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Method is good in all things. Order governs the world. The devil is the author of confusion. —Jonathan Swift.

PORTLAND'S CENSUS

dence of how Portland has As the matter happened during

land's population, these head lines: finding? "Portland is in census scandal. Rose The mayor did not consult ex-Mayother laborers counted in."-

214, and Seattle 237,194. Frauds for the city? called deliberate."

and Seattle shrink in size when re- time, by accepting \$22,073, it admits finds that names of transients were was wrong. If more than \$7000 of used in first figures."

News' account of the cut run thus: "Several enumerators in Portland assigned large numbers of names to vacant lots or buildings containing no residents. One enumerator in checking up some slips found that his own name appeared on five different One railroad grading gang which possibly was at one time employed in Portland, but which at the time of the enumeration was in Montans, was counted. In one district an enumerator listed over 1100 persons as residents of some business most illimitable. establishment. Over 100 persons

These are samples of the citation Portland has been given broughout the country by newspapers carrying press dispatches. It is an undeserved publicity brought about by an incompetent and ineffective census system, conducted by mpetent officials. It implies that Portland people were parties to a stuffed count, when, in fact, Portland people neither sought nor de-sired to have the total show one name more than the number to which

The count was under census authority and census authority alone. No citizen had access to the lists, or surveillance of the blanks. The central authority at Washington devised the plans, approved the methods, issued the instructions, arranged the details and selected persons to preside over the enumeration, . It was a census enterprise, and wholly a census enterprise from beginning to end. The results achieved were the fruit of census methods, directed by census experts so-called and carried out by census rules. And the result of it is a most scandalous misrepresentation of a well-bred, well-behaved and well-ordered city. Matchless indeed, is the scheme of our wonderful, wonderful

A LEGISLATIVE DUTY

ment of the roads. The districts are of education worth while. all in the vicinity of Lebanon. The levies are made under the M. A. Miller law giving taxpayers authority to vote special levies up to 10 mills for road improvement.

The incident is worthy of note by members of the legislature. Similar weather in its moods.

practical building. It should be a as fast as a man would walk. plan so simple, so practical and so This machine, when perfected, as in good shape for another crop. effective as to command universal it no doubt will be, will enable cotchange. It should be such as will been the uncertainty of hand labor, not better, or at least concurrently appeal to the farmers, for their co- A planter with a large crop could with this demand, make a concerted,

shody principles that will make for

It is the daty of the legislature to address itself to this problem. One good, sensible, constructive road bill will be worth more than a thousand of the petty measures that usually find their way into the average sesalon. If the members will enact such a bill it will be some evidence that they were worthy of election.

PAID

THE SUM OF \$22,073 was paid by Mayor Simon yesterday to the Portland Railway, Light & Power company. The morey went for payment of street Mighting during the Lane administration, street lighting that Mayor Lane always claimed was never furnished. Lane's contention was backed up by experts whom he had examine the street lighting during the process of its delivery to the city. It was also backed up by the members of Mayor Lane's executive board who insisted at the time and still insist, that the lighting for which payment as to help them to help themselves, RRIVING newspapers are evi- is now made was never furnished.

been victimized by an incom- the Lane administration, by what petent federal census. For the process has Mayor Simon reached the time in history this town is conclusion that the city owed the heralded as a city of fiction and company \$22,073, no more, no less? From what data other than that sup-The Butte News gives to its Wash- plied by the Portland Rallway, Light fair profit on the investment. It ington news story of the cut in Port- & Power company did he make his might be said that she gives nothing,

City and the rival city of Seattle both or Lane. He did not consult the exfaisified. Enumerator experts strike perts who supplied technical inforoff thousands. Transient construc- mation as to the lighting to Mayor tion gangs of Japanese laborers and Lane. He old not consult the members of the Lane executive board. The headlines in the St. Paul Pio- Whom did he consult except the neer-Press are as follows: "Recount Portland Rallway, Light & Power makes cities smaller. But official company, and in such a transaction census figures give Portland 207,- is information from that source safe

The company's original claim was The Detroit News exploits its news \$29,500. In Lane's time the comstory with this heading: "Unique pany insisted that \$29,500 was the methods to pad census. Portland correct amount due. In Simon's count is taken. Director Durand that more than \$7000 of the claim it was wrong, how does Mayor Simon The concluding sentences in the know that more of it was not wrong?

were enumerated as residents of a 500 young people in the rural disagree with him. It looks as if some ters an agricultural college. This one gets a valuable agricultural education, but what of the 499? It is also estimated that only three per cent of the children and young people of the country districts ever get beyond the district schools. The govrnment urges efforts to reach this great majority of uninstructed youth by means of Farmers' Institutes for Young People. The government has been doing excellent work in instructing farmers how to cultivate their land and raise more and better crops, which is good as far as it goes, but what is desired is the instruction along the same line of the young people, the boys and girls, so that on arriving at maturity they will not only know how to make the most of agriculture, but so that a far larger proportion of them will

But to effect this object boys and girls must first be interested. The favorite method of attracting them is by means of contests. Prizes are awarded for the best crops of different sorts, to be competed for at county or district fairs! This plan has been already adopted in many states, notably in Minnesota, where last year there were 148 meetings of such societies, with an aggregate attendance of 12,400 young people, all zealously interested in producing the most and best of certain crops on small areas of land. In some PERE IS A late issue of the Le- states, particularly in the south, banon Express, carrying six these contests center on corn growcalls for district meetings of ing. But it could be potatoes, strawtaxpayers for the purpose of berries, alfalfa, or any one of a voting special tax levies for improve- dozen other products. This is a sort

A COTTON PICKING MACHINE

machines ever invented, one of the greatest triumphs of mechanical invention, is the activity is probably on in road dis- new cotton picking machine. It is tricts all over the state. Under a said to be as great an invention as practical plan for practical men, it Whitney's cotton gin was in its day. is likely that much could be accom- The greatest difficulty in inventing a plished in road building in Oregon, machine for picking cotton consists The difficulty in the past and the in the necessity for it to discriminate difficulty now is the lack of sys- between the open and the unopened tematic improvement. The hasty bolls. Unlike wheat, the cotton of a and haphazard repairs of today are field is not all ready to harvest at temporary, and will disappear to- once. When a portion of the bolls morrow. The work of yesterday and open out they must be picked, and of the past 40 years is lost because those not yet open left to be picked not permanent. The road laws have later. In this respect it is like melbeen as changeable and unstable as one or strawberries. "Now this mathe road officials, and the officials chine, pretty well perfected after as variable in their plans as the many years' effort and repeated cather in its moods. - trials and failures, will pick the ripe. The point has been reached where or opened cotton and leave the green roadmaking should be systematized, or unready bolls not only unpicked

attaiter he subject to constant crops, for their principal trouble has higher freight rates, but might they speration is essential to success. It never be sure of getting it all har- systematized effort to stop the enor-

did who, on first seeing a hipp mus, walked around it several times. viewed it carefully, and then turned away with the remark, "There ain't no such t.ing."

MRS. SAGE'S GOOD WORK

HEN RUSSELL SAGE died be left none of his \$100,000, 000 or so to philanthropy, and nearly all of it to his wife; she, having a larger, better lighted soul than he, is making noble use of the great fortune. Year after year has witnessed public benefactions at hee hand that will be in the her city and state. She gives not but what is far better she gives so and become independent and self-respecting.

Her latest "foundation" is intended to enable families in moderate or rather poor circumstances to something useful. invest in suburban homes at minimum cost, paying enough to yield a houses, purchased and built on a large scale, at cost or thereabouts, so that purchasers can buy homes much more cheaply than they could of speculators. She makes easy terms, and they can pay for their homes in a few years with the money that they would have paid in the city for rent. She bestows no direct and positive charity but she helps hundreds then, but she provides the land and itiye charity but she helps hundreds

The campaign for another election is on in Great Britain, and already healing there are presecution, prosecution, fines and imprisonment. This state on prominent public speakers. Home of affairs discourages and drives out drugless heafers, keeping their number down to the brave minimum of fighters, a GOOD SORT OF EDUCATION

The DEPARTMENT of agriculture has sent out a bulletin out in hing the youth of the nation how to make money in agriculture, selling what has been accomplished and explaining how best to proceed in order to engage the attention of the self-boys and girls. The possibilities in this field of development are almost illimitable.

It is stated that only one in every sold young people in the rural disposance with him. It looks as if some victim of one of these disgraceful and gives them no chance to develop at legitimate public meetings was needed in Great Britain.

> Dr. David Starr Jordan, a keep observer of contemporary events and tempest in a teapot.
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> The "boss" of the north end as ating each year about 3000 men festers special privilege, should be that wherever the Republican party has followed the call of the insurgent it has maintained its hold, and wherever it stood pat the Democrats won. Insurgency is intelligent and respectable.
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> In public benevolence systematic, it was determined to form a society "for the purpose of ameliorating the conditions of the poor and for removing or preventing the causes which produce mendacity. Dr. Mease proposed are found to the exclusion of the moving or preventing the causes which produce mendacity. Dr. Mease proposed that certain labor agents of the same reason that certain labor agents of the same reason

The December World's Work has an interesting illustrated article by Randall R. Howard on "A Railroad Fight for an Empire," being an account of the invasion of the great Oregon "Hinterland," so long kept desolate by the "Harriman fences." The map shows that this vast region. road was permitted to penetrate, included not only the greater part of Oregon but northeastern California, northern Nevada and southwestern Idaho as well-a region "so big that one could put into it the states of New York and Connecticut, and have enough left over to make two or three of the smaller eastern states." The article, though no news here, is well written, and will be of value to Oregon in attracting the attention of the World's Work's eastern readers to this region.

an article from the Bandon Eagle that Portland business men ought to give the consider. It is an old story, but in one form or another must be repeated until action is taken, and a steamship line is established between this city and the rich, productive and resourceful Coquille valley. As the Eagle says, Bandon and the country back of it will do their part. Portland is not showing due enterprise in this matter.

Much more corn was raised in Oregon this year than in any previous year. Of course Oregon can

peration is essential to success. It never be sure of getting it all harsystematized effort to stop the opermous deliminate the desultory, and vested. Besides, it can be harvested mous waste that various observers the of this city enforce the law in re-

of over \$1,000,000 a day, nearly emocratic ticket; and that most of \$400,000,000 a year. Much of this waste is in the use of fuel, a large portion of the heat power of c being wasted. Some railroads improving in this respect, are reducing the amount of waste, but the testimony not only of Mr. Brandels but of other experts leads to the conbusion that the railroads could save a vast sum annually without impairing their service, and so render increased freight rates unnecessary.

For the second time the California supreme court has reversed the conviction of Louis Glass, vice president and general manager of the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph company, convicted of bribery. There aggregate of incalculable benefit to is no technicality too microscopic to serve as a ground for some courts' money outright in hand to the needy, decisions in favor of higher-ups convicted of crime.

Russia is also going to build a hig. navy. Considering what happene to the last one it had, it would better save its money, or spend it for

Letters From the People

A Victory for Personal Liberty. ference. And why not? In nearly of families to get homes of their the states this right is now denied, either directly or indirectly. For one or more schools there are state aid, state protection, compulsory laws inflicting their practices (as in compulsory vaccination, compulsory anti-toxin, the treating consumptives like

Portland, Or., Nov. 27,-To the quite an agitation of late in the press

of Portland regarding conditions in the "north end." It appears like a small tendencies, says the insurgent is a The boss of the horizont tendencies, says the insurgent is a termed, has probably not been blackthinker, and in a majority of cases mailed to any great extent, in fact, a is a college graduate. The insurgent much stronger emphasis might be put was loved in the west, that is gradu- on the state of affairs existing at pres-

It is quite a "who believe that the Dartmouth col-lege case, with its doctrine which and in fact, in several other rooming houses in that locality. Also if you modified; the modification to be that tier sex, you can find them galors, from the maid of 16 summers, to her more a franchise involves obligation, and wish to bask in the smiles of the that no grant should be made with- mature sister of 40. Another lodgin out a corresponding duty and that house in the same locality was visite out a corresponding duty, and that and five women were found and plen-

> A couple of white slave convictions are all very nice, but if all the north end crooks were tried singly, the court would be working overtime for the this interest the sanction and protection as broken at Omaha for the next 10 years. J. C. REYNOLDS. tion of law.

Challenges to Debate. Portland, Or., Dec. 3.—To the Editor of The Journal—Will you kindly publish this statement in reply to a letter in the Oregonian of the 28th instant from Cornella Williams of 1130 Francls avenue, city? Not wishing to impose upon your generosity for the publication of a printed controversy we founded in the United States; and the and Amelia Opic, novelist (1853), into which for many years no rail- pose upon your generosity for the publication of a printed controversy we make this challenge, to a kindly edurespectable part of the city, free of any expense to our opponents and extend to them the fullest courtesy. Here tected, and that they get a pound of is a chance for "righteous," "safe," bread as the law calls for. oken word" against the "evils" and "forces making for chaos" level headed people remain silent" herewith excused. If this challenge be not accepted

Elsewhere on this page is printed the contest without contesting it. Yours to "remove the rubbish" and the "good people" the "gain."
C. W. BARZEE, State Sec. S. P.

Portland, Or., Dec. 1.—To the Edi-or of The Journal—Among all the fads and fancies of our young political life, none impresses me as so thoroughly ridiculous as the word taxpayer. poor, poor taxpayer is, according to the peor, poor taxpayer is, according to the reports of meetings in the papers, the only citizen to be entitled to any consideration. Now, pray, explain to me, why not even every baby is a taxpayer. If I have an office in a down town building, which is owned by an easterner, he has paying the taxes or am I and the others, who are living there? You may be sure that as soon as his raise corn, and in some places and taxes are raised he will take the raise It is the duty of the coming legisla-but uninjured, and in doing this it to some extent it will pag well to out of our bides. Is not the common-ture to evolve a practical system for is said to move along a row about do so. For one thing, proper culti-a glass of beer? The heaviest taxvation of a cornfield puts the land payer is a saloonkeeper, and his taxes thing about so many of the are paid by the drinker. Now, let us are paid by the drinker. Now, let us of opinion that have appeared concernacknowledge as citizens only those who ing it is the simple statement of his ers of cities and coun-H. A. HEARST.

COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE

The lawyers disagreed, of course.

Read about the Chicago weather and be thankful that you live in Portland or somewhere clas in Oregon.

Nothing is gained by sending money away to mail order houses; the best policy is to buy of home merchants.

The way to develop is to develop-amplified to use all possible means of development, individually and collectively.

Well, a young woman could do worse hings than wear a man's clothing—housh it must be admitted that it is of exactly ladylike.

Hobos have formed a union. But here is little likelihood of their being ble to arbitrate with the ancient association of watchdogs.

Hood River apples and a Morrow county helfer are first prize winners at Chicago, Oregon can take first prizes on almost everything she pro-duces, anywhere. Wall street and the railroad magnates it is reported, are considering the advisability of pulling off another panic unless higher freight rates are secured Doubless they can do so, if they so determine.

According to items publish few weeks fowls have a straightful for gold. If these crease in frequency we may wholesale slaughter of fewist they have gold in their craw

A man was sentenced to a year's imprisonment in Clackamas county for neglect to support his family. Now the county will be at considerable organise feeding him, in idleneas, md the family can starve to death. What wisdom.

A Marion county man has taken his children out of school because the teacher will not teach them that the earth is flat and stationary, as he believes, and according to the Bible. But the days when a teacher would teach that the earth was round or flat, as the school directors required, are past.

one and as a result between \$20,000 and \$10,000 will be distributed among the flathermen.

The latest exploitation of Benton county lands is being made by the Boomington Fruit & Nut company, an organization completed at Bloomington, Ill, during the summer.

Gold Beach Globe: Just as we go to make up forms the "Devil." got his clumsy fist in to a galley of locals and as a consequence, have more "pie" than any thing else in the shop. We hope, however, our readers will forgive the Devil this time.

Turkey raising has become profitable Much read improvement is going ound Hermiston.

On one day, one Oakland firm handled-10,000 pounds of turkeys.

On November 20 a Talent man picked ine, large, ripe strawberries.

Mines in Mormon Basin, Malheur county are yielding encouragingly. Prineville banks show a big gain; ave resources of about \$1,000,000.

There are s dozen Congregationalists Vale, who will organize a church. Three new postoffices were estab-shed in Crook county in one week.

thin less than two months. 290 ade of products were shipped from

Since Curry county went wet, three alcons are planned for the little hamet of Gold Beach. Willamina man hung two quarters of beef in his woodshed one evening; never saw them again.

Wasco county taxpayers will vote on a new court house, which the Optimist ways is badly needed. Langlois is gradually rebuilding; one ew building is a hotel, and the upper loor of another will be used as a Woodlen's hall.

District Anna

Correspondence of Dallas Itemizer: Monmouth is no exception of a town. We have a few kickers here. They will kick if times are good, and kick if times are bad.

T. S. Kelsey of Powder River is just completing an irrigation ditch whereby he can irrigate 1200 acres of choice land only one and one-half miles from the city. The run of salmon on the Umpqua or the past season has been a barner me and as a result between \$20,000 and 15,000 will be distributed among the

the modern type was organized by the Rev. Henry Duncan of Ruthwell, Scot-Shortly after the successful inau-

a purely voluntary association began American savings banks are to receive deposits on December 2, 1816, types; mutual and joint stock. During the summer of this year the mutual banks are managed by trustimes had been hard, business was dull tees who give their services and as many people were turned out of

anticipated Great Britain in giving to ented in 1869; and the first gre tion of law.

was next incorporated in January, 1818, was killed in the atjack and commenced business in April fol-lowing. The savings bank of Baltimore general in Jefferson's cal opened as a voluntary association for Erastus Wells, the St. Louis merchant receiving deposits on March 15, 1818, and promoter (1822); and the date of and was duly incorporated in December the death of Hernan Cortes, conquerer

cational debate of the subject matter contained in the before mentioned letter, with the party named or any substitute whom she may choose. We will but the loaves sold in this city rarely newspaper after another. Commenting

shortage or scarcity of this commodity. in the "sawings" of "Socialism." The weight and if they do not they should "great pity" that the "great body" of be called into court and punished. Bread is and all other food stuffs pass through too many hands before reaching the consumer. The baker instead of dealing directly with the consumer first the fact that Ros delivers his bread to the grocer; the latter will not handle and distribute the bread without charge; the baker makes his profit, the grocer makes his, for it.

This juggling is the main cause the high cost of living. The country produces an abundance of everything but there is a class of sharks in the necessaries of life. are in authority to rectify this state of compel all bakers to live up to the law and should they not, adequate punish-ment should be meted out to them. THOMAS GUINEAN.

Shepard for Senstor. From the New York Evening Post.

as United States senator there can no manner of doubt. The remarkable manifest superiority, in point of quali-fication for the offce, to any other candidate that can be named felt on all hands, will hardly be

Pennsylvania, California and Iowa in the order named. The six states guration of savings banks in Great ing the largest amount on deposit are: Britain upon a popular and practical New York, Massachusetts, Connections plan these institutions began to attract California, Pennsylvania and Iowa. attention in the United States. The first organization of which there is record was effected in the city of New in savings banks \$3,191,882,000; second, York on November 23, 1815, but the Austria, with \$1,114,558,951 deposited: first of such banks to go into actual third, the United Kingdom, \$1,033,470,-operation was in Philadelphia, which as 204. American savings banks are of

tously, the entire profits being disemployment, much suffering occurred tributed in the form of interest on de-among the poorer classes of the com- posits. The joint stock savings banks meetings for relief were held and conafter stipulated interest has been

organized and began pusiness in the white spring of 1817. Thus the United States clared in 1823; John Brown was exempting of 1817. Thus the United States clared in 1859; and the first ground The savings bank of Salem, Mass., birthday of Richard Mon was killed in the atjack (1736); John Breckenrick

> "more senatorial qualifications center in him than in any other member of stimate of Edward M. Shepard.' resident of the little city of Utica did not prevent a Democratic legislature from electing Francis Kernan, of the

time, but they are very much higher all over the civilized world compared with 10 years ago.

In the large cities of Europe class fares now average per mile mor States, while sleeping car charges in foreign cities are from 20 to 20 per cent higher. It also costs about one third more for an American to travel the same distance in Europe than in the United States, taking the cheapest route

tain southern rallways. Co the factors in transportation, the out-

ANGLEFOOT

By Miles Overhol



nuts and papers.
And lay by a good
deal of pelf.
e may cut many
didoes and ca-

He may have a hat full of yellows— But pay day still feels good to me.

And, of course, he ne'er feels a disaster When he grapples a notion to shirk. But the cares that are bound to obsess him

Cause joy and contentment to flee, and troubles and worries possess him— That's why pay day feels good to me. Smile a little every day; put away your grouch.

Always keep tobacco in your old tobacco pouch.

When it comes to making verses, really
I'm no slouch.

You age, I had to find a word to rhyme
with that word "grouch."

Portland's Self Conceit. From the Bandon Eagle.

Being geographically in Oregon, Ban-don people retain some state pride, even though commercially in California. That is to say, if the wholesalers of Portland, which loudly proclaims itself both a progressive and an aggressive city, will put a steamship on the Coquille river run between Portland and Bandon, said vessel will be patronised to a good pay-ing hasis. ng basis.

But Portland is skeptical, and, so far as is local opportunity exists, slumb t is all right to investigate any business when this valley is already abund-antly well supplied from San Francisco looks foolish for Portland and in newise enhances the prestige of the Ore-gon metropolis in local eyes. What Portland and the Portland

or forever abandon the enormous and quille valley to Portland's principal competitor, San Francisco. Portland's tardiness in its own state betokens a taint of mosebackism so evident to Californians and newcomers, who as yet have accumulated no moss.

Let Portland awaken. Bandon wil do its part.

Whose Son Was He?

The Albany Democrat. Whose boy was the stranger killed at st this city? It may never be a hobe, an unpleasant designation; but after all he was simply some man getting toward home, where of the world beats for the mother who boy goes astray, and many feel like deal-ing leniently with the stranger out in the cold, even though there through his own bad habits and indiscretions. press generally refers to the band of men traveling through the country, whatever they may have been before, as hobos and tramps, and it gets hard-ened to the designation; but the mother with a boy of her own, whose heart is always soft for those in affliction, does not like its harshness, and would have something less severe, for perhaps it might be some one's boy closer home.

Compulsory Arbitration Needed From the Spokane Spokesman-Review. From Chicago, comes the terrible assertion that "5000 babies are starving as a result of the labor war."

father's and mother's hes at the thought of the suffering inflicted on the innocent and helpless It is an outrage, a travesty on prog ss, law and civilization, when lockout or the strike brings distress on adult non-participants. intolerable and unspeakable But it is industrial war results in the starvation of children and babies.

When will American citizens learn

that capital and labor have no right to fight? When will society realize that it suffers from their internecine cor employee in the garment industry of Chicago had had to be submitted to arbitration, the world would not have een horrified by the starvation of babies. Compulsory arbitration of in-dustrial differences must be wrought into the fabric of every American state.

lows pledged over \$1200 in to furnish their new hall.

Useful Feet

(Contributed to The Journal by Walt Maso be famous Kannes port. Lis prose poems are egular feature of this column in The Dail

feet are broad and flat and

large, and either shoe might be a barge. My feet are always in my way; I stumble o'er them every day; and all people that I meet are ever looking at my feet; Twe heard them saying as they passed, that Cinderella is outclassed. I gaze upon my trilbys wide for, through they look like hods of bricks, I've tmined them to some useful ks. If there's a sick man needing racks. If there is a street parade, those feet will give a street parade, and hasten to his bumble door, that I may do some helpful chore. efit the creature man, those feet are straining in their shoes, and not a minute will they lose; they carry aste away, that I may butt into the If strong, are battling with some grievon wrong, those trilbys fairly paw the quets, and praise me forty-leven ways, out I'm an idle, trifling skate, content to go a carless galt, who shies at cars and toll and sweat-my feat deserve