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JONATHAN BOURNE

THE LATE legislature deemed it good policy to hammer Jonaclubbed him. They lost no oppor- executive department. tunity to heap upon him opprobrium, epithet and invective.

In reality they helped him. Their foolishly. They did exactly the kind of thing to strengthen Bourne,

About one more legislative session would insure Bourne's reelection. A little more activity by the Bowermans, Nottinghams and Abrahams and it cannot be stopped. In any choice between them and Jonathan Bourne, most people would take Bourne a hundred times. Their attacks and the method of them only increase Bourne's standing. Enemies of that kind are a splendid po-

The people of Oregon did not engage to pay the bills of this \$5,000,-000 legislative session to have the time spent in considering Jonathan Bourne. There was other and more in the very process of transition into a greater Oregon made other and The affair at Salem was an issue of a commonwealth and legislative requirements in its service. But what we had was hour after hour of the German tongue. senate's time devoted to excoriation Jeers at the Oregon system.

This newspaper cares nothing about Mr. Bourne. It strenuously opposed his popular election as senator. But in common fairness, Jonathan Bourne has been a consistent supporter of government by the citizen instead of government by the boss, and for that is entitled to credit. If the Republicans of Oregon want another man for senator, the leadership than that which made itself so conspicuous at Salem.

IN M'KINLEY'S TIME

N 1896 THE platform on which McKinley was elected declared thodox Republican doctrine. is in perfect accord with the tradi- civilization in which we live. tions and pledges of his party.

But, at Washington, we have the spectacle of the senate in chaos over the policy. Appropriations passed by the house are in peril of non-action in the senate. They may be beaten by obstructive tactics resorted to in opposing reciprocity with Canada. A vote on direct election of senator may go over for the same reason. So, too, there is prospect that there may be no vote on the fisue of Lorimer, and no action on the permanent tariff board.

All legislation in the senate is blocked by Republican resistance to the president's reciprocity policy. Chaos reigns, and the dispatches insist that Mr. Taft will call an extra session of congress to convene March 15, leaving to the Democratic house and a partly changed senate the problem of presidential policies. Such is the reverence the senate majority is paying to cardinal principle in McKipley Republicanism.

The spectacle shows how big inprofess one thing and practice another. They are for reciprocity until into support of their system. They out to him a plugged penny.

A LEGISLATIVE LEGACY

Many of them are full of defects. next year, but there are the other

A Moscow merchant tells the some pointers. One hundred trees can be set on an sore, plainting them 20 closed a contract with an eastern publicate that the parcels post would inare ground through a session like be regarded as doubtful. ausage through a mill. Some are

validate or invalidate all this wil- the Philippines. derness of bills and do it all within five days was the legacy left to the governor by the recent session.

The state aid bill came to him with a phraseology that made it inoperative. It was one of the vital measures of the session and yet its passage was impotent. The publicity immigration bill passed without safeguards for spending the money. A bill referring to county treasurers' invalidated indictments in the Thorburn Ross case, and was killed by executive negative. A bill appropriated \$5000 for fighting bubonic plague, but failed to state who was to receive the money. A bill professing to fix the standard of purity of linseed oil failed to provide what

With 725 bills introduced and but 40 days for consideration accuracy gave way to inaccuracy and blunders ran riot. Defects stalked through the lawmaking like death on a white horse. Legislating went serenely on with the accuracy of a scatter gun. To discover the blunders, to pass than Bourne. There was stud- upon the advisability of measures, led effort by the Bowerman- to listen to and decide between the Nottingham group to do him politi- controversies of those urging or opcal harm. Figuratively, they kicked posing approval of bills, and to do and cuffed him; they battered and it all in five days-this was the bullied him; they censured and legacy left by the legislature to the

the standard must be.

And still, they say that only legislatures should be allowed to legislate, and that the citizens haven't Sourne-mania made them behave time or sense enough to make laws.

THE KAISER AND SUICIDE

HE GERMAN emperor is noth ing if not original. One of his officers attempts suicide and fails. Being tried before the regimental court of honor he is found guilty of violating his military oath. Appeal being taken to the kaiser he reverses the verdict, saying "He is responsible only to God and his conscience. Therefore his deed can be judged neither by regular nor honor tribunals."

It was not so held in the ancien days. The suicide was tried post mortem. His act then proved was held a crime. Having passed beyond the reach of human punishment his pressing business. A growing state body was refused Christian burial and was interred at the crossroads at dead of night. Suicide, the word. more important issues that Mr. is not many centuries old, and came Bourne or any other mere man, from the French into the English language. As "self-slaying" it has lost the force of the older word, "self-murder," common also to the

The most precious possession of a and the stake is worth the effort.

horror it roused in generations, not long passed. Possibly Japanese classing it as the remedy for dishon- niases? opposition will have to have another helped to cheapen it. Among white the suicide is responsible only to \$107,000. emphatically for reciprocity. For God and his conscience is a wide demany years during and after parture from the well remembered pushing reciprocity, President Tatt is built into the very structur of the

PREMATURE CONJECTURES

LREADY SEVERAL newspapers have published estimates or conjectures on the presidential election of 1912, including lists of probably Republican, Democratic and doubtful states, and this species of harmless if profitless amusement will be carried on increasingly in the press of the country during the next 20 months. Most readers would probably be thankful to be spared recitals of these conjectures, which at this early date can be little more than idle speculation, but on the other hand they are to some interesting matter.

The new electoral college, if the

membership of the house be increased to 439, will consist of 531 electors, requiring 266 votes to elect. The Democrats have substantial ground for expecting to carry some states that they have lost in the last four presidential elections, and judgterests that profit from the tariff ing by the elections last year it is not unreasonable for them to hope to win a majority of the electoral reciprocity is possible. Then they college. They can win, it is pointed are against it. They fool the farmer out, by carrying the solid south and hold him in line for their huge slices Cleveland carried in 1884 - New which 2,000,000 come from or go of protection, taking a dollar of it York, New Jersey, Connecticut and abroad. The weight for foreign parfor themselves every time they dole Indiana. Not only did these states cels is limited to 11 pounds, and the T SALEM THE governor of West Virginia. The solid south, in- express, and are limited to 160 cubic Oregon is buried under an ava- cluding West Virginia, Delaware and inches. But a postal convention lanche of bills, rushed through Oklahoma, will have 186 votes, and among European countries allows the legislature in the last mo- with those of the four Cleveland Russian merchants to order many ents of the late session. No less states the number would be 267, or things from London, Paris, Berlin for potatoes, bread and meat and a few than 233 measures were piled upon one more than enough to elect. West and Vienna. This, however, has no so-called luxuries—for the very things him by adjournment, and he had but Virginia, Connecticut and Delaware immediate bearing on the parcels nature so generously lavishes without five days in which to consider them. are not at all sure to go Democratic post question in the United States.

and caused by hurried consideration, coming part of this country, said: but he found that they ordered

islation stretching almost from the those we have." He is quite right. occident to the morning star and This nation neither wants Canada, from the north pole to the southern nor Mexico, and as soon as is practicross. To digest, investigate and cable would do well to get rid of

LORIMER'S DEFENSE

ORIMER DENIED using any money to bribe members of the Illinois legislature to vote for him, or that he had any personal knowledge of bribery in his favor, or that he organized the combination of Republicans and Democrats that elected him-denied doing anything illegal or improper in connection with his election.

Such general and sweeping dental was expected, if Lorimer said anything at all in his own defense. Indeed, it was necessary, Merely as a denial it has no more weight nor force than an accused person's formal plea of not guilty.

Lorimer does more than deny however. He explains, rather plausibly, why some Democrats voted for him. They did so solely and purely because they were his personal friends. Lorimer narrates quite a "human interest" story of his boyhood struggles, a story that appeals to human sympathies, that arouses admiration for qualities of the man, that explains why he became a leader and boss of the baser political elements of a great city; but the story has really "nothing to do with the case.

And it is not very credible that all the Democrats who finally voted for him did so on the ground of personal friendship and admiration, when for weeks they had not so voted, and apparently had no notion of doing so. What caused their personal friendship thus to spring into remembrance and action after lying so long dormant?

Link, Beckemeyer and Holtslaw con- to jail. fessed before grand juries that they were bribed, testified in court that they received money for their votes, and named three other members of the Illinois legislature as paying them the cash. The fact remains that bank officials testified in court and before the grand juries and senate investigating committee that sums corresponding to those paid the bribed legislators were placed on deposit in banking institutions at the very time the bribing was done. How did it ail so happen if Lorimer is not guilty?

WHEN ANANIASES FIGURE

TOW IS THE Seattle Chamber of Commerce to be explained? Late in January its official through the country, greatly underman is his life. In it the commun-stated Portland as to bank clearings, ity and the family have rights and deposits, postoffice receipts and in duties of preservation as well as the other particulars. The press of Portman himself. So 12 men launch the land pointed out the glaring under- if he would but take it up. life boat in the storm and risk their statements, but here comes the lives to save one in desperate peril, monthly magazine of the chamber tented lot and rarely ever express themwith the misrepresentations of Port-Suicide is gradually losing the land reiterated. What does the body mean? Is it a chamber of commerce or a chamber of Ana-

It's statement of Portland's postpeople the weakening of the force of a month ago and now reiterated, is the religious command thou shalt \$818,383. Portland's actual postnot kill is marked. Civil tribunals, office receipts for 1910 were \$925,- returns from our own place, acquired and not religious, judge this crime. 164. The Seattle Chamber under-But the decision of the kaiser that states them, in round numbers,

Portland's bank clearings for 1910 were \$517,171,867. The Se-Blaine's time, reciprocity was or- text, "No man liveth to himself, and attle publication places them at In no man dieth to himself." For this \$428,228.098. In round numbers, Seattle understates them \$90,000,-

> end of 1910 were \$65,000,000. The permits to go to work. That is one rea- Henry the French throne, the two king-Seattle statisticians lop off \$22,000,-000 and give them as \$43,000,000.

valuation of Portland realty. They gave it at \$274,000,000, or \$27,000,-000 less than the actual figures. What is even worse, they gave the

building permits for the year at the correct aggregate of \$20,700,000. correct aggregate of \$20,700,000, modern chemists suddenly startled the ing for soul and body as well as they but in a footnote deliberately state world with the intelligence that he could could. When fully prepared for victhat \$4,000,000 does not belong in the total, but is in effect watered values, belonging somewhere in and vegetables known. Wouldn't it be confissing themselves hastily, at least 1911, not in 1910.

The original publication of a month ago could have been error. What is the difference, then, between Then, the Seattle chamber's understatement of Portland was explainable on that hypothesis. But no such explanation is possible now, and we have one more proof that while figures don't lie, Ananiases do figure,

PARCELS POST IN RUSSIA

semi - barbarous Russia beats the United States in the matter of a parcels post. The post parcels exchanged in Rusthe same four northern states that sia are about 10,000,000 a year, of elect Demogratic governors last year, size to 23 1/2 inches each way, or but three of them elected Democratic 39x8x8 inches. But packages deslegislatures, as also did Ohio, Maine, tined for the United States must be Nebraska, Colorado, Montana and sent to a German port, and thence by

first that the parcels post would in- by 20, occupying a space 80 by 200 They involve every kind of topic "We have Alaska, we have Porto through him, and he was benefited.

and set out regulations for every Rico, we have the Philippines- Just se it would work with the kind of human conduct and legal re- heaven knows, we have enough, and smaller merchants in this country; striction. They affect social groups before we look out for other burthey could supply and deliver goods with some opposed and some favor- dens and responsibilities, let us show to country customers better and ing the proposed law. They are leg, the world we can meet perfectly more satisfactorily than they do now, and their business would consequently grow.

> Many people go from this country to far foreign lands as missionaries, but missionary or some other sort of effective work seems to be needed over in the Silets region about as badly as in darkest heathendom. It seems to be high time that the government or the state authorities shut off the supply of whiskey and guns from the ignoble red men there.

Letters From the People

Protest From an Unemployed Man Portland, Feb. 22 .- To the Editor of The Journal-Last night I read your article headed "Sheriff Has Club Over Tramps Now." Now I am an electrical worker and an experienced motion pio ture operator. I have looked the city over from one end to the other for a osition at anything I can get; but have een unsuccessful. There is a clause in this law which says "Every idle or dissolute person" shall be subject to arrest; also it says, any one on the streets late at night or who goes to sleep out doors or any place outside of a regular lodging is subject to arrest. If you go and eg, you're up against the law again.

Now I ask, what is a man who wants to work and can't get it going to do? Is he to go and jump off the bridge and end it all, or go out on the rockpile? I can't figure out any other place for him as it is. Now I am not an L. W. W. or anything like that, but an honest young man who has served his time in the United States navy, and now at 28 years of age I find myself down and out, through no fault of mine, and jail staring me in the face because I can't

get work. I heartly support any law to punish able bodied men who use crooked means of gaining a livelihood, but I can't see why an honest laboring man should be forced to suffer for the sins of thieves, white slaves and the like, and I ask you to publish this if you will and let the people of Portland decide what I and many others in the same position are The fact remains that White, going to do-jump off the bridge, or go A HUNGRY MECHANIC.

> Living on One Acre of Land. St. Johns, Feb. 21.-To the Editor of The Journal-Let me say to Mr. Howard Costner that his ignorance of existing conditions in this country is only equaled by his ignorance of the t takes to raise a family of hearty,

healthy youngsters. If this man is from Missouri, he can easily be shown hundreds of tracts Portland, from a single lot to two or three acres, that are bringing to their owners a splendid remuneration. There is nothing more clearly demonstrated at Portland-indeed, all over the coast country—than this getting back to the soil and the big results obtained by this endeavor to get from the earth all t will produce.

For the last 20 years I have known of intensive farming—this getting out onto an acre or so of ground. In former years it was called "lazy farming" by envious large farmers, but is now known by a more scientific name. Colleges publication, sent broadcast teach it, and the state spends thousands of dollars a year encouraging small farming and showing practically all that can be got out of a small patch of ground. It is the only means of solvground. ing the high price of living, and comes

The owners of small tracts are a conselves in the papers, but at intervals through the year we read accounts of things accomplished on a small tract of land-this one from chickens, another from fruit, and others from a cow or two; and, although the owners do office receipts for 1910, set out first ing the week, before or after their day's bers. When the great differences numlabor, they make this a paying side

I was surprised myself at the quick so recently from the wild,

Those were facts I stated in my former letter-not theory, but hard facts, as the groceryman can testify. Our bill month was only an average amount for a family of seven-seven, understand, not five-my husband, myself and five children, and to the average man earning \$3 to \$3.50 per day it the victory to Judas Maccabeus." is as a race for life. . This is one reason the Associated Charities are be-Portland's bank deposits at the summer, by parents with children, for gave the English control of France and They also attacked the assessed son lines of care come on the father's French army was routed, with a less face when he is laid off for a few days, or when sickness enters the home, as every day so lost is so much checked from his income. His is a pull against a swift current, and it is only the English, it is said, lost only 40. bravest that can win out.

Suppose, for instance, some of our take the soil and by fusing it and conwould all become interested in making despatch. mud ples again, only in a scientific way. during all the procedure. the slow process of planting and gath ering the fruit? The result is the same, only the latter process is so old it has fallen into disuse with too great a ma-

jority of mankind. Take the owner of an acre—the one who has fruit trees bearing, in particular. There are boxes of apples in his cellar, boxes of winter pears, shelves containing hundreds of quarts of canned fruits, jellies and jams, and potatoes in bins. He has sold enough fruit to pay for the sugar used in the canning, he has sugar ahead for simost the whole year, and flour stored away that will carry him till fruit season again. time he has expended on this has been a pleasure, not a toll. If he owns a cow, add to this butter and milk.

Compare this to the man who rents, to the man who buys his apples by the man. box, whose fruits and milk are tinned,

and look at it from all sides, when it these people toiling for, anyway—these it, too. thousands in the factories, in the noise A con and racket of a city, in the crowded an acre the other half, and a man's daily stores and underground shops? Merely wages can be used for other purposes price on the tiller of the soil.

raspberries.

COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE

Looks like an extra se mountains are a hard region to work the work It is believed that it would be un-

favor a second choice, or even s

Yes, it is dertain that the legislature as adjourned, all but the journal

The weather's all right; it is cool enough to prevent the buds from devel-oping too fast.

Is Taft, after all, to go down in his tory as one of the most courageous of our presidents? The down-and-out politicians want ny old thing that will weaken or viti-te the primary law.

The good time coming is not so very ar off now; the baseball players are ff to begin practice. It is curious that so many people who go into politics regard it as a game by which to humbug the people.

"Don't eat when you are tired," ad-vises a health expert. If they didn't, many people would starve to death.

Now the editors and some farmers ar

getting free garden seeds from the con-gressmen who want votes again next

Champ Clark might be the Demo-cratic nominee in 1912, if he can resist the constant temptation to talk too An egg 400 years old has been pre-sented to the New York museum. This is believed to beat any cold storage

Chancellor Day says he doesn't un-derstand smoking, and he is therefore almost as violently opposed to it as to Postmaster General Hitchcock seems not to be afraid of magazine explosions leaving worry on that score to the navy

While the two were hunting rabbits a California woman shot and killed her husband. Guns are bad playthings women and children.

It is said that King George did not want to prosecute Mylius for libeling him, but the queen being consulted, she said, "Let George do it!" and he did.

That judgeship bill veto was too bad,

governor; there was such a nice, agreeable, competent lot of Democratic law-yers to select from, and each of whom It is suggested that, judging by some of his recent remarks in congress, Representative Macon of Arkansas would better be serving in the sewer department of his home town.

In Vienna a loaf of bread made of American flour and sold at the same

price as in this country is twice as large as the American loaf. If the duty isn't too high, it might pay to import our bread from Germany. Who plants a rose bush does a bit to make the world more fair, to add more beauty to its face and fragrance to its air. He doeth well who planteth grain, and any food that grows; he helps the world to hope and smile who

OREGON SIDELIGHTS

Much building is reported going on Florence Commercial club will issued dvertising pamphiets.

Man near Eugene claims to have Fruit growers of Douglas county are trying to form an organization.

Big sawmill at Tillamook has started

Turnip raised near Florence measured is inches one way and 11 the other.

Baker City may have the finest hospital in the state outside of Portland. Spirit of Irrigation is rife in Grants Pass and vicinity, says the Courier. Building the Rogue River Valley rail-road near Grants Pass is actually un-

Work on preparing the 3000-acre tract of land in Linn county for fruit plant-ing will begin next week.

Man near Nehalem received \$25,000 for 80 acres, for which, including stock and utensils, he paid \$7000 six

The coroner's jury censured severely the lad who killed another one while hunting in Lane county, which was leting him off lightly.

Among other things stolen from the Lorella, Klamath county, postoffice, were 62 rabbit scalps. Perhaps the burg-lar thought they would bring him luck.

by a colony of eastern farmers to seek for them a suitable tract of from 2000 to 2000 acres in the Rogue river valley.

The Albany Democrat is not far wrong when it "opines" that "Douglas county will do the state a favor if it will keep Abraham at home hereafter."

The taxes in Albany are about the lowest of any of the cities. They are 7 mills more in Eugene, nearly twice as much in Astoria, more in Medford, in fact about everywhere else, claims the

Owing to the close observance of the closed season, the deer in the moun-tains around Jacksonville are becoming unusually tame, several of them having approached almost to the back doors of number of ranch houses.

In one year there has been an increase of \$100,102.09 in the bank deposits of Corvallis. With no noticeable increase in population, this added wealth must come from greater prosperity and enter prise, says the Gazette-Times. The deposits, now exceed \$1,065,000.

Rev. Herbert S. Johnson, a Baptist preacher of Boston, son of a former president of the University of Oregon and a graduate of that institution, wants "thousands of fine Boston girls" to come to Oregon. But wouldn't they have a disastrous effect on our climate?

The Medford Mail-Tribune, that op-posed strongly the Peirce bill relating to fishing in Rogue river, is satisfied with the modified bill as passed, and says: "The fact that 200 families in a sparsely settled, inaccessible region, were prived of means of livelihood and an vestment of several hundred thousand dollars confiscated, convinced the legis-lature that it was justified, on the lature that it was justified, on the live-and-let-live principles, in modifying the people's law by giving all parties a share of what they desired—in fact, all each was entitled to receive without injuring the other.

SEVEN FAMOUS CHARGES

The English at Agincourt,

wish a man more." This was the significant remark made by King Henry V on the evening before the famous battle of Agincourt. He was aware that not devote all their time to these tracts, he was to meet the resistance of an taking a few hours here and there dur- army four times his superior in numerically of the forces were explained to him by Sir Walter Hungerford, who added that there were 10,000 experienced archers in England who would ask nothing better than to take part in the battle. Henry replied: "The number which we have is the number which God has willed. These people (the French) place their confidence in their multitude, and I in Him who so often gave

The battle of Agincourt was the decisive victory in the Hundred Years' sleged, as soon as school closes for the war, fought on October 25, 1415, which arms to strike their enemies, except son the factories and stores are crowded doms being united. It was 50,000 with children who ought to be out in against 15,000, but the skill of the Engof 10,000 slain, including many of the great nobles of the country, and 15,000 entirely at the mercy of the small army prisoners, including the duke of Qr of archer chargers. Great bodies of men leans and Marshal Boucleaut, while

The night before the battle the English spent the time preparing and carcould. When fully prepared for vic-tory these brave men did not neglect juring it with other things mould out their sternal safety and endeavored to apples, strawberries and all the fruits reconglic themselves with God and man. reconcile themselves with God and man, as a startling discovery? We all whom the priests could manage to There was complete silence

> On the Firench side it was fust the They busied themselves dubbing knights. Large fires in all directions enabled the enemy to note everything. The knights did not sleep for fear of soiling their armor and their roistering no doubt told effectively against them when the conflict came. The French, too, had skilled archers, but the proud knights in armor refused to relinquish their front positions in the line of battle. The Parisians had throne. offered 6000 men-at-arms. But a knight observed: "What need have we for

used 12 rolls a month-a family of seven -and, as I know, this is an average. If you can get along with two rolls, that's your business. You are a lucky We paid over \$2000 for our acre, and we have never regretted it. An avwho hoards every nickel and often parts erage family can pay that amount to with all but car fare. These men are as far apart as night years, and that is the end of it. Every and day. You can see it in their faces. dollar invested in a good, productive When we face the situation squarely place around Portland or any other coast city is two in your own pocket-the only comes down to brass tacks, what are all way of eating your candy and keeping A cow will furnish half your living

MRS. BLANK

Fifty Years in Oregon.

jure his trade, on account of custo- across the back of the lot, leaving a entitled "Fifty Years in Oregon," Govtrivial errors made by clerks, others In a recent speech President Taft, mers dealing directly with larger space 120 by 200 for other things. Our entitled "Fifty Years in Oregon," Governove the life of the measure alluding to the talk about Canada be lours in western European capitals, but he found that they endered ernor Geer will not only deal extensive-ly in an interesting way with the strug-'Ev'y man wif a healthy lookin' haid gles of the ploneer settlers, but he will eats prunes. Hesides, I'se a phrenoly-As to butter, at the time I wrote we trace the progress of this state to its

"I swear by our Lord that I do not times more numerous than the English.

The dawn of the famous day found

the battlefield a slough, following the terrific rains of the night. At the decisive moment for the charge, old Sir Thomas Erpingham, who had drawn up the English army, sald: signal which the English answered by formidable shout from 10,000 voices Much to the astonishment of the English when they rushed at the French the latter remained motionless. Horses and knights appeared to be enchanted or struck dead in their armor. The fact was that their large battle steeds weighed down with their heavy riders and lumbering caparisons of iron, had all their feet completely sunk in the deep wet clay. They were fixed there could only struggle out to crawl on a few steps at a walk. Besides the French were so numerous and so crowd ed together that they could not lift their

some who were in the front. To arouse these inert masses, the English erchers rained, with unceasing shower, 10,000 arrows right in their faces. The awful slaughter, under such conditions, that followed can easily be imagined. The great French host was and horse fell and rolled in the mud and one may imagine the fearful panic that took place in this serried mass The English, quitting their fortress of stakes, rushed on the French to demolish the mountain of horses and men mixed together.

A small counter-charge in this battle, was that of 18 French gentlemen, who made a dash at the English monarch They had sworn, it was said, to die or to beat his crown off his head, them struck a gem from it and all per ished

In 1422 the English king and queen entered Paris as sovereigns, but in a few months death stopped short the triumphant career of Henry, and his Henry VI was proclaimed king of France as well as of England. other war shortly followed leading up to the Joan of Arc episode in French history, which ended in the placing of their own king, Charles

Tomorrow-The Louisbourg Grena these workmen. We are already four diers at Quebec

> present position as a power in the northwest. He has been a man behind the hoe, and he has also been the man behind the man with the hoe, and is thoroughly equipped in every way to give a good account of Oregon. His story should prove worth while.

Prunes and Phrenology.

From the Popular Magazine. Charles H. Fullaway, assistant superintendent of the division of finance in the postoffice department, was on a Chesapeake & Ohio railroad train on his way to Washington from Chicago, He got up one morning for breakfast, and in the dinng car was delighted to see that one of the items on the bill of fare was stewed prunes.

He looked up to becken to his waiter and tell him to bring an order of the prunes. But he did not have to give the order, for the waiter was hurrying down the aisle with the saucer of prunes on the tray

"How did you know I wanted prunes?" asked Fullaway, in surprise.

Why Should Two Men Do Work of One?

From the Los Angeles Examiner. White mice are often kept in cages, equipped with wheels. A mouse runs into the wheel and expends its energy in making it go round and round and und. The mouse does not get any where, nor accomplish anything by turnwasted. Possibly the mouse knows this, but, being a prisoner, it turns the wheel for the sake of the exercise it affords. It is hard to believe that were the mouse at liberty it would put in its time on so foolish a task.

There are many people who waste their force in the same way as the their force in the same way as the mice in the cage, only without the same excuse, for these people are not pris-oners. They have the world and all its works in which to get busy. Sometimes these people waste the energy they possess in the form of money, for money is but a counter for energy, either in latent or active form. Each coin you control or own is the same as a warehouse receipt, entitling you to draw a specified amount from the reserves stored up by all human labor. It will pain many of our readers to

know that we, the people of the city of Los Angeles, have for many years been playing the part of the mouse turning the wheel, without even the shadow of its excuse. We have wasted our energy, in the form of money, to extent of many millions of dollars. We have been running a county government wheel which serves no pose for the city of Los Angeles. We pay out millions of dollars every year pay out millions of dollars every year ment wheel which serves no useful purour work for us, and we pay more milgovernment to duplicate the work of the city government. And for this longcontinued folly we have no excuse in lack of timely warning. Twenty years ago, then Mayor Henry T. Hazard made the matter of consolidation of city and county government the sole theme of a message to the city council. In that message, pointing the reason for the change, he said: "Under the government now consti-

tuted we are maintaining in the city one city and one county jail, with the jailer and necessary assistants; one city and one county assessor, with their corps of assistants, maps, assessment books, offices, etc.; one city and one county tax collector, with their deputies and records; one city and one county treasurer, with their bookkeepers and clerks; one city and one county auditor, with their deputies and books of account; a board of supervisors and a city coun-cil, and the other various deputies and assistants necessary to support and maintain two independent governments." Mayor Hazard then urged that there

be no delay, saying: "This is a matter of such vital importance to our city that I would be glad to have the present administration bring it before the people in such a way that they will be permitted to express themselves thereon at an election to be called under the provisions of the law providing for a consolidation." The political powers of the day were opposed to the Hazard program, and for

this reason nothing came of it. They cared nothing about having the expenses of government decreased. They wanted them increased. With predatory taxeaters in the saddle, the taxpayers did not have a chance. The leak through which the tax money has been pouring has grown steadily

message. It has cost the people of the between \$15,900,000 and \$20,000.00 to keep the useless county wheel running these two decades. Upon the Los Angeles delegation in legislature rests the duty of seeing to the passage of legislation needed, opening the way to stop this waste of

larger year by year since the Hazard

the people's money. By Miles Langlefoot

Overholt EARLY SPRING VERSE. Dear Mr. Tanglefoot-Kindly insert the following at your regular rates-

Now the sad eyed wilted tadpole soft-ly croons his lullaby, ly croons his lullaby.

And the rumpling in the distance tells
the coming of the fly.

The playful worms are playing sevenup for early birds, the festive springtime poet coins a list of fancy words The subber The subber in the suburbs plants his garden in the moon.
While the cow looks on with favor—

she will eat it pretty soon.

Hear the catfish in the treetops softly crooning to his mate, the advertising calendar decides The summer making swallows, in their migratory way, our houses full of bedbugs, then pack up and fly away.

pack up and fly away. The busy ant and antelope both ante in the game. And the busy politician takes "a little of the same." The bumblehee is bumbling as he bumbles on the wing. And everyone's postical because, you know, it's spring. —W. W. C. A Big Movement

From the Boston Journal. This movement for the rule of the people is the biggest thing in our national life today. Nobody can doubt this who will observe the activities at score of state capitals where today the Oregon plan of senatorial election, the short ballot, the initiative and referendum are being urged with opular backing. There is just as sharp division in the Democratic party over this set of issues, as in the Republican Whether it be found at work in one party or the other, this people's rule movement cannot be laughed out of countenance. It is going to win, and the party which first surrenders to it will

Knowing Your Trade

well serve its future.

(Contributed to The Journal by Walt Mason the famous Kansas poet. His proce-poems are a regular feature of this column in The Daily Journal).

One day I had to take a board and fix the roof, which let in rain; I sawed my fingers off and roared until the neighbors had a pain. I tried, and tried, to drive a hail, and every time the hammer missed; I tolled for hours without avail; I broke my neck and sprained my wrist; I clawed the shingles off the roof, and piled up smoking words in tiers, till friends and neighbors stood aloof, and held their fingers to their ears. And then a carpenter I sought; of sawing boards a trade he makes; he fussed around my lowly tot, and had it fixed in forty shakes. He knew just how to wield a saw, he knew just how to drive a nail; he were a smile, and from his jaw there came no language rank and stale. And when his little task was done, he came inside my hum-ble home, and said, when he had got his "I wish you'd read this little pome. I dashed it off the other night, when inspiration warmed my heart; I would that I might always write, for I'm a honey-bird on Art." I read two lines; then, with a roar, I tied him in a sailor's knot, and buried him beneath the floor of my obscure but happy sot.