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To go to law, is for two persons to kindle a fire at their own costs, to warm others, and sings themhelves to cinders.-Feltham

WEST'S PRISON POLICY

HOUGH 80 Sublimity farmers have petitioned for the return of the convicts to road work in their neighborhood, a widely different description of the situation is being printed by papers in other states. The Tacoma Ledger says editorially:

"A number of prisoners were set to work on a public road near The citizens became much wrought up because among the conwicts were some that had committed high crimes. A demand for guards was made. The governor refused to grant it, and, in answer to protest withdrew the convicts. The citizens would rather do without the road improvement than feel unsafe night and day. The Oregon governor's action is likely to cause distrust for the modern movement for more humane treatment of prisoners."

The convicts are to return to work the governor asking that they be most doubtful. returned. The whole community has rallied to the support of the govermor's policy.

exceed two questioned the plan. The should give back an honest day's they cluster. road supervisor of the district writes work and have a thoughtful desire as follows to the governor:

'I am sorry that we lost our convicts, as we were just ready to do The man Fisher who interviewed you on the subject misrepresents the matter altogether. There is not a man in our road district but wants the convicts, with the exception of Fisher. He represented to you that the people were afraid of them. That is the biggest falsehood a man ever

In their petition, the 80 farmers say to the governor: "We beg hereby to petition your honor that you, and conditions as they were furnished heretofore, and we further represent that it is the desire of this entire district, save and except not to exceed two persons that said convicts be returned to the quarry one and one half miles north of

The Tacoma Ledger is misinformed. The scare over the convicts was only in one mere man. The policy of a more "humane treatment for prisoners" has not been harmed. It that has been harmed. They circulated falsehoods and the public knows it.

when it tells lies because a governor man?

A NEW DEAL

entries cancelled.

There is the highest authority now highways. for the belief that in the Cunningham claims a colossal grab was to be made. By allowing them, the wedge was to be entered for gobbling 44 the whole of the vast mineral deposits of this wealth-studded empire of the north. With the Cunningham group as a precedent the way would have been cleared for a few captains lished personal dominion over the and their descendants forever.

Secretary Fisher's decision is a check to freebooting and buccaneercates Pinchot, Glavis, Jones and oth- for electing Lorimer. ers who were instrumental in directing public attention to the Guggen- the bribed legislators, is dead, driven cent rise during the ten years. heiming of Alaska. It recalls the to his grave by shame. The home of thing that the highest authority in bribed who was a respectable coun- these figures show dangerous inflathe administration of interior affairs try banker, is shattered and broken tion in values. He thinks they do now declares in effect, to have been with the disgrace. The honor of the not. He points out that many great-

right. Ballinger says the Fisher decision is making a third tragedy as fruit of same period. But the main reason not "judicial, but is political," which the Hines method of choosing sen- for rise in land values, is of course, means that if he had remained undis- ator. turbed at the head of the interior department, the Cunningham claims senators should not be elected, but cade. But another material factor would have passed to patent and bought. It is his view that when so is the increase of the gold supply, Alaska passed into the private own- bought, the senator is an agent of which holds up the nominal values, ership of Morgan, Guggenheim and a the buyers, doing their bidding and and therefore the prices, of all comfew other mandarins of coal and fi- voting as they order.

into the White House, and caused ple to get the benefits from the unpaid for in Alaska. It saved to them dollar government, their treasure casket in the Arctic.

Washington statesmanship should now address itself to the problem of opening Alaska in such a way that the coal can be mined for cheaper heat and light for the people rather than for dividends for Wall street.

A CALAMITOUS STRUGGLE

ESTMORELAND COUNTY. been so for more than a and mine-owners.

In May, 1910, 17,000 soft coal er to see that they get full credit for tion of their union.

The strike is still on and West

The mine-owners refuse to arbiforeign laborers. Evicted from the trees of the new public park, company houses, many families are

It is a brutalized situation. farmers have presented a petition to its issue for the profit of the strikers

man made a protest, and that not to nest concern to labor, and labor for the success of the employer.

Their interests lie in a common di rection. It is unnatural and unforsome good work on the highways. tunate when they must face each other with clubs and cocked revolvers

AN UNPROMISING PLAN

state engineer constitute an ex- the arbitration treaty. officio highway commission, to

knows nothing.

not possibly spare time for consider- ties to it, the condition imposed by Sublimity, Marion county, Oregon." there from Baker to Medford. His between us." service in such a capacity necessarily The London Spectator - one of

would be listless and of little value. What is a newspaper's status clown out of a funeral director.

tries to save state money by having builder. He is first of all, an irri- States is exceeded only by our own." convicts work, or extends a helping gationist, and has duties of his own. But it does not indulge the idea that hand to make a convict a better He has neither time nor talent for Germany will ever fall in with these being one of three to keep a general ideas. oversight over the roads of the state.

HERE IS A new deal at Wash- we know how to build roads, run ington. Mammon is no longer newspapers and preach. Road build- three great nations, America, Great ment. Alaska is not to be Gug- best results, requires the highest ple which appeals still more strongly genheimed, if the department of the technical skill. It is because we do to the democracy of all civilized nainterior can prevent it. Secretary not realize and apply this fact, that tions than to the rulers and states-Fisher has disallowed the notorious we suffer in Oregon a loss of \$2,-Cunningham claims, and ordered the 000,000 every year from incompetinies - and the power and influ-

HINES

ORIMER WANTS to be elected. I will furnish all the money needed. Do not stop at anything."

That is what Edward Hines phoned to Governor Dineen just betion for the benefit of themselves The evidence was given by W. A. Cook, and was on oath.

that of Charles Funk who swore that tion as the chief causes for the exing in public domain. It further dis- Hines asked him for a contribution traordinary rise in Colorado, Idaho credits Ballinger, and further vindi- of \$10,000 toward a \$100,000 fund and Montana, and adds land specula-

dismissal of Pinchot for the very Senator Holtslaw, another of the -of much interest to us-whether senate itself with Lorimer declared er rises and fluctuations have oc-Curiously enough, in an interview worthy of his seat is under a shadow, curred in the stock market in the

It is a character of man that the

for a change last November. The framed our system. If they could states serves also to justify the risprotest at the ballot bex thundered have looked forward 134 years and ing prices. Edward Hines "putting Loriseen Fisher to be substituted for Ballin, mer over" with \$100,000, they server is that apparently we cannot ger. It opened the way for the peo- would have provided a different method of choosing senator. They told wealth their money bought and never intended to create a system of

AN HISTORIC OHIO SITE

BEAUTIFUL twenty-five acre historic site of the free city of will be glad to use them. has been deeded in perpetuity by of Ohio. It was the home of ex-Pennsylvania, is almost in a President Rutherford B. Hayes, and state of civil war. It has was his special care for many years.

President Hayes was a book-lover The issue is the seemingly ir- and collector, and became during his repressible conflict between miners long life, possessor of many choice books, making a library of considminers struck. They asked for an up many manuscripts and other their keep, save the state expense and eight hour day, leave to spend their documents and many relics of hiswages in other than company stores toric worth. The entire property, and made trusties, one violated his word and to live in other than company with the spacious and beautiful of honor and escaped. He was recaphouses, the right to employ a weigh- house containing all these possessions was by the ex-president bethe coal they mine, and for recogni- queathed to his family. Now Colonel Webb C. Hayes, having acquired time in the history of the prison when moreland county still a scene of vio- the whole to his native state as a workers have quitted the county and Hayes. The Archeological and His-2000 returned to work, but a rem- torical society of Ohio is to be the nant continues the unequal conflict. guardian of the property, the only shame that such a distinterested effort Women have taken part in the strug- condition being that a fire-proof to improve humanity cannot be given a gle, and added dramatic features to building be put up to safely keep the an already distressing drama in real books, documents and other treasures, and that the remains of the bodies of the president and his wife trate, and have filled the places of shall be consigned to a monument most of the strikers with imported to be erected among the ancient

This example should be widely tutes ferocity for the better qualities. few spots in this country of a new There ought to be a better mood Once lost and overflowed in the inoutlines of the spots round which

THE MONROE DOCTRINE AD-MITTED

HE BRITISH foreign minister. Sir Edward Grey, made the following remarkable admission at the Pilgrims' dinner in London, the other day, and laid for good T HAS BEEN suggested that the and all one of the ghosts raised by governor, attorney general and Colonel Roosevelt as an obstacle to "The Americans have a policy as-

dispense information and exercise an sociated with the name of Monroe, administrative function in building the cardinal point of which is that no European or non-American na-It is not a plan to give promise of tion should acquire fresh territory more about roads than the average of any successful arbitration treaty man, and the average man usually of an extended kind that there should be no conflict, or possibility busiest man in the state, and could icies of the nations which are par-

the most important vehicles of Eng-An attorney general is a lawyer. lish opinion-comments on the Some lawyers know as little about speech in question, and urges the acis the credibility of newspapers mis- them as a Missouri mule knows a prelude, or an agreement complerepresenting Governor West's policy about the binomial theorem. To set mentary, to the adoption of a generpert on roads would be as inadvis- United States and any other nation. able as to attempt to make a circus This paper has good hope that France will accept this logic, since, bad standing. Nor is a state engineer a road it says, "her confidence in the United

This is possible, but it nay be This is an era of specialization, submitted that the London paper depravity. of a league of peace adopted by the men who assume to direct their destence and negligence in building ence of the people themselves is ever growing, and Germany is no stranger to its spread.

THE RISE IN FARM VALUES

THE FIGURES of the census, re cently published, show the rise in farm values from 1900 to 1910, in eleven western states, beginning with Missouri and ending The howling of a homeless dog will fill with Oregon. The average rise is if he walks beneath a ladder he will of finance and coal to have estab- fore Lorimer was elected senator by with Oregon. The average rise is the legislature of Illinois, according about 200 per cent. The highest is richest mineral territory in the world to testimony before the senate com- Idaho, with 518, the next Montana, and to have entered upon its spoila- mittee at Washington yesterday, with 394. Then comes Colorado with 300.

The Financial World, in noting The testimony fits exactly with these facts, gives mining and irriga-Meantime, Michael Link, one of states. Oregon's figures are 262 per

This writer discusses the question that prices of farm products have It is the conception of Hines that almost steadily mounted in this demodities, land included.

The increase of population and its

The conclusion of this close obexpect more than a very, very slow recession in the cost of living.

Sentiment With West

From the Medford Mail-Tribune. If the people of Marion county do not want the convicts to build highways grove of trees near Fremont, for them, Governor West should loan Ohio, originally part of the the convicts to Jackson county.

the Eries, a neutral tribe of Indians, ers the paroled prisoners employed in constructing highways near the capital Colonel Webb C. Hayes to the state city have been called off and returned the penitentiary, the governor announcing that if the people did not want the roads in front of their farms improved the state had no intention of forcing the improvement

Certain newspapers, for political reasons are endeavoring to discredit the governor because of his policy in pareling convicts and employing them in erable proportions—he also gathered useful occupations, where they can earn salvation. Of the 65 prisoners paroled tured by the governor himself, but the incident has been magnified by a hostile press. There is scarcely a similar length of

there have not been more escapes than in the past few months, since the gov-

ernor adopted his parole policy. Public sympathy is with Governor West in his efforts to better the condition of these outcasts and to effect economies for the state. It seems s fair trial without partisans straining to discredit humanitarian purposes for political ends

When Irving Met Dickens.

By M. B. Field, Memories. I never saw Mr. Irving betray any excitement but once in my life, and that was upon an occasion when I dined with him in Madrid. The name of Dickens in the last stages of distress, living followed. For want of visible mem- happened to be introduced, and he bewithout shelter and feeding on the orials we are apt to lose touch of came very heated in telling me about husks of life. One hundred bables those who have left this scene, he could no longer contain himself, and died in the district the past winter. though they may have filled wide jumping from his seat, he walked up It spaces in the national life of their and down, up and down the floor in reduces men to animals, and substi- day and generation. There are but great apparent agitation. He teld me had corresponded with Dickens long before they ever met. That both little education in the village school he the Sublimity road. Eighty Its effect on civilization is bad, and world to which pilgrimages may be from his writings and his letters he had made. In the more leisurely life formed the highest conception of his circumstances Dickens arrived in New study of seamanship and showed so York and he, Irving, called upon him and capital needs labor. Capital they come on to the stage such recol- sending in his card he was invited to the position of a master. The petitioners say that but one should give a living wage and ear- lections disappear with the former Mr. Dickens' parlor, and as he entered the room, that gentleman met him, napkin in hand. He had been dining, and the table was covered with a vulgar profusion of food, and the table cloth was stained with gravy and wine.

Wringing his hand, Dickens' first salutation was "Irving, I am delighted to spect, see you! What will you drink, a mint julep or a gin cocktail?" "The idea of inviting me to drink juleps and cocktails!" naively exclaimed Mr. Irving.

Restoring the Garden of Eden

The British reclamation of the Garden of Eden involves the construction of three great barrages each equal to the Assouan dam on the Nile where Sir John Aird, by his monumental work, repire of the Ptolemies on the Nile. Sir John Jackson and Arthur Noel Whitley, the distinguished railroad builders, will spend the \$100,000,000 of Turkish and British money necessary for the damas governor, will furnish convict la- efficiency. A governor is merely a on the continent of America. If it ming of the Euphrates and the Tigris governor. Ordinarily, he knows no be, as I think it must be, a postulate and for the irrigation of that once vergovernor. The reclaimed Garden of Eden is expected to have a value, when irrigated of \$200,000,000.

The spades of 3000 men are already Besides, a live governor is the of conflict, between the national pol- at work damming up the stream that once watered the garden and the vineyard in which Adam was placed. There, Babylon and Bagdad, the ation of road construction here and the Monroe doctrine is assumed as cradle of the race, where history, the arts and civilization were born, the now sandy wastes are to thrill anew at the embrace of the waters and to bring forth fruit abundantly.

Segregating Prisoners.

roads and how and where to build ceptance of the Monroe doctrine as From the Pendleton East Oregonian. connection with his work for prison reform Governor West proposes at a later date to segregate the pristhe attorney general up as an ex- al arbitration treaty between the oners into three classes. The thoroughly bad men and dangerous will be required to eat in silence at a table where the fare will be in keeping with their There will intermediate table for those who show a desire to do right and better their con-The third table will be ditions. men who are classed as good men. They Fifth avenue and Seventy-seventh street, will be allowed to talk and eat, after the fashion of civilized men.

It is well known that all the convicts in a penitentiary are not of equal There are all classes there, The crime of it is that we all think underestimates the attractive power some good, some bad and some indiffer-Proper management of a prison calls for a segregation of the men, and Governor West's plan for dividing the and pipes are situated in the south wing master of the interior depart- ing is an art that, in order to get Britain and France. It is an exam- convicts in classes at the table should bring satisfactory results.

Superstition. Poor Mr. Skeeryman! He leads a mourn-

Every time you spill the salt, he looks gan proper to the right. When not in for care and strife;
Thinks the new moon wasted, with its gentle silver light.
If he observes it to the left instead of to

Never undertakes a thing when Friday of the celling in the north wing of the comes along, Says the day's a hoodoo and you're certain to go wrong; Shudders when a cross-eyed man appears upon the scene; hope completely at the mention of 13.

tremble like a leaf.
Poor Mr. Skeeryman! He never gets a He reaches out for trouble and he hugs

George W. Goethals, Canal Maker, From the New York Sun.

under original estimates and previous accomplishments, in a hundred particution as a reason in the agricultural lars of time, of cost, of economy of operation, of thoroughness of construc-When the achievements of his engineering and administrative efficiency are finally measured by competent authority, we believe that the exhibit will astonish the world. No wiser thing was ever done by the American government than when it decided to commit the execution of the Panama enterprise to one of our own army engineers, and there was never a more fortunate choice of an individual than when this modest man of real power

The Colonel. Frome the Myrtle Point Enterprise

press of the country announces that that he will not be a candidate in 1912. Whenever he thinks the dear people are forgetting him the colonel always bohs It is well that the country voted fathers did not foresee when they continuous flow to these western I am not a gandidate."

COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE

One trouble with Oregon is too much Some undersized men remind one of There is fine music in the sound of very sort of productive industry. Scouts.

Market prediction by the dog editor:

There are unreasonable extremists on the dog question, as well as on all other questions.

If people wait till there is nothing also to do to build good roads, they will never get them. Sunday is the favorite day for people to get drowned or smashed up in an automobile wreck.

It is not quite too late yet for pessi-mists to predict a failure of the apple crop, as they are doing.

Most of us buy a good deal of experi-ence expensively that we can't sell and find no practical use for ourselves. The government did listen to the voice of the people of Portland—in the matter of closing the bridge draws—after all.

A woman past 40, one of them says, would rather a man told her of her youthful appearance than of her beauty. A reform is needed in the rain busi-ness; so that it will rain on the fall

However often the hay crop has been partially destroyed during the past two months, it's turning out fine, big crops a day. The value is in their blubber. all right now.

and skip the newly mown mead-

OREGON SIDELIGHTS The Klamath Falls council has de

A movement has been started at Pen lleton to organize a company of Bo

Chris Grohs has been fined \$50 a North Bend for killing wild pigeons ou of season. The consolidation of the South Criver district schools was defeated

the recent election. The First National bank of Eugene has been made a depository for the postal savings bank.

The postoffice of Pine Grove, in Ums tilla county, has been established. It is about 10 miles south of Pilot Rock. The annual picnic of the Wisconsit people of Marion county will be held on the state fair grounds at Balem, July 4.

The first of the season's series of free open air concerts at Medford was given Sunday. There are 35 men in the band.

A Kansas man is at La Grande look ing over the ground with a view of putting in a vinegar plant and fruit

Medford husiness men are consider ing a junket to southward and east-ward. Klamath Falls and Lakeview are on the proposed itinerary.

Eugene Guard: The university sum-

If it be true that "ever the right comes uppermost." It is sometimes so badly disfigured in the fight as to be unrecognizable.

Eugene Guard: The university summer school registration broke all records when over 100 students enrolled. The enrollment was from 80 to 50 per unrecognizable.

SEVEN GREAT NAVIGATORS

Captain James Cook.

One of the later-day navigators, joutward voyage, at Cape of Good Hope whose work is counted invaluable in and sailed thence eastward. The prigiving to the world a clearer knowledge of its vast extent, and some new lands which he discovered was James Cook, an Englishman. He was the son of a farm servant. Having, in the in tervals of crop tending, received some was, at an extremely early ago, bound a cabin boy and a common sailor. of the old world there are many, personal character. That under these He devoted himself so diligently to the much adaptability for the work, that in among men. Labor needs capital, vasions of the new generations as at his hotel. That immediately after a few years he secured for himself

Cook was so successful that he was able to conduct three great naval ex- tially as he left them. peditions for discovery in seas hereto-The success with which these undertakings were carried north Pacific to search for a passage out left for him a name than which no Englishman's is held in higher re-

His first successful mission as a nav igator was a trip to America, where he was employed during the operations of ticable and the two vessels anchored at the St. Lawrence in surveying the channel of the river and in piloting the vessels and boats of the fleet. Charles Saunders was so pleased with his work in that section that when he returned to England he secured for Cook the appointment as master and senior officer of Lord Colville's own ship, the Northumberland.

When Captain Pallisser was appointed governor of Newfoundland Cook was made "marine surveyor" of the coast of Newfoundland and Labrador. Upon his return, several years afterward, he was given charge of the English expedition as a means of obtaining justice for King John, during He rounded Venus cessfully carried out his mission, and upon his return home he sailed around the coast of New Zealand for the first another stabled him with a dagger. He time and charted the island with some fell into the water, where he was held approach to accuracy. He examined the down by a seething crowd, and his dead coast of Australia in the same way; he body was left in the hands of the nanamed New South Wales, as well as the tives, while his cowardly crow made off. Endeavor straits. He returned home Cook's body was partly burned by the after three years and the success of the natives, but the most of it was voyage and the importance of the dis- up a day or two afterward and duly coveries were universally recognized. Cook was promoted to a commander's rank, and was appointed to command a mediate neighborhood of the spot where new expedition for the exploration of he fell, but the truest and best memo-

the Pacific. Reversing the order of the previous circumnavigation, he touched, on the

mary object of the expedition was to verify the reports of a great southern continent and with this view the ships were Rept along the edge of the ice, passing the Antarctic circle for the first time on January 16, 1773. The geographical discoveries made

merous and important; and by proving the non-existence of the great southern continent, which had been for so long a favored myth, he established our knowledge of the southern Pacific on sound basis. In fact, the maps of that part of the world still remain essen-

decided to send an expedition into the round the north of America, he was at once given command. When they had reached the Pacific ocean, and made several attempts to find the passage, they gave up the project as impracthe Sandwich Islands. While anchored in Karakakoa bay, in Hawaii, on Janu-Sir ary 17, 1779, Cook and some of his men went ashore and were kindly received. But when the ships put to found unfavorable weather, and returned to their former anchorage, they found the inhabitants had changed and were exceedingly hostile.

Upon landing they were attacked by the savages, and Cook was killed on February 14, 1779, when he had just turned his fiftieth year. He had gone his back turned a native stunned him by a blow on the head; he sank to his knees and buried. In November, 1874, an obelisk to his memory was erected in the imrial is his authentic map of the Pacific

Tomorrow-Sir Francis Drake.

Clark's \$120,000 Organ.

From the New York Times, Senator W. A. Clark of Montana formally opened last night his \$120,000 then be an organ, the largest chamber organ in the and to personally retake that desperado. world. It is set up in the main picture gallery of his new mansion at and he had invited to a recital the foremost organists and musicians of the city. The senator personally received covered last winter. his guests, and no other members of

> The instrument is not very large one of its principal features, in fact, being its concentrated area. The chest of the main picture gallery, on the sec-ond floor of the houd, and above the entrance to the gallery, and the pipes extend to the top of the lofty ceiling. The console, or keyboard, is movable, and when in use abuts the orceed use it is hidden in a niche of the marble corridor separating the main gal-

lery from the rotunds and the conservatory of the copper tower. Hidden behind the Caen stone grill main gallery, and totally invisible, is the echo organ, considered the most The remarkable feature of the organ. chimes ringing out from the hidden source particularly delighted the critics present, and with the vox mystica of the echo organ were declared to be

the family were present.

the most perfect ever heard. Senator Clark has secured as his organist Arthur Scott Brook, who was in charge of the Chicago organ, and before 1893 was organist for Leland Stanford in the Memorial church of Los Angeles.

An Appropriate Name. From the London Chronicle

There is a 2-year-old baby burdened with a name which he will probably want to shed when he grows clergyman wrote to one of the church papers in 1908 deploring the weakening authority of his cloth. He cited the case of a couple who had brought him their child to be christened on the pre ceding Sunday. When asked what name they had chosen, the father replied. "Octopus, gir." The clergyman pro-tested that such a name was neither The clergyman Christian or seemly, and was then in-formed that 'he's our eighth, so we mean to call him something appropri-And in the end, in spite of arguments, they had their way.

Had Nothing on Clara. From London Opinion. wrote the young mar "Dear Clara," "pardon me, but I'm getting so forget-ful. I proposed to you last night, but

gotten just who it was."

An Earnest Governor. From the Pendleton East Oregonian. It was characteristic of Governor West to lead a posse after Convict Hall The governor is modest and unassuming but he is a man of action and nerve When he starts upon a line of work in which he feels he is right he becomes intensely interested and he usually carries it through—as some legislators dis-

It is the belief of Governor West that the old time method of managing prisoners often does infinite harm and no It is a belief shared by almost all others who have investigated the subject. The governor is seeking to segregate the prisoners and to treat worthy convicts as men, not as beasts. It is a noble plan and one that deserves to succeed. It is going to succeed because the governor will make it suc-

However, it is inevitable that some prisoners will abuse the confidence placed in them. They have been chained down so long that naturally some will break away or try to do so. Hall did this but he was recaptured by the very man who had granted him his parole It was fitting that it occurred this way and the effect on the prisoners should be good. It will show that while the governor is going to give prisoners a sternly with those who abuse their priv ileges.

Only an honest and courageous man would go out after a desperate char-acter like Hall and risk his life in taking him as Governor West did. ernor is entitled to congratulations upon his good work.

Portland's Roses. From the Washington Star. Portland, Or, is busy with its annua

Rose Festival. The Rose Festival is one of those beautiful flower carnivals popular on the Pacific coast, where peoole have come to a full appreciation of the flowers that grow so luxuriantly in the moist and equable climate of the northern half of the coast and so replendently in the warm and brilliant climate of the southern half. Portland. by popular encouragement of rose culture in its home gardens and parks, has earned for itself the happy sobriquet "City of Roses." The general interest which has been nourished among the people of that city in the cultivation of roses has resulted in so many beautiful gardens and beautiful homes that Portland from a hustling, prosale business city has come to be on the whole one's neighborhood and pride in one's city "Dear Will," she replied by note, "so follow. The street pageantry and glad to hear from you. I know I said street decoration and illumination make no to someone last night, but I had for a merry period for Portland and call to rotten just who it was."

Sidelights on the Coronation

From the Chicago Journal. In the ancient Abbey of Scone is Scotland was once a stone carven with mystic hieroglyphics. On this Stone of Scone all the Scottish maparchs were crowned. The stone was supposed to have magical powers to insur-luck to king and kingdom alike. Old legends said that this was the

very stone whereon the patriarch Jacob, rested his tired head when he slept on the hillside of Bethel and had his vision of angels ascending and de scending the heavenly stairway. The stone was believed to have been kep later in the Temple of Jerusalem and to have been stolen by a runaway ern prince who brought it to the British isles. (As a matter of fact, geologists declare it is of unmistakably Scotch origin.)

a halo of In any case, surrounded this Stone of Scone. The cots looked on it with reverent adora-Then, in 1296, Edward I of England invaded Scotland with a hostile army. captured the Abbey of Scone, ripped the sacred stone from its place and sent it to England. There it was placed in Westminster abbey, and every English sovereign but one since that time has sat on it during his coro nation.

The stone is fixed in the lower part of a huge old caken chair that is nearly seven feet high and over three feet It is called St. Edward's chair, Under the oaken seat and supported by four metal lions is the Stone of The chair itself has become battered and mutilated through centuries of ill usage. Marks where the cloth of gold covering, used for the various coronations, has been tacked on and torn off are plainly visible. And across the oaken seat, scratched with a jack knife is this queer inscription: P. Abbott Slept in This Chair Jan.

"P. Abbott" was a schoolboy who made a bet that he would spend a whole night in Westminster abbey. He did so, and to prove he had won his wager he left that rudely carved testimony. tory does not tell what happened to "P Abbott" when the inscription was discovered. Queen Mary I was the only English ruler who was not crowned in St. Ed-

ward's chair. She used instead a thronsent her by the pope. When William III and his wife Mary were crowned together the question arose as to which should occupy St. Edward's chair. It was decided to let Mary take this seat, while a companion chair was built for William. But he was a very short man and she was a very tall woman. So, to keep their heads on a level, the secon chair was made much higher than the Strange "omens" have occurred dur

ng some coronations and in a few cases history has seemed to bear out the forecast. For instance, when James II was crowned the great crown tottered on his head and would not stay firm in place. A very few years later James was a crownless fugitive. During the coronation of George III

the finest diamond tumbled out of the crown and was temporarily lost. Even then many superstitious people whispered it was an omen that the American colonies (the brightest jewel in England's diadem) would be lost during George III's reign. Richard II fainted at his and was carried away from the abbey

weak and helpless. A few years later he was dethroned and killed. Mary I found the crown and other coro nation headgear so heavy she was obliged to support her head upon her ashore to secure the person of the king was short, unhappy and disastrous. to the Pacific to observe the transit of thefts and other outrages committed by came confused and lost track of the He hurried from the abbey ceremony. without waiting to receive the holy sacrament. His reign was unlucky from first to last-so much so that "John" has been considered a "hoodoo" for English kings ever since and no

ruler has borne it. the When William had conquered England with a Norman army, was crowned king he celebrated the occasion by making the public fountains run wine instead of water The wine made the populace so noisily enthusiastic in cheering William that the stupid Norman soldiers thought an insurrection had started. They rushed through the crowd with drawn swords, killing more than 1000 people and burn-

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ing hundreds of houses.

sponse of a bright pupil.

"What happens to liars when they die?" a schoolmaster queried. "They will lie still," was the

elor to the young bride, "that your husband's love is flery hot." "Well," admitted the bride, "It isn't so hot that it will kindle the morning fire."

"I suppose," said the cynical bach-

Miss Beauty Knott: "Do you think this photograph does me justice? Miss Lovey Dove: "Yes, indeed; should call it justice tempered with mercy.

She-Why was the engagement brok en off?

He-Well, after taking, the girl to dinners and theatres, giving her costly presents and a birthday gift of a mo-tor car, her father accused me of amusing myself at her expense.

Young Reporter: "Is it true, sir, that you started life as a poor ploughboy?" Successful Citizen: "No. sir; I started life as a small, red faced, yelling

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baby. Good day, sir."

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

The village smithy still is beneath the chestnut tree, but from comes no clanging sound of hammer swinging free; the villagers have gathered round to see what they may see The smith, he is a man of might, of large and sinewy frame; and from his plug he takes a bite, and starts in to declaim: "Well, boys, it really was a sight, the way we won that game We had a man on every base when I stepped up to bat; the pitcher's curves were hard to trace—he knows where he is at-but I just looked him in the face, and knocked the blamed ball flat. Well, stranger, what is that you say? Your horse is needing shoes? Oh, take your cheap old plug away; you give a man the blues; I am too busy here today to shoe old kangaroos. Yes, boys, that brought in them all, and struck that pitchewd fall-it knocked him out of plumb! Oh, when it comes to playing ball your uncle's going some!" The farmers seek the smithy door to have their, plowshares ground; they make should be in the pound; they interrupt him o'er and o'er and get his nerves Copyright, 1910, by George Matthew Adams. Chart

a beautiful city. Citizens feel a great pride in their gardens, which though the rose gives to them the dominant tone, glow with all flowers. Pride in one's home expands till pride in one's really forget whether you said yes or

the bleachers dumb; I really

the worthy blacksmith sore