

that "hungry mechanic's" case is an ex-

ceptional one, Although from your point

of view it may seem so.

olutions in the leading sound cities are of interest in Port- the message of a greater Oregon land. In Tacoma the prelimi- were the railroads. Their work was naries are being arranged for a re- one of the most effective of all the call election. There is a clamor factors in the great campaign. against the municipal government

Their effectiveness was the consequence of their knowledge of the in-

Last, but not least, in spreading which further investigation verified. DURATION OF LIFE

I speak from actual experience, for NLY FOUR KINDS of verteduring the last two years here in Portbrate animals, so far as is land, and while I know there are many known, ever attain to a full places 1 am qualified to fill creditably ranks of the unemployed century of life; these are men, as also seem to be many of my neighelephants, eagles and parrots. Owls bors, and I know it is not due to any have been known to live to the age lack of initiative, for weary weeks have of 80 years, ravens 70, and cranes, lengthened into months, while daily ostriches and canary birds from 35 search and personal application has been made in every quarter of the town and to 50. Man's next of kin, the chimin every branch of business, resulting panzee and ourang-outang, somein an occasional odd job at any old times live 60 or 70 years. Turtles price in the vain hope that willingness and tortoises surpass all vertebrates shown to do good work at less than a authors. in longevity, some of them living living wage might bring steady and remunerative employment. more than 150 years. And it has Many unemployed men have families been asserted that a carp will live dependent upon them, yet are forced to up 300 years. This, however, may be a labor far from home on such terms that fish story. One of the seeming mis- few dollars are left to their families affits in creation is that so noble an 'ter their own fixed and necessary exbe an elimination or a postponement have provided generously, and he animal as the horse survives an average of only 15 or 20 years, while a as they can in order to obtain the barest parrot lives 100 or a turtle 150. Dr. necessities of life. Other married men Chalmers Mitchell of London agrees are unable to leave their families and with Professor Metchnikoff's asser- are equally unable to take them along for good and sufficient reasons and tion that barring accident the averamong them are many hungry mechanage man should live 100 years; and ics. Unattached men by the thousands if that long, why not longer in fucan be found in this city, principally herding in the vicinity of the employment offices, the great majority of The animals take no care of life. whom are of that coarser fiber that They neither dissipate nor diet. They brooks no refusal if work is in sight, live no longer now than in the days and who are good and willing workers of Alexander or Adam. But, with when opportunity, offers, No; the truth is, man's inhumanity to man it is different. He can learn; man, coupled with misrepresentation and he can change; he can prolong the graft, has steadily and persistently exlife average, and is making steady ploited and peonized labor until endursteps in doing so. Actuaries are alance has ceased to be the virtue it once ready making statements that great- was, and in its place is a growing feeler longevity has been attained, and ing of desperation that about 100 years ago broke out into that volcano of retriscientists predict further extensions bution known as the terror, and from of the average life span. which there are present signs that the classes of this country would do well to SEATTLE AND STREET RAILheed before it shall be too late. WAYS. OBSERVER

"A rosebud set with little wilful thorns, poetry, but her verses fell flat. She And sweet as English air could make her, she."

She succeeded little better when "The made its first appearance No woman who has figured in the The world might do what it pleased literary world has a more interesting but it could not daunt her splendid or charming history, aside from her resolution. It was in her, she felt, work, than Charlotte Bronte, whom all and she would keep on until she brought women know through her fascinating it out. Charlotte guessed wrong when piece of fiction, "Jane Eyre." Most of them are also acquainted with the pretty wrote to a friend that she would not ikely have another proposal of marlife story of the poor minister's daugh-It followed shortly after riage. ter, who, by her own talents and energy, won such an important place among first.

Charlotte Bronte.

stamps with you-the postmaster's name is Cheatham!

FOUND AT I. It's an east wind that blows nobody

for sins of omission and commission. and the heads of officials are demanded.

Seattle has passed through a re-A committee of the chamber of commerce has made an investigation and submitted a report insisting that

tenance of the city.

officialdom must not rest secure in last year is partly due to his persistthe belief that no political storm ent efforts. can ever burst here. Sometime it will come. Public reckonings are a the railroads and the citizen in the natural law of society, and needful issue of building up Oregon. Their for the cleansing of the Augean sta- desires flow in the same channel. ble of public life. They are an ac- Their aspirctions lie along the same counting necessary to the restraint route, and their combined endeavors of the taxeater, who, if never over- are a splendid force for progress. hauled, grows in boldness and de- Ultimately, as their understandings mands.

It is a kindness wasted to sympa- helpful to each other in numerous thize with Seattle. Seattle needs no particulars. sympathy. It is no harm to that city or to any city to have a house cleaning. It would be a splendid thing if the one that is to come sooner or later in Portland could be hastened. It is good policy to have such reckonings. It makes officialdom better. It is efficacious in the reduction of taxeating. It puts the bers will be satisfactory to the great municipal house in order.

AN ANGEL BAND

HIS RETURN to Chicago, members were induced, by influences Senator Lorimer declared that direct and indirect, to cut off the "it was Divine Providence that very small appropriation desired to saved him his seat in the pay the necessary operating ex-

United States senate and that it was penses of this unpaid commission. fitting his friends should welcome It was a commission. Certain exhim home on the Sabbath day." penses by way of clerk-hire, postage Most people thought his seat was and traveling expenses, and the like, saved for him by the lame duck sen- were needed in its daily work-thereators. Is a lame duck senator one fore, regardless of questions of efof the earthig implements by which ficiency in purpose and work for the the will of Divine Providence is car- state's benefit-regardless of the ried out here below? Perhaps Lor- character of membership and value Imer is also ready to insist that he of their unpaid service-regardless was elected by Divine Providence, in of their unique record of holding unwhich case White, Link and Becke- expended a large part of the trifling meyer, the three bribed house mem- sum placed at their disposal by a bers, are scraphs. Supposedly, little previous legislature, the word was wings and a halo appeared on them passed round, here is another com-

when each voted for Lorimer and mission, kill it by starvation. got his \$1000. State Senator Holt- So shall another item be added to slaw, who swore that he got \$2500 the meagre list of legislative econofor voting for Lorimer was also a mies.

worldly implement of the Almighty, . The members of the commission, carrying on the good work here beconscious of the record they have low. Then, there was jackpot leg- made in honest service, and having Isiation at \$900 per, all brought no personal ends to gain by holding get rich selling and re-selling real about by the vicegerents of heaven in an office which meant continued perthat legislature which, under the sonal gratuitous service, much labor eory of Lorimer, was watched over and time, and, it must be said, much by the All-seeing Eye. misunderstanding, placed their resig-46 senators who saved Lori

mer idealized as an angel band, is nor. How he will deal with them is poetic. The Illinois legislature that his affair. That remains to be seen. ected him, posed as a Land of hope He notices that Oregon conservation a Sunday school class, is madly commissions were responsible for the tences running against him which the Payne-Aldrich law, though the duty ment on foot in Oregon to discredit offorts for his reelection.

ner secrets of publicity. Their booklets, brochures and other publications are the last word in the printcall election in which the mayor was er's art. In picture and story, they reduced to private life and another reflect Oregon and Oregon attracman raised to the headship of the tions in all the completeness and city. A graft investigation is in full vividness that are possible to the career, and the word given out that printed page. The fruit is millions the city is to be shaken to its founda- of money brought to Oregon for intions with revelations of corruption. vestment, and thousands of people seeking Oregon for home making.

The leadership of William McMurray of the Harriman lines has been there must be a reduction of taxes, one of the conspicuous features of The report insists that there must the publicity work. His railroads of everything not required for main- has planned and executed most effectively. The great usufruct that Portland has no revolution. But came to Oregon from otherwhere

> There is a bond of union between ture generations? are perfected, they will be similarly

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

THE DECLARATION by Governor West that he intends to keep alive the Oregon conservation commission by appointment, or reappointment, of the mem-

HE MAIN ISSUE in the pending majority of lovers of Oregon.

No doubt certain elements in the recent legislature supposed they had this commission killed when enough

council are pledged to the immediate direction, if it should be made, will nate trials of municipal ownership satisfactorily in many European cities. Probably American cities need to get better municipal government street, rallways.

There are few truck farms in the valley. We have to import most of shipping in many carloads. This is annually. absurd and ridiculous-we should selves-it only pauperizes the country .--- Medford Mail-Tribune. Right.

Produce more of the common mecessaries we consume. Everybody can't estate. We cry for cabbages, parsnips, asparagus, beans and eggs.

There is a short way to spell the nations in the hands of the gover- | long words, "municipal incinerator" a "job

A German soldier has jall sen-

## Baker County Mail Protest.

campaign in Seattle, says the Halfway, Or., March 2,-To the Ed-Pest-Intelligencer, is municipal liberty to write you in protest against ownership of street railways, the mail service that we of this valley Nearly all of the candidates for the get. When the stage between Baker and the valley was discontinued, construction of a municipal railway, Northwestern railroad down Snake rivif the \$800,000 bond issue should er to Robinst and it came daily for two carry. Seattle's experiment in this weeks. Then the service was reduced to tri-weakly and from that to twice each week. The people protested till be watched with great interest in the mail was ordered sent four times many cities. Only : few indetermi- each week by stage from Baker and twice each week via Huntington. Now several of the people of the valley of street railways have yet been your daily paper and other daily Portfour in a bunch. We would greatly appreclate it if you could try to induce the great economist, Hitchcock to do something for the 1800 people that live before undertaking to own and run in the valley. J. G. CANADAY.

## Newspapers and Wood Pulp. From the Philadelphia Telegraph.

The newspapers of this country co sume millions of tons of wood pulp in our potatoes and other vegetables, the form of a manufactured product, They are naturally interested in the tariff schedule which fixes an impost upon this commodity. not send any of our money out for they are also interested in the Caradian supplies that we can produce our- export tax. And yet it may be truly said that the press has been singularly conservative in its discussion of this particular feature of the Payne-Aldrich

Before the ways and means committee the other day a representative of the publishers declared that the organization of the papermakers was "83'8 tematically starving the market." And he continued:

"No print paper can be bought free on board at a mill unless the name of the buyer, the destination of the paper the use to which it is to be put are

disclosed, as well as the information that the buyer has no contract with

said: to relate to you. Prepare for a hearty Charlotte (and her sister Emily), who laugh. The other day Mr. also attained considerable distinction vicar, came to spend the day with in the world of letters, was brought us, bringing with him his own curate. in and about the humble parsonage The latter gentleman Haworth. After their mother died at Irish clergyman fresh the sisters were left very much to themselves; and deprived of all comuniversity. had any of us seen him, but, howpanionship of their own age, they were ever, driven to seek an inner world, the world trymen. of their own dreams and fancies. home. So I conversed with this Irish-It was in this hard, lonesome schoo that Charlotte's mind was shaped for though I saw fault in his charcter, the work which, all unknown to her, avoused them lay before her. When the time came she did the work gloriously well, as all ment his originality afforded. I cooled little, indeed, because he began the world has agreed, but it is safe to to seasor say that she might not have succeeded thing of Hibernian flattery, which I as well but for the desolution of that early home and the dreariness of these do not quite relish. However, he

ugly moorlands about it. Naturally, under the circumstances, "A few days later I got a letter, there is considerable quaintness thrown the direction of which puzzled me, about the life of the young authoress, being in a hand I was not accustomed which makes her letters, which have to see. After opening and reading been carefully preserved, most interestit, it proyed to be a declaration of ing reading. She herself confesses in these letters that matrimony, did not attachment and proposal of marriage expressed in the ardent language of enter into the scheme of her life, but the sapient Irishman. I hope you are good, sound, earnest labor, and when laughing heartily. I am in 1839 she received her first proposal doomed to be an old maid. Never of marriage she wrote to a friend:

"I had a kindly leaning toward him mind. I made up my mind to that fate ever since I was twelve years because he is so amiable and well-disold. 'Well!' thought I, 'I have heard posed. Yet I had not and could not of love at first sight, but this beats have that intense attachment to make all.' I leave you to guess what my anmyself willing to die for him, and if swer would be, convinced that you ever marry it must be in that light will not do me the injustice of guessof adoration that I will regard my hus-

band. Ten to one I shall never have ing wrong. Love, however, the chance again, but n'importe. could not sit all day long making way, when in 1854 Charlotte married. will take the grave face before my husband. I would at the age of 38, Rev. Arthur Nichols. laugh, and satirize, and say whatever her father's curate. A few months of came into my head first. And if he domestic happiness followed. But years were a clever man, and loved me, the of suffering had enfeebled her fragile the whole world, weighed in the balance body, and she died in 1855. mall was sent via Huntington and the against his smallest wish should be Men and women read the novels of the day, of course, and read some of light as air.'

This extract gives a very good idea. them with pleasure and profit, but they do not forget to go story of "Jane Eyre," of Charlotte Bronte, at the age when she was beginning to become widely known and widely read. Few author the Eriglish parson's daughter well on esses, in their early career met with more reverses than did she. Her first to a century ago.

made in this country, but it works land papers and they come three and on print paper had been reduced \$2.25 | Senator Bourne, which is supported per ton-that is, from \$6 to \$3.75 per ton-the paper combination has ad- primary law and other progressive vanced prices \$2.50 per ton, and threat- measures, the senator seems to be

"A uniform price sof \$45 per ton has been established by the papermakers. It makes no difference what the freight rate is within a given zone. The price of print paper has been advanced near-50 per cent-that is, from \$31 to \$45 per ton-since the combination of 32 mills into the International Paper comdoing it, the other fellows are realizing pany occurred in January, 1898. The increase of \$2 per ton in price

of paper made by the papermakers since the reduction in duty under the Payne-Aldrich law has been maintained in face a temporary glut in the pulp wood market, with a recent drop in the price of pulp wood of \$3 per cord, or \$4.20 per ton of paper. This not only affects the makers of

newspapers, but it fixes the price of books-it is a tax on education and distrages the spread of intelligence

Bourne - And Others.

the Myrtle Point Enterprise. popular, in fact it may concentrate their THE GUY WHO KNOWS (Contributed.)

Tip to tourists: If you should happen

to go to Red Bluff, Cal., it might be

just as well if you take your postage

In these cold March days when the she bleak winds blow and the state seems in a box, there's a blonds reporter, the whom we all know, steps right to the Writing to another friend she front-and talks. Wherever you go "I have an odd circumstance that reporter stands, with his winning smile and smirk, while he cracks the welkin and waves his hands-he'll do anything, else but work. We dig and delve, in our simple way to pile up a is a young little dough, until this reporter drops from Dublin in some day and shows us where It was the first time we been slow. If we'd only taken HIS sage advice at each after the manner of his counand turn, we'd now have our worried he soon made himself, at all packed on ice and time and money "Twas he who suggested the to burn. man, and laughed at his jests; and railroad race that was made to the heart of the state; and some leisure momen because of the amuse he'll tackle the case that has wiped our the profits on freight. When Taft finds himself in a hole, when in his conversation with somesurgents get sulky and pout, he knows this reporter, the generous soul, will be only too glad to help out, and when he has done his prettiest here the whole went away, and no more was thought of creation to tire, on a red-hot stool

at his majesty's ear, he'll instruct him in keeping the fire. THE BUNCH.

Klamath Valley and Portland.

From the Klamath Chronicle. San Francisco business men are nlan ning a campaign to secure the business certainly of the Klamath country, and to that end will run an excursion from San Francisco in the early part of May in order that they may cultivate the acquaintance and get the good will of the business men of this growing country.

Again the Chronicle calls the attention of the Portland papers, and especially the business men of Portland finally found the to the importance of coming into closer touch with the people of the Klamath country, and say that Portland should get into line. The people of this country are loyal to the state of Oregon, and will meet the Portland business men more than half way in the matter of retaining the business interests of the state intact insofar as it possibly can be done. But in all cando the Portland Business Man, don't you think written by you should come just a little more than half way to secure the vast volume of trade that is now developing in this country?

Various Merchants

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popular with the

sives, but it is

(Contributed to The Journal by Wait Mason, the famous Kansas port. His prose-poems are a regular feature of this column in The Daily

One day a man with a downcast face blew into the village grocer's place "I've dealt with you many moons," he said; "I've bought your codfish and bread, and I always paid prunes and when I said I would, and you doubtless right direction, but he seems to be a know that my credit's good. leader in trying to press the interests out of work and without a dime, and of the people forward, and while he is I'd like to buy a few things on time." And the grocer sold him a lot of truck that Oregon is on the map. At the and hoped he soon would have be same time, the men whose office in the luck. He told his tale to the butch legislature has been admittedly to disthen at the drygoods store, to the cloth credit Bourne are not meeting with the ing men; they all remembered that he encouragement for which they had had paid, and they were pleased when hoped. Republicans who are bent on they got his trade; and now that huch they got his trade; and now that luck "downing Bourne" may not be in the for a time had changed, he found one of these men estranged. pay of the Democrats, but if they suceed in defeating Bourne in favor of a bim things in their stately stores reactionary, the election of abother wished him luck when he left their Democratic senator from Oregon is doors. And then the man of the luckless star dropped in at last at the among the probabilities, Senator Bourne He told his tale; he was all guilar with the progress bagaar. He told his tale; he was a but wanted credit for beer and gin. coat was fanned by the barkeep's men and methods used in fighting him are not tending to make him more un- and he bounced two yards when he the street.

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literary efforts were in the illne of (Tomorrow-Felicia Hemans.) largely by the men who oppose the ens further advances. Publishers whose attracting as much attention at Washcontracts are expiring find that they ington as the most conspicuous member of the upper house. Eastern newspapers and magazines have been giving

cannot get any terms except from the mill which had supplied them. the Oregon senator more space than any average senator is receiving. Every movement of his may not tend in the

