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nurses shall be proud, our Our garments poor, 'tis the mind that makes the body rich; And as the sun breaks through the darkest clouds. So honor peereth in the meanest

WHO KNOWS?

S THERE ANYBODY in Portland who can tell where Mr. Rushlight stands on the commanding issue of the goings-on in the city council? Is there anybody who can tell whether he approves or disapproves the aldermanic practice of river. getting into the council and using the position to help the private busanybody who can tell why Oscar Huber, manager of the Barber Asphalt company, lobbylst for the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, and an able and popular member of the city hall third house, went to Hurley, Mason & Co. and demanded that Mr. Rushlight be given the plumbing in the Electric building, notwithstanding the Rushlight bid

won't tell. He knows that councilmen, by business, but he has nothing to say, aside from a personal attack on Mr. Lombard. He knows that by their to come. action in the council on public affairs some councilmen get much profitable business from big inter- tained, and the power and irrigation knows that when councilmen get in- the next step will be to investigate creased profits for their private bus- what treasures may lie below the suriness by cortain kinds of conduct of face. Time will very soon be ripe the public business there must be for the election of a state geologism some sort of sacrifice of the public and mineralogist, for such work, too. interest and that taxes are thus made will be of incalculable value to not be a flat where there is no yard, higher, the cost of public improve- Oregon. ments larger and the general welfare betrayed, but he has nothing to say. He knows why Mr. Huber went to Hurley, Mason & Co. and demanded the plumbing job for Rushlight, but he has nothing to say.

If he has nothing to say about this style of goings on now, could he be expected to say, if mayor of Portland? What would his election mean but a continuation of the old order? Isn't it time for a new

HIS BROKEN PLEDGE

if elected to the legizlature, he would qualify.

But, he broke his pledge. He did not qualify. He did not even the office to which he had been elected. He did not do as other men would have done, but wavered, vacillated and finally backed out, both of the office and his public pledge. There is no atonement for a

broken promise. There is no way cautions are in force now. of explaining a mutilated covenant. There is no apology and but few applogists for a violated agreement. Mr. Rushlight was urged to go

ed a full delegation. The county has but two thirds of the represen tation in the legislature to which it is entitled. There was a fight on and help was needed to secure for Multnomah the representation provided by the state constitution. Mr. Rushlight could have aided in this and other vital matters, but he deserted the office, turned his back on his pledge and remained at home to fix up his mayoralty fences. He is now making other pledges and asking for another office.

if Mr. Rushlight broke that pledge, the stimulus administered recently how vain and foolish for him to by Tom Richardson there is no tellmake other pledges. If he threw ing. Anyway Governor Crothers of that office back into the faces of Maryland has issued an invitation to Despairing of raising the funds for those who gave it ot him, is he in position to ask another?

THE STEEL TRUST AND MR. UNDERWOOD

FEW DAYS AGO Mr. Underwood, the Democratic chairman of the ways and means committee of the house, stated that the American Steel & Wire company had issued orders to shut down its plant at Corey, Alabama, as a various steel and iron products on the free list. The intention of this move was to induce pressure on Mr. Underwood from his own, the Birmingham, district, to force him to abate his efforts to secure the passage of the bill.

The Atlanta Journal, and the resent these tactics and give him own bazoo and that, aside from loss In the absence of other definite

bill includes hoop and band iron and cent, steel for baling cotton, and wire

of the Corey mills of the steel interests to stay this particular item of tariff reform.

TOPOGRAPHICAL SURVEYS OF OREGON

dealing with plans for irrigation and good thing when they see it. for drainage

of definite facts. The 850 square skirt. miles in Baker county to be mapped this year on a scale of two miles to the inch, will supply facts for irrigation in Eagle and Pine creeks, and in the valley of the Lower Powder

The second portion of the work laid out, namely the extension of the iness of a councilman? Is there gauging of the water powers of the rivers of Oregon to 60 streams in addition to the 108 how under observation, is of almost equal value. So much has been written of the power given by owners and janitors are and irrigation possibilities of the like these: Deschutes valley that accurate information will be welcomed.

These absolute and official surveys will make practicable many a worthy project. How often have was \$4520 more than the lowest bid? those interested been stopped by the Mr. Rushlight knows, but he demand of a capitalist for facts, when they were offering possibilities. Heavy cost of surveys has virtue of their positions, double or many times absorbed capital that treble the volume of their private might have been saved for actual work. And these official surveys once made stand as records for years

After the surface of Oregon has been mapped, the contours ascerests, but he has nothing to say. He possibilities measured and recorded.

THE PEACE .TREATY

American peace convention hated by flat owners.

The negotiations are in the hands of men who may safely be trusted PR. RUSHLIGHT promised that not to expose their incomplete work to newspaper criticism on either side of the Atlantic. It will be time enough to discuss the treaty when it is simultaneously presented for acgo to Salem. He refused to accept ceptance by the senate of the United States and by the British parliament.

> The situation differs widely from that under which the negotiations for Canadian reciprocity were conducted. If those were carried to a close without premature disclosure it may very safely be assumed that the same pre-

Newspapers in search of a sensa tion often rush in where angels should fear to tread, and the Daily Telegraph has no special character to Salem. The Journal appealed to for caution to be endangered. Bethim to go. Multnomah county had ter wait awhile until unofficial foreimportant interests there that need- casts are replaced by the treaty's policies, they are a unit in the view actual text.

SEEING AMERICA

HE MOUNTAIN and Pacific states have been under the belief that they pretty nearly monopolized the scenic attractions of the continent. They have sounded, again and again, the call "See first," and the western railroads being of mankind. have aided in the invitation. But now Baltimore, of all cities, has taken it up. Whether this is an in-In all honesty and in all kindness, dependent sign of life, or is due to the governors of all states to meet him at Baltimore in convention in January, 1912. There each state is to supply, with its governor, an exhibit of its attractions in travel and sightseeing, with a view to effective publicity.

Some imagination will doubtless have to be added to realities to find scenic attractions in many of the intracontinental states. But doubtless they will be equal to the occasion. Happy Oregon, whose beauprotest against the bill for placing ties unadorned will be adorned the

OUR NEAR MAYOR

C TILL, OUR NEAR mayor will Birmingham News, influential pa- in the hour of defeat he will re- the Pacific coast it is to be hoped pers in the affected district, now re- member with satisfaction that his that the progress of this very costly port that the threat of the steel com- superior knowledge of the Portland road may not be defeated. pany has been carried into effect charter made that of Simon, Lane and work has been discontinued at and Williams look like 30 cents. It the Corey plant. But, it is said, that will please him to recall that if he bard because Mr. Lombard has atthe constituents of Mr. Underwood talked too much he did it with his tacked the old gang in the council.

strong support. The free list in the of the job, it didn't cost him a red statement what does this mean but

The papers mentioned denounce stand the Portland charter. If the city hall? this indirect method of influencing people did not want a mayor who egislation. They urge the passage would be the charter, the constitustar performances in the city hall piper. NEED OF OREGON is being with his honor excommunicating gradually met. The topograph- councilmen, doing war dances on or-

But, alas and alack, many a flower In the Willamette valley the addi- is born to Blush unseen and waste tion of 400 square miles to be its sweetness on the desert air. already surveyed, will make practi- only to be met with a shivering recal various plans for irrigation dis- ception. If Portland is cold to our have known it thoroughly long ago. tricts which have been contemplated Mr. Werlein, let him remember that but are now standing still for want it has also been cold to the harem

THE CHILD AND THE FLAT

RR. ROOSEVELT says every family should have four chilof the 814,115 children of Chicago is dream. allowed to live in a flat.

The little ones are under the ban of flat owners. The objections as

and annoy others. They mar the walls and floors."

And the tenants make complaints the office.

Two bank officials, like these

"My wife is nervous and cannot stand the children running overhead. hold the election. Candidate No. 1 I don't mind the children but my announced that he would be glad to husband does. I don't object to children but my wife does.

The hand of the tenant, the hand of office. the fanitor, the hand of the owner is dollar better, and as there was nothagainst them. And Mr. Roosevelt ing more doing in the bidding line, says every family, whether flat the office was knocked down to No. 2, dweller or not, should have at least

and a welcome for them. It should fying to the taxpayers. of a caged animal behind fron bars.

night" the paper is very possibly on ier problem than race suicide. The against thereby. firm ground. When it proceeds to fact would impress itself upon the give a forecast of the provisions of colonel, if he would study the rethe document its prophecies may well turns from the child census and the transaction. be taken with a very large grain of housing conditions of Chicago, or any other great city.

ALL FOR THE TREATY

NEWSPAPERS of the year. proposed arbitration treaty be- ia. the recent Guild Hall meeting in directors. London at which there was great been rejected. unanimity of expression by leaders of all the powerful forces in the

An impressive sight for the people of both countries is Premier Asquith of the government and Mr. for the arbitration plan. I ... ugn they differ widely in their views as of joining Britain and the United which all differences shall be settled by arbitration.

Apart from the benefits to these fect on other gover ments and peopromoting the peace and welfare of ern Pacific system. the world. No movement of any Europe if you will but see America time has promised more for the well-

THE MOFFATT ROAD

T WILL BE remembered that the the great tunnel through the moun- and larger purpose. nance many citizens of Colorado proposed that the state should provide the needed funds and lease the complete tunnel to the railroad. The manifest benefit to Colorado from the direct outlet to the west enlisted much support for the project. But it met bitter opposition in the state legislature. The senate eventually amended the bill by requiring its submission to the voters two years hence by the referendum. In its amended form the house passed the bill by a majority of one. The deciding vote was cast by Mrs. Kerwin. a woman member from Denver.

A new precedent in Colorado is always be able to point with thus established - since where pride to the fact that while he there's a will there's a way. In the lasted, he was a hummer. Even interest not less of Colorado than of

Mr. Rushlight assails Mr. Lom-

that Mr. Rushlight is defending the Obviously, our Mr. Werlein will gang, and that the gang is behind for baling hay and straw, barbed always feel that if the people of Mr. Rushlight? What does it mean fence wire, wire rods or rope, woven Portland failed to recognize him as but that, with Mr. Rushlight's elecwire fencing and staples, all products a bugle call to glory, it was because tion, the old councilmanic order they could not be made to under- would be further strengthened at the

There is a certain sense of eternal of the measure in the face of efforts tion, the standing army, the main fitness in the case of Monorable bugle blower and the grand panjan- Peter Ball of Iola, Kansas, who has drum, it is because they have been been sentenced to two years impristaught to be mossbacks by such old onment for refusal to pay alimony. fashioned mayors as Simon, Lane If he doesn't like it, he can reflect and Williams. If they did not want that those who dance must pay the

So little has been heard the past ical survey of the state, in dirances passed over his veto, an- day or two from our near mayor which great work the geolog- nexing county government by use of about how little others know about ical survey of the United States and the military and naval power and the Portland city charter that some the state engineer of Oregon will co- making things hot in the old town of his admirers are wondering if operate, is of the first necessity in generally, then they don't know a Mr. Werlein has become lost in a

According to the chaplain, half the Kansas senate has learned the mapped this season, to the 600 Many a grand man has arrived in Lord's prayer. If they only had our square miles surrounding Eugene, this unfeeling world before his time, Near Mayor Werlein to interpret it for them, the whole bunch would

> The only tangible deduction in the current discussion of whether or not Bacon killed Shakespeare, is that if Bacon really did it, he was a mighty

The wedding of Miss Kilgour to a dren. Chicago has 814,115 surgeon in the army after a courtchildren, and Chicago is a ship that lasted 30 years can hardly city of flat dwellers. Yet, not one be described as a case of love's young

Paying for an Office

From Louisville Courier Journal. Lincoln county has been paying salary of \$200 a year to its county noise. They run through the halls treasurer, but it will do so no longer The fiscal court a few days ago elected a man who agrees to pay the county \$151 a year for the privilege of holding

rival banks, were the only candidates for the position when the court met to fill the office without salary. No. 2 was kneeling for forgiveness, and who tion to the court, whereupon No. 1 merly an officer in the W. C. T. U., Thus, the chicks are outlawed, said he would pay \$100 a year for the but when I entered politics I started State President of Oregon W. C. T. U his bid to \$150. No. 2 went him one Who will pay \$302 for the honor and afternoon they are taking me to the privilege of handling the county funds poorhouse. Politics was my downfall. for the next two years. This amount the county will receive, and in addition caucuses that placed me in the highchildren to have, but what to do will save \$400 that it heretofore has ball path. A week ago I decided to rewith them after they arrive. If we been paying for the services of a treas- form. I went to the church and knelt have them, there should be a place of which, it is presumed, will be grati- and here I am." It was also said that

resulted so satisfactorily to the fiscal politician." no spot for a romp and a play. A court and the county in general was payers of Lincoln county, who will be \$702 to the good, are not likely to waste much time discussing the ethics of the

The Young Man's Chance. From the Pittsburg Gazette

published reports are to be believed Howard Elliott, railroad has just declined a salary of \$75,000 a Mr. Elliott is 50 years of age. United States are practically He is president of the Northern Pacific unanimous in approval of the railway. The Missouri Pacific people wanted him to come over into Macedon-To their cry for help they attached tween this country and Great Brit- \$75,000 per annum, with the assurance ain. All point with satisfaction to that Mr. Elliott would not be interfered with by a meticulously-minded board of me some facts with reference to the

This incident and certain recent promotions by the Pennsylvania railroad a newspaper article that is "going the serve to direct attention anew to the rounds" as a warning against suffrage. fact that the young man still has a I am now wondering if the ballot is chance in the United States and a bet- supposed to have such a depraying inter one than ever, Mr. Elliott never fluence upon the one who wields it, if success except work. He has been dil- even a limited monarchy is not a mis-Balfour, leader of the opposition, igent in business. That's all. And at take. working together in perfect harmony 50 he stands in the forefront of Ameri- and degrades, would it not be for the can railway captains, more youthful general welfare to centralize this deappearing than his years, in the full grading power in the hands of one man rigor of a manhood that is good to that the rest might be saved from its to armaments and military and naval look upon and refreshing to meet. He is a city boy too, a native of New York. the home a clean father as well as After a high school and scientific edu- clean mother. And I have been thinkcation, at 20 he became a rodman on ing, too, if the use of drink so ruing States in a treaty under the terms of the Burlington road. For 30 years he women (it is supposed that it would has continued in the railway service, have the same effect upon one who going from rodman to clerk, then becoming auditor, then passenger, and T. U. as one who had), that it must freight agent, then general freight agent two leading nations, the moral ef- of four lines, then general manager of them, and afterward second vice presi- the blood of these drunken fathers runs dent of the Burlington. Since 1903 he in the veins of the children as well as has been president of the great Northples will be a tremendous force in has been president of the great North-

It does not appear that Mr. Elliott born to poverty; indeed from the fact that his entire education was obtained in classic Cambridge the opposite may be inferred. But if he was born either to comfort or to affluence and has come now to that stage when the mighty in finance and transportation turn to him for tasks that would Denver Northwestern and Pacific stagger Hercules, it is all the more has yet to force its way through creditable that he was not spurred the main range of the Rockies, necessities nor driven by desperation to achieve what he has, mated by a spirit of nobler inspiration In any event his tains in the ordinary methods of fi- career, whatever the facts as to its beginnings, stands as a light of hope and encouragement to American youths possessed of grit and stamina

Thing's I'd Like to Be.

BASEBALL STAR. I'd like to be a baseball star, I'm very sure of that.
I'd like to hear the bleachers yell When I came up to bat.

I'd like to see the ball come on In swift, deceptive curve; d like to swat it well before d like to swat it well be

I'd like to steal a base from first, I'd like to tie the score, I'd like to tie the score, hen, in the ninth, to even up We need just one run more. I'd like the job, when, bases fall, And two of our men out, I'd be the one depended on

To put the foe to rout. I'd like to knock just one home run I'd ask for nothing more; an just to hear the bleachers rise,

Their hoarse, full-throated roar. I'd like to have my pictures run Upon the sporting page; With full details about my life, My habits and my age,

Then, too, my soul, I must admit,
With wild ambition yearns
To make the money that I'm told
A baseball player earns.

COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

OREGON SIDELIGHTS SMALL CHANGE

delegation from the Bend Commer-club will be entertained by the as Commercial club, May 7. When Admiral Togo comes, Hobe will have a chance to tell him to

A sanitary fountain has been stalled in front of the Capital Nation bank, at Salam. There are no cups, twater flowing from a spout. Lorimer might resign, but if he did, how would he ever be able to hand back the worth of that \$100,000?

One of the best results of the school farm plan should be to cause city boys and girls to quit calling country boys On May 9 an election will be held at Vale for the bonding of the school dis-trict in the sum of \$25,000 to provide a new school building. What has become of the old fashioned

All the buildings destroyed by fire at Skamokawa are being rebuilt and will be better than those destroyed. They will cost in the neighborhood of \$10,000. rural pastor who used to preach once a year a sermon on infant baptism that the oldest man in the congregation couldn't understand?

It's a long walk from ophidians to omelettes, but evolutionists say screents were the ancestors of birds; and so you should treat the poor old snakes kindly for the good they have done. Roseburg News: C. B. Baker of the Soldiers! Home, has sold one of his mining claims to a Portland company for \$2500. Development work will be-gin at once.

Nothing but the consolations of re-The Dalles Chronicle: The new 1000 horsepower generator was installed at the White River electric power plant yesterday and within the next few days will be in operation. ligion can account for the sublime resig-nation manifested by all those magnates whose railroads were ruined by the in-terstate commerce commission's recent

A rural mail route, with tri-weekly service, out of Bend has been recom-mended by Inspector Durand. The in-spector will also endeavor to expedite the establishment of direct service to Bend from Madras. In the streets in San Francisco last Saturday the wife of a mine superfa-tendent-had an awful fight with the lady who does the cooking at the mine. No, that was the whole trouble; the cook lady was not about to leave.

Headlining a story of the seisure of 10.512 cans of condensed milk, the Chicago Tribune permits itself the term "lacteal fluid," which is so much worse than the milk could possibly be that the headline writer ought to be canned.

Lakeview Examiner: The first new grader and plow to be used in the betterment of Lake county highways was received yesterday. It is one of the beadline writer ought to be canned.

The Irrigon Irrigator rejoices, that "the two eyesores, the coalbins and the section men's cars alongside the railroad track in the center of town, have both been removed." A beautifi-Senate Democrats in revolt against Bailey go so far as to challenge his right to his seat. Stated tersely: A senator can resign himself out of of-fice, but can he reconsider himself in have both been remove cation program is new again? Are you ready for the question?

Once there was a little boy down on the farm who stopped a city book agent who was telling about all the things his "compendium" would teach. The little postmaster. Sunset will be a past pour to spiel like that?" and thereafter there was one less goat at large.

Burns Times-Herald: The new postmined in the Sunset section. N. Henney is postmaster. Sunset will be a past number in a short time, as was Saddle Butte when Lawen postoffice was established.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Woman, Ballots, Whiskey and Cigar- | much difference in children of the same ettes.

headline writer ought to be canned.

To the Editor of the An article appeared in The Journal of April 5 containing a very pathetic story of a woman arrested in Denver, Colo., at the church altar where she hastened to make the same proposi- told the following story: "I was for-This was met and he raised drinking. It ruined me. I was once a power close to the throne in Colorado. I was worth \$190,000 in my own right. Foolishly I entered politics and this Drink caused my ruin and it was late during his two years' term. All in prayer. The officers arrested me she remarked that "the average woman The competition in this race, which is a good wife and mother, but a poor

This was a part of the article which flat is a cage for youth and life in due, of course, to the fact that two also related the fact that a woman it for children as unnatural as that banks wanted the custody of the county who smoked cigarettes died in child money and were willing to pay some- bed. The latter case is doubtless too thing therefor. The plan smacks some- true but the author of the article in HEN THE Daily Telegraph of It is imprisonment, and would, if what of putting an office on the auction question forgot to mention the thou-London claims authority to they only knew real life, be as much block, but as the two candidates were sands of children who are still born or state that the new Anglo-hated by the children as they are and there was no other aspirant for because their father has at one time American peace convention hated by flat owners. the position it is not apparent that or still is weakening his physical fibre to be signed for "at least a fort- Municipal housing is a far weight- anyone was prejudiced or discriminated through indulgence in the same viled habit. It is safe to say that while one child dies from having a smoking of the people, and we now discover that mother, 10,000 have suffered from a he has drawn \$500 to \$1000 more than Would it not be in smoking father. place to use the papers in warning to the fathers. As to the W. C. T. U. drinking wo-

man who is given as a warning against

the woman's ballot, I felt sure that such a notable instance of the depravity provoking value of the ballot could not have escaped the notice of women of Denver, and so sent the article in question to Mrs. Adrianna Hungerford of woman who is known city, a throughout the whele country for her splendid ability and philanthropies, asking her to locate the woman and give The offer is said to have pitiful case. I learn from Mrs. Hungerford that no such woman has been known in Denver, and that it is simply If political authority depraves corrupting influence and thus save to had not been a member of the W. C. have something of the same effect upon men. Then I have remembered that If, indeed, the home is the great institution that the opposers of woman's ballof would have us believe (and we believe all that and more about it). would it not be the better part of wisdom to protect both father and mother from whiskey, or even tobacco, by prohibitory law and thus remove the great obstacle to the woman's ballot, as well

way to use it would dignify one and degrade the other. The time will come soon when those who have brought forward such silly, childish arguments against woman's ballot - will hope the memory of them will not remain in the minds of the people who have heard or read them.

ADA WALLACE UNRUH, Does Not Want Rushlight. To the Editor of The Journal-Let

mother that would make it possible

that a bit of paper or the study of the

labor seek the class that have some respect for it, and not vote for every Tom, Dick and Harry that is put up to it as a labor candidate.

The council of this city has robbed the people right and left by high paving prices which it permitted corporations to shove on the people, and by giving special rights to the favored few. Who has suffered by all this? The man who owns a small home and who has been compelled to pay a high tax on the paving of the street in front of his home, and a high rate of taxation to the city. A certain class who stood solid for the interests ruled the council, at the same time telling the people how much they loved them, and what good they were doing them.

One of those men is A. G. Rusblight, who for a long time fooled the people, and who has just lately been found out. He claimed to always vote on the side death, other plumbers on plumbing contracts accent, of course, on the "l"-to be in done for big corporations who had an harmony with Byron's "Bride of Abyax to grind and who wanted his vote in dos." the council. We always find him grant- ferty? The question was on ing his vote to those for whom he did tongue, and when the city was just one the plumbing. A kind of an understand-

And yet he comes out for mayor and tells the man who owns a small home how dearly he loves him, and how he ought to vote for him, and how much he loves the laboriug man who has been compelled to pay these high rates for sewers and paving.

I call this an insult to the people of this city. I consider Mr. Rushlight to be the most under handed man that ever sat in the council. He has been the boldest man on the side of the interests that this city ever saw, and I consider the council as a whole to be the poorest council Portland ever saw.

Mr. Rushlight's running for mayor is did anything to merit his conspicuous a republican form of government, or a huge joke. He has no greater qualifi- of it. Lafferty told the papers that he cations for mayor than has the most humble man. He will never be able to win, simply because he has been found to be untrue to the very class he is expected to vote for him. The majority of people do not want him as mayor. and the working men will refuse to be fooled. My advice is for the good citizen of this city to refuse such a man and vote him down. Labor for its own sake and for the sake of self respect should not tolerate Mr. Rushlight, who has shoved himself into the ranks of labor without being called. SMALL HOME OWNER.

Accommodations in the Parks. Portland, Or., May 4, 1911 .- To the Editor of The Journal-Whisper to Wide Awake Traveler" and tell him not to go out to the city park a hot afternoon, when 4000 thirsty people are there, with drinking accommodations for four people at once without paying Three can drink at the for drinks. bubbling fountains, one at the bear dens and if a person takes a hose along one more can drink near the refresh ment pavilion. F. B. FINLEY.

German House Keys, From U. S. Consular Reports

as the greatest danger to the home. Af-

ter all, brethren, there can not be so

An interesting feature of German life is the fact that, in spite of the tremendous progress of the country, mediae val customs are still in evidence here and there, side by side with all the adaptations to the necessities of modern life.

Locksmithing in Germany is today

is important a trade as plumbing, blacksmithing or the vocation of the barber. The first lock and key was introduced into Prussia in the fourteenth century and caused a considerable sensation at the palace of the elector of Brandenburg. He found that by this device he could do away with the guard at his private doors and thus materially reduce his household expenses. Since that day the "schlosser," or locksmith, has been a most essen-

tial factor in German life. The present German house key could be used as a weapon of attack and defense, besides serving its original pur-It weighs, on an average about ene-eighth of a pound; and, as each person entitled to carry a house and corridor key has nearly a quarter of a pound of soft iron in his pocket, it is conservatively estimated that the amount of iron in circulation in Gernany in the pockets of men and in the keys to the interior of German homes.

are put into keys of a size to be found nowhere in America. However large the house or numerous apartments, the outer door is locked promptly at 10 o'clock; and, as the German spends many of his evenings out, every person carries at least one of these sive keys to effect an entrance. Bells at the outer doors are uncommon except at the homes of doctors.

The modern scientific locks and small light keys manufactured and used in America ought to appeal to the Ger man. A business of this sort could doubtless be developed by the American manufacturer.

Even Rats Are Useful. From a Chicago News Dispatch

Deputy United States Marshal Edward Marsales started out this morning to obtain 20 live rats to fill an order from Frank Elbey, connected with a telephone company at Rockford. The order finally was placed with "Prof." Richard H. Dorney-"professor" of rat-

F. H. Lawrence of the engineering department of the Chicago Telephone company said that the rats are used in placing cables.

it is "A rat is loosed in a pipe through the which a cable is to be placed," he said. Ger- "Then a string is tied to a ferret, which pursues the rat, carrying the handbags of women amounts to 2695 string through the pipe. On the small tons, besides an additional 2560 tons for string a larger one is attached, and on keys to the interior of German homes, that a still larger, until a big wire. Thus something over 5000 tons of iron cable is pulled through."

IN THE BALANCE

From the New York World

Of the 46 states in the union, 30 have already ratified the income tax amendment to the United States constitution. To insure its acceptance 35 states are necessary. Only four states-Louisiana, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and West Virginia-have declared themselves in

Of the states still uncommitted on the constitutional amendment through the failure of one or both branches of their legislatures to pass upon it, there remain 12. The legislatures of some of those states meet biennially. If only, five of the 12 states vote sooner or later in favor of the amendment it will become a part of the federal constitution. In the six following states no action has yet been taken: Connecticut, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Utah, Vermont and Wyoming.

The New Jersey senate Friday, in the last hours of the session, failed to follow the lead of the assembly in ratifying the amendment. In Virginia one house has rejected it, and in New York, Minnesota, Florida and Massachusetts one house has passed it,

Although it may fall of approval this spring by the nucessary three fourths of the 46 states, its ultimate ratification is now reasonably certain. The required limit has been so nearly attained that the natural tendency among the remaining 16 states will be to lend their assent, This year, as at Albany, there has been a decisive change in the attitude of several legislatures.

By Miles Tanglefoot

BUT NOT THE HUNGRY SEVEN.

Overholt



"Say, dad, what kind of band is this that holds the bockwurst in?" Asked Willy Wouldbewiser, with some stood at Schnelder's market, where they sometimes spent their

"Why that," said Willy's father, "is a little German band" Alias W. Lafferty.

From the Spectator. That political gem of purest ray serene, Congressman A. W. Lafferty has again changed his name. Mr. Lafferty changes his name as often as the chameleon changes its colors. He was A W. Lafferty for a time, but the modest initials allied to the smile-compelling surname did not suit the lucky owner. He changed to A. Walter. Curlosity, that did not trouble itself with A. W., was at once aroused as to what the "A." stood for, and Mr. Lafferty relieved our distress by confiding that the "A." meant Awthuh-full name Awthuh Waltuh Laffahty! Sweet? Well, yes; indeed, that was the name he whispered in the ears of indignant women whom he had the audacity to

accost on the streets. Curiosity as to Mr. Lafferty's name when one morning a waking world was startled to read something about Amidon W. Lafferty.\ Amidon Who is this Amidon W. Lafevery big interrogation point, Mr. Lafferty stepped forward, and with hand heart, and blush on cheek, said: Everybody was delighted with Mr. Lafferty's versatility; such an accumulation of aliases had never been seen outside the records of the police department. The people felt certain that Mr. Lafferty's mania and need

Then Lafferty with the wealth initials and front pames began his fight for office, and took his Am-i-don into South Portland. A red-headed tarrier in one of the lumber yards took it in his mouth and chewed a syllable o had rechristened himself; he Awthuh, or Amidon any longersaid, "speak o' me as 'Abe'—jist plain changing, alias-loving gentleman was elected to congress as Abraham W. Lafferty. Of course, that is not the strangest part about it; the height of bsurdity was reached when he was elected to congress at all. that he is in congress, he has changed his name again; he is the "Hon. Walter

for changing his name were satisfied,

and settled down to master the pro-

nunciation of his un-Christian Chris-

tian name.

able thing Lafferty has done in con-

Lafferty, representative from the sec

Changing his name is the most not-

ond congressional district, Oregon."

A Hace for a Cup. "What are those splendid cups there?" nquired the man in the jeweler's shop "Those, sir, are race cups, to b awarded as prizes," replied the jew-

stranger, taking the largest one in his "suppose you race me for this He started off, with the jeweler after him, but the stranger won the cup!

"Well, if that's the case," said th

At the Poorhouse

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

Reneath a tree the pauper sat, a week old paper on his knee. He wore a hen' nest for a hat, and sagely he discoursed to me. "This blame fool treat with Japan will bring our nation man; remarked this sad and ancien man, who had a red and bulbous nos blood is boiling in my veins," h said, "Taft makes so many breaks; why send our soldiers to the plains, roost with owls and rattlesnakes? And congress fools and paws around most absurd, disgusting way; statesmen waste in empty sound time they need for baling hay. think you of these British peers?" the pauper asked, in accents hurt; and had sandburs in his ears, and wore flour sack for a shirt. One time this poor old ruined man was strong enoug to wield a spade; he never tried his life to plan; he never tried to learn a trade he never struggled to advance, to fil his mind with useful lore, and now he' wearing county pants, and sitting b the poorhouse door. He always like to talk and show how ignorant a mar can be; and here he sits, aglow, a week old paper on his knee.