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Every good and commanding movement in the annals of the world is the triumph of enthu-Nothing great was ever slasm. accomplished without it-Ralph Waldo Emerson

HE LEGISLATURE should not they are favorable to seed roads, state of Kentucky. and that their objections are due to state wants bad roads.

It would be a calamity for the legbeen won.

from a misunderstanding of the States. plans and purposes of the good roads is an idea that bonds are to be issued | bold experimenter. without reserve, and that the prodesires of taxpayers.

These and other without foundation. The proposed measures compel nothing. They simply open the way for each county to do as it chooses. No county need built a foot or a furlong of road unless it so elects. If its taxpayers and citizens decide among themselves to build, the state will tax the cities to help foot the bill, and of the state appropriation for each county, even though that county be in the remotest corner of the state. If any county does not want to take advantage of the plan and build, it need not do so, and Portland taxpayproposition was ever made to the rural counties, and no fairer terms ever can be made.

The plan further provides that the roads shall be main traveled thoroughfares leading to the principal market places. This means local roads for the benefit of local people. It is no plan or part of a plan for a Pacific Highway. It is a plan for the immediate benefit of each county, and the fairest that can be devised. What plan more profitable to residents of Benton or Malheur county was ever offered than that Portland people shall contribute practically one third of a \$10,000 state tax to be spent on roads in either of those counties?

On such a basis, the legislature, if it addresses itself seriously to the subject should be able to harmonize warring interests and give us an adequate and satisfactory system.

For 50 years we have worked under old hit-and-miss plans. For 50 years we have dragged wagons hub deep in dust in summer and hub deep in mud in winter. For 50 years we have patched and repaired, overhauled and temporarily worked over our roads, and the fruit is the same old costly haul to market, the same old wear and tear of implements, and the same old dreary highways.

What we have in roads is little better than our grandfathers traveled 40 or 50 years ago. Is it not time for a change? Does anybody in the state want had roads? Does the legislature realize what a power for good, through diplomacy, compromise and constructive work, it

can be in bringing good to the state? Can the opponents of the proposed legislation not sift the true from the false and come to a realization that this is not a Portland movement, but a greater Oregon movement? Can we not all remember that in Multnomah county the other day, because of highly improved roads, 10,600 pounds of freight was hauled 56 miles in the dead of winter at a cost of 1.3 cents per ton ludge? gon roads?

tle over 10 cents apiece for these is not going to resign.

necessaries of life.

morrow the account written by Frederick Upham Adams of the case of Fred Warren, editor and publisher of the "Appeal to Reason." printed at Girard, Kansas. Unless pardoned by President Taft, Mr. Warren will go to jail at the federal prison at Fort Scott on the coming Jan-Subscription Terms by mail or to any address uary 31, for six months, also having in the United States, Canada or Mexico: been fined \$1500 for the offense Que year \$5.00 | One month \$.50 against the federal postal law for which he has been declared guilty.

The publicity already given to this case renders needless any detailed statement here of the facts. The account written by Mr. Adams is so dramatically interesting that whoever begins to read will surely finish it regardless of its length.

The technical crime that carried this punishment lay in printing on several thousand envelopes mailed by the "Appeal to Reason," from its THE SESSION'S RESPONSIBILITY head office at Girard, Kansas, an offer of a reward of \$1000 to any one who should kidnap and return to the give up hope of framing a good state officials of Kentucky, Ex-Govroads system because of oppo- ernor Taylor, then under indictment sibility of such humiliating controsftion that has developed in the for the Goebel murder, and for whose body and elsewhere. In nearly all apprehension a reward of \$100,000 cases, the opponents confess that had been freely advertised by the dent ought to be the last of its kind

Fred Warren was tried in the fedvarious features of the proposed sys- eral court, not for advertising the the open daylight at the city hall, tem. It is a case where diplomacy, reward in his paper, but for using compromise, mutual concession and the mails for its distribution; for toleration can be employed with this was the only semblance of ofgreat profit to all. Nobody in the fense against the law of which he could be found guilty.

In the editorial explaining the islature to adjourn without giving offer of reward Mr. Warren stated the state an effective system. If the that the "Appeal to Reason" had legislators rise to the crisis, assemble "absolutely no interest in the Tayall the conflicting interests, and con- lor-Goebel feud of Kentucky." The vince opponents that there is no in- paper desired to test the question tention to overtax the public for whether kidnaping would be susroad making, half the battle for a tained by the supreme court of the solution of the problem will have United States where the victim is a Republican politician and a personal Much of the opposition springs friend of the president of the United

So far it seems that that issue is association. There is a fear that very far from decision by the suproposed road building is to be under preme court, but that the doors of a system of frenzied finance. There the federal jail stand open for the

The appeal is made by Mr. Adams posed bills compel every county to on his behalf to the public conscience spend huge sums regardless of the of the people at large. The people will consider it-that is sure.

ASTOUNDING "ARGUMENTS"

HE OREGON Hardware and Im- killed, from recovering damages. plement Dealers' association Portland will have to pay its third post, but one gathers from his re- case, gets but a molety or less of rural mail delivery; he groans about ly satisfactory basis of adjustment of what the subject might be. its cost, and mentions no good that of such claims, without going to law, he sees in it. Perhaps if most other is one of the most importantly desir-Iowa people are of his opinion, that able results imaginable. partly explains why Iowa is the only and 1910.

tries, that have the parcels post and ropean countries such cases have bewould not do without it, "do not come rare. In Germany the govern- Yambill, Clackamas and Marion in have our splendid express service." ment interested itself in bringing building a bridge there. Mr. Purdy Probably they do not, at least as about an agreement between employto the "splendid" rates charged. No ers and employes in this regard. other country would endure such ex- The government there is careful of tortionate rates.

is absolutely no demand for parcels perhaps cannot be. But it aided in post in this country." This state- bringing about this agreement. In ment should negative whatever in- case of an injury each party should fluence his other remarks may have bear part of the burden the accident had. One so ignorant or careless of imposed. One plan is for the emthe truth as this cannot be a wise ployes to pay one per cent of their adviser. Vice President Sherman, income, the employers two per cent, Congressman Dalzell, and a few oth- for this purpose. Some advocate ers said two or three years ago that payment of a portion of the fund by there was no demand for tariff re- the state. vision. Mr. Miles seems to be of won't see plain facts.

press companies. The two classes and mutually satisfactory scheme. of corporations are most closely associated, and divide the enormous THE NEW JERSEY SENATORprofits. The mail order houses stand to lose rather than gain by the parcels post. The reference to newspapers is as ridiculous as the

STRINGS ON THE JUDICIARY

mile, or about one twenty-fifth of when appointed Judge Tazwell prom- in their courses are fighting for it. the usual cost over the average Ore- ised to resign the office February 1. As a sequel to the promise, Major Kennedy has resigned his position in the high cost of living should be During 1910 Maine fishermen one of the departments to accept the rather stated as the "cost of high caught 19,936,542 lobsters, nearly municipal judgeship by appointment living," makes a text for many a a study of the air currents in his own man's home, consisting or a cheap house 2,000,000 more than in the preced- from the mayor when Tazwell re- sermon. By way of one illustration immediate vicinity he is the only per- and lot bought on installments, be ating year, and 8,000,000 more than in signs. Judge Tazwell now declares of the subject one may note that 1905. The fishermen received a lit- that he made no pledge, and that he over \$200,000,000 was paid last year

But then the lobster begins to rise of justice. It is not a personal per- silk dresses in this same year. in value. The wholesaler doubles quisite of the mayor's office. The and the retailer trebles the price, so public is heavily concerned in the that by the time the succulent crus- man who presides over it, and the these days of insistent and proper lacean reaches the ultimate con-manner and means of his selection, demand for square dealing; William part of the night. The companies' sumer, at least if he consumes it in Human rights are constantly in Ellis Corey has been giving the certain places, his lobster may cost the balance at the bar of the munic- square deal to all with whom he

sign, and when he in turn accuses friendly dog. the mayor of misrepresenting the facts?

When Mayor Simon was filling this vacancy on the municipal bench, he should not have exacted a pledge of Judge Tazwell to resign. When Judge Tazwell sought and accepted the appointment, he should not have given a promise to resign. The mayor should not have regarded this be handed over to his friend and ally on February 1, or at any other

time. It was all a close approach to government by intrigue, vastly compromising to all concerned and to the municipal bench.

No judicial appointment should be made with a string to it. No judicial appointment should be accepted with a string to it. The whole theory of our governmental system is that the judiciary shall be untrammeled and that it be exalted above the posversies as that now raging around Judge Tazwell's position. The inciin Portland or elsewhere. Appointand not by stealth with secret understandings and silent agreements as to tenure of office.

PERSONAL INJURY DAMAGES

HERE ARE lately increasing and significant signs and evidences of gratifying progress toward industrial peace and amity, particularly toward such a system of adjustment of claims for damages for injuries to workmen as will be equitable, and satisfactory to both employers and employes. Most employers have abandoned the ground they formerly occupied, wherein they seldom if ever conceded that they were under any obligation to an injured employe, and are now willing to consent that they mon, almost the invariable defenses, a few years ago, of the fellow servant theory and contributory negligence, are not often sufficient any more in the eyes of court and

There has been a vast amount of by Mr. S. R. Miles of Mason City, the courts. It is expensive and ha- and knees at the peril of their lives, to Iowa. Mr. Miles is not only violent- rassing to employers, and in many disaster. ly opposed to the proposed parcels cases the employe, if he wins his marks that he is also opposed to the judgment. Hence some mutual-

A prominent Portland man who Mr. Miles said that foreign coun- ing in that country. In other Euthe welfare of its workingmen, and "Finally," Mr. Miles says, "there its children, as ours has not been,

But whatever the details of the their sort, one who either can't or solution, the noticeably pleasing thing is the manifest disposition of that "the seeming demand for par- to some solution of the problem, and cels post comes from the railroad to be fair to each other. It will cercompanies, the mail order combine, tainly he a great gain to society if and newspapers depending on mail these numberless damage actions can 40 years ago. order advertising." This is ludi- mostly be avoided in future, and adcrous audacity. The same people justment of workingmen's injuries who own the railroads own the ex- made in accordance with a settled

SHIP

LL RECOGNIZE that Governor Woodrow Wilson, rather than Senator Martine, has won this fight. Two principles have to look carefully into the other side been sustained, the first that selecof this subject before opposing the tion by the direct primary carries parcels post. When fully informed with it the necessary votes when the concerning it, they will readily per- election follows, the second, that no ceive that such tirades as this of big interests, however well enthe Iowa man are unworthy of their trenched by organization and by custom, can prevail against it. Cerand courageous advocacy before the people. All this has aided Senator HAT SPECTACLE is it the Martine in full measure, since Woodpeople of Portland have in row Wilson was the advocate. So this controversy between the another product of the Oregon sysmayor and the municipal tem will enter the senate of the The mayor asserts that United States in due time. The stars

Mr. James J. Hill's epigram, that in the United States for silk, and lobsters, a total sum of \$2,145,264. The municipal judgeship is a court yet many wives went without their

The Iron Trade Review says: "In

creased cost of living is nothing for al from which the dignity and au- all with whom he has come in conmost of us to worry much about; a thority of the city is reflected. Men tact." He does not come in sontact lobster is not one of the absolute go there to answer for their conduct, with the masses, who have to pay. to be the objects on which justice is And to his everlasting shame be it administered and to be prosecuted said that he did not give a "square THE CASE OF FRED WARREN and defended for their acts. What deal" a few years ago to a good, extraordinary spectacle is it when faithful woman, his wife and helpthe head of this court is charged meet, whom he treated worse than with breaking his promise to re- any decent man would treat a

Letters From the People

A Dramatic Climax.

Oregon City, Or., Jan. 25, 1911 .the Editor of The Journal-In your account of the Burns anniversary in this city last evening, appearing in today' Journal, a curious error has crept in Dr. Schultze is credited with giving "an interesting talk, using as his subject position as a personal perquisite to the poem by Will Carleton entitled Joy Bridge,' a somewhat startling parody on the true caption, "The Death Bridge of the Tay." Under that heading Will Carleton

records in imperishable verse the most overwhelming calamity to be found in the annals of railroad travel. The bridge across the Firth of Tay, an in-The let of the North sea, at that point two miles wide, is one of the longest iron structures in the world. On the night of December 29, 1879, an excursion train from Edinborough loaded with merry passengers expecting to reach Dunder within five minutes, commenced the passage of the bridge. It was a wild night outside. A terrible gale from the North sea swept up the bay. No one knows what happened, but half way across 250 feet of the bridge collapsed and dropped the entire train into 40 feet of water. Not a soul escaped. The doctor quoted in full the most pathetic ments to the judiciary should be in portions of the poem and as there seemed to be no particular relevancy to the occasion, advised his audience that the application would appear presently. After repeating the lines, "Down, down through the dark the train plunges," and how "The news like the shock of an earthquake has thrilled through the town of Dundee," he quoted in full the following paragraph:

> Out, out creep two brave, sturdy fellows, o'er danger-strewn buttress and piers:

can climb 'gainst that blast for they carry the blood of old Scotch But they leave it along as they clamber; they mark all their hand-path with red;

come where the torrent leaps bridgeless-a grave dancing over its dead. A moment they game down in horror; then creep from the death-laden tide,

"There's nae help for news: our loved ones, save God's mercy for them who have died."

then electrified his audience by anbear such an obligation. The com- nouncing: "One of these men is among us tonight." Turning suddenly and pointing to the

chairman, Major Charles S. Noble, he exclaimed "There is the more" exclaimed, "There is the man." It was a dramatic climax, thrilled the audience, and recalling the memory themselves. of that fearful night so vividly and jury to prevent an injured man, or so unexpectedly, almost overcame the the family of a man who has been chairman. Dr. Schulze had accidentally learned a few hours before that Major Noble's father was engineer in charge of the bridge at that time, that he himwas addressed Wednesday in this kind of litigation. It occur self was assistant and that they were opposition to the parcels post pies a large portion of the time of the two men who crept out on their hands

> The chairman had called upon the doctor as a native-born son of "Auld Reakle" (Edinborough) to make a few remarks, without the faintest suspicion

ascertain, if possible, the extent of the

SUBSCRIBER. F. M. Olds on Bridge Controversy. Selling entitled to this honor also? He the matter when the whole vicinity was acting governor for a few hours. Portland, Or., Jan. 27 .- To the Editor of The Journal-I saw in The Journal ers can keep their money. No fairer state in the union that actually de- visited Germany last year was sur- yesterday an article by Dr. Littlefield creased in population between 1900 prised to learn that there was not a at Newberg, replying to a letter from personal injury damage action pend- Will Purdy relating to the Butteville bridge. Now, I know Dr. Littlefield was right. There is not travel enough at Butteville to justify the counties of says Butteville is on a direct line from Salem to Portland, but this is not so. The old Graham ferry crossed the Willamette river two miles below the proposed site of the bridge, and "Pap" Vaughn, as he usually was called, had to give up the ferry because it did not

pay him.

ham's on the west side and cross at Butteville, you would have to go over three or four large canyons. Clackamas and Yamhill taxpayers do not want to be taxed to keep up a bridge to and Alfred. The former was wild and a wound on the head and a brown mark benefit Mr. Purdy and one dozen others. entered the British army in 1849. Now if the state of Oregon wants a state road from Portland to Salem, it daughter Kate. Sir Edward was opshould follow the old Taylor ferry road from Portland, pass through Tigard- years to reform, and held out hopes ville, Middleton and Chehalem gap to that he might marry his daughter if he Newberg, cross the Willamette river proved worthy of her. Roger left the there, then go on to Salem up the east army and sailed to South America. As astonishingly, Mr. Miles says leading men on both sides to come built from Newberg to McMinnville and happy, from place to place. Meanwhile proceed up the west side. Then one Sir Edward died and James Tichborne bridge would do Newberg and the state inherited the baronetcy. road and the farmers of Yamhill would come to Portland, as they used to do direct heir to the estates and titles. He F. M. OLDS.

Now to go up the river from Gra-

Fighting Forest Fires.

Scio, Or., Jan. 18 .- To the Editor of The Journal-I have seen various items in different newspapers in regard to fire laws, and being interested in clearing land that is adjacent to valuable timber I believe that my experience, and observations during the past 30 years give me the moral right to make a few suggestions. First-Abolish the giving of permits

to set fires. Second-Make it fineable if any per

son sets fire in the daytime. Third-Require all slashings, log leaps and brush heaps to be burned after 6 o'clock in the evening and then only on quiet nights. Fourth-Hold the person who sets the

fire responsible for damages. Fifth-Compel the lumber companies to help the settlers burn their slashings tainly there is needed also powerful at such times as the said settler may deem it safe, but always on quiet nights. I desire to add further, that giving the average fire warden the authority to issue permits is dangegous. A permit in effect is a ficense to burn a neighbor's property. Many men care nothing about the consequences if they

can secure a permit. I can alone burn, at night, almost any slashing on my own place safely. So can any neighbor that has lived on a ranch any length of time. On quiet nights there is a perceptible movement tor of The Journal-Will you kindly of air down every main valley, also answer through the columns of your son who can set fire with safety on tached for any kind of debt?

his own premises, It is not safe to burn in the daytime, due to the changes that are liable to a house and lot are bought on the intake place, but at night the movement stallment plan, title does not pass until of air is in one direction.

There need not be any friction be- has not passed there is no absolute tween the settlers and the lumber companies if said companies will send one home. or more men to help during the fore wardens ought not to have any author- homestead of any family shall be exity off their own land. If the settler empt from judicial sale for the satishim as much as \$1.50. But this ta- ipal court. It is the judicial tribun- has come in contact." Possibly, "to den be appointed in sach with a has to be subject to control let a war-

COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE

Dr. Owens-Adair still has a mission How would it do to have an all-woman

Surely, if possible, Kiernanism should Half the session gone, and nothing uch done yet.

T. R. is saying things again, and is oon going to say much more.

But the hardware men are not harder-

It usually does a husband who is a nsurgent at heart no good to protest against the house rules.

headed or harder-hearted than others.

The Guggenheims have not given up Alaska yet. Its coal and copper powerful lures to them.

Wireless and wireless operators sea gain new triumphs over disaster and death nearly every week. But an aviator, unless he falls into

the water, never drops out of sight,

as some bank cashiers do.

Something good comes out of Nevada —besides gold—at last. Its legislature has cutlawed the cigarette.

Congress and legislatures never do anything much until it is so late in the session that they cannot do it well.

Dr. Cook is lecturing again, and has again concluded that he got to the Pole. His "gall" must have "come back." His "gall" must have decision of the United States

ourt of customs that a hen is not bird will seem to many a fowl ruling. A prediction: Portland will get not only its Broadway bridge, but, some day-observe, no time specified-an adequate garbage crematory.

High school girls of today seem to be showing that they will be fit voters later. Pendleton girls are the latest to abjure rats, puffs, paint and other pate

How fortunate it is that everybody isn't most interested in the same things. To many young people, for example, nothing on earth is so important as basketball.

An aviator at Paris carried five passengers for a space of 13 minutes, beating all former passenger records. But even this number of air passengers may be increased soon.

A building or other improvement to be paid for by the state usually costs a large percentage more than if built by At this point the speaker paused and a private individual or corporation. It seems impossible ever to change this The Oregon National Guard requires

wives; if lacking in these, the militia-

men will attend to supplying that want Some San Francisco grocers have been arrested for selling cold storage eggs several months or years old as "fresh

Roslyn man took a can of powder ome and smoked a cigarette over it; result, five dead or dying young child-ren, and a badly if not fatally injured wife. It is difficult to feel unadulter-ated pity for such an egregious fool.

Portraits of former Acting Governors Benson and Bowerman will be ordered to hang with the preceding governors in

is well within the memory of many

versation everywhere. In spite of all

the name of Sir Edward Tichborne. He

year. He had no son, and consequently

his nephew, James Tichborne, was his

Roger, as James' elder son, was now

decided to return home. He started from

Rio Janeiro for England by way of New

York, but the ship was no doubt

wrecked and no survivor could be

traced. The Tichbornes mourned Roger

as dead, all but the mother. Meantime

James Tichborne died and Alfred suc-

ceeded to the title. His mother still be-

lieved Roger was living and began to

advertise for him. In response to her

efforts an Australian detective agency

in 1866 produced a man known as

Thomas Castro as the missing heir. He

claimed to have been picked up with

eight others from the ship wrecked ves-

sal and landed in Australia, where he

I do not believe that settlers mali

clously set fires during the past sum-

mer. There may have been one or more

such incidents, but not so numerous as

I have never known of a fire getting

I wish to say in conclusion that I

J. R. GEDDES.

SUBSCRIBER.

ment from the wardens and have no

Exemption of Homesteads.

Portland, Jan. 21 .- To the Edi-

In the great majority of cases, where

ownership. The man does not own the

An act passed in 1905 provides:/ "The

faction of any judgment hereafter ob-

That cannot be attached which

full payment is made, and when

away from a rancher in the forks of

the Santiam.

Castro went to England, where he

was living under an assumed name.

munity and has some fire sense.

posed to the match and gave Roger two perjury.

mystery remains still uncleared.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS

During 1910 Jackson county spent \$103,777 on roads. Nearly every town in Oregon of much

Many farmers consider jackrabbits

O yes, a few other people besides Johnsons live in Corvallis.

An Athletic association has been organized at Athena. Triple A. Cool weather with a little frost just right for the fruit trees.

Which Oregon county will do the most good road building this year?

Rogue River valley fruit raisers are buying frost protecting smudge pots. A Pendleton butcher purchased 90 hogs, costing \$2000, in Union county. Farmer drove his team of roadsters

Every farmer should be a good roads crat. ..

Salem must wake up on water, says the Capital Journal. And all the people

Contiguous farms amounting to 1500 acres on Fernridge, Lane county, will be subdivided and sold in small tracts. Of the few cities in Oregon with over 5000 inhabitants, two are in Jack-son county, Ashland and Medford, only

son county, 12 miles apart. A Washington county man named Smith, who is the father of 11 young children has become insane. Wonder children has become insane.

twasn't the woman. Practically every business man of The Dalles has so much faith in the country that he owns a piece of land

which he is improving. Mrs. Bertha Shannon, living near Central Point, going into her yard saw an animal in the brush, and shot and killed it, a big buck, at a distance of 185 yards.

Tract of 680 acres above Buxton Washington county, has been sold and will be cut up into small parcels and sold for orchard lands. Buxton raises fine apples, prunes and pears and some day will be the center of a great fruit raising district.

During 1910 a farmer near Dallas sold \$835.91 worth of cream from nine cows, four of which were 2-year-old helfers. During the year he paid out \$242 for mill feed, leaving him a net return of \$593.91 for his labor, besides the value of fertilizing elements which were returned to the soil.

Negotiations are afloat in Astoria, says the Astorian, and now approaching onclusion covering a solid farming ter-itory up in the Clatskanie region, of 8000 acres, and a very handsome sum had gotten their work advanced ten of consideration, practically the greatest known hereabout for many a day.

The First National bank building to erected in The Dalles will be by the finest structure in Oregon east of Fortland, and equal to any west of the mountains, says the Optimist. It will be a strictly class A building, five stories high, 146 feet, modern in every respect. It will cost well on to \$100,000.

Man and woman were driving into Eugene before daylight; in passing through a driveway guarded with red lights horse became frightened, reared lights horse became frightened, real and backed and fell into a gas main to hang with 'the preceding governors in it was asphyxiated. A man came along the capitol at Salem, But isn't Senator and lighted a match to see, what was selling entitled to this hondr also? He the matter when the whole with the was a second with the water when the whole with the water when the whole with the water when the whole with the water when the water water was a second with the water when the water water water water was a second with the water wate

SEVEN HISTORICAL MYSTERIES

The Tichborne Case.

He

nounced.

imprisonment.

\$1,000,000.

who is a long time resident of the com- actual abode of and owned by such

was the missing heir.

guilty and was sentenced to 14 years

land, and in 1895 published a "confes

Castro, or Thehborne-died on April 1.

1898. In spite of his confession, his

coffin plate bore the name "Sir Roger

Tichborne," and under that name his

death was entered in the official regis-

trar's office. The mystery has never

been and probably never will be cleared

up, although as recent as 1907 there died

in Brooklyn a man who claimed that he

Next week-Seven Noble Women. .

The Lare of Lares.

From the Los Angeles Times.

in importance-there is a shrewd and

While the auto is waiting for a

He probably has seen the town, any-

smile of glory catches his eye. He in-

stantly discovers that he has nothing

else to do, and he boards the caravan,

first eagerly separating himself from

the price. The girl helds on to the end

seat and smiles and smiles. In three

flaps of a lamb's tail all the seats are filled. Then the pretty girl descends

Then the pretty girl des

from her perch, waves the passengers

bon voyage and takes her place in the

But the pretty girl with her

ing for the trip to begin.

next auto.

family or some member thereof.

The claimant-Orton.

Albert J. Nock, writing in the February American Magazine urges tha

Assessing J. P. Morgan

Stupendous Task of

abolishment of the personal property tax laws. The United States is the only remaining great nation where such taxation still obtains. Mr. Nock among other absurdities of these archaic laws, Electric railway for The Dalles and points out that the literal application of them is impossible. The matter of them is impossible. The matter of assessment alone is an insurmountable difficulty; either the person who is taxed sends in a report of what he thinks he is worth or the public assessor guesses at it. The former method is unfair because people are not honest, and the latter is impractical. Mr. Nock demonstrates the impossibility of ascertaining the true wealth of a rich man by describing in detail what would be required to learn the exact value of the personal property of a man like J. Pierpont Morgan. He says:

"Suppose, for Instance, that the New York office wanted to make a just and valorem personalty assessment on Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan and that Mr. Morgan desired above all things that it should be done. Mr. Morgan would meet the assessors and start the ball rolling with a candid declaration that as far as his tangible personalty was concerned, with the best will in the world, he could help them very little.

"And it would be true. Mr. Morgan is the great financial gentus of his time, perhaps of all time. I believe he can tell to a day when the next panic is due-and I wish he would. I believe he can analyze accurately off-hand every tendency and cause leading up to any financial phenomenon that the near future will disclose; but I would wager anything in reason that he cannot guess within \$200,000 of what his own personal property would bring at a forced

"Then Mr. Morgan would tie his yacht to the wharf, turn over the keys of his several houses, museums, stables, etc., leave a memorandum of his debts and intangible holdings (which would be assessing himself, of course, but how else could they be gotten at?) and go to live at the club. Meanwhile the assessors would move in and take possession with about the following force: An art expert, a jewelry expert, an expert each in carpets, linenwork, antique and modern furniture, sculpture and statuary, books and manuscripts, horses and machinery-and a financial expert to wrestle with the memorandum of intangibles.

"This is not extravagence; please do not take it so. It is a perfectly serious picture of the implications of the general property tax as applied to personal property universally in the United There are not experts enough States. in the world to go round the single borough of Manhattan; the whole taxbill of New York would not begin to be enough to pay them If there were; and the city would be bankrupt before they blocks through the Murray Hill dis-

TANGLEFOOT

By Miles Overholt

SOME WOEFUL THOUGHTS. There is no sun; the clouds are black

The trees are gaunt with boughs; Tis then that mem'ry takes me back To days when I must milk the cows.

I like to write a verse like that and then laugh in my sleeve; then folk will grin because I'm sad and smile because I grieve. They'll think the winter worries me, and that will be a

"Ain't he a funny bloke?" It makes no difference how I feel or how I write or talk, folks think I'm One of the most interesting of the spent considerable time in gathering all only joshing and they laugh whene'er

joke, and they will say urto themselves:

many mysteries of history is the the information he could about Roger's I squawk. Tichborne case, for the reason that it early life. Being now fully prepared, he Sometimes I need a dime or two to went to Paris, where he met Lady Tich- buy a bowl of soup and when I try to borne, who thought she recognized in borrow it the fellows yell and whoop people living, for it is hardly 35 years him her long lost son. Then followed a and poke each other in the ribs and since it was the chief theme of con- period of preparation the details of mumble, "What a shame; he says his which still puzzle many legal minds. backbone's, rubbing through, which the efforts that were put forth, the Many people who knew Roger in early makes his stomach lame." life claimed they recognized in Castro they laugh hoarse, hairy laughs with In the early '50s of the past cen- the missing man. In 1871 he brought splinters on the edge, which makes me tury there was an English baronet by formal suit for his rights, Lady Tich- want to maul them with a pointed iron borne having died in 1868. The estate wedge. And when I tell them earnestly had an estate worth about \$190,000 a fought the case fiercely. The claimant that I must have my feed, they simply went so far as to bring forward sailors have convulsions and tell me what I who swore they had taken him from need is some good man to write my heir. The latter had two sons, Roger the wrecked vessel. He proved he had jokes, and other stuff like that; they say my bump of humor isn't underneath

on the side, both of which Roger had my hat. was in love with his great-uncle's had. In spite of this he lost his suit, And when at times I want to ask a was arrested and placed on trial for question that may mean about a dollar's worth to me, they say, "Do we This trial proved to be the longest look green? O, no, my son, go chase in English legal history, lasting 188 days. The claimant being poor, wealthy yourself; go climb a cactus plant; we'd like to tell you everything, but, honand poor men all over England sub-

estly, we can't.' scribed thousands of dollars toward his And that's the way it always goes; defense. At last the verdict was pro-I'm serious and sad, but people think The claimant was legally I'm twoling and that's just What makes proven to be Arthur Orton, he was found em glad. I've often tried to tell the boss that I can use more pay, but he, too, thinks it is a joke and shoos me He was set free after 10 years, came off that way. to America and later went back to Eng-

And I suppose that later on when I sion" acknowledging his claims to be am called to croak, the coroner will sit on me, then swear it's all a jokel. fraudulent. His two trials cost about

Cannon and the Corn. From Human Life.

Speaker Causon is a great lover of green corn. He boards at the Arlington and one day took one of his Illinois farmer constituents to dinner with him. Cannon made his dinner on green corn, eating seven ears. The farmer asked him how much he paid for board at the Arlington and Cannon replied: "Six dollars a day." "Well," said the farmer "Joe, don't you think it would be cheaper for you to board at a livery stable?"

Back Biting

(Contributed to The Journal by Walt Mason In the next chief city of Californiathe famous Kansas poet. His prose-poems are a regular feature of this column in The Daily t being always understood that Los Angeles is the first city of the state

You tell me, friend, that Mr. Wax naturally ingenious man engaged in the abuses folks behind their backs. I surely have always received courteous treat- business of conducting sightseeing trips do agree with you that such a trick will by means of carry-all autos. He is never do; but Mr. Wax is out of town, "kick coming" against them personally, coining money, and this is the way he and you, who roast him up and down are guilty of the meanness that you say load he keeps beneath his hat. I think it is of passengers alongside the curb of the a vicious plan to score and vilify a man street an exceedingly pretty girl is as you are doing here today—and Mr. hired to sit on the front seat as though Wax so far away! I think it best to she were a sightseer impatiently wait- try to find the goodness in a neighbor's mind, to note the virtues of his heart, A man comes along with no intention and not be tearing him apart, and gloatwhatever of participating in the ride, ing o'er his little sins with fiendish and exultant grins. I hold it wise to seek the best that lies in every human breast, and when that habit's gained in time, all human nature seems sublime. To look for blemishes and faults in those who on life's highway waltz, to always speak the carping word is foolish, wicked and absurd. The man who does it narrow grows; he fills this suppy world with-foes; he's like the digger in a mine who overlooks the ores that shine, the gemis that might be all his own, to gather

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quartz and worthless stone.