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It is a serious thing that we should see the full beauty of our lives only when they are passed or in visions of a possible future. What we most need is to see and feel the beauty and joy of today .-Maurice D. Conway.

THE SESSION'S OPPORTUNITY

NE OF THE large duties before the legislature is the subject of taxation. In his message Governor West points out the situation in a way that would seem to appeal to the members. His discussion is clear, and his conclusions in harmony with the best thought and ripest aperience.

Through a period of two years, a legislative tax commission delved into the subject, and as a part of their findings, two measures were submitted to the electorate as constitution. These measures advised the separation of state and county taxstion, proposing to draw state reveaues from franchises, public service corporations, inheritances and intangible property, and giving to the counties the power to regulate their own taxation.

in favor of the plan it was urged by the tax commission and reiterated by Governor West, first, that it would abolish at once the expense, friction and vain attempt to equalize taxation among the counties; second, place each tax in that branch of the herds runs dangerously high. government, local or state, best adapted to administer it; third, that the counties and cities of the state would have practical home rule in taxation; fourth, that equality could be secured by making all taxation ef-

and complexity.

One reason why many measures in popular lawmaking is in effect an indictment of the legislature.

body at Salem has a splendid oppor- interest. tunity for leadership that will be of may solve the tax situation more petty bills that usually find their way into legislative sessions.

DOUBLE HEADED GOVERN-MENT

S ACTING GOVERNOR, Senator Bowerman read a message to the legislature. He recommended a state board of control for conducting the state institutions.

What does he propose for the gov-These three with, in some cases, the state superintendent of public instruction, now have charge of the the trusted agents of the people tent.

trol, Mr. Bowerman says, "There is of the committees and legislators by self appeared at Sacramento with the present method of managing state's expense were without work to against all comers for the job he state affairs." Is there reason or do, and needed no clerical assist- was seeking. He made no bones manage affairs for the management could have been easily and promptly complish his ambition." of which there is already an excel- performed by a single competent. The Times does not go so far as lent board? In what way would a clerk. new board be superior to the exist- In the height of the abuse, the days," but thinks the new system ing board? Why have more of- cost of the clerkship graft amounted of primary nominations and of elect-

care exercised by an ordinarily pru- where received. dent business man," says Senator The Journal hopes this legislature nearly all newspapers, are agreed sire to answer some questions asked in

superintendent for an eastern Ore- apology. gon asylum two years before the asylum was completed, and to the payment of a salary in an office in which there are no duties.

DAIRY LEGISLATION

ent is confronted with the problems founded. of costly foodstuffs and scarce and He claims that the mean produc- states, also the only one from that high-priced help. It is in the devel- tion per acre of wheat, corn, barley, section since the retirement of W. oning process and has yet much to oats and potatoes has been increas- W. Eaton of Connecticut in 1879. do before it can pass into that period ing for many years, and that in the of profits that will expand it to the case of some of these products the extent that it will meet the demands increase has been greater than that of Oregon consumers.

state-wide tuberculin test, this made to go on almost indefinitely. branch of the dairy business should Mr. Olmstead concludes: "The be carefully consulted, and its inter- ability of the soil and the agricul- of The Journal-"For the Good of the ests be scrupulously considered, tural arts and sciences to produce Oregon wants a score of dairies to crops at a rate of increase greater every one that it has now. No pop- than either the normal rate of intry more stable.

committee to act with others in the all over the country." matter of legislation. It proposes quests partial compensation for out- plied. Population may possibly over-

tions as will be equitable. The point of this article is to imshould be exercised. The state will no need to worry. build splendidly for itself when it helps to build up its butter and cheese making industry, and it should never by any means do that which will have an opposite effect.

The place where it is essential to have drastic action with reference to consumptive cows is in the vicinity of Portland. It is here that population is congested. It is here that inspection and surveillance is necesthat it would make it possible to of consumptive animals in dairy

A NEW SENATE

The governor suggests that the Elkins, the disappearance of Hale posits rose to \$85,000,000. By the Oregon People." passage of the poll tax amendment and the petirement of Aldrich take end of 1881 to \$180,000,000. By at the last election opens the way away from the body four figures the end of 1901 to \$700,000,000 for the legislature to frame a bill who have been potential in making. In the great speech in parliafor submission at the next election, the senate a bulwark of privilege, ment which converted opponents of The suggestion would seem to appeal In the place of one there will be a the measure into supporters Glad- all that stands in the way of the utilto the good sense of the members as progressive Republican, of shother, stone used these arguments: Not ization of what will be Oregon's most offering solution to a tax situation a Democrat, and no successor of only will it aid thrift among the that is in a present state of unrest either of the other two can exert so tollers throughout the land, but it commanding an influence in legislation.

general respect, a failure that tempts and Dick of Ohio, all of whom will the people themselves more frequent- be succeeded by Democrats. Two ly into the legislative field. If the others of the same type but of lesser ing of the great economist. regular legislative body neglects to magnitude disappear in Flint of Calbe constructive, the people are driven ifornia and Piles of Washington who CONVICT LABOR ON THE ROADS themselves to construct. The very give place to progressive Republifrequent participation of the people cans. All these are changes unexpected and of a character to bring into the senate men fresh from the In the present emergency, the people and more alert to the popular

In Massachusetts, Lodge is fight- roads of Oregon. great value to the state. If it will ing for his life, and may not be his lead with intelligence, the electorate own successor. Every man of his state it supplies labor which is not will follow and in any action that type that passes from the body is a thereby diverted from the farm and good would come to the state than men of the Borah, Beveridge and stant and regular work of men. by the passage of a thousand of the Dolliver school that can restore the senate to its ancient position in the it removes the undesirable and unpublic confidence, all of which makes wise competition of free with conis regretable that Dolliver, by death, vict labor in a common market. and Beveridge, by defeat, have From the point of view of the passed from the chamber.

assurance of a better order.

LEGISLATIVE CLERKS

petent, seems a rational proposal. state institutions. The conduct of Whether or not Mr. Eaton has perthese institutions is a chief part of sonal scores to pay off, the state has what they have to do. It is one of no desire to pay for more clerks and therefore to be approved. the main things they are elected to than are necessary, nor money to do. They are at the capital, they are bestow on those who are incompe-

chosen for the purpose, and are best | It is common knowledge that the fitted to conduct the state institu- clerkship industry was formerly an tions. In taking the care of the inst!- open and notorious graft. Numerous tutions away from them, does the persons in clerical positions renacting governor, retired, propose for dered little, if any service. They se- States senators, the Los Angeles them merely to play golf and draw cured places without expecting to Times candidly admits that: In arguing for his board of con- tent to render efficient service. Many ator to be elected the candidate him-

ficials and more salaries? Why at one session to more than \$27,000. ing senators chosen by a popular have two boards when one will do? It was more than the pay and mile- vote is worse. In this opinion many and, in my opinion, it should and will "The public has the right to ex- age of the members. It was a farce down-and-out politicians, bosses and pect and demand that public money and a folly and fully deserved the interest serving public men agree, be expended with the same judicious wide condemnation that it every- but not many others. A vast ma-

Bowerman, as a clinching argument will avoid foolish things. It hopes that it is well that those "good old a communication to the daily press of devotion, as a class for the public growth and I wish further to make this unfor his proposed double-headed gov- the members will apply to the pub- days" are gone, and that government signed "Citizen." arament at Salem. Exactly so, and lie business the same principles of is more truly representative. that is why the public objects to a economy and conscience that they scheme of having two boards do apply to their private business, and In the city of London, with a pop- of contradiction, that they do.

is also why the public objected to the stituents they will have nothing for only 12 murders were committed appointment by Mr. Bowerman of a which to make explanation or last year, an average of one a month,

NO NEED TO WORRY

HAT THERE is no need to worry about the future food supply of America, is the opinion of Victor H. Olmstead, chief of the number of murders are obtained N ANY PROPOSED legislation, it bureau of statistics of the depart- from the Post-intelligencer, and we is important that no hardship be ment of agriculture. His annual resuppose other large American cities worked on the great butter and port denies that the fertility of the cheese-making industry of the soil is being washed away into the is it? state. It is highly essential for that streams, and that the productivity branch of the dairy business to be of cultivated lands is decreasing. He yet in its infancy, and for the pres- agriculture is decadent is not well

of population. He points out that In any legislation providing for a this increase of production can be Commonwealth Conference at Uni-

as temporarily influenced by immi-The State Dairymen's association gration has been demonstrated times berculin test under certain condi- agriculture, by the experiment stations, and has named a legislative tions and by the intelligent farmers

This is a timely note of official that the test be optional except optimism. The capacity of American where conditions seem to demand soil is practically boundless, when the exercise of authority. It re- better methods of using it are aplawed cows, and such other regula- take wheat production, but if so it will only be because American farmpress upon those who are moving in other crops and buy a portion of

POSTAL SAVINGS BANKS

HE experimental stage of postal savings banks in the United States has begun. Their extenin other lands is to be paralleled

In May, 1861, Gladstone's bill for their establishment in England the end of 1862 no less than 180,that meets after March 4. It 000 accounts for savings had been will also be a better senate. The opened, with sums aggregating \$3,- Society" and defeat of Burrows, the death of 750,000. By the end of 1871 de- Public Health Conscience Among the

go on the Oregon ballot is because . Four other fron clad stalwarts re- city, by large and certain command

For "city" read Wall street, and let us apply to ourselves the reason-

HERE APPEARS to be general approbation of the proposed bill for using the labor of convicts on the preparation of material for and working on the public

From the point of view of the distinct gain to the country. It is other industries depending on con-

From the point of view of labor

convict it supplies him with a healthy "Time makes aucient good un- occupation in the open air, not deduties, and the new blood and new in exchange for the mechanical work vigor that is intering the senate is in the stove foundry that which may call for some exercise of sense and I can understand. ingenuity. The road work is for the public good, it is lasting in its ernor to do? What the secretary of HE RESTRICTION of the num- there, will draw some satisfaction only amounts to a reduction in freight ber of legislative clerks to from this thought. In some sense it those actually needed and pro- is a reparation to the community for vision that they shall be com- the harm the convict knows he has done

> This road-making is an educative, a useful labor-not merely punitive,

A CANDID ADMISSION

W NVEIGHING against all progressive political legislation, and especially primary nominations and direct election of United render service. Many were incompe- the old days when there was a sen-

> to approve the practice of "the old jority of people of all classes, and justed by a properly framed law. I de-

while in Seattle, less than one twenty-fifth as large, there were 32 murders; or two and two thirds per month. There is somewhere around 70 times as many murders, in proportion to population, in Seattle, as in London. The figures as to the

The new senator from Maine, conserved and safeguarded. It is insists that the belief that American Charles F. Johnson, will have the distinction of being the only Democratic senator from the New England

would show a relative record. Why

Letters From the People

versity of Oregon.

Eugene, Or., Jan. 10 .- To the Editor Commonwealth" will be the slogan at the university on Friday and Saturday of this week. The students and faculty are intent on having the best resources ulation is more desirable, no indus- crease of population, or the normal of science brought to bear toward raising the plane of civic life in Oregon. third annual commonwealth conference has itself proposed a state wide tu- imumerable by the department of a great success. Men and women who have made themselves masters of subjects vital to the welfare of the citizenship of the state are coming from different sections with papers and dis-

That the state may lay surest foundations of permanent prosperity a fair proportion of its talented youth must become enamored with life on the farm. Big crops, prize apples and premium cattle alone will not suffice to make a great state. Conditions must cured for the farmers' sons and daughers find it more profitable to raise ters that will inspire richest thought and sentiment. This phase of the rural life problem will be the theme for the the matter that the utmost care their wheat of Canada. There is discussions of the first session on Friday morning.

As the normal school must prepare years that institution should have a teaching force and curriculum making it competent to fulfill this most responsible function. Oregon is about to sion from one in severy state therefore, most timely to have brought organize her normal school. to one in every town and village will out "the responsibility of the normal be soon in evidence if their history school for the achievement of rural life uplift.

render signal service to the commonwealth through mediating for the colloge graduates in the state and for the people of the different professions passed through parliament after toward securing larger and more ardent long debate. In September, 1861, cooperation in work of social better-Impelled by this conviction it books to receive deposits. Before sessions, Friday evening and Saturday has arranged for the second and third discussions of the subjects. "The College Graduates and Social "The Lawyer's Relation to "The Development of a

A scientific inventory of the land and water resources of the state is necessarily the first step toward making the most of them, so the securing of means for surveys of the land surface and the streams will be discussed. precious and unique source of wealth, her water powers, is a lack of a sufficient volume of will serve to make the chancellor tion of electricity from these water

legislatures often fail to assume a tire in Kean of New Jersey. Scott of of money in great sums for national university are only preliminary to more ing repartee. His notoriety caused him active service to the people by the unithrough its field agents. Ιt proposes to be the consulting social engineer for the state as a whole and for oned for a year in the French Bastile. the different civic units within its borders. It hopes to aid in fostering and coordinating the efforts of all agencies intent on social betterment, F. G. YOUNG.

"The Retrogression Review."

of The Journal-The Oregonian editorial composing and committing to the tabof the 9th inst criticising the Flint lets of his remarkable brain his little other paper. Just such knocking as aid of pen, ink or paper, unless upon that against the hest interests of Ore- the margins of the pages of these books, gon and the Pacific coast and in favor or by writing over the pages themselves, of the railroads who have held back using the bottle of cloves procured nomthe development of this state, has made inally for his stomach's sake, convert Oregon to appear to other states the ing them into the real "fool of the family" that the Ore- It was while it gonian has christened her. Has not the cided to change his name when he average reader ere this discovered that should be released believing that Arouet the editorial policy of the Oregonian is would be merged and forgotten in Volas wavering as the line of the Southern Pacific railroad is crooked? How any paper can come out and set up a roar couth." New occasions teach new grading in its essence, and providing, against the best interests of the state and the Pacific coast and in the interests of the railroads that have kept Oregon a wilderness so long is more than

Instead of arguing against free tolls through the Panama canal for all American coastwise vessels not owned charges of \$1 to \$1.25 per ton on all freight from or to Oregon that will pass through the canal, but also is almed to prevent the control or monopoly of all vessels in the interest of the few railroad highway robbers that now control the transportation facilities of the United States and in whose interests the Oregonian seems to be laboring, it should encourage our senators and representatives at Washington to work and vote for Senator Flint's amendment which will mean as much Who has that authority under the presfor Oregon as for the state Mr. Flint ent system? represents. Had the Oregonian taken more interest in the upbuilding and advancement of Oregon we would not now be the fool of the family and we would not have the freak laws that tend to time, which no one having a working put us further back in the race of prog-Wake up or move, either will do you good or it might be well to do like be held responsible under either system. used by a very disreputable gang for a neither reason nor justification for whom they were employed at the his sack and entered the lists to bid road & Retrogression Review, come out fair and square and fess up that the railroad interests write the editorials justification for Mr. Bowerman's ance. In numerous instances the about what he was after or about interests. Not every one in Oregon is plan? Why create another board to work of half a dozen committees the means he meant to employ to acmoss grown and willing to be led blind-"PROGRESSIVE."

Teachers and Civil Service. Portland, Jan, 11 .- To the Editor of The Journal-The movement to place the teachers of our public schools ungiven the support of every right work are among the most faithful and in fractions: thinking person.

Admitting there are some legitimate reasons adverse to it, these can be ad-

First: Do the grade teachers of this the people place in responsible posi-city want that system? Will answer tions in the public service, would emu- "Yes, ma'am, said the boy, T know that by saying, without the least fear late their example in this respect, there all about fractions, but I know all about I've lived through yet for I've done what can better be done by one. It that when they return to their con-ulation of more than 6,000,000, Second: Why does the Civic

COMMENT, AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE

Now Mr. Bowerman is only a senator, was enough of it for a few

At last Oregon has a real elected governor again. Don't worry; the sun is traveling back bon t word every day.

It is easy to talk economy, but O how The Democrats in the Oregon legis

lature are not "fighting. The fuel dealers are about the busiess people in town these days.

Inaugural balls seem to be going out of fashion—another good sign. The high price of votes-or any price at all-is worrying some people. The weather recently cannot be said to have been ideal for joy riding.

It is apposed that the new senator from California is a man who Works, California has put herself squarely into the politically progressive column. Many bills that have merit are not important enough to be enacted into

Nobody knows but Peary whether he got to the Pole, and perhaps he doesn't know.

Many new governors now. A rhyme is not always reason, but West rhymes There must always be "fights" in a legislature, usually over nothing worth

Women can vote in the state of Washington, but apparently a them don't care to do so. but apparently a majority of

By the time the committees are ap-pointed enough bills will have been in-troduced to make work for 40 days.

Walla Walla wife has a new ground for divorce; her husband laughed, at her because she was left handed. Atles Pomerane, the new senator from the teachers of the boys and girls of Ohio, is said to be a Tom Johnson the country during their most plastic Democrat. That is a very good variety.

Occasionally a brief spell of what eastern people might recognize as winter manages to blow in from the north Many records will be broken this

year; more probably than in any preceding year. But a list of them cannot be published in advance. According to a Los Angeles newspaper a man in that city in looking through his grandfather's bible found an \$8 bill. But this may not induce many

to search the scriptures. It is 40 degrees below at Devil's Lake, and 40 above at Portland. Take choice. By the way, the name of place seems to be an unjust reflection on the exar of the lower regions.

It was wille in prison that he de-

want that system? Suppose it is to

give the teachers simple justice by place

ing them on an equal footing with oth-

er public employes having equal res-

Third: If adopted, what person

er who can get a certificate but can-

No more vital question could be asked

upon this particular subject as it strikes

at the root of one of the greatest shams

in our educational system-that of the

be somewhat modified, especially in one

which she must meet in the everyday

work of the class room, instead of ask-

solved in the text book. I will answer

that others have

If that most important problem, viz.,

the lack of ability to impart instruction

to others, should exist under civil ser-

vice, it certainly exists at the present

knowledge of our educational system

Civil service would be one of the

frankly admit as one of the crying ne-

cessities for the betterment of the ser-

Civil service has come to stay. I

has proven its worth in every depart-

ment of our government and city. Then

why should it not do so in the public

I do not anticipate a law that would

that our teachers desire to be so placed.

conscientious of our public servants,

and should have been among the first

These engaged in the public

examination of teachers. This evil can

ponsibility.

not teach?

schools?

OREGON SIDELIGHTS. Increase in Union's postal receipts 21

Redmond is to have three salcons; The Farmers' & Merchants' bank is a new institution at Coquilie.

Fruit growers' association may formed in Columbia county. In two years deposits in Central Point bank increased from \$60,000 to \$180,000.

Sunnyside, near Milton, produced lus-cious strawberries for both Christmas and New Year's.

The school census for Podk county hows 2340 boys and 2119 girls, a total of 4449, or a gain over last year of 323.

With the opening of the new year development operations in the vale oil fields will take on a greatly increased activity, reports the Baker Democrat, At least two new companies will begin Monroe man says that part of the

valley is soon destined to be one of the greatest fruit sections of the state. Three large fruit growing corporations are making investments and setting out

Stayton is growing faster than almost any other small town in Oregon, says the Mail. In the past year a large num-ber of fine new buildings have been constructed both in the business and residence districts.

The present outlook for Seio and vi-cinity for the year 1911 seems to be most promising, says the News. With the crop prospect being excellent and the new blood which is sure to come to our town, the business outlook is first class.

An amazing list of natural resources has been placed contiguous to Gold Hill, and so placed that the industries resulting from their development must be located here, beasts the News. Gold, iron, copper, lime, cement, brick clay, times copper, lime, coment, brick clay, tim-ber, water power—all in abundance—lie right at the very gates of the city to be.

Dr. E. Watson of North Bend, relates the Harbor, who has made it a practice o give away hundreds of presents to the shildren every year, broke all rec-ords at playing Santa Claus this year by hiring the Star theaire Saturday night, and aside from having a present or nearly 600 children, gave a free

The farmers in the country surrounding Monmouth have been trying in every possible way to find some method by which they can keep the jackrabbits from ruining the many acres of young orchards, reports the Itemizer. The rabbits come in bands, and although y hunters have been sent out to them, more of them continue to come in.

Brownsville begins the new year with bright prospects, reports the Times. Among many improvements and projmany many improvements and projects in prospect are the completion of the sewer system, grading and graveling Main street, the building of the Albany & Interurban railroad from Albany to Brownsville and on up the Calapoola that valley, several new business buildings and new residences, besides an era of cement sidewalk construction.

SEVEN LITERARY PRISONERS

Voltaire.

Voltaire was the name assumed ca- | taire, as Poquelin had been in Moliere. more or less, in the weaker roads, and prictously by Francois Marie Arouet, Of the minor details of his sojourn in withdraw from public owneship. the French dramatist, who was born the Bastlie very little is known. With Young Francols the close of January, 1718, there was erty; a bondholder is a creditor. So the near Paris in 1694. distinguished himself in boyhood by a new police minister appointed, and general public was losing steadily its his aptness for learning, his malignant through the influence of his father ownership in American railroads and bewit and his inclination to scoff at re- Francois was released on the 11th of coming simply a creditor. This condi-His godfather, a fashionable April, having been confined almost a tion was not grary abbe, introduced him at an year. With what joy he exchanged capligion. and literary abbe, introduced him at an year. early age into courtly circles, where tivity in the gloomy cell of the Bastile all the great industries of the country. of the exchequer independent of the powers for use in the homes and on the he speedily learned the hollowness of for freedom on the pleasant slopes of everything around him and gratified Chatenay, his father's home, may be his taste for artful compliment and bit- imagined The "Oedipe" was accepted by be accused, wrongfully for once, of Comedie Francaise and was presented writing indecent satirical lines on the in that famous playhouse for the first death of Louis XIV, and he was impristime on the night of November 18, 1718, with the author as the venerable pon-It was while so confined that he actiff's train bearer. Thus did Voltaire complished his greatest work, the writreceive the reward due, not only of his the ing of his tragedy of "Oedlpe," and the genius, but to his perseverance, patience sketching of his epic "L'Henriade." He and powers of conciliation and concesentered the Bastile on the 17th of May, sion. "Oedipe" was performed for for-1717. He was caged without books, pen, ty-five nights successively, something ink or paper in a gloomy cell. He bealmost unprecedented in these days, It Ashland, Or., Jan. 10 .- To the Editor gan at once to amuse himself with was published early in 1719.

From 1726 to 1729 Voltaire dwelt in England, and in 1750, on the invitation trolled the main property. It was not amendment to the Mann bill before piece, "La Bastile." Shortly after his of rederick II of Prussis, went to only mat they held great blocks of congress to regulate the tolls of the confinement he was allowed two books Berlin to live. He remained there for Panama canal is one of the class that of Homer, but it has never been defin- three years, during which he enlivened ket; but their information, as managers, has turned many intelligent people away itely ascertained how he succeeded in the royal circle by his wit, and in 1758 continually showed them when it was from that paper to The Journal or some writing his famous verses without the be purchased two small estates not far wise to buy and to sell. from Geneva, and at his chateau of Ferney, on one of these, he passed the 000 and \$100,000,000 made in a decadesuing his literary labors. He died dur-ing a visit to Paris in 1778. The genius he contributed to almost all departments of literature. his name when he

Tomorrow-Hugo Grotius.

Advice to Mr. Hoff.

From the Spectator. Probably he does not know it-and

I sincerely hope he does not-but it is a fact that Labor Commissioner Hoff ersons have the power to save the is being used as the instrument of a children from the highly educated teach- wholly unsavory gang for the persecution of one or two of Portland's business displacement. men. The labor commissioner has had business men on charges of violating the labor laws, which say women shall not be permitted to work more than 10 hours a day. Trials-in which not a city, when testing the teacher, by re- tittle of evidence has been produced to quiring her to solve those problems prove the contention of the prosecution -have been followed by acquittal; and again the business men have been aring her to work for the answer to rested on another trumped-up charge, which ventilation in court has proved to be wholly untrue and malicious.

the question directly by asking another. Labor Commissioner Hoff, I have suggested, probably did not know he was being used as the instrument whereby a nasty form of revenge was taken on the business men; and his office may have acted in good faith in causing the first arrest. But the malice shown in the rearrest of the men should have put him on inquiry, and should have warned will deny, then the same authority must very dishonorable purpose,

greatest incentives for young men to Assuming before that Labor Commis-enter the teaching ranks for a life sioner Hoff was ignorant of the manner work, which all of our leading educators in which he was used to satisfy a grudge, I will now assume that he will at once cease to be a catspaw.

A Light on Maternity. From the New York Tribune.

famous psychologist, would often illuminate a misty subject with an appropriplace the teacher above constituted au-thority, nor do I think, for one moment, Discussing Discussing motherhood in a lecture on

psychology, Professor James once said: " Buppose that your mother baked an apple ple and there were seven of you-

to receive the benefits of civil service. the parents and five children. What part From personal knowledge, I can test of the pie would you get for your por-From personal knowledge, I can testify to their self sacrificing spirit and tion?

tify to their self sacrificing spirit and devotion, as a class for the public good.

"A sixth, ma'am, the boy answered.

"But there are seven of you, said the seacher. Don't you know anything

TANGLEFOOT

By Miles Overholt



A firm in New Jersey is preparing to buy the offcast Chinese queues and yeave them into rugs. Seems like there should be a dandy opportunity to say something about hair-looms in this connection, but it is clear on beyond us.

BUT MEBEE HE'S RIGHT. A reputable London physician says that to be brilliant one must continually use the fingers. "The brightest men."

he says, "employ the fingers on some kind of work constantly." Just a moment, please. Deaf and dumb man at the rear of the hall begs to state that he has used his fingers for every purpose all his life-singing hymns, swearing and asking the time of day-and he is still unable to make a living with be his brains. So long, doc. SOUTHERN SLOPE, MEBEE.

At McMinnville there is a young man amed Pleasant Orchard. His grandfather, they say, was a Northern Spy. He is not a Baldwin, but he makes a Maiden Blush. He is the apple of his mother's eye. But, snyway, that's a peach of a name. The Consecration of Profits.

In "Masters of Capital in America," in the January McClure's, John Moody and George Kibbs Turner tell the story of railroad control and also of the concentration of railroad profits among a few men.

"In the meanwhile, it was not control alone that was centering; it was profits. This was absolutely inherent in the process that was going on. railroads were buying stocks by selling their own bonds. It was good business to sell a 4 per cent security to buy one that could be made to pay 6; and buy it at a cost which would make it yield 8. and 10 per cent on the investment. One thing was continually happening; the amount of stocks in the hands of the publid were growing relatively smaller all the time, and the amount of bonds always larger.

"From 1893 to 1906 the amount of stocks in the hands of the public increased only one eighth. The steeks in the hands of railroads were almost five times as great in 1906 as in 1893. In 1906 the railroads held almost half of the stocks of the country; they had been replaced in the hands of the public principally by bonds. And ever when stocks of strong companies were issued to buy other stocks, the amount of stocks in public hands was still reduced. For one share of a strong company sold at par or more would pay for two shares

"A stockholder is an owner in a propwas a movement that was going on in

"Now, by this process, the profits of ownership were concentrated into a comparatively smaller body of stock; but they were still more concentrated into the stocks of the dominant companies, which held the controlling interest in the smaller ones. For example, the 100 per cent profit from \$90,000,-000 of Southern Pacific stock bought at about 50, and the 50 per cent profit from \$80,000,000 of Northern Pacific bought at about par, all centered in the \$300,000,000 stock of the Union Pa-

cific. "And, last of all, the profits focussed again upon the group of men who condominant stocks through a rising mar-

"Fortunes like Harriman's of \$75,000,last 21 years of his life, sedulously pur- growths such as came to the allies of Morgan in the northwest from the Great of Voltaire was of wide variety, and each scores of millions—seem by them-Northern, which gave a group of men selves almost miracles. To many they seem so abnormal as to be credited only to criminal methods. As a matter of fact, they are simply products of an inevitable logical process of concentration that had taken place in American railroads for the past half century.

Naval Headquarters on the Pacific. From the Milwaukee Wisconsin.

It is proper that the harbor of San Francisco should be made sufficiently deep for naval vessels of the greatest

The matter was discussed in the pres warrants issued for the arrest of these | fdent's cabinet yesterday, and Secretary Meyer said that he would personally ask for \$900,000 for improvements in the immediate vicinity of Mare Island. The war department has asked for \$510,000 for the dredging of Pimole shoal to, 30 feet at low water. When the Panama canal is completed

the navy will spend more time on the Pacific side of the continent than It does now. The improvement of the navy yard at Mare Island, making It equal in all respects to the first class navy yards on the Atlantic coast, is sound policy. Meanwhile opportunities to save by cutting out the useless navy yards, and by keeping naval construction within a reasonable limit, should not be neglected.

The New Year

(Contributed to The Journal by Walt Mason, the famous Kansas poe., L.s prose-poems are a regular feature of this column in The Daily The old year's gone his misty way;

the new year's with us, brave and gay. What will the new year bring, we ask, as we pursue the daily task? The answer to it all depends on divers little The late William James, Harvard's things, my friends. If we determine to do right, the year will treat us pretty white; if we elect to go astray, the year will soak us every day. All years are pretty much the same; they always play "A teacher asked a boy this question they wear a smile, and then they snort the same old game; when ushered in around a while, and put some silver in our hair, and then they're gone, I don't know where. They play no favoritee, the years; and what we know of smiles or tears depends upon the path we take, and not on vows we make or break. Be live that when this year is gone you may behold the next year's dawn, with eyes serene, and calmly say: "The good

old year that's slid away beat any year nothing I regret."

would have been no demand for a re-mother, too. Mother'd say she didn't call law. M. L. PRATT. want no pie."