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Burke said there were three estates in parliament, but in the Reporter's Gallery yonder, there sat a fourth estate more important far than they all .- Carlyle.

AN ABSURD RECOMMENDATION

MAN, retired, wants the Ore- brought under subjection. gon conservation commission abolished, and his efforts are Senator Ben Selling was acting govversy between factions in the federal haps any other. government relative to Oregon re-

Mr. Bowerman's information was of social injustice." bad. No sum of \$5000 was appropriated for the commission. The amount for the two years was \$1000 and of this sum but \$565 was expended.

useful purpose."

Second, the money was much better expended than in Mr. Bowerman's famous scheme of putting Dr. Plamondon on a salary of \$3000 a year two years before his services were required at the Oregon branch asylum. The work of the commission valuable service to the state. It was to the original commission that is largely due the enactment of the Orecon water code. That achievement and the fruit it has borne is evidence of the field there is for a conserva-

The work accomplished through the water code is alone worth the cost of a commission for a century, and there remains other fields for similarly fruitful endeavor by the body. It has limited the franchises on water powers to a period of 40 years and at the end of the time returns the title to the state instead of allowing it to remain the vested right of a private corporation. If there had been an Oregon conservation commission 20 years ago, the Portland Railway, Light & Power company would not now claim ownership of the Willamette Falls and would not be warning farmers along the river to its source that they must not take water from the stream for falls.

The trouble with Oregon has been denied by the commission. that it did not have conservation commissions long ago. As fruit of the first commission's work under the water code, seven new Carey projects of irrigation have been instituted in eastern Oregon. These clude the Lower Powder valley, 60,-000 acres, Jordan valley, 60,000. Warner valley, 100,000, the John Day, 150,000, and others.

During the last 10 months of 1909 464 applications for permits to appropriate water were filed with the state engineer at Salem, all under of the proposed projects is estimated at \$30,000,000.

tion commissions. The work of the present one as well as that of its to safe his fruit and crops. predecessor has attracted national atlamette valley, protection of forests munity where he is known.

asylum!

PROGRESS AND HEALTH

HE MARVELOUS progress in the warfare on disease during the past few years is one of the encouraging signs of the times. The death rate has been greatly reduced. Some diseases have been almost completely conquered and others are in process of conquest. Smallpox, once an annual TN THE FIRST three days of bus- End for our mail. scourge that killed thousands, is seldom fathi, Malaria, that less placed in the new postal savings than a century ago rendered a large proportion of the population January 12. The aggregate of the Vermont: 'I believe that within five

the discovery that it is often caused ing business at Klamath Falls. creasing.

safely predict that before the end of deposits there are extremely small, this century its victims will be few. due to unusual confidence in the This result will be partly due to local banks. the discovery of the skin-test. By But, with the extension of the syssimply rubbing a little tuberculin tem, there will be heavy and numerinto the skin, a reddening is pro- ous deposits in the postal savings induced which informs the physician stitutions. In older communities of the presence of the disease at the than Klamath Falls a larger percentearliest stage, long before it has he- age of money is in hiding. It is come infectious to others, and when largely from the hiding places that a cure is easy.

been greatly reduced, and will be paid by the government will permit more so from year to year, as au- the private institutions to still rethorities, philanthropists and par- main strong bidders for business, and ents realize the needlessness of the the less timid will continue as patnow a new disease, infant paralysis, is baffling the physicians, but it may bringing of the hidden money into CTING GOVERNOR BOWER- be expected that it will, ere long, be circulation and an appreciable en-

education becomes broader and more system has been in operation since seconded by the Oregonian. In a practical, and scientific investigation 1861, the number of depositors inmessage read to the legislature while probes deeper and in more directions, creased from 7.239,761 in 1897 to Certain rich men are greatly aiding 10,692,555 in 1907. There is now ernor, Mr. Bowerman stated that this form of progress by large dona- due British postal savings bank de-\$5000 a year was being expended on tions for the purpose of investiga- positors \$787,500,385, or about one the Oregon commission. He said: tion and experimentation. Results half the total deposits in the sav-The state appropriates \$500 for of these benefactions are already be- ings banks of New York state. The each two years for forest fire pro- coming apparent, notably in the dis- British postal banks pay 21/2 per tection and \$5000 for a like period covery of a specific, that is said to cent interest while the new Amerfor the Oregon conservation com- do its work almost instantaneously, ican banks pay but two. * * Its policy has fre- with a disease that has caused more quently been to enter into contro- misery to the human race than per-

But more and better than discovsources and the conservation there- eries of new medicines is the growof. It has performed little if any ing realization of the people that, as real service to the state. I would re- Dr. Woods Hutchinson has said, "the spectfully recommend . . . that best medicines are neither physic nor the conservation commission be abol- prayer, but food, fresh air, sunshine, ished, and the money heretciore appure water, and personal cleanliness. propriated to it be de-oted to some Health has become a moral question. Disease is recognized as a symptom

A CASE OF REGULATION

THE EFFECT of government regulation is evidenced in the anreport shows how vain and foolish is public spirit of its members steps in the professed consternation of those wherever the public interests of the who claim to see peril to investment city or the state are at stake, and in public regulation, a consternation throws heavy influence into the occasionally paraded in Oregon.

sion, the profits of the traction com- wise be loss. panies in the city were \$32,000,000 in 1910, against \$24,000,000 in complain of the alleged selfishness 1909, an increase of 25 per cent. of Portland, it is without a realizathe gas and electric companies of Commerce is doing for the whole the object of the petitioner. mounted to \$61,000,000, an increase state. Its horizon is not local nor of 17 per cent. Instead of being narrowed. Its influence has been service cornorations was the most most every considerable district from closing the season on the profitable in the history of the city. Washington to California, and from

ficacy is told in its refusal to allow tons of costly literature that for 42 months, the corporations made ap- that this year it is issuing in greater issue \$82,000,000. By the refusal, and spread broadcast by Portland the people of New York are saved men for all the state. from having to pay interest and div- The Portland chamber is not only ization of the Third Avenue elevated, that makes for advancement, is efrequest was made by the corporation | fective and devoted in everything di- state more than the road question. trigation purposes if by so doing ities, but it was refused. Then rethey reduce the flow of water at the most received for authority to be sue \$54,000,000, but even this was

> not to be assailed, but must be pro- is ground for complaint, for the numterferes with, and it ought to.

HE DIDN'T LIKE OREGON

STATE EXCHANGE credits the following item to the Garden City (Kansas) Herald:

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schaffer the new water code. The total cost have returned from Oregon where they were lured by the advertisements of the country, but he says he would not trade 20 acres of good old Kansas land Oregon should have nothing but for a hundred in Oregon. Talking of thanks for the work of its conserva- insect pests he says there is a dozen out there to one in Kansas and the life of the farmer is one continual battle

tention, and been the subject of what part of Oregon Mr. Schaffer who declared that the country is now that it has made possible and inevitable frequent encomium, as well as being visited, what the insect pests were, practically defenseless and at the the physical, and moral, and a model from which other states how long he remained, and how mercy of Germany, Japan or any first simplification of home life through inhave copied. Its present endeavor in much he looked around; and also class power. The inference is that vention and manufacture, the growth of striving for dry land farming in what Mr. Schaffer's reputation for it is necessary for the United States large cities with their popular educaeastern Oregon, irrigation in the Wil- truth and veracity is in the com- to be as thoroughly prepared for im-

bringing the state's resources into pressed. Where there is one Mr. is very different. It is a wonder universal historian who utilization, is a splendid activity.

Schaffer there are 100 men and famsome of these alleged statesmen and change in the position of women will And for the past two years, it cost liles who judge Oregon fairly, ac- professors would not want a com-\$565. What a different story from knowledge its advantages and oppor- pany of soldiers around their dwell- the most excellent achievement of ours. Mr. Bowerman's matchless scheme of tunities. There are some insect ings or lodgings, and a warship in the For we will never evolve a heroic race hiring a costly asylum superintend- pests in the state, as there are in all nearest creek. Is it possible that of people on the earth until we give ent two years before there is an states, but Oregon is about as free they can sleep o'nights, for fear of of active intelligent virtue. That we from them as any state.

> But Mr. Schaffer is welcome to go power? back, if he feels like it. He is probably in love with the blizzards that sweep, Kansas in the winter and the office, everything considered, is prebmightily productive state, for all have preferred it built on the presthat.

DISAPPOINTMENT AT KLAMATH

iness, only nine deposits were miserable, is scarcely more than deposits was \$200, and they ranged years the United States will have ne-

And now that greatest foe of all, tu- explanation that no financial flurry it will be sure. berculosis, is being systematically and has ever penetrated to Klamath Falls scientifically attacked, and one may and that the old stocking and tin-can

the postal savings deposits will be Infant mortality in particular has recruited. The smaller interest rate

A virtue of the plan will be the largement of the volume of circulat-Progress will be made steadily, as ing medium. In England where the

THE CHAMBER

T IS AGREEABLE news to be assured that the Portland Chamber of Commerce in its campaigns is seems impossible that its splendid usefulness in the past can be increased in the future, but such is the

The public has never fully comprehended all this most excellent organization means to Portland and Oregon. What is everybody's business is nobody's business and that would be the way with most public matters but for organizations like nual report of the New York the Chamber of Commerce. The public service commission. The alertness, the self sacrifice and the breach with the inevitable result Under honest and effective public that there is promotion of the commonwealth where there would other-

The story of the commission's ef- the Pacific to the Idaho line. The

Public regulation will not harm le- over the official census, that gives it But most other cities are similarly The best thing for all of us cities to ors, too. grow between now and 1920.

Representative McLachlan of California presented Saturday a state-It would be interesting to learn ment of a man named Heidekoper, mediate war as if it were one of the world.

> The site selected for the new postent site, but there were strong and sufficient reasons against this. We will have to get used, some years hence, to going down to the North

This cheering statement is attribbank opened at Klamath Falls, uted to Representative Foster of

slain its millions, has been banished ond largest deposit was \$60, and Britain and Japan providing for the from countries that have used sim- others were \$3, \$5 and similar submission of all differences to the ple weapons for its destruction. Peo- amounts. Not a dollar was with- permanent court of arbitral justice ple are now armed against the sec- drawn from either of the four banks which we expect to establish at The ond greatest foe to life, typhoid, by that have for several years been do- Hague." This result would lack a good deal of completeness, but would by impure water, bad milk and the Surprise is expressed at Klamath be a big beginning. Progress toward house fly. Already typhoid is de- that the amount and number of de- an agreement among all the great naposits are not larger. It is ursed in tions to forego war must be slow, but

Pennsylvania has recovered about \$1,600,000 of \$5,000,000 or more out of which the state was swindled, in the construction of its capitol, and has sent several former state officials and contractors to prison for short terms-which is doing very well, for Pennsylvania.

Twice in the course of a statement referring to one made by Butler Ames, who is opposing Senator Lodge, Colonel Roosevelt denounces Ames' statement as an "outrageous falsehood." This has a familiar sound.

Letters From the People

Fish Peddler Makes Protest.

Portland, Or., Jan. 14 .- To the Editor of the Journal-The council in its anxlety for the well being of the citizens of Portland has eliminated one set of business men which is as essential to a certain class of people as the bankers are to another kind. By forbidding the peddling of fish, the council not only nurts the men who make a living in this way, but inconveniences 90 per cent of the people who buy of them. In spite of the theories, there are a good many if they had them could use them on account of not being able to speak Eng-At the price of fish at present, or in the future, fish markets as such are out of the question, and as a side line for a meat market are not a success. The writer lived in a city of 5000 inhabitants in which a fish market was tried by all kinds of people for 25 years. and which is without one today, because rent, delivery wagens, telephones, etc., prohibit the maintenance of a market. The consequences are that instead of at liver fish and buy their provisions, they ship to Seattle, and the butchers get a supply from there when it is cheap, while as a peddler I made good money to support my family.

With all respect for a city council and its action, when it commences to injure trade, and buyers as well as sellers, without doing a single, solitary person benefit, it lacks common sense. city to be a city must foster every egitimate way of making a living. Plato's republic is good on paper, but does not work out in reality.

came in here this week, ordered a bill of fish paid for a license, and when told that his license would run out in March for a license and the people of his town have to be deprived of fish whether they like it or not, as peddling is also proof business in Oregon and send them to Scattle because the people of that city have an idea that business is a necessity for a city. Before the councilmen pass an ordinance I would suggest to them to send a committee of three to some of With gas at 80 cents, the profits of tion of the great work the Chamber the parties interested, and see what is

Here is a case: The dealers in Seattle desired to kill a competitor in another city who could get crabs during the harmed, the business of the public felt in behalf of the welfare of al- Portland fair, and so had a law passed d for The competitors came to Oregon, went to the coast of Oregon, supplied men with boats, nets, bait, etc. and furnished just about all the crabs unnecessary issues of securities. In years it has circulated abroad, and that were sold during the fair in Port-How much did Seattle or the land. state of Washington lose? Oregon made plication for the issue of \$361,000,- volume than ever, is for the benefit at least \$10,000 a year by a law passed 000 additional securities but were of all Oregon. It is interature paid by misinformed councilmen of Seattle. only allowed by the commission to for by Portland money and prepared Fair play for all men with favors to-R. GILROY. wards none.

Better Roads Needed.

Yacolt, Wash., Jan. 12 .- To the Editor idends on an added \$279,000,000 of stable and influential, but is broadly of The Journal-Now that the legislawatered stock. Thus, in the reorgan-progressive. It is vigilant in all ture is in session. I think there is no more vital question nor one that concerns the interests of the country and to issue \$68,000,000 of added secur- rected at the public good and its have here in Clarke county, as well as in cash. The lady, with great presence quest was made for authority to is- campaigning than ever is good news. Idle for the want of roads. I don't think there has ever been anything Eugene is greatly disappointed raised on it except umbrellas and taxes. His request was granted, and while a Every acre lying idle for want of roads gitimate capital. It cannot afford a population of only 9009, when it vidual. Thousands of dollars are spent is a loss to the county, state and indito harm legitimate capital. Capital thought it had 12,000, or at least annually to advertise this country, but is essential to development, and is more than 10,000. Quite likely there nothing for roads. I am amazed at the backward appearance of everything here, compared with other less favored tected in all its legitimate functions. ber of school children, of voters, and localities which attained fame for their involve the ultimate reclamation of It is capital and capitalists that are of directory names, indicate that the fruit. Now take fruit raising, for incrooked which public regulation in enumeration is 2000 or more short, stance, as many people know we could excel in most all varieties of fruit. We must have roads as well as markets. disappointed, so Eugene has plenty scientific fruit raising is not only eduof company. The fact probably is cational but it is historical. Adem was that while a small proportion of considerable of an orchardist himself. names were missed, or unjustly ex- held in the garden of Eden I think it cluded, estimates were too high, and was Adam who carried off most of the the real number lies between the ex- prizes. He seemed to manage the busipectation and the official return. ness without any aid from fruit inspect-

Now, in view of these facts, it seems do now is to forget the census and to me we have either too much discussee how much and how, well we can sien and not enough work, or else tomuch work and not enough discussion. E. J. EOYLE.

Woman Suffrage Important.

The industrial era-for all the ill we say of it, we must say this great good. have given her a free place in the active from fire, and other activities for But the inquiries need not be European nations. But our situation ture of these ages. To a distant and appear, not only the most striking, but of active, intelligent virtue. That we Germany; Japan or some other have begun to do. And no act at the present time can more urge and certify this great step in the history of life than to give it a political expression and guarantee. Citizenship will rouse and educate women, it will develop our sizzards that scorch her in the sum- ably as satisfactory a choice as could ideal of them; therefore, it is a dommer—though Kansas is a great and have been made. Most people would inant necessity of advancing civilization that they have it .- Max Eastman in North American Review.

A Century of Peace. From the World's Work.

The celebration of anniversaries of We have always battle is common. kept centenaries of wars. This year, new idea that we should observe a centenary of peace. One hundred years ago, come December 24, 1914, we made with Great Britain a treaty which we

COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE

First killing of the wheat crop. Nearly time to predict a flood.

Dr. Plamondon will have to wait while, at least.

Another holiday is proposed. There are quite enough now.

Another prominent man has told an outrageous falsehood.

It was only a short mild spell of the eastern style of winter. Postal savings banks should multiply

soon. The people need them. The plumbers brightened up a li but Jack Frost did them little good. plumbers brightened up a little

While everything else has gone up human life is about as cheap as ever. Rats on women's heads are to go, but something worse, if possible, is prob-able.

Now come the senatorial deadlocks If the people If the people elected directly there would be none of them.

The indications are that President aft will not have William J. Bryan Taft will not have Wil for an opponent in 1912.

Peary gets the official honors and big salary, but Cool retirement on a big sala made considerable money.

If Lorimer is turned out, there isn't likely to be any more buying of seats in the senate for a while. Now the legislature should get through with its factional fights speed should get

lly, and settle down to business. The Texas legislature may investigate to determine how it was that one Re-publican was elected to that body.

There are bitterly opposing factions mong the woman suffragists also. among the woman suffragists also They are much like men when it comes to politics.

There is a great amount of gold to be dug in Alaska, no doubt, but it is but a pinch compared with the gold to be got from Oregon soil.

"If you are nervous, just stop talk-ing," advises an Italian nerve special-ist. But most people troubled with nervousness are women.

The weather bureau says the recent cold spell came down from Alaska, but it didn't bring down any of that Alaska coal, or gold, either, with it. The Sunken Gardens at Pasadena is

to have a flock of storks. But this may not result in any increase in the birth rate of that city and vicinity. The manager of E. M. Shepherd's senatorial campaign in New York is named D. A. Boodle. But nobody as-

serts that Shepherd or he is a boodler.

The colonel has been heard from again sufficiently to denounce Butler Ames of Massachusetts as an rageous liar. The colonel is still him

Frank Klernan boasts that he has the city in a hole, and can keep it there a long time yet, and he seems to be right. This situation is scarcely less creditable to our judicial system than to Kiernan.

That rain is worth millions of money to the ranchers of southern California The good Lord never forgets his own.— Los Angeles Times. No, he always sends sufficient and timely rains to Oregon, while southern California drics he always up some years.

Up at Fielding, Mont., Up at Fielding, Mont., where a pas-senger train was snow stalled for four days, the thermometer went down to 56 degrees below zero. The passengers were well cared for and dld not suffer much, but they would rather have been

OREGON SIDELIGHTS.

Thief stole some blankets from the city jail in Eugene. Real estate sales are quite numer-

ous around Newberg. Scappoose dairymen s milifeed by raising kale.

Lane county ducks are becoming wise;

will not fly near the blinds Big ranch near Caynonville, Douglas county, has been divided into five farms,

The outlook now is that Falls City will experience the biggest building

season since the town started. A chicken plant will be installed at Myrtle Creek consisting of a Wyan-dotte rooster, several dozen thoroughored eggs, an incubator and a brooder.

At Eola Thomas W. Brunk, R. Brunk and G. T. Brunk commemorated the of a New Year's dinner anniversary which they had attended 51 years previ-DUB.

The new year will usher in an era of building activities that will place Forest Grove in the first rank among Oregon cities, as a progressive and progressive and growing community, says the News.

Though Weston lost its normal school its postoffice receipts for December were the largest in volume for any single month since the postoffice was established more than 40 years ago.

Grass Valley Journal: We think there would be less pilfering going on in Moro if certain parties were made to go to work to earn a living. One party lost a half hog, another two sacks of flour, with complaints still coming

Everything now indicates that Union will see one of the best years in its history in 1911. The erection of a \$50,000 high school building and the installation of a new lighting and water plant are features that will contribute largely to the advancement of the city, reports the Republican.

Estacada Progress: There are about 400 men now employed at the River Mill power site. The work is progressing very favorably. There are about 18 families who live in temporarily constructed houses and canvas tents. There are about This with the offices, warerooms and workshops of the construction company gives the locality a cityfied appearance.

The Nehalem, while one of the most fertile has been one of the most isolated sections of Oregon. Now, however, an excellent public highway on almost a water level grade is being built through it, also a telephone line, and it will not be long before every section of Clatson county will have not only its perphone lines as well. improved roads but its tele-

Dallas Itemizer: About a year ago J. M. Briggs purchased for \$7.50 a poor sow that he thought he would take home and fatten up for their winter's bacon. It was not long until she presented him with a litter of pigs, and has since that repeated the dose. The increase he has disposed of at various Virginia, he migrated to that state, times for a total sum of \$230, and it where he became his father-in-law's pohas cost him not to exceed \$10 for litical opponent. He became secretary her keep, she living on acorns and such except when having her young to feed, when shorts were added to the swill

cold snap and snowatorm is worth hundreds of thousands of dollars to the was no demagogue. He did not "trim" Rogue River valley. Not only does the Rogue River valley. Not only does the heavy showfall in the mountains insure ample water for placer mining, but it reactionary, and was proumeans a good flow of water during the coming season in streams. Apple growers have been praying for cold weather, should control it, and he never claiming the records of years show that a fancy apple crop only follows a cold winter and that frost is neces-sary to drive the sap into the soil to insure flavor and keeping qualities to

SEVEN FAMOUS OUTLAWS

Claude Duval.

famous highwaymen of song and story, whose romantic life has kept his memory alive, and whose fame rests hardly less on his gallantry to ladies than on his daring robberies. It is related of by demonstrations that the judge com- Stanley, N. Y. It was \$4 , miles long. him, for instance, among many similar pelled the exhibition to stop. Upon his exploits, that upon one occasion he stopped a coach in which a gentleman We and his wife were traveling, with \$2000 of mind, began to play on a flageolet, whereupon she was asked by Duval to dance with him on the roadside turf. coranta was solemnly executed, the hus-

band looked on, Duval then asked the latter to pay one fourth of the money, allowed the nine sex that on their knees make supcoach to pass on its way. His gallantry, plication for that insipid highwayman, notwithstanding, the name of Duval soon adding, "It is true he was a man of sinbecame a terror to travelers, and large gular parts and learning, only he could rewards were offered for his capture. neither read nor write," So hot became the pursuit that he was compelled to free to France. He only remained away for a short time, and ler in the satiric glorification of the upon his return he was arraigned at the highwayman, which he called a Pindaric Old Bailey, and being found guilty, he was condemned to death.

His prowess, however, had won for him some close interest among the fair sex, and it is said that many great la- tion, and ascribed to the pen of William dies interceded for his life. But the Pope. kind had expressly excluded him from all hopes of pardon, and he was executed

eve of 1914-the hundredth anniversary of the treaty of Ghent.

This century long peace has not been due merely to lack of occasion to quarrel. There was the Texas question: there was the Oregon boundary and later the Alaskan boundary question; there was the Trent, affair, and up to this very year the provoking Newfoundland fisheries question. marches with that of British territory for a distance about equal to the earth's thickness, and as hardy and adventurous a people as live dwell on either side of the boundary line. It is a memorable object lesson of the possibility of permanent peace which shall of 1914.

> American Money in Mexico. From the Mexico Record,

Statistics of the state department of he Republic of Mexico show that nearly a billion dellars of American capital personal effort: alone is invested south of the Rio Grande. To be exact, the American investment represents \$925,000,000 United States currency.

These dollars, with other foreign captal, are working an industrial and commercial transformation that is not confined to any particular locality or state, but extends through the whole length and breadth of the land of the Aztecs.

side by side, and Mexican capital is freely intermingled with American much toward the development and upbuilding of the country.

posle memory. Yellow fever, that has in amount from \$1 to \$61. The sec- gotiated theatles with France, Great have kept inviolate ever since. It will terey, in coal mines, in sugar factories, sciences.

Claude Duval is another one of the on January 21, 1670, when he was 37

years of age After his body was cut down it was laid in state at the Tangier Tavern, St. Giles', where it was visited by great crowds of all ranks, amid such unseemtombstone in Covent Garden church was engraved the following:

"Here lies Duval: Render, if male thou Lood to thy purse; if female, to thy

heart. There is no doubt, in spite of the he said. many fictitious stories that have been buy it."

printed about the Brenchman, that he

The same characteristics of Duval are also dwelt on at length by Samuel But-Ode "To the Happy Memory of the Most The only full ac-Renowned Duval. published immediately after his execu-

Tomorrow-"Rob Roy."

be a good day to mark, the Christmas in flour mills, in breweries, in oil, and Americans have taken the lead in the development of the gnayule rubber in- tiquity. The wood furnished by these dustry and the exploitation of the fiber plants, such as henequen and zapupe. Americans run for the government its

railways. American stores are common the Hood River product were raised sights in every city. There is a great near Ione. Morrow county. army of American employes in Mexico. American investors in some of the cities own the public utility plants and systems. American contractors have constructed many of the larger buildings and find

Mexico a profitable field, putting up in the larger cities modern steel frame structures, which have taken the place give the world in the celebration of the ancient adobe type of buildings. Tolstoy and His Daughter at Work.

Jane Addams, in her account in the through a pane of glass; the January McClure's of "A Visit to Tol-

guests, the grown up daughters, and a tear from his good left eye. Of course, we are making peasants. all accustomed to the fact that those In many hig enterprises American, who perform the heaviest labor eat the every hand; of the jaded women who German and British capital are working coarsest and simplest fare at the end of languished there, the day; but it so not often that we grumblings the perfumed air. money in the operation of mines, manwe ourselves eat the more elaborate but wearled him with their social
ufacturing plants, ratiroads and other food prepared by some one else's labor,
other sigh, and wiped a tear from his sit at the same table with them, while for example, we shall observe the semi-centenary of Fort Sumter. But it is a kinds of projects which are doing so Tolstoy ate his simple supper without remark or comment upon the food his family and guests preferred to eat, as-American capital is invested in the suming that they, as well as he, had \$20,000,000 fron and steel plant at Mon- settled the matter with their own con-

TANGLEFOOT

By Miles Overholt



CULLING THE FRUIT. 'Twas years ago down on the farm, my uncle said to me:
"My son, don't be a false alarm and never climb a tree." Now, we were in the cellar picking over winter fruit;
For m uncle's quite a feller, and he's mighty hard to suit.

So I pared the rotten apples, fearing he would watch my work,

And I said: "To take a nap'll never do;
I mustn't shirk."

Then is when he saw my stuntlet, and he knocked off work awhile.

And he said, "Now, little runtlet," with a knowing, winning smile: 'Pass up the bad ones; throw 'em away; Take just the best that you get every day.

If you can't have the best, have the

best that you can; When you're dead you're a corpse—but live like a man." I watched my uncle's actions and his doings day by day. And he always dodged the fractions, and he threw the worst away: There wasn't any worst for him, the

best was fione too good.

Although his pocketbook was slim, I think he understood That life is short at any rate, and all we know is this:

No matter what may be our gait, we're always shy on bliss.

And we must build our joys ourselves, let others take the woe, And when we're laid upon our shelves, we're satisfied to go. So pass up the bad ones; throw 'em

away; Take just the best that you get every day; If you can't have the best, have the best that you can, you're dead you're a corpse, so When live like a man.

The Late Senator Elkins. From the Philadelphia Telegraph.

The passing of Senator Stephen B Elkins, of West Virginia, deprives the Old Guard Republicans of one of their most conspicuous champions, and it reduces the Republican majority in the senate by two.

Stephen B. Elkins was a remarkable man, a born fighter and frankly favorable to the domination of wealth. ing farther west from Missouri in his early manhood he made a fortune in Star Route mail contracts and rep resented New Mexico as territorial delegate in congress. Marrying a daughter of Henry Gassaway Davis, of West Virginia, he migrated to that state, of war under Harrison.

his audacity, his unequivocal support of special interests and his wealth made Medford Mail Tribune: The present him a most potential factor. And one for popular favor or apologize for any wealth of the country, he assumed, should control it, and he never for a moment deviated from this principle.

In private life Mr. Elkins' was a jovial, magnetic personality, a man who made and held friends in all parties,

How Harriman Got First Railway. From "Masters of Capital in America," in McClure's. One morning in the early '80's, Harriman walked into his office, and, without any previous warning, announced the purchase of his first railroad.

"Where'd you get the money for it?"

asked his partners. "Never mind, I got it," said Harriman, The road was the Sodus Bay & Southern, running from Lake Ontario to and owned two crippled locomotives, two passenger cars, and seven freight cars. "It isn't even a real good streak of

rust." said a man who looked over it for him. Harriman pulled out his map-he was studying railroad maps even then. "It's got the best harbor on the lake,"

"The Pennsylvania's got to He started to build a big grain elewas particularly successful in winning vator and to improve the track. A few the favor of women. Otis sneers at the months later he disappeared from his for his entertainment, and taking only "divers great personages of the femi- office for several days, and returned with a check for \$200,000. He had sold his road to the Pennsylvania railroad.

"They had to have it," he said. "They saw it as soon as I showed it to them. "But I saw it 'first," he added.

Mining for Wood.

From the London Globe. A curious source of wealth is reported by the French consul at Mongze, in upcount of his life and adventures was per Tonkin. It lies in wood mines. The the earth swallowed in some cataclysm. Some of the trees are a yard in diameter. They lie in a slanting direction and in sandy soils, which cover them to a depth of about eight yards. As the top branches are well preserved, it thought the geological convulsion which buried them cannot be of very great antimber mines is imperishable.

Apples that would compare well with

The Housewife's Song

(Contributed to The Journal by Walt Mason the famous Kansas poet. His prose poems regular feature of this column in The Journal).

The housewife sang as she did her chores, and the music floated around outdoors. Her voice was far from the Melba class; it would drill a hole words were fierce and the tune was worse, stoy," tells how Tolstoy put into prac- and she shricked at the end of every tice his belief in "bread labor" and the verse. The judge was passing along that way, as he rode to court on his "At the long dinner table, laid in knee-sprung bay, and he shook his the garden, were the various traveling head and he heaved a sigh, and wiped the younger children with their gov- a housewife sings, as she works." he erness. The countess presided over the said, "then a blessing rests on her usual European dinner, served by men; faithful head; for her husband's kind but the count and the daughter who and her children good, and peace flhad worked all day in the fields ate lumines her neighborhood. For wives only porridge and black bread, and don't sing if their hearts are sore, if drank only kvass, the fare of the hay- sorrow stands in the cottage door. Then the jurist thought of his dwelling grand, with pomp and riches on and filled did no work and they sang no songs good right eye. Then his old horse stumbled and fell down flat, and he took a header and spoiled his hat.

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