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Great duties are before me, and great songs: And whether crowned or crownless when I fall It matters not, so as God's work is done. -Alexander Smith

CITIES AND GAMBLING.

BAKER CITY correspondent says the people of that town are much pleased over the clos ing of gambling there. We suppose he means the greater and better portion of the people, for of course some are not pleased at this action. But every good and useful citizen should be pleased, and we believe that many who have favored the permission of gambling because of the revenue it yielded will ere long be glad of the change and come to the conclusion that such a policy does not pay, and that no modern town of importance, and that is worthy of development, can afford to enter into partnership with vice and crime. Baker City is the last Oregon town of considerable size to others open gambling had been more little experience of the cleaner, more decent life, Baker City will never their faces? return to its past policy of tolerating open gambling.

It is impossible that the "wide open" policy should pay, even from a merely monetary point of view. A city gets considerable revenue from the gamblers and some people imagine that this is clear gain. This is an exceedingly mistaken and shortsighted view of the matter. Gamblers produce nothing; they are mere vermin on the body politic. If they others, who would have spent it in When the gambler lost it. spends money, his victims and their families cannot spend so much-for groceries, clothes, furniture, comforts, education, taxes. When gamblers grow rich, many others must become poor, and so incapable of doing their proper part as citizens in the matter of expenditure.

But there are weightier reasons for extirpating gambling. It is a vice. It is always associated with other vices. Being a fascinating vice, it not only financially but morally ruins young men and boys, and older men too, by scores and hunevil and a curse to everybody who has anything to do with it, even the successful gamblers themselves. up its head and take its proper place choice. in the rank of Oregon cities that are carrying on this work.

A GRATIFYING SPEECH.

ENATOR KNOX made a splendid speech Wednesday evening at Pittsburg in favor of improved rivers and harbors and more inland waterways. Though his observation did not stray so far westward as the Pacific coast, we presume that he spoke for this region as well as for the Mississippi valley and the Atlantic slope. This strong, clear speech is all the more welcome coming from a man with Senator Knox's past affiliations. of commercial utility and every river

to its utmost economic possibility." past few years.

Senator Knox pointed out the incanal, and declared that "the time destroyed. ways that are or can be made tribu-

would assent. What a terrible handtive boss at such a time.

ROOSEVELT AND THE PANIC.

HE "hard times" are passing. The panic breeders can't keep the country down. Business is reviving in spite of them. Pet-Spring is near at hand and they are getting busy. There is plenty of erally very prosperous and they are Most people can afford to buy what they need, at good prices, and so industries cannot be shackled. The nightmare has disappeared; a spring

Now what will the calamity howldent? With one accord they accused most radical and aggressive assault yield to the progressive moral spirit panic should have become more harder. But in spite of his "demaor less thoroughly suppressed; and gogism" and "socialism" times are becoming easier; the panic is fading. How will these vampires now save

There has been no panic proper of the people in Oregon? in Portland any of the time. A bank failed last summer through bad manan institution that was supposed to include a bank, but that was a metion imaginable, failed. Then a long bank, obliging it to suspend for an editorial from the Philadelphia money, they spend the money of ple getting money due. But all demagogic agitation, was the sudthese incidents furnished no proper foundation for a panic; there were who had built up and were operating fit of the community if they had no good reasons for one here. And the great transportation systems of what there was of one is over. Now the country were not competent to go ahead again, faster and stronger than ever.

But how about Roosevelt? There for the stringency. Will they now, source of its circulation is apparent. and later, give him credit for the It need only be remarked that some revival of confidence and business? at least of the men alluded to have If so, did that special message to conclusively proven their incompetcongress do it?

THE PIE-COUNTER STATES.

HE St. Louis Globe-Democrat, people to compel the railroads to of that region, says that "the sideration which is their due. 8,000,000 Republicans of the dreds. A gambler is a vulture; his United States will not consent to be law, we suppose it was passed for support requires the sacrifice of subject to the deciding choice of the the purpose of being declared unmany victims. And these are not 300,000 Republicans who remain in constitutional, as it was probably ment or early stages of paresis in the licanism represented a government the people, by the people, by the people, for the people by the people, for the people by the people, for the people by the people by the people by the people by the people of the people by the people of th wives and children. Gambling en- who attempted to concentrate for elsewhere and so to discourage regtails poverty, misery, crime and himself the southern delegates by ulative legislation. Besides, if the despair. It ruins multitudes of men federal office influence would so of people's attention can be sufficiently and wrecks and enshrouds in woe fend the party sense of fairness and diverted by the beating of fare tom thousands of homes. It is wholly dignity that he would practically be toms, it is thought they may pay less defeated before the convention met." attention to extortionate freight

But suppose these southern dele- rates. gates should all be for Taft, and in-It is a horrible vice, and the law cluding them he would have enough properly declares it a crime. to nominate on the first ballot? This Being a crime, no public of is doubtless President Roosevelt's ficer whose business it is to sup- reliance, when he predicts this repress it can allow it without be sult. For it will be noticed that in ing false to his plain duty, his oath his recent letter to an Indiana man of office. A city that tolerates gam- the president confined himself to why "a voter is compelled to choose bling is itself a criminal thing, a denying that he had made appoint- only among the voters of his own monstrous blot upon our civilization. ments, principally of postmasters, party." We suppose the inquirer Oregon cities of consequence are with reference to the presidential refers to the primaries; at the elecgetting rid of this criminal vice, and nomination; he did not deny that tion he can vote for anybody he the work must go on until it is com- the southern Republican officehold- chooses; in fact, he can substitute plete. And Baker City can now hold ers were active in the support of his some other name for one on the

help themselves?

A CRIME AGAINST OREGON.

valley strong, alcome enator

"The has been heralded far and wide as a said, reason for homeseekers to settle in not have to vote it straight.

The right of the masses to partone which he belongs. But once in the booth, the voter can substitute any names he pleases.'

A man registering as a Democration call for a Democratic ticket but he does to Prince Alexander of Teck. stage has been reached," he said, reason for homeseekers to settle in not have to vote it straight. For exwhen limited and partial views the state. It has been, and is, a ample, Republicans at the coming should be enlarged to the percep- drawing card in attracting immigra- primaries car vote to nominate Word tion that whatever expenditure is tion. It has been applauded by the for sheriff, and Democrats can vote sary to bring to its utmost eco- many unpurchased newspapers in to nominate Stevens-or any other somic capacity every harbor capable other states, particularly that feature man-by writing in the name of providing for popular choice of sen- the man for whom they desire to able to furnish a route for industrial ator. It is known that many homeor agricultural products and mate- seekers have been attracted to Orerial, is the most remunerative in- gon by these popular rights. Mavestment that can be made with na- chine rule is everywhere discredited. tional funds. The the national pol- It always results in graft, and the lamette locks, or inland waterways,

waterways which shall be developed perpetually in the public eye these

Men are seeking a place where reased advisability and necessity of there is no political machine, and probably, for a parcels post or postthis policy on account of the Panama where the power of bosses has been has come to realize the urgency and they are sick and tired of machine importance of this proposition," and grafting and official scandals and that refuses to do any of these that "we should discard further want to get away from it. Thousands procrastinations and set about the of them have heard of Oregon's pro- that way on account of "basic prinsystematic and comprehensive im- gressive government, of the right ciples." provement of all ports and water here of the masses to exercise large powers of control. They know that The Pacific coast will cheerfully government by them is certain to be stand by the Mississippi valley in any honest. They know that the farmer effort it may make to carry out in his fields, the mechanic in his scene of the Forest Grove wreck in these suggestions, but it will insist shop and the business man in his a special train, provided by the railregion receive due attention also, and for betterment of the state. They and to this, we apprehend, Mr. Knox know that in such a government the any means to get to the spot as icap it is to the country to have such fended. They know that the raids an old fossil as Cannon as its legisla- on the public treasury will be resisted and that the tendency will inevitably be for lower taxation. These features in our state system

the substantial farmer and to the man of capital. The right to choose officers appeals to them. The right to join with the rest of the people in vetoing laws and appropriations that may be deemed objectionable appeals to them. The whole system is one Its influence in attracting here a pling and developing the state will Portland's proper destiny. be enormous. It is a feature of Oregon life for the real estate agents and the commercial bodies to exploit abroad, for no influence will be more powerful in attracting desirhomeseekers. Incidentally. take to allow the politicians to succeed in their present effort to withdraw these pepular privileges from the people and reenthrone boss rule Oregon that one of her leading newsconstantly belittling and seeking to discredit, for unknown reasons, the splendid effects of these new rights in

RAILROAD LITERATURE.

HERE ARE tainted editorials A big postcard has been sent out to the press, asking news-

The Journal does not "please" to reprint any more of the article; this ence to handle this great public business and that the "demagogic agitajustifiable effort on the part of the the leading Republican paper treat them fairly and with the con-

As to the Pennsylvania 2-cent fare

AN INQUIRY ANSWERED.

READER of The Journal asks why voters are required to state the party to which they belong when registering, and ticket at the primaries. It was thus The ten pie-counter states-Ala- that Mayor Lane was nominated. bama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, But the object of keeping the parties Louisiana, Mississippi, North Caro- apart in registration and in the prilina, South Carolina, Texas and Vir- marles is chiefly, we suppose, to preginia-will have 216 delegates in vent the voters of one party from the Republican national convention swarming into the primaries of the -very likely a controlling factor, other party and nominating the How then are the 7,700,000 Repub- weaker candidates. Hence it is neclicans of the other states going to essary to register as an adherent of some party, so that the primary judges will know whether a voter calls for the right ticket, that of the party to which he belongs. But

There is no hope for an appropriation by this congress for the Wiley is to embark on the creation of debauchery of men. Lurid examples or a river and harbor bill, nor for Ireland. inclusive system of harbors and of it all over the country have been tariff revision, nor for currency re-

form in the people's interest, nor for an employers' liability law, nor for further railroad regulation, nor all savings banks; yet next fall the people of Oregon will be asked to give a great majority for the party things. We suppose they will vote

Without any thought of criticising the railroad commissioners, The Journal published yesterday the statement that they went to the road company. While they would quickly as possible, it seems that the impression was created in some quarters that the commissioners had placed themselves under obligation to the railroad company. This was appeal alike to the business man, to Grove on a regular train and as usual paid their fare. The members of a senator appeals to them. It is a selves free from the slightest taint privilege any man is glad to exer- of accepting favors from the railcise. The right to take a hand di- roads, a fact which The Journal at rectly in the nomination of public all times has been glad to recognize.

Just become thoroughly imbued with the fact that Portland has by vantages and opportunities of any to awaken the interest and enlist the city on this coast; but also keep in mind that its citizens must be active to improve these advantages and thoughtful citizenship and in peo- opportunities in order to bring about

Love of Animals

Copyright, 1908, by American-Journal-Examiner However tenderly you may love your pet animal-doggies, pussie or marmoset-try to use good taste and common sense in the expression of that sentiment.

Love and sympathy for animals is beautiful trait.

Christ spoke of the Great Father as

noting the sparrow's fall." It is told of Buddha that he found a bruised and bleeding young lamb being taken to the king's palace for sacrifice.
He carried the poor creature tenderly
in his arms and pleaded with the king king to pass an edict forbidding fur-

ther sacrifices.

We cannot be too considerate, too kind, too loving toward our dumb kin; but we can be ridiculous, profane, dissting and absurd in our way of show-It is disgusting to hear a woman

speak of herself as the "mother" of a cat or dog. No animal appreciates this word or is made more comfortab e or papers to "please copy," containing happier by hearing it.

A four-footed pet is just as well pleased to be told that his mistress pleased to be told that his mistress oves him as to be told "mother loves

Next to a human baby there is no the logical inference that if haby kitten. them up to cathood. But I would not enjoy thinking of myself as a mother cat, nor do I believe the kittens have are those even here who blame him quotation is its keynote; and the missed any care or affection on my part because I made this reservation.

It would seem that a woman who had ever been the mother of a baby could

not call herself mother to an animal; yet I hear them doing it daily. A beautiful rirl caused two young men to regard her with an expression of disgust resu she called her ugly-faced dog her "precious sweetheart."

Sweetheart is a pretty word, and it seemed dragged down and cheapened by its application to a homely dog. Besides the tasteless and extravagant language which women use about ani-mals, they frequently cross over the for a dead pet. Showy and expensive funerals for hu-

man beings are relics of barbarism But when they are bestowed upon ani-nals they indicate arrested develop-

shed tears upon his grave, dear madam. and plant a rose bush over him if you do not send cards of invitation to his funeral, nor waste precious dollars on an elaborate wear crape to show how you

mourn him.
You only make yourself ridiculous and travesty sacred things.
Life is too great and beautiful to regard it as ruined by the loss of a pet

That these pets get a wonderful hold upon our affections I know from per-sonal experience, and that the death of a loving animal makes a spot in a heart and a household I fully understand. But in life and in usurp the places should not be made to usurp the places of human beings. No four-footed creamade happier by having its made happier by having its owner forget the proprieties or the de-cencies of life in its treatment, and

pained by such exhibitions of lack of taste. Cultivate sense and reason in your

many sensible people are annoyed and

Duchess of Albany's Birthday. The Duchess of Albany, sister-in-law of King Edward VII and one of the most popular members of England's popular members of England's family, was born February 17, Before her marriage in 1881 to Prince Leopold, youngest son of the late Queen Victoria, the duchess was Princess Helen Frederica Augusta, daughter of George Victor, Prince of Waldeck-Pyrmont, a small German principality. Only two years after her principality. Only two years after her marriage to Prince Leopold her husband died suddenly, leaving her, as it were, a ward of the British nation. She is of a retiring disposition and cares little for court life, but takes an active interest in many practical charities. The duchess is related to many of the reigning houses of Europe in of the reigning houses of Europe in

1519—Francis, Duke of Guise, leader of the wars of the sixteenth century in France, born. Died February 18, 1563.

1621—Miles Standish chosen captain of Plymouth colonies. Maryland leader during the revolution, born. Die: May 4, 1790. 1778—Lord North's conciliatory bill

presented in parliament.

1834—United States concluded an indemnity theaty with Spain.

1856—Charleston, South Carolina, almost destroyed by fire. 1866—Habeas corpus act suspended in Attempted assassination of the orar of Russia

Letters From the People

Argument Not Logical.

Portland, Feb. 14 .- To the Editor of The Journal-The argument of Judge Lowell against Statement No. 1, as outlined in The Journal's interview of the thirteenth, while extremely specious, is equally illogical, it seems to me, and wholly unsupported by the facts. There can be no foundation for the judge's contention that "when voting upon the adoption of the primary law the people understood Statement No. 1 as simply a party manning relating the legple understood statement No. 1 as simply a party measure, pledging the legislature to accept the people's selection, within the party only, in place of the legislative cancus."

First, because the language of the statement bears no such construction, and secondly, because such an interpretation renders wholly numerically the property.

and secondly, because such an interpre-tation renders wholly nugatory, the pro-visions of the law for a senatorial election by the people. The parties' choice of a candidate is determined at the primary nominating election, where only registered members of that party can vote for its candidates, while upon can vote for its candidates, while upon the official ballot at the general election there can be but one candidate representing each party. Any other candidates desiring to stand for election must be designated under some other appellation, so that the general election determines the choice of the people and not that of party.

As further proof of the popular understanding, I call attention to the fact that Jonathan Bourne based his candidacy squarely upon the nonpartian interpretation of Statement No. 1, as affording a practical method for the popular election of senators, and was successful, notwithstanding the vigorous fight made against him, by the popular election of senators, and was successful, notwithstanding the vigorous fight made against him, by the machine, upon the grounds of his populism, connection with the famous legislative hold-up, and his general insubordination. Just what would have been the result had there been but one candidate beside himself, before the primary, of course no one can say. But I apprehend the result would not have been different, as I personally know a number of Republicans who supported him because of his attitude upon this question, who under other

Again the judge argues that the elec-Again the judge argues that the elec-tion of a senator is only an incident in the work of the legislature, and should not be allowed to influence the vote for members of the legislature. Upon this fact we are fully agreed. But here his logic cuts the wrong way, for one of the principal objects to be at-tained by Statement No, I in the eliminatained by Statement No. I in the elimination of, the senatorial question, from the personality and general fitness of the legislative candidate, or of his attitude upon local questions with which the legislature has principally to deal. But if we abrogate Statement No. I, or if any of the legislative candidates refuse to sign it, then the senatorial question necessarily becomes a paramount issue, and we will be found voting for this man because he is for Smith for senator, or aginst the other man because he is a Jones man, leaving out of sight, largely, the question of the fitness of the candidate to serve out of sight, largely, the question of the fitness of the candidate to serve his state in the capacity of a legis-

would have opposed his

But his third contention is the most whimsical of all. He starts out with the assertion that Statement out with the assertion that Statement No. 1 is not directly or necessarily connected with the primary ballot law, which is true enough. But he then proceeds to point out the great danger to the primary law, by the retention of Statement No. 1, alleging that if it should ever result in the election of a senator of the opposite party, it would evidently result in the primary law being stricken from the statutes. connection between

loves him as to be told "mother loves her, itty, pitty, doggie woggy!"

There are names registered among fanciers for the mothers of animals. No woman would be pleased to hear herself spoken of by one of these names. Why, then, should she place herself in a position by cailing the "et animal "mother's precious baby" to suggest a class of female animal to the listener?

Next to a human baby there is no the senatorial question can easily be eliminated from the primary ballot law, without affecting its integrity, or affording any just ground for its repeal. The statement reveals again the real animus of this hysterical opposition to Statement No. 1, and upon the background of the doleful picture is plainly seen the shadowy form of Governor Chamberlain. We can also justly draw the logical inference that if the legislabe a Republican, these gentlemen would become the vigorous champions of Statement No. 1. The plum, rather than the principle, is the object of their solicitude.

J. G. GARRETSON.

Answering Some Questions.

Ontario, Or., Feb. 17 .- To the Editor of The Journal-On the brink of a state and presidential election, when all kinds of confusing opinions and arguments are put forth to prove that black is white and vice versa, the common farmer, if of an inquiring mind, cannot help asking questions. What is Re-publicanism? What is Democracy? language which women use about ani-mals, they frequently cross over the publicanism? What is Democracy? line of decency in showing their grief What is Socialism? Who are the profucers? and a hundred similar ques

To the men of '61, who stood by Lincoin in those dark days when the life of the nation hung in the balance, Repub-

leges to none.

Under conditions arising out of the war came into control of the Republican party a set of men that by combination and fraud worked through congress laws by which the immense corpora-tions of the present became possible, and by these corporations and combina-tions they are still able to control leg-islation, until the whole system, became so corrupt that the monest voter found himself so entangled in the meshes of a web of fraud, chicanery and sophistry that he saw no way to turn, and still the charmed name that he had loved so well under Lincoln held him like a chain and the prejudice against Democracy acquired before the war blased his judgment. Thus he struggled in the net while the spiders that had enmeshed him watched his futile strug-

gles. While the Democratic party, divorced while the Democratic party, divorced from its felish of slavery, has been advancing along the lines of popular government, until today in its most popular exponent, William J. Bryan, we are carried back to the theories of Lincoln. Let the people rule and let a'l men have terion.

an equal show.

What is a producer? (the Socialists make a great fuss and place great stress on the producer having all he can get) is it the man that digs from the can get on the case of the stress an equal show. can get) is it the man that digs from the earth the gold coal or iron; is it the farmer who can of the bosom of mother earth feeds the world; is it the man that furnishes the machinery that makes mining possible; is it the carrier that makes these things available to different localities; it is the one that combines the coal, the iron and all the various metals and materials into the multiplicity of machines that work for the benefit of the human race?

All these are producers and have

these are producers and have rights to be considered in the great plan of government, and no leg-islation should be allowed placing one islation should be allowed placing one above another, creating the so-called classes, a name foreign to our institutions and that has no place in a genuine democracy.

WM. MORFITT.

Farmers' Names Wanted.

Portland, Or., Feb. 12 .- To the Editor of The Journal-Referring to your article "The Call of the Country," would respectfully like to ask a few questions:
Why is it that of those several thousand farmers who are anxious to give work, good pay, good food and a good home to the unemployed, not one considers it worth while to send his name and address to your paper? By looking and address to your paper? By looking over your male help wanted column find not a single workingman wanted. Has your complaining Portland writer, who seems to know all about the farmers' troubles, by mistake forgotten to sign his name and address to his letter, or was he afraid some of the unemployed might call on him?

Editor, have you ever made your live ployed might call on him?

Editor, have you ever made your living by working as a farm hand, railroad, steamboat, mining laborer?

A. PIETZOLD,

708 East Thirteenth.

Small Change

A girl with money to burn can easily find or make a match.

Never worry about the weather in Oregon—nor about anything else more than is irrepressible,

The person who has a birthday only once in four years may naturally expect lots of birthday presents.

Indiana Republican politicians are all for Fairbanks, but this is no proof that they prefer buttermilk to whiskey.

The labor men and the grangers re-fuse to play the role of suckers for the benefit of party grafters any longer.

ground for divorce, at least in Oregon

Perhaps during a second term Congressman Hawley will gain courage to demand Oregon's rights, even at the Cannon's mouth. James J. Hill's characterisation of howling over alleged hard times as "ghost dancing" is a correct and ex-

Possibly the president's next message will be in advocacy of the new list of reformed words announced by the spell-

pressive phrase.

Some scientists say that in a few billion years the earth will be as bad off for water and climate as the moon. We live just in time,

An alleged humorist has been converted by an evangelist. Let the good work go on. Most humorists should weep in repentance for a long time. The New York American remarks that Morse's strange crossing and recrossing of the Atlantic may be explained by his

long familiarity with large bodies Our guess is that if Roosevelt men-

aces that convention with his big stick, the other people who are predicting Hughes nomination will find themselves Possibly the president's alleged allusion to Editor Herman Ridder as "the limburger envoy" may not be pleasing to "the German vote." Yet why should it be displeasing? Don't Germans gen-

it be displeasing? Do erally like limburger? Congressman Hobson's advocacy of more naval and coast protection causes the Detroit News to ask: "Won't some-one sink a Merrimac in this fellow's channel and bottle up his gab?"

Iowa Republicans are split up badly over the senatorship, Great-Grandpa Allison wanting to hold the job for 40 course, while Cummins' back itches to wear the toga.

The Advocate, Portland's colored people's paper, says: "During his present term Sheriff Bob Stevens has been the hardest sheriff for a colored man to reach that ever filled that office. We wonder if they can reach him now."

Oregon Sidelights

Sodaville is to have a new \$10,000

The Astoria morning paper has mentia Portlandians. A Clackamas county woman is sell-ing many duck eggs at \$1 for 13.

"Stand pat, be a booster," says the Salem Statesman. But one can't do

Mail service for Klamath Falls goes continually from bad to worse, asserts the Herald.

Just mark Umatilla county down for another 5,000,000-bushel wheat crop, says the Pendleton Tribune. What! Before the crop has been destroyed three or four times? Dr. L. E. Hibbard of Burns has a pack

of hounds that has captured and killed 54 coyotes during the past season, and during two of the best hunting months the doctor was away and did not use The city council of Pendleton is go-

ing to handle the question of gambling without gloves. The council is going to take gambling by the throat with the claws of law enforcement. the East Oregonian. That's the right way. If all the business blocks that are

projected for this season are built Eu-gene will experience the greatest building boom in its history and no city of its size on the coast can equal its Guard.

Pendleton Tribune: The appointment of H. E. Bickers to the position of su-perintendent of the new home for the feeble-minded is one which will give general satisfaction. As a capable cer, Mr. Bickers demonstrated his ity while in charge of the reform school

Newberg Graphic: Great interest is being taken in the val to be held in and this without doubt will be greatest event of the kind ever in the northwest. Every town in had loved so in the northwest. Every town in the him like a surrounding territory should manifest inst Democan interest in the event and lend a hand toward making it a great success

Klamath Falls Herald: A municipal water system! And added to this will be a municipal electric light plant! This be a municipal electric light plant! This is the program mapped out by the promoters of the movement for the establishment of the municipal system of irrigation. That it is going to be a popular move is certain, if the manner in which it is being received is a criterion.

McMinnville News-Reporter: This part of the Willamette valley is capable of supporting several times the popula-tion it now has both in city and coun try, and of producing many times its present wealth. The raising of fruit, nuts, stock and vegetables is scarcely more than in its infancy. But better days are coming and coming fast. Every

The chief of police of Albany has received the following request from his counterpart in Eugene, who evidently is not a W. of O. graduate: "sir have you one in your employ of the name of O. R. Mitchell dressed in fine checkard gray suit Durby hat pipe in the mouth red hair scar over left eye corner of nose blue eyes helped run in blind pig at Eugene Or if so pleas notify me at eugene yours truly, C. F. Denney, Eugene.'

A Good Amendment. From the Seaside Signal.

The land tax amendment, that puts the burden of taxation on idle land, held for speculative purposes, should be supported by every man who wants to see property rights respected. Our present system of taxation that makes present system of taxation that makes a man pay for improving his home, or his workshop, or his domestic animals, is a fraud, and there can be no such thing as "equal taxation" under it. The property of the poor man is always in sight, and the assessor can always find every dollar's worth of it; the rich man can, and does, hide much of his where can, and does, high much of his where the assessor cannot, or does not, find it. With this proposed amendment as the law the assessors will have no dif-ficulty in, nor excuse for, not finding every dollar's worth of taxable prop-

in the state. It will men honest—as far as

Humbug.

PS IT true that the people like to be humbugged? And is it true that women are the most gullible creatures on earth? And if we deny these things, how shall we explain the persistence of glaring frauds which depend upon the support of women?

If it is not impossible bargain sales it is clairvoyants revealing the information they have dragged from their mation they have dragged from their victims, and if it is not clairvoyants it is wildcat mining stock companies relying on women to buy their gold bricks, and if it is not mining companies selling \$100 worth of promises for 10 cents, it is patent medicine curballs. All of these glitteringly patent frauds are webs to catch the money of women. They are planned to appeal to their credulity, their inexperience and their hopefulness.

It is a common belief that a women can stretch the family income, no mat-

It is a common belief that a women can stretch the family income, no matter how inadequate it may be, and make it cover the wants of the family. She has learned to cut down here and to save there, and to make over and to do without—bless you, she had to. And by dint of long practice and long preaching on the virtues of economy, this sense has been developed in womankind, just as the camel developed a dirt colored the partridge developed a dirt colored plumage to escape detection.

It may be considered natural, now, for women to get as much as they can for a little. If the chance is offered of setting a great deal for nothing is that not so much better? So women snatch at the pretty bait like foolish trout at a fly balted hook.

Not a day passes without this kind of fraud being presented to the housewife. It begins in the morning with the junk man with his eternal query "anyding to sale?" and his common practice of offering a cent a pound for rags. He has always forgotten his scale and a bag of 20 pounds of rags he decides is worth 5 cents, and on the way out of the cellar he adds the garden hose and the unused gas fixtures to his collection. His customer is only a woman so she is fair prey.

She goes to sweep the front porch and she finds a dodger telling the marvelous discovery of "Dr." Something-or-other, who is revolutionizing the world by his discoveries. She perchance reads a few pages to find out what his discovery is. Such highly valuable literature was scattered about Portland last week, and the industrious person who read

erature was scattered about Portland last week, and the industrious person who read it found out that the startling discovery is that the stomach is the seat of disease. Women are not supposed to know anything about their insides, so why not fool them?

If the house wife goes down down the way in the wearing posters shout

she runs into glaring posters about bargain sales. A lot of miscellaneous junk is offered at next to nothing. Indeed it is intimated that it would be a kindness to the firm to carry the stuff home for nothing—or—well, just the smallest par cert of the stuff nome for nothing—or—well, just the smallest per cent of its value. Startling, wonderful, sensational, marvelous, unprecedented, are only a few of the adjectives that describe the opportunities to spend good money for shoddy and useless stuff, or of such poor quality that it could be duplicated at any reputable store for the

at any reputable store for the same price or less.

And so on through the day. The women of the country are mainly the wage spenders, and to the unwary are offered on every hand opportunities to get rid of the product of their husbands' toll with the least possible return.

sales, when the reputable shops clear their shelves of the remnants of one season's stock to make ready Large numbers of fruit trees are being received at Hillsboro by farmers of the surrounding country for spring providing for her family's needs. There are certain times for buying table linen and wash dress goods of standard qual-ity for less than they command at ity for less than they command other seasons. The wise woman watche for these.

"There is no good time to buy ineffi-cient medical advice, nor to invest in mines which exist only on paper, with out telling the husband, so that he may have a pleasant surprise when the silver is transformed into gold. There is no good time to pay hard earned is no good time to pay hard earned wages to fake specialists or to have one's fortune foretold by a lazy dis-reputable soothsayer who reads stars and gives away information about hid-den bags of gold.

In fact, there is no good time to be made a fool of, yet the opportunities are abundant. If the woman who contemplates any such investment of the family funds will take her husband into her confidence and listen attentively to his reasons for distrusting these glittering promises, she will learn why men scoff at bargain sales and sigh over unusable "treasures." bought for a mere song. The trouble is, you see, that he has to do the singing, and sometimes his yous lebords set times his vocal chords get weary.

DE 36 36 What We Wear.

THE newest theatre chapeau is a mob cap of transparent tulle, the color of the hair. If the hair can't conveniently be matched, choose black tulle. This cap a lu nuit is clasped to the head by a tiara of cameos or medallfons. Sleeves are nothing if not capricious.

Those most approved at this minute, instead of cavorting above our elbows, run all the way down below the wrist, and dribble over the hand in a Marie

Stuart point. No one aspires to mourning, one had to wear it one might be thankful for anything so pretty as the white crepe wherein Paris bids us mourn. crepe wherein Paris bids us mourn. Beautiful and altogether unmelancholy hats are made of this snowy crepe.

The latest effort of the London tailor looks like a frantic aspiration after economy. It comprises a brief jacket of diagonal striped wool, and a skirt of plain eleth.

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Stewed Figs With Cream Omelet Corn Cakes Maple Syrup Coffee Ham Omelet LUNCHEON

Tripe Spanish Boiled Hominy Stewed Apple Chocolate DINNER Tomato Soup Browned Ribs of Beef

Macaroni With Cheese.
Celery and Cabbage Salad
Rice Banana Pudding.
Stewed Apple—Wash the applea, cut into quarters and core, but do not pare. Stew gently in little water until quite tender, but do not stir. Add a cupful of brown sugar and let boil three mir or brown sugar and let boil three minutes. On removing from the fire add
a little lemon juice and a sprinkle of
nutmeg. Serve cold with cream.
Rice Banana Pudding—Two cupfuls
of cold boiled rice, one egg, vanilla extract, milk and sugar to taste. When
the pudding is done cover the top with sliced bananas and on top of these place

> That Fishing Feeling. From the Atlanta Constitution.

meringue of whites of two eggs and brown slightly. Serve hot or cold, with

"I've got the fishing feeling so bad," he said, "that I just must throw down everything and take a two weeks' trip to Florida. The fact is, my health de-mands it. I'll pack my grip right now!"
"John," said his wife, "come here."
She opened a closet. A gallon jug stood before him.
"There!" she said. "Cut out tha "Cut out the Florida trip. 'Maria," he It's too expensive.