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The doctrine of love, purity and right living has, step by step, won its way into hearts of mankind, and has filled the future with hope and promise.-William McKinley.

passage of the senate bills.

sition that exists is based on wrong information. It will turn into approval as soon as correct information is secured.

This very patent fact brings the house face to face with a dangerous alternative. If it beats the senate bills, it will learn later that it has beaten exactly the thing that the people want. In the wide condemnation that will result the house will learn too late of its mistake.

Oregon is losing \$2,000,000 a year for lack of good roads. It is \$3 a head for every man, woman and child in the state. It is a ruinous waste that has been going on for 50 years, during which huge sums of money and vast effort and time have better the roads.

meet them as to roads. It is an hon- the legislature? est endeavor to turn from the humilfating and costly failures of the past to an intelligent and well directed system for the future. If the house TT PROBABLY is the fact that the beats the program, it will have to houlder the responsibility.

There is frequent complaint that sort to the initiative?

the salary of the state engineer and 000 for two years, they want to make it the tail of another depart- port, as gathering church news, and be enormous, but far sighted rail- hands ment at a cost of \$15,000 for two receiving church communications road management is not deterred by in years.

The house should pass the senate home rule for countles in road building. They tax the cities for the benefft of the country roads, Multnomah county already has macadam roads and will reap little if any direct benefit, but will have to pay, under the senate program more than one third of the state aid given in any county for road building. Each county, under the senate bills has the right to say whether roads will be built. when they shall be built and where they shall be built. Can the house afford to assume the responsibility of beating so fair a program?

SALES OF RAILROAD

SECURITIES creases in fares and freight. Though lived for so many years. no decisions have yet been given out, yet the impression is said to be that compromises will be announced - allowing modifications for increase or lowering as special conditions of each road demand. Second, that reductions of dividends by the leading roads would further depress the market. This fear also

that action being taken up. In the advices now before us no tures or commissions injurious to the roads, which would affect the money value of securities. So calamity howlers may take heartof the strongest evidences of railroad confidence.

All which prepares us for the tess than \$155,000,000 in stocks. Various influences will be employed for strengthening the various candinates and bonds were issued by the dates with the Oregon voters. railroids. Of these issues \$98,- It is already announced

stocks have been taken.

of the railroads by the test of in- ited Oregon several times, and is the past eight or ten years a large Published every evening (except Sunday) and creased investments — the surest likely to come again before the pres- portion of the press and many broadlog, and the lournst Buildlog, and the press and many broadlog, and the press and th

BAILEY

T IS UNTHINKABLE that any faction of the legislature will seek to protect the dairy and food commissioner. To do so is to invite public execration. It is to HE CASE OF HARRY THAW is. make a record that will stand as a political handicap for all time, for any member who does it.

An unbiased joint committee of the York, and there seems to be no hope large knows that those findings are dependable and that the dairy and spared no expense in his defense. He food commissioner's office as con- committed a crime such as juries are ducted is a travesty on the name.

"We used the rules of honest men Representative Brownhill on the was of undeterminable weight in the CAN THE HOUSE AFFORD IT ? floor of the house, "and in using the trial. At any rate, the jury found N THE CHANGE of front by the est conclusions." It was a ringing cases, where the defendant has tion, the house at Salem has a to be the exact truth. The concluorganization was formerly opposed were the unanimous report of the prisoner. Usually such a prisoner to the senate good roads program. It joint committee that the dairy-comfound out that it was mistaken as to missioner should be asked to resign. provisions of the legislation, and has In the face of this finding by its own sent a delegation to Salem to urge joint committee, in the face of the known misconduct of the office, in It will be the same whenever and the face of the demand of the press wherever the senate bills become and public for Bailey's removal, and thoroughly understood.\ The oppo- in the face of his official oath as a legislator can any member shield Bailey and justify his conduct?

As the Oregonian has truly said: This matter is not political or personal or partisan; it is a question of plain honesty and public decency." The legislature created the office and prescribed its duties. It has been brought home to the legislature by its own joint committee that the position is improperly administered and the office prostituted. The body is face to face with responsibility for the office, and its decision is a question of "plain honesty."

Is the legislature going to appropriate money to the amount of thou- lain. In the Bailey and several sands of dollars to perpetuate the other matters, they seem in fair way present commissioner? Is it going to do it for Governor West. West to vote public funds for support of asked the body to deal with Bailey. been expended in a vain attempt to the office when it knows it might A refusal by the body to do so will as well throw the money into the make the governor about 10,000 The senate has placed before the Willamette river? How many mem- votes stronger with the people. house an intelligent system. It is a bers are going to reveal themselves change from the old haphazard and before the people of the state as of majority of any party usually befutile methods. It is the product of the same stripe as the dairy and food comes drunk with its own power and long and patient study by capable commissioner? How many mem- does foolish things. A game of cheap men of Oregon needs and how to bers have regard for the honor of politics has been played at Salem

DR. D. L. RADER

the initiative is too much employed. Or weekly secular journal has devel- be spent on Bailey. What else is to be expected if the oped so large a circulation through session what else is to be expected established church paper of high politicians. than that there will be frequent re- tone, such as the Pacific Christian Advocate, which D. L. Rader edited DOUBLE TRACKING THE O. W. Here are opponents in the house for so long, holds its own. The presfuming and fretting over the pro- ent movement for the consolidation posed highway commissioner. But of the various branches of the Prothey are proposing to spend exactly testant Christian churches will the same amount of money in raising doubtless be followed by a similar diminution of numbers of church in a salary for a roads deputy for papers, since each branch has here- to the east is one of the most immissed.

HANLEY

better known the state over as their lines. "Bill Hanley"-from the charge of illegal fencing of government lands in Harney county, is reported. The fences complained of, but found gentlemen of the mists -Los Angeles them as an inheritance from Peter to depress confidence in rail- He is known as a most progressive sion might reply by a general and part in the development by railroads freshing sprinkling. firm refusal to the suggested in- of that wide region where he has

OREGON TO LEAD THE WAY

C UDDEN prominence will come to Oregon in the great presidential campaign of next year. For the first time in American history, the selection of delegates to a national convention will be by is being allayed as the time for such looks upon the process as likely to afford a very reliable forecast of that senators are not bound to repmention to made of unfavorable or each party. An article from the years. oppressive action by state legisla- Baltimore Sun elsewhere on this page reflects the popular view of the coming struggle.

It is probable that statesmen and the more as the double tracking of leaders in each party will have the resolution, among others, demanding market for American agricultural mathematical property in the boundless Canadian norththe Union Pacific is quoted as one timore publication. If so, the sequel will disclose Oregon as the preliminary battle ground of the campaign, and it may be expected that would carry by a great majority. statement that during January, no various influences will be employed

host within the near future of more of the country's great and near great than at any time in her his-

HARRY THAW STILL INSANE

unprecedented in this couptry. He has just been denied liberation from Matteawan asymother and other wealthy relatives prone to regard with a large degree of leniency. That the reputation of in making this investigation," said the woman in the case was not good rules of honest men we reached hon-Thaw not guilty, but insane. In most is dubbed insane only at the time of committing the murder, and sane

But not so with Thaw. The authorities all along the line have stuband must be kept in confinement. This judgment may be just; it may be beneficial to society; but Harry Thaw may not be too insane to wonder why he could not become sane again in a few days or weeks, as so many others have done. He may even reflect that Sanford White, whom he killed, was a man with many wealthy and influential friends."

POLITICS AT SALEM

EPUBLICAN legislatures in Oregon have universally played into the hands of Democratic Pennoyer. They did it for Chamber-

Any legislature with an abnormal throughout the present session by the Bowerman faction possibly with the notion that the public does not understand what is going on.

in the past few years. The daily lic money by thousands continues to derstand if for political reasons, pub- cessively off of each pile.

legislature insists on being impo- both town and country that the noyer. It understood in the case of 500 are to be sent to a particular pretent? If a distracted house frivols weekly church paper is no longer Chamberlain, and it will understand and twitters over petty legisfation sought as a medium for condensed in the case of West. God save the thereon. When so understood, there is and beats the big legislation of the news of the world at large. But the Republican party from its six-bit no difficulty in executing the purpose of

& N. R. R.

Lovett of the intention to double track the main line of the O. W. & N. Co. from Portland a recognized position for efficiency expediting and extending traffic in Francisco of William Hanley- Oregon to the aggregate traffic of

charge was purely technical through- bask in the sunlight of glorious Cal!out. Mr. Hanley had not erected the fornia. How fine it must seem to you,

French, the former owner of the the southern California sunshine for horde is gradually reemployed; but still lands. It was proved that when ad- a little while after a spell of dark, vised that the fences in question were damp weather; but what a relief and illegal Mr. Hanley ordered the gates pleasurable change it would be for WO FACTORS have combined thrown open and no breaks repaired. people living in the glare of almost tion, sickness and mortality, and necessary road securities at this junc- citizen, one of the successful pioneers sional excursion into the land of charitable institutions, all of which are perpetual sunshine to take an occature. First, apprehension that of dry land farming in his section, fructifying winter mists. Come up, the Interstate Commerce Commis- and to be relied on to do his full ladies and gentlemen, and get a re-

> Senator Lodge made a long and labored argument against the popupoint of which, nakedly revealed, people, and as little connected with people on both sides of the boundary. the people, as possible. It necessarily follows that Senator Lodge believes that the people are not fit for more than half self-government, and

held in Walla Walla last week-reption acted intelligently. If a popular vote could be held, the parcels post

A dispatch says public men at asked the conductor on a recent trip: Washington are bewildered at the ore line?" How often do you kill a man on this that | suddenness of the reciprocity issue !

000,000 represented bonds, \$36,- Champ Clark, prominent as Demo- presented by President Taft. It is 000,000 notes, and only \$20,000,000 cratic possibility, will make five very sudden, indeed, for them. It has speeches in Oregon the coming sum- been discussed and argued only some The public is proving its support mer. LaFollette has already vis- 30 or 40 years, and especially during Entered at the postoffice at Portland, Or.. for continued expenditure on her new Roosevelt is coming, and it will not publicists have been hammering be surprising if Oregon will be the away at it, But to the stand-pat polbe surprising if Oregon will be the away at it. But to the stand-pat pol-host within the near future of more ficians it is something new, strange, and suspicious. They want to sleep over it for another 40 years.

> Secretary Hitchcock announce that the small sample postal savings banks are working well, up to expectations, and that if the requisite funds for doing so were available he would establish thousands of them. The necessary appropriation should The case against Bailey is proven. lum by the highest court in New be made by congress before adjournment. There is no excuse for waitlegislature has heard testimony and for his release from that semi-penal ing longer in the establishment of returned findings. The state at institution. Thaw was rich, and his these banks throughout the country.

Letters From the People

The Rotating Ballot Plan. Salem, Feb. 6 .- To the Editor of The Journal-My attention has been called to an article in your issue of the 5th, under the title, "Rotary Ballot Plan Intricate," critidising the practicability of Pendleton good roads organiza- statement of what is widely known money and friends, this verdict is tion ballots as provided in a bill passed merely a thinly disguised prelimi- by the senate and now pending in the view of what to expect. The slons referred to by Mr. Brownhill nary to the early liberation of the house. The criticism is made by Mr. is apparent from the tenor of Mr. Fields' the provisions of the bill. He is quoted as saving that 'If there were five candidates for governor, four for secretary of state, three for treasurer, two for attorney general and 30 for representative the legislature, the printer would have to change the form as many times for each precinct as the number of ballots for the precinct is divisible by 5, 4, and 30. From 10 to 20 minutes is required to change the form, and great care would be necessary to prevent mistakes. Multiply all this by 189 precincts in Multnomah county and the result is a Chinese puzzle," etc. I do not have a copy of the bill be fore me. but I am familier with its

terms. No such number of changes is contemplated or required. It does not apply to precinct nominees or candidates, but requires the state and county ticket to be printed first, leaving sufficient room for the precinct ticket to be printed afterward. Taking Mr. Fields' supposed case, the highest numgovernors. They did it for of the ticket for Multnomah county ber of candidates in any office division would be 30. Then the names in each office division would be changed 30 times; and no more. One hundred and twenty-five thousand ballots are to be printed. Thirty is contained in that number approximately 45,000 times. This number of ballots would be printed on each change of the forms. In fact, there would be but 29 changes of the forms. The printer would start with the official form and print 45,000 ballots. The press is then stopped and the forms changed in each office division, and the same number is again printed. Where Mr. Fields is confused is in the idea of making a fair distribution to the several precincts. This is accomplished in the bill by requiring ballots piled in separate piles until the whole religious, or rather church, paper the horse play, and it will fully un- into one pile by taking one ballot suc-This mingles From the ballots when so assembled, and not otherwise, is the distribution to the law. The tickets must go through the printing press twice, but that is neither difficult nor expensive. I am satisfied when Mr. Fields understands the terms of the bill he will give it his full support instead of ridiculing it.

W. T. SLATER. A Labor Problem in New York.

By H. F. J. Porter, in Cassier's Magazine When it is understood thay the busy season of the clothing manufacturers him. Instead of making the roads tofore maintained its own organ, portant and direct consequences of lasts for only two or three months in a paramount plan at a cost of \$15.- But those that remain will gain in- the railroad development now in the spring and the same period in the creased circulation and wider sup- progress in this state. The cost will fall and that there are some 250,000 hands in New York city tories at these times, and midsummer and midwinter from a wider area. Mr. Rader held outlay when corresponding results in two-thirds of them are turned out of the factories with about as much ceremony as the gas and electric light are bills as they stand. They provide and influence, and he will be widely sight or in immediate prospect are turned out, it will be realized that the relied on. Since the improvement city has to absorb this unemployed has far more reference to the future element somehow or other. Take, for THE ACQUITTAL OF WILLIAM | than to the present it is impossible example, the cloak makers' industry for the heads of the Harriman sys- with an average of 40 employes in each. It embraces 2000 factories, THE FINAL acquittal by the ap- tem to give a fuller indorsement to These, with their families, constitute pellate court sitting in San the contribution they foresee from an industrial community of some 170,-000 people, men, women and children, which is comparable to a town of the size of Providence or Indianapolis. It can readily be appreciated, therefore, Open the doors of Los Angeles to the how serious is the effect upon the city Tacoma, Seattle and Portland tourists, when the greater number of the wage-Take off your overcoats and wraps and carners upon whom these people are depndent are suddenly deprived of their

sources of income. Of course, there are some trades whose seasonal fluctuations dovetail O yes, it is nice to run down into into the others, so that a part of this there is the great factor of under-omployment, which lies at the root of the problems of poverty and vagrancy, intemperance, crime, gambling, prostitusitates our alms and workhouses, penal palliatives to the conditions which have been allowed to develop.

Reciprocity With Canada,

From the Milwaukee Wisconsin, There is no doubt in the world that the indorsement by congress of the relar election of senators, the main ciprocity agreement with Canada which has been negotiated by the state dewas that senators and senatorships partment and is recommended by Presshould be kept as far away from the ident Taft would be advantageous to ada of wood pulp that goes in the man-

The public at large, which has been complaining of the high cost of living, has an interest in Canadian reciprocity as a relief measure. People who use paper made from wood pulp have a similar concern, for there is no doubt that paper reader, which means virtually even the resulting increase of importawhat will be the strongth with the resent the people. He has consist- tions of wood pulp and pulp wood cut on States. masses, of different candidates in ently lived up to this belief for many private lands would bring down the cost of paper. The removal of restrictions upon the exportation of pulpwood cut on crown lands would cause a further de-The tri-state Farmers' convention, cline. The Canadians have always been large consumers of American manufacresenting the farmers of Washing- under reciprocity their purchases would leaders in each party will have the ton, Idaho and Oregon—passed a be larger than ever. Think of the vast the parcels post. In this the conven-chiney in the boundless Canadian north-

> Once Was Enough. From Suburban Life.

A farmer riding on a certain ratiroad "Just once," replied the conductor

COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE

Diaz is too old to go to Paris and njoy himself. Great battle near Juarez; two killed

and five wounded. Yet the Missouri capital was not more sinful than some others.

The apparent weakness of the Mexi-can government-is surprising. The legislature will need to hustle from this on. But do it right.

Probably mere man can never be edu cated to like a woman's false hair.

Well. Vivien here's hoping happiness

but feeling rather sorry for you, all the

Portland will go on growing in spite of the Frank Kiernans and Lawyer Dun-

. . No. Montmorency, to raise poultry successfully it isn't really necessary to read "Chantecler."

Anybody can answer the question Why is the state printer's graft like Tennyson's brook?

A Massachusetts man traded his wife for a knife. Perhaps the silent letter was an inducement. Violations of the license law, says a

Newport paper, have borne "fruit." An "e" supplanted an "l." A ride from a roadhouse to a jall early on Sunday morning is quite appropriate, if not alterather pleasant.

The legislature would have done me and better so far if some members had not been so badly afflicted with BourneOREGON SIDELIGHTS

Hermiston is to have electric lights

Fruit and vegetable cannery at Myr le Point is assured.

Six head of Jackson county 2-year-old cattle weighed 19,000 pounds. Brownsville should own its water and light plants urges the Times.

Eastern man says Linn county p ple live the most ideal home life any in the country.

Many counties will do a good deal of good road building anyway, but the state aid would be a great help.

Snow in the mountains is deeper than for many winters, insuring an abundant water supply for irrigation, says the Baker City Democrat.

Last week a Coos county man mowed some beardless barley on his hill ranch, which was sown last fall. It is now something like two feet in height and is splendid green feed.

The Bohemians are doing things these days in the colony and the new town, Malin. Three times a week they hold rabbit drives, and the other days they work on the hall building says the Merrill Record.

Farmer near Corvallis has filed on the stream near his place and will im-mediately proceed to put in the canal and ditches that will give him water for alfalfa purposes in particular. He has high grade cows and expects to develop a fine dairy herd.

Property owners intend to build a wall along the bank of Lake Ewauna, near Klamath Falls, and by using drainage ditches, to drain off an area of marshy land which will be divided into tracts. The wall, which will be constructed of concrete and stone, will be wide enough for a delegant wide enough for a driveway.

SEVEN FAMOUS RIDES

The Ride of Dick Turpin.

The ride of Dick Turpin, the famous chose to leap, enabled Dick to put ad-English outlaw, from London to York ditional space between them. on Black Bess, has been frequently related in both song and story Then one halloo, boys-one

ing halloo To the swiftest of coursers, the gallant, the true!

For the sportsman unborn shall the memory bless Of the horse of the highwayman, bonnie

Black Bess." A complete book of William Harrison Ainsworth's novel, "Rockwood," is devoted to this remarkable ride, and the lines quoted above are from a song entitled "Black Bess," said to have been written by Turpin himself, and later set

to music by F. Romer. Turpin and his pal, Tom King, had been carrying on their "kid gloved outlawry" in the neighborhood of London, They had ridden up to a which they entered, unconscious that they were being pursued. Shortly a party, who were following them, also reined up at the tavern. With their usual coolness, they were about to es- followers were considerably in the rear, cape from their captors when King was, and as Turpin was dashing through the unfortunate enough to be thrown from narrow street, a donkey and cart were his horse in the mount. Turpin was safe in the saddle and was making off, when King called upon him to shoot the and on he dashed. printed on each different form to be man who had him down. Turpin turned piled in separate piles until the whole about and fired, but as they were strug- Bess had kept up a pace which probably number has been printed. There would gling he killed King instead. Seeing the no other horse in England could have

He was pursued by three skilled was borne along. "Brave! brave!" shoutthe ballots thoroughly and uniformly, horsemen. Both leader and followers ed he, "hark away, Bess!" seemed to be keeping at a relative distance for a time; for, although Black It understood in the case of Pen- be made to the precincts. That is, if Bess was able to outrun any of them, horse and rider, York was reached. Turcinct, that number is taken from the precinct ticket printed open ground, the pursued and pursuers thereon. When so understood, there is were in full view of each other, and as fell. A shiver was thereon. Dick rode swiftly across the heath, with Her heart had burst the shouting trio hard at his heels, the scene had a very animated appearance.

slackened his pace and struck to a nar- its character had ever done before, and row path to the right in order to avoid it in beautiful style. Not so with the Black Bess. pursuers, and the time they lost in unfastening the gate, which none of them

President Taft Cuts Loose, From the Philadelphia Telegraph. That President Taft has determined to break with the standpatters and reactionaries of his own party is indi- their own provender and new soldiers, cated by the tone of his message upon Canadian reciprocity, a message that the best efforts of the United States will evoke a discussion quite as wide to dislodge them and the Pacific slope as that caused by the famous tariff comunication which President Cleveland sent to congress more than 20 years ago. Reciprocity is no new thing tell the whole truth, to paint the picin American legislation. Blaine was an ture in its most horrifying details uncompromising advocate of the sys- With everything west of Wellington in tem and President McKinley favored their control, the Japanese undoubtedly closer and freer trade relations with would take advantage of the superior Canada in his last public utterance, facilities offered by Mr. J. J. Hill's Even before that, at a comparatively railroad lines and come right on to St early day, the doctrine was considered Paul, thus capturing the capital of the old, considered old at a time when all northwest and the headwaters of the parties were in favor of protecting Mississippi. From here it would be but American industries and before the a short step to Duluth and the capture tariff had become a political issue. "The of the western terminal of the Great vestigating committee yesterday that idea of equivalents," said Benton, "is Lakes. After that, the Japanese could that newspaper was offered \$36,000 to not new, but has for its sanction high sit down and dictate terms to Wash- help manufacture public opinion in faand venerated authority, of which I ington and Wall street. shall not fail to avail myself." The "high and venerated authority" was no less a personage than James Madi-

The president in his message to congress calls attention to the fact that content to stop at Wellington and get nearly every article which it is proposed to put on the free list is an article of prime necessity, which affects If we are going to have a war scare, Panama canal properties, the cost of living. With foodstuffs let us have a real one, higher in price than ever before, it may be said that the subject comes up at a Benefits of Commission Government. psychological anoment. This is especially true in view of the fact that the president intimates that he will call an extraordinary session of congress if the body now sitting fails to act.

An especially gratifying feature of the tentative agreement is that which promises a removal of prohibitive duties on lumber and the abolition of restrictions against the exportation from Canufacture of paper. These two subjects were hardly before the negotiators of ficially, but a way is pointed out by which the pulp monopoly may be broken at an early day, a result that will redound to the benefit of every newsevery intelligent citizen of the United

Humphreys Falls Short.

From the St. Paul Pioneer-Press. Congressman W. E. Humphreys of the state of Washington made a speech at Detroit the other night in which he falled to measure up to the possibili-ties of the occasion. Humphreys is for ship subsidy and a great big navy, and he tried to tell the Michiganders of the woes that would befall the nation it we fail to make provision against the encroachments of "any foreign foe" in general and Japan in particular. From the reports of the speech pub-

lished in the Detroit papers, we gather that Humphreys made it painfully plain how easy it would be for Japan. our state or unpreparedness, to land an army of 500,000 soldiers on the Pa-

All the people along the route were very much alarmed by the tramp of horses, the men rushing into the road to seize the fugitive, and women held up their babies to catch a glimpse of the flying cavalcade. With a pistol in each hand and the bridle in his teeth, Turpin passed boldly on, no one daring to pre-

sent much resistance to his flight. They were nearing the high Hornsey toll bar. The gate was swung into its lock, and the prompt custodian of the turnpike trusts ensconced within his doorway and held himself ready to spring upon the runaway. kept steadily on. He coolly calculated the height of the gate; he looked to the right and the left-nothing better offered; he spoke a few words of encouragement to Bess, gently patting her neck, then struck spurs into her side and cleared the spikes by an inch. The tollkeeper demanded payment of

the pursuers, which again When Edmonton was reached the in the way, but undauntingly he covered the driver and his little wane with ease, Twilight was approaching. Black

electrified at the speed with which he Finally, after a ride of close to 200

mfles, that taxed to the utmost both

But Dick succeeded in escaping his pursuers. This famous ride attracted As they approached, Highgate, Dick the attention of England as nothing of for perhaps a century afterward all cir- Do I talk with an edge like a parrot, the town. His pursuers shouted for cuses were not considered complete him to stand. Pointing to a gate which without Dick Turpin and his ride to seemed to bar their further progress, York as a feature, and even to this day Dick unhesitatingly charged it, clearing every traveling circus in England has a

Tomorrow-Ride of Lady Godivs.

cific coast, subdue and subjugate Port- I come from a place in the west land Seattle and Tacoma, capture the Where women intend to stay human, mountain passes at Wellington and settle their families on the rich farms from Skagit to Siskiyou, Thus raising they would be able to defy and defeat would become a Japanese province.

Terrible as that prospect may be, wonder why Humphreys hesitated to

We wish it understood that we do canal by the United States from the not think anything of this kind is going to happen, but we insist that Congresman Humphreys does not know the Japanese if he thinks they would be It does not astonish the World, which fat and prosperous in developing the demand for a searching congressional farming country in the great northwest. investigation of the purchase of the

From the Eugene Register.

The beauty of commission government is that it destroys the old time political machinery that under the slipshod method of previous government ground Journal). out graft in its various forms. There are now hundreds of American cities that have adopted commission govern- glary was the village street, and gents ment, and none of these has yet had and ladles tumbled down and went councilmen or commissioners indicted for graft, while in numerous other cities I broke my collar bone, and I was full that are still conducted under the old form there are frequent reports of graft on my head and breathed a wish that I for working through legislation in their And then I reached (and not too soon) behalf and such legislation as is detrimental to the welfare of the city.

Remembering and Forgetting. We go our ways forgetting The favors we receive, But day by day we find The time to keep in mind The wrongs that made us grieve.

We carefully remember The passing snub or slight, But in a little while Forget the word or smile That made a moment brig

Tonight this morning's triumph No longer will he sweet. But many a sun will set Ere we shall cease to fret re we shall cease to the O'er yesterday's defeat.

—8, E. Riser.

things that you may do. Salem Statesman advocates the sion plan of government

Oregon to Lead the Way

From the Baltimore Sun

The far west will blaze the way for the rest of the country in the fight for the control of the Republican and Democratic national conventions. months before either of the conventions is held Oregon will vote under its recently adopted system for the choice of delegates to the two conventions. These delegates are instructed for both presidential and vice presidential candidates,

The Oregon primary will take place early in April, 1912. While it is over a year off it developed here today that in both the big parties the contest is already on and that no stone will be left unturned to carry the state for the influence it may have upon others in the selection of delegates.

Western politicians generally believe that La Follette or some other progressive will carry the state by thousands of votes over Taft and that delegates will be sent to the convention instructed for progressive candidate. It is stated to be the intention of the administration to contest, and under the direction of Postmaster General Hitchcock Oregon will assume an important position of

the political map. More interesting, perhaps, than the Republican situation is that among Democrats. It was asserted by several Democratic congressmen favorable to the nomination of Champ Clark for the presidency that friends of Woodrow Wilson and Judson Harmon are preparing to take up the Oregon situation at an early date.

One of Mr. Clark's friends received a letter from Portland Or., that a Missourian is the strongest man among the Democrats of that state, but that unless his campaign was put in the hands of competent men and an organization effected the New Jersey man or the Ohloan may walk off with the prize. But, he added, as matters now stand, Clark is the undoubted leader, and at the primary were held today he would easily secure the Oregon delegates to the Democratic national convention.

TANGLEFOOT

By Miles Overholt A SCALY FISH TALE.

"Have the smelt of the Columbia river forsaken their old stamping ground in the Cowlitz?" inquires Hyman H. Cohen in a marketpagical tone of voice. We'll be the goat, Hy-have they smelt a worm and are forsaking the GROUND in the Cowlitz where they were wont to STAMP and kick up their heels and have a high old time generally?

AS THE CLOCK TICKS.

Leaning gracefully against the capital

Q on his typewriter, he flipped the ashes from his cigar and said: I. Needham is a deputy sheriff at Salem. But for that matter Daniel Webster is a justice of the peace there. But say, you fellers: Mary Mee is a spinster at Central Point! Why don't you do it? fellers: Shame on yuh.

O, YOU HAM SANDWICH. Without thinking further on the matter, it has occurred to us that a ham actor with a bun has no business becoming wrecked on a cannibal island.

A Voice From the Plains. But the public fully understands the horse play, and it will fully unthe horse play, and it will fully unthe ballots are then to be assembled Black Bess and went away on his fathe horse play, and it will fully unthe ballots are then to be assembled Black Bess and went away on his fathe was to her magnificent action, felt with an inch of white flour on each fea-And a daub of red pasts on my lips?

Is my head weighted down with a cargo Of horse hair, or oakum, or tow, That you ask me if I'm from Chicago, Or one of the set that you know? To make me a sight on the street? Is my hat a ridiculous jummux

heathenish solor and shape That would sieken the sight and the stomach. Or even the foolishest ape?

Or giggle, or simper, or flirt? Is my hair bleached the shade of a carrot?

Do I wear a man's trousers or shirt?

Am I rigged up to strut like a dummy

In duds unbecoming and loud, Or swaddled to look like a mummy My form showing clear to the crowd? No. I'm not a city-bred woman;

Hecause they consider it best.

We have use use for our brains and our And something to live for but style We are genuine women not shoddles-And life to our kind is worth while.

We are here for the good of creation; We're women, not clothes signs of birds; We're working for human salvation,

And value good deeds and good words, Oh, yes, we have heard that you pity a Such badly gowned creatures as I, But, thank Ged, I'm no child of that the I'm dressed for the plains and the skyl -Lurana Sheldon, in New York Times.

Light on the Panama Purchase, From the New York World. A. W. Dodsworth, business manager of the New York Journal of Commerce testified before the house subsidy invor of the purchase of the Panama

French company. This testimony may have astonished some of the members of the committee.

Helpful Hiram

(Contributed to The Journal by Walt Mason, the famous Kansas poet. His proce-poems are a regular feature of this column in The Bally It was a day of ice and elect; all

a-whizzing through the town. Six times of grief and groan. Six times I landed among the councilmen wherein corpora- were dead. Six times I fell upon the tions have paid them good, round sums walk and slid in anguish round a block. a stretch of walk with ashes strewn; there man might use his legs and feel he didn't need to dance and reel. Old Helpful Hiram did the trick. Old Hiram's crippled, beat and sick. He's lonely, feeble, tired and gray; he has no wealth to give away. And yet he tries, the best he can, to benefit his fellow man. And when he sees men whizzing past, their coat tails flapping in the blast, the victims of a day of sleet, he sprinkles ashes on the street, and men with broken collar bones are blessing him in earnest tones. You often he some geezer say, if he had wealth to give away he'd do so much to help the race; he's simply talking through his face. You do not need a pile of dough to help to lessen earthly woe. Just look around you, and you'll view a thousand

George Matthew Adams, Chart Masses