily raised o that the people's pockets can be picked. The G. O. P. spellbinders will say less about the full dinner pail than they did in 1904.

Seattle will be justified in making Czar Cannon's life miserable until he

Some Republican foliticians seem de

The Aldrich bill will create \$500,000,

000 of new money, says an exchange For Wall street.

termined to make Oregon non-Republi-

Oregon.

consents.

can or doubtful.

It was frozen up 'way down in Georgia too last week. No place like

year," was the reply. The newspaper person continued on her way, still mystified. Why if 'one had \$6 to spend in endeavoring to con-vince the object of his special admira-tion that she alone is the admirable one, not buy her something that would be of some use to her? A slik umbrella, now, or a really dainty little piece of jeweiry, or why not take her to hear Paderewski? And so the newspaper person mused

How can Chancellor Day approve of Governor Hughes after he threw a bou-quet at Roosevelt?

Only four months to the Rose Flesta. Enough funds and due preparations are necessary to success.

A large majority of the Republican newspapers of Oregon are in favor of the primary law and Statement No. 1.

A little Harney county booklet, issued by J. C. Turney of Burns, contains much interesting information about that great county.

The political earthquake in Portugal was not so disastrous as that physical one when "Lisbon town saw the earth

open and gulp her down. . . Mrs. Morse says Mr. Morse is

fighter. One who seems to believe that "He who fights and runs away may fight again some other day." New York American: Stolen property found on a small thief sends him surely to fail; the stolen property in the possession of a big thief is the principal

factor in keeping him free. . .

The New York World suggests Edga M. Cullen, chief judge of the New Yorl court of appeals as a Democratic candi-

date for president. But the Democrats took a man from that very position four years ago and made him a candidate.



Who Buys Them?

THO buys the valentines? Who is responsible for the continued sale, year after year of strange and fortuitous combinations of bright paper, cellunear-plush, satin, lace and card-

board? About this time every year they reappear, all apparently fresh and new. In general style these have not changed within the memory of man. They still present fervid words and hearts and Cupids and bows and darts and all the

Cupids and bows and darts and all the time-honored machinery by which the too hesitant admirer manages to make his tender desires known to the maiden who has ensuared his heart. There are still blue hearts, but this with no thought of implying melan-choly, and hearts of flowers, but with no intention of prophesying the changes of time. There are Cupids holding telephone conversations, regardless of central, and Cupid as messenger boy in abbreviated garments—but these are al-most defensible beside leering Buster Browns and Foxy Grandpas who wiggle their arms and legs and whose connec-tion with the patron saint of lovers is too intangible for the ordinary intel-lect to grasp. too intangible lect to grasp.

"Shall you sell all these?" asked the curious newspaper person. "All these?" "Why, of course, and we've got lots more in the wholesale department." re-plied the clerk, with a superior air as though one had hinted that the public

might be too soon satisfied. "But they are so expensive," urged the newspaper person, who was really interested.

"Tes, that one in the middle is \$4, and the one above it is six, I sold one like that yesterday." "And somebody really buys them all?" "Oh, yes, we sell just as many every ar." was the reply.

Paderewski? And so the newspaper person mused long, forgetting that the girl who was to receive that marvelous combination of parchment paper and blue slik would prefer not to hear Paderewski, but that the marvelous thing which had cost so much money would be exhibited to her envious friends and hung upon her wall, or laid away with care, to be brought out at intervals and gazed upon with admiration, a tangible, convincing evidence of the depth of her admirers evidence of the depth of her admirer's feeling.

Another astonishing thing that the newspaper person discovered is that the girls behind the counter buy these lace and satin tributes, to send to the mem-bers of their own family. "No, I don't and satin tributes, to send to the mem-bers of their own family. "No, I don't care for the celluloid ones myself," said one ingenuous girl. "I'm going to get one like this"—and she showed a scene painted on plush and surrounded with frills of ribbon—"for my mother, and one like this"—and truly it was wonderful—"for my sister." The inquisitive person was growing bold by this time. "Do you buy them valentine presents just as you do Christ.

valentine presents just as you do Christ-

mas presents?" "Why of course, I couldn't spend too much on them.

much on them." And so the newspaper person passed on wondering again. It would seem that it must be a curious state of feel-ing that would yearn to exprass itself in a highly ornate and utterly useless thing like these great parchment. and slik affairs. It would be taken for granted, one would suppose, that unless a man were quite sure that the girl would receive his attentions he would

not care to spend \$6 on a present for her. And if he were so sure of her, would it not be better-would she not

prefer-to have him give her something that she could use?

ture when it comes to buying anything for a woman. So he pays a lot of money for it, the average man thinks he has done his full duty. He argues that she needs to be assured that he thinks so highly of her that he is will-ing to cast prudence to the winds and

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ing to cast prudence to the winds and to spend much money on her. He does not want her to think him a cheap sort, so although he knows it is folly, he buys the gay article and sends it off, convinced that he has shown a proper

spirit. It is ten to one that the girl would rather have had something practical. For if she is at all discerning, the girl knows. Indeed she does. Love has its

is only in a certain kind of books that make a pretense of representing life, and that really come far from it, that

But man is a helpless sort of a crea-

not from the financial interests. It is generally conceded that a grave blunder was made when the Hill and Harriman railroads raised the freight rates on lumber. Indeed that it was a blunder does not admit of argument. The utter pros-

TWO DEMOCRATS AGREE.

things:

N JANUARY 27, at Washington,

tration of the lumber business in the Pacific northwest is unanswerable evidence that the raise in rates should not have been made. This being so, why should not the mistake be rectified by the railroads

themselves, without further loss of time and without waiting for the tedious adjudication of the issue in the courts or before the interstate Possibly the Baker City ministers commerce commission? The rallresorted to drastic measures when road officials who are responsible

Oregon? Is there justification in constantly seeking to belittle the efforts or misconstrue the

acts of pulpiteers? An attack on Rev. Mr. Varney of Baker City by

same plan. And the leaders in congress do not argue against it; they simply ignore it, for the to them not give up the primary law, nor the sufficient reason that the suggestion comes from Bryan and Hearst, and

with selecting them for office; voters thrown into a panic by their fury, had no choice but to vote for them, and to submit to whatever grafting ated by Casere. and plundering the politicians chose to commit. The right of suffrage was all but worthless.

account was in a frightful condition chair of state on the 17th of Jan- city remained a wide open town. It clable extent but he has awakened of the guillotine that it is said the the people to the necessity of tak- executioner is now able to "devote rectly into their own hands, and fine arts and to charity." making the right of suffrage valuable to themselves rather than to MAYOR JOHNS AND GAMBLING. organized gangs of political grafters.

It is for this purpose that the people of Oregon enacted its primary IVI Baker City to gambling. It law, now being assailed by every boss, machine man, political grafter and organ of maleficent interests in the state. It is for this purpose that the people of other states are trying to enact a similar law, and gradually they will succeed. 'The primary law is a new field won, higher ground conditions for him not to do so. gained, by the people, in this eternal war against those who organize to plunder and oppress them. Let them make sure to defend and hold this ground, and to do so they will have to fight. The fight is now on in society. Those who live by it pro-Oregon. The people must be ready for the battle.

WHEN MERCY CRIPPLES JUS-TICE.

THE TRIAL of Thaw has excited attention in every corner of the icy of capital punishment and the modes of its infliction, with the freods of execution with which our laws are charged. And lately, the German government has sent a scientific

man, a medico, to New York to examine the system of electrocution, ipality of large wealth and strong of which he has been permitted to be a witness, and to which he has

cost him his life and he was assassin-His successor, Cassimir Perier, did possible, made.

not permit himself to be intimidated But it remains a fact that drastic by these events and in his short ad-This had been going on through- ministration 23 condemned were exbring results with Mayor Johns. out the country and getting worse ecuted in six months and a half. Fe- Other and more conservative enfor a long time. The country on this lix Faure took possession of the deavor had been unfruitful. The

when through the act of an anarchist uary, 1895. His first inclination was was heralded far and wide as such, Theodore Roosevelt became presi- for clemency, but his exercise of it and to that extent was harmed. dent. Gradually he set about steer- was attended with an outbreak of Everywhere else the trend has been the grafting politicians or the "male- larity. Finally, M. Fallieres saves so able an act as for Baker City gam-Baker City and the sovereign statutes of the state of Oregon coming more power of government di- his long dleness to the study of the pletely at naught. If they blundered it was not as outlaws nor in

AYOR JOHNS owes nobody any apology for closing was his duty to do so. It was a wise act for Baker City for him to do so. It was a justification of public faith in the laws and their majesty for him to do so. It was the contradiction of all these excellent and other desirable civic There can be no reasonable protest against Mayor Johns' new move. and out of them they are a force Gambling is outlawry. It is dowhose hands ought as much as posstructive of men and the influences sible to be strengthened and as litthat radiate from it, destructive to tle as possible discredited. The results at Baker City prove it. duce nothing. They prey upon the

toil of others. They live on that which often belongs to another man's wife and children. It develops a sort of mania in men that unfits

them for useful and healthful avocations. They feed on an excitement that causes the bank cashier afford that much, and a correspond-

civilized world and led to in- to appropriate the funds of depos- ing number of envelopes, and stick teresting discussions on the pol- itors, or the trusted employe the the stamps on the envelopes. Then money of his employer. when any matter of public interest The practice fills penitentiaries comes up in congress, on which you

quent expression of opinion that if and distant provinces with men who have a decided opinion and in which the penalty for murder were less would otherwise be valuable units in you take an interest, write a brief than death, the assassin would have society. All over the country loud letter about it to your representative been convicted of the crime for which protest is going up against it. The in congress and to each senator from he was tried. In the United States, governor of the greatest state in the your state, telling them what you legislators have been making com- union is leading a campaign against think ought to be done. Don't make German farmer went to the bank for parison of horrors in the two meth- it. Society is fast trending towards a long, labored argument; write a goal where final and complete abol- briefly and to the point, and if you bank was not paying out money, but ishment of it will eventuate. can do so truthfully say that your

Baker City is a big asset in the neighbors agree with you and are civil life of Oregon. It is a munic- watching the matter. . If a great many people would do

outlawry. .

citizenship. It could ill afford to let this, members of congress would pay the word be abroad that its civic life more attention to the people's needs given unqualified condemnation with and social customs were so domi- and demands, even though they ant reasons for preferring the nated by gamesters that the laws should disagree to some extent, as motine to every other instrument against gambling could not be en- of course they would. Unless a conaf death, whether suffocation, poison, forced. It was undoubtedly an un- gressman hears directly from the ticket."

WRITE TO YOUR CONGRESSMAN.

rates and abandon a policy which measures were the only means to threatens the very existence of this great industry.

Many people are afflicted with the mistaken notion that they can write poetry. To all such our urgent advice is-don't. But if you ing the ship of state out of the slime crime and Faure changed radically to closed conditions. It was a sit- from the knowledge of men. Do not ing the ship of state out of the slime crime and Faure changed radically in which it was wallowing into clear-in which it was wallowing into clear-bis method of treating the con-bis method of treating the con-bis method of treating the term of Loubet, public and business life. He here presidential clemency obtained in public and business life. He here presidential clemency obtained in could have easily fallen into the a newspaper. Here were readable be shipped from here to Frisco and there prosecuted a grafter or Paris, but in the provinces the ma-error of going too far. Even if they 100,000 can write even readable other ports. There is an enormous amount of timthe grafting politicians or the "male-factors of great wealth" to any appre-many of the condemned from the ax blers to set the municipal law of rhyming lines should have enough bolts, boxes, etc. Farm produce of every kind is raised here and there is sheer brute force constructs a few regard for his fellow men not to seek to put them in print. The waste basket yawns for such "poems."

> Whether they blundered or not The ring Republican politicians of Marion county are going to hold their "pink circular" brought results. The gambling is to go, and a convention, one of the regular old sort, in defiance of the spirit of the for that fact these scourged clergymen are responsible. It is a good primary law, and they are announcwork as is every work usually in ing loudly that all the Republicans work as is every work usually in which the clergy engage. They are mortal, like other men, and frail. They are not above error, nor yet above criticism. Yet there are few instrumentalities that do so much is the solution of the solution o as do they in pushing society to- Marion county voters are as tired as ward higher civic ideals and loftier those of other parts of the state are social standards. In their pulpits of the ring politicians.

This Date in History.

1519-Cortez sailed from Cuba to invade Mexico. 1755—Baron de Montesquieu, French philosopher and writer, died. Born

1689. 1763—French and Indian war ended by treaty of Paris. 1808—Russia declared war against

HE ST. PAUL NEWS makes this suggestion as a help to good cit-

1805—Russia usuarda Sweden. 1840—Queen Victoria married to Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg. *1846—Ira Remsen, president of Johns Hopking university, born. 1876—Reverdy Johnson, attorney-gen-eral in the cabinet of President Taylor, died. Born at Annapolis, Maryland, May 21, 1796. izenship: Buy a dollar's worth of stamps, or less if you cannot May 21, 1796. 1883-Marshall Jewell, postmaster-general in the cabinet of President Grant, died in Hartford, Connecticut.

Born in New Hampshire, October 20, 1825. 1899—President McKinley signed the peace treaty with Spain.

A Modern Financier.

From Exchange. some money. He was told that the

bank was not paying out money, but was using cashier's checks. He could not understand this, and insisted on money. The officers took him in hand, one at a time, with little effect. Final-ly the president tried his hand, and after a long and minute explanation some intelligence of the situation some intelligence of the situation spemed to be dawning on the farmer's mind. Finally, the president said: "You understand now fully how it is, Hans, don't you?" "Yes," said Hans, "I tink I do. It's like dis, sindt is? Yen by baby vakes up at night und yants some milk, I. fif him a milk ticket."

It is stated by the Oregonian that the Alsea bay cannot be entered by sea-going vessels. That is a sad mis-take

last.

Evie came into Alsea at low water and

man.

ber on the Alsea river and vicinity, which is cut into lumber, shingles, stave ber also some of the best stock and dairy ranches on the coast. As to fish, thou-sands of tons of salmon are shipped

from here every year. L. F. GOIN,

Work for Idle Men.

The Toledo city 'fail has gone into "inocuous desuetude" since the town went dry, says the Reporter. Disturb-ances on the streets are as infrequent as the clang of the fire bell, and yet there are some who would like to go Monroe, Or., Feb. 7.—To the Editor of '.e Journal—I noticed in an edi-toria. in The Journal of February 4, headed "Try the Country." I wish to congratulate you on this article, and I think every word of it is only too back to the old way. true. I will say that in Monroe and the sur-

Gervais Star: The present cold snap has in no wise done any damage to the large sown grain crop. There is plenty of snow to protect the grain and when the frost leaves the ground there will be no evil results. We prophecy the largest grain crop in years in 1908. need help and have steady work to of-fer. A great many of us would be glad to employ men and pay them fair wages,

Rev. Barnes of the Bonanza circuit preached to a good congregation at Dairy Sunday. He showed his zoal for the cause by walking from and to Bo-nanza through the snow to meet his appointment and then preaching again at Bonanza in the evening to employ men and pay them fair wages, but it seems that very few of these sur-plus people get off the railroad. I trust that you will continue to give these idle people advice along the line you have, and I think that you are ac-complishing a great good by doing so. M. WILHELM.

at Bonanza in the evening. Hillsboro last year did a great deal of building, principally residences, and those who profess to know say that the building this year, in residence portions of the city, will far exceed that of last year, says the Argus. One incentive to build is the fact that building material is cheaper than it was last proceed

To the President.

Lebanon, Or., Feb. 4.-To the Editor of The Journal-Trusting the following will not reach the waste basket, we offer a request to the president. To Theodore Roosevelt—We the mems cheaper than it was last se

John Wortman is going to renew the old orchard on his Shelton farm near Carlton. This month he will make a smooth cut of each tree two or three bers of, a branch organization of the Socialist party, duly assembled and af-ter due deliberation decided that the accusing of Moyer, Haywood, Pettibone accusing of Moyer, Haywood, Pettibone and also Harriman before their trial, was un-American and unfair. Though slow-moving justice finally exonerated these three men of toil, without spot or blemish, therefore, we think an apology is due those three justice-loving men. believing that a move from you to try to heal said wound, would be a step toward peace and harmony among all mankind. Whereas, we believe desirable, or undesirable, should have a deep sense of pride in a president of this great commonwealth. smooth cut of each tree two or three feet from the ground. On the young sprouts he will this summer bud choice variaties such as Newtown Pippin, Jon-athan and Baldwin. Any that fail to grow from these buds will next winter be top grafted to the same variaties. Mayor G. W. Bassett of Washtucna has a rather unusual experience in the matter of twins, says The Dalles Chron-icle. His father had two brothers who were twins. G. W. had a twin brother and sister himself, and his eldest son's first children were twins, and his daughter, Mrs. W. A. Pearce of Wash-tucna, recently gave birth to twin daughters, making four generations of twins and two sets of them in the pres-ent generation.

Numismatist's Answer.

Warrenton, Or., Feb. 7 .- To the Ed-or of The Journal-The rarest of the tor of The Journalsilver three-cent pieces are as follows: 1851 to 1855, valued at 15 cents each; 1855, valued at 25 cents; 1856 to 1863, valued at 15 cents each; 1863 to 1873, valued at 50 cents each; 1874, nothing. SUBSCRIBER.

There Already,

"But will you love me when I'm old?" Asked plain Miss Sortitew, The man who sought her for her gold Said thoughtlessly: "I do." -Philadelphia Press.

Do the Republicans of Lane county really want to elect a Republican sher-iff or do they not? asks the Eugene Register. Probably they do, but if they stop to think a little they will probably task: What difference does it make to us what the politics of the sheriff is, so long as he is a capable, honest man?

Oregon Sidelights

La Grande is famous for asters, and will have many more this year than A large number of fruit trees, prin-cipally apples, will be planted on farms adjacent to Athena this spring.

Cottage Grove is to have a match factory. And not necessarily because it is leap year, says the Salem States-. .

Newberg Graphic: Since the ushering in of leap year such heavy demands have been made on the bachelors about town that a calendar of carefully kept dates has become a necessity. . .

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ent-generation.

the man is consumed with a burning passion for the maiden while she is quite ignorant of it. The school at Castle Rock got down to two scholars and quit, says the Ir-rigator. Miss Gardner, the teacher, had a contract for the full term, but as the only family in "town" left, there was no place for her to board. Love speaks in eyes and in actions, not alone in words. Love means a de-side to be of service to the one that is loved. It is hard to see how that

is loved. It is hard to see how that kind of love can be expressed in a be-wildering mass of colored paper and lace, yet it must be, for as the girl be-hind the counter says, "It's all a mai-ter of taste"—and so it is—or of the lack of it. For one thing we would be devoutly thankful, and that is the suppression of the so-called comic valentine which is so often an outrage not only upon taste but even upon decency. For a kindly act that would put this particu-larly vulgar poster entirely out of larly vulgar poster entirely out of business we would all be grateful to our

city council. * * *

Oysters Fried.

RAIN one pint of large oysters and remove all bits of shell. Mix three tablespoons of lemon juice with half a teaspoon of salt and a dash of cayenne, pour this over the oysters, let stand half an hour, then wrap each oys-ter in a thin slice of bacon, fasten with toothpicks and fry until the bacon is crisp. Serve on buttered toast with garnish of parsley.

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The Daily Menu.

BREAKFAST.

Oranges, cereal with cream. Ham omelet, toast. Coffee.

LUNCHEON.

'Oysters fried in bacon. Apple and onion salad. Hot rolls, stewed figs, tea, DINNER. Bean soup, roast of yeal stuffed. Mashed carrots. Lettuce, French dressing.

Chocolate blanc mange, sponge cake. Coffee,

James O. Davidson's Birthday.

James O. Davidson, governor of Wis-consin, is a native of Norway, in which country he was born February 10, 1864. At the age of 19 he emigrated to Am-arica and located in Wisconsin. His early years in his adopted country were years of hardship and privation. He worked as a farm hand and put in his

worked as a farm hand and put in his spare time acquiring an education. Be-fore he was 30 years old he had accum-ulated sufficient money to start a gen-eral store in a small town in Crawford county. He was successful from the start and soon became a man of prom-inence in his section of the state. He entared upon his political career as a member of the legislature. Next he was electer state treasurer and in 190 became Hautemant-governor. The next year, upon the resignation of Governor La Follette, Mr. Davidson succeeded as governor, and in 1906 was elected or Hillsboro Independent: The In-dependent has received from Hon. C. W. Fuiton a mail sack of garden and field seeds which are at the disposal of anyone wishing them. They are not warranted to grow but they help to swell the tonnage in the contracts for carrying the mails, and along with the thousands of tons of "public docu-ments," of no earthly use to anyone, sent out from Washington every week, adds just that much more to the impos-shbilty of ever getting the United States mail service on a paving basis. governor, and in 1906 was elected or the Republican ticket for another term which will expire next January. shilly of ever setting the United States mail service on a paying basis.

monwealth OSCAR INGRAM, B. H. CRISP, O. T. FERGUSON.

Waldport, Or., Feb. 5.—To the Editor of The Journal—A report appeared in the Oregonian February 1 stating that the gas schooner Condon is to be put on the Astoria and Yaquina run. The Condon is owned by the Waldport Lum-ber company on the Alsea bay, 14 miles

take. For the past 20 years vessels have

been carrying lumber and other freight from the Alsea to Frisco and other points. Only last week the gas schooner

must yield to the madness, hide it from the knowledge of men. Do not