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Strong souls Live like fire-hearted suns, to spend their strength in furthest striving action -George Eliot.

#### THE PRESIDENT'S DUTY

HEN President Taft was in him with reference to reclamation in Oregon, particularly with respect to the West Umatilla project.

The president manifested much interest, requested the governor to in Washington. A letter from the White House assures Governor West that his letter has been received by the president, and that early consideration will be given the subject.

There are two reasons for Mr. Taft to take action favorable to Oregon in is, that it is merely simple justice to the state, and it is always right for a president to be just.

The second reason is that it is already demonstrated that reclamacess, which means that a further expenditure there will be constructive turns from the land.

to convince the president that he from a battle in which Chief Joseph the ground. should act, and act at once on the West Umatilla project?

### TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE

WO years ago the Western Union Telegraph and the Bell Telephone company joined hands in management and interests. It is now alleged by the "Postal Telegraph," the official organ of the Postal Telegraph company, that its two rivals have amalgamated and have combined to concentrate their management, reduce their running expenses, and stop natural competition.

The public announcement was ion on reciprocity. made in September last, and already No. 2 all business is by telephone. of him. Class 3 includes toll stations, and Class A public pay stations.

business.

There is a hardly veiled threat in trust act will be invoked by the sion of the human voice by wire to parliament in which she was not It is an excellent policy. It is a swer to the first question will be choose, No, and to the second Yes.

## PURE WOOL

HE first of two main points discussed by the Oregon woolgrowers at the Baker conin resolutions, will be received with adulterants.

for the finished article, the purchas- spirit in which we shall approach 1,000,000 acres of land for Carey clent gold brick factory and there is er is at least entitled to know that both tasks." he gets the pure raw material which insures the durability of the suit.

stalled, which means an enforcable an overwhelming majority, three in of the success of irrigation in Oregon guarantee of the purity of the ma- which protestants are much the is at stake, and it is a matter of terial, two results will follow. The more numerous, and three wherein state-wide consequence that the first, that the magic "imported from Protestants and Catholics are about reclamation projects shall all be suc-France" will lose its power-for the contests are vohemently fought out, which the projects are carried out enhanced value in the eyes of the with the inspiration of religious bit- depends future settlement and develbuyer now depends much less on the terness.

original material.

base of essential honesty-a movement to set the standard of values other words, in whatever marketwholesale or retail-wool should Ireland. mean what the word implies, not wool plus shoddy, or wool plus dirt.

#### A FOOTHOLD IN THE AIR

T is claimed that with their new device, the Wrights have gained a foothold in the air. It is insisted that if they can poise for a minute in the air, as Orville Wright has done, their perfected device will enable them to remain one hour or ten hours aloft without a power aeroplane.

Coincident with the Wrights' late experiments is the claim in an article in the Technical World that Edward S. Farrow, a New York en-Oregon, Governor West made gineer and inventor, has overcome urgent representations to gravity. It is a staggering statement, but the announcement is challenging attention.

The invention is based on the intensification of Hertzian waves. By doing this, a parallel and correspondwrite him a letter setting forth the ing intensification occurs with the facts, and promised to give the mat- vertical force which controls graviter his personal attention on arrival tation. Thus buoyancy is added to an object drawn to the earth by gravity.

In the plan there are involved various scientific subjects, such as wave motion, aeronautics, wireless telegraphy and the Hertzian waves. Even the elements of romance and the mysthese reclamation matters. The first teries of mental telepathy color the story.

The device with which Farrow claims he can suspend the force of gravity is what he terms a condensing dynamo, the description of which tion in Umatilla is a complete suc- is not given out, pending expriments by government engineers.

Farrow is well remembered in indeavor to be later justified by re- Pendleton, according to the Pendleton East Oregonian. He organized was subdued.

Farrow was also known to oldtimpersonal friend of Colonel C. E. S. Wood.

## EARL GREY ON ANNEXATION

nearly 100 towns in New England a thing as an American "annexation- scientifically appointed, and with alone have found competition be- ist" in the dominion. If he is right comfortable accommodations for tween telegraph and telephone abol- Champ Clark will have to build sen- many thousands is a public need, outrageous and damnable. Every citiished. It is stated that four classes timent from the ground up. Con- and Portland's decision to supply it zen possessed of a single drop of good ity." of offices have been instituted. In sidering the independence of the av- is wisdom. No. 1 telegraph and telephone busi- erage Canadian both in theory and ness are done by one operator. In practice he has his life's work ahead

Earl Grey said farther that the Canadians disliked the idea of inter-The Postal points out that the re- fering in the local affairs of the old sult is that there is, in all these lo- country just as much as they objectfor tariff reform.

the courts will hold the transmis- implied any subjection to an outside and a home. sion of the signals of the telegraph. to tax British imports, should their all honest Carey act promoters. And, second, if the object of the revenue and national requirements

> There is recent history and future policy in a condensed form.

## ULSTER

vention, and which took shape A premier addressed himself to general satisfaction by the consum- the purpose with which the ministry be supplied, and then, after they er. The same principle that under- intended to deal with Irish home wait for months or even years, no there has been money enough stolen by the same principle that under- intended to deal with Irish home wait for months or even years, no thieving bankers to pay for the Panama lies the pure food law should secure rule and Weish disestablichment, the water comes. It is a dreary outlook canal, and most all working people's the passage of legislation requiring one a political and the other an ec- for a man after struggling with his hard earned money, and there has never woolen manufacturers to label their clesiastical survival from past gen- family to build a home in a desert, products so as to show the content erations. "Be just," said he, "be depending on the arrival of water, to both in pure wool and in shoddy not only just, but generous in your get no water. handling of it. In the case of Irish It is of the utmost consequence ing business. The old game goes self-government, be careful, scruputhat every promise made on the ir-In view of the enormous disparity self-government, be careful, scruputhat every promise made on the irbetween the value of the wool in a lously careful, of the rights and priv-rightion projects shall be kept. The so far as responsibility or accurity is suit of clothes and the store price ileges of the minority. That is the federal government gave each state concerned. It looks to me like an an-

The question of simple honesty is of them will do their best to defeat to the letter. involved—the correspondence be- it next year. But in the province of There is something more than the Ulster there are nine counties mere relations of settler and promot-If once the new system be in- three in which the Catholies have er involved. The larger question or "imported from equally divided. There political cessful. Upon the good faith with the hands of a vigorous teacher and ill lose its power—for the contests are vohemently fought out, which the projects are carried out which did not disappear from the child's

the manufacturer who supplies the factories, are the most prominent of settlers as to protect bank depositors. the industries which employ and en-The second resolution, that tariff rich the inhabitants. Energy, fearon wool legislation should be based lessness, power, efficiency are their on scoured wool values, also com- strong points-with t trange politimends itself, as having a common cal mixture of Unionism—which they call loyalty and bigotry.

There is very little community of on a foundation of actual fact. In either interest or sympathy between the men of Belfast and the rest of

What are the main grounds of its objection to home rule?" It fears a parliament elected in

its majority by the agricultural vote and dominated by agricultural interests. It fears an assembly preponderantly Catholic. It is the last to get married during the allotted time stronghold of the ascendency party that once ruled Ireland, and now fears the Catholics in power. Yet Ulster will be abundantly rep-

resented in any Irish parliamentshe may, and probably will hold the balance of power. As it is, the British pecule do not care to see one half of one Irish

province obstruct the earnost desires of the rest

The marked progress of Ireland during the last twenty rears, and the rapid dying out of the hot issues of the land question, the advancing spirit for an all-Irish Ireland, and the wiping out of the obstructive risy as bringing the person only power of the house of lords-all these elements combine to herald the foundation of a new Irish nation, where the festering causes of illwill against the nation on the other side of the Irish channel will have disappeared for good.

#### DEMONSTRATED

HE thousands who tried to gain entrance to the Gipsy Smith meeting last night and failed, had visualized evidence that Portland is a big city. They had unmistakable testimony that the city has not blundered in determining to erect a great structure capable of seating many thousands in times of unusual public interest.

attempted to gain entrance to the The West Umatilla project will af- the famous Indian scouts of 1878, temporary auditorium last night. The ford land for some of the landless, and with them played an important estimate may be high, though many and homes for some of the homeless. part in the conquering of Chief Jo- who were on the ground insist that It will make a profusion of products seph. He is a brother of Mot Far- it is conservative. Not much more grow where nothing grows now. It row, who resided at Pendleton twen- than a third were able to enter the will make fertile and productive land ty years ago. Among the incidents auditorium, while the others packed which is now barren and unproduc- of the inventor's experiences in Pen- churches eleven blocks distant with dieton was an ovation given him overflow meetings, and one overflow What further argument is needed when he returned with his scouts service was held in the open air on

The present meetings are, course, extraordinary. But there ers in Portland, having been in this will be other times and other activicity during his career as a young ties of local character in which a lieutenant. He was at one time pro- great meeting place, capable of seat- any cause whatsoever for intervention. fessor of military tactics at West ing many thousands will be needed. Point. He has been for years the There is, in addition, the demand for such a place for great conventions foreign property interests were in danof national character, the interest in ger. which will require an auditorium of vast capacity.

Portland must meet the fact that FEW days ago Earl Grey, the it is no longer in swaddling clothes. late governor general of Can- The throngs who surrounded the ada, made an informing speech in London, before the Royal in London, before the Royal Colonial institute on Canada's decision on reciprocity.

He said that there was hardly such temporary auditorium last night, in London, before the Royal force Portland to confess that it be the greatest outrage and most unforgivable crime of all history. The other powers could have "interfered" in the United States during the Civil war with just as much reason as we and was mad and violent. It was not for me to pandy disease." Popular with his fellow students, he seemed to be to one of the dents, he seemed to be to one of the during the Civil war bother powers could have "interfered" in the United States during the Civil war with just as much reason as we and was mad and violent. It was not for me to pandy disease." Popular with his fellow students, he seemed to be to one of the dents, he seemed to be to one of the dents, he seemed to be to one of the during that there was hardly such in the United States during the Civil war with just as much reason as we and was mad and violent. It was half with his fellow students, he seemed to be to one of the dents, he seemed to be to one of the during that there was not for me to pandy dents, he seemed to be to one of the during the civilities with my sovereign."

Johnson died on November 16, 1784.

The bleentenary of his birth was celevated the civil war with probably tells the truth: "Ah, sir, I was mad and violent. It was half was mad and violent. It was been in his grave." ada, made an informing speech temporary auditorium last night,

## AIDING OREGON

the interests of settlers on ir- ly worded protest. calities, but one office and one ser- ed to interference in their own, and tected. He insists that the financial president. vice, where formerly two offices and would not have their vote on reci- arrangements of those who promote two services competed for public procity confounded with any desire the projects shall be sound, so that settlers shall not lose money they . Canada had rejected reciprocity pay in installments on lands. He inthe article that the Sherman anti- because rightly vor wrongly, she sists that it is important for the "sniffed" in it danger to the imperi- lands to go to the settler as cheaply of water given to us by our Creator. Postal people to restrain and punish, al connection. But she would not as possible in order that landless It will be interesting to observe if accept any form of imperialism that men can be helped to get a holding

be in competition with the transmis- represented. They claim the right policy that should be acceptable to would form larger lakes wherever practioid that she had acted like a boy and

and, second, if the object of the render such taxation desirable, and land board do less they will not ful- going to waste in less than a week to fore we appealed to Mr. Stanley, the Union and the Bell Telephone comdo not propose to interfere with the fill the obligation placed on them by water five times as much ground as is principal of the building; he rebuked now being watered, and I find that one and threatened us. We are law abiding communication. Probably the an- raising their revenue in any way they ert land board has any function at all, that function is to protect the of Willow creek. This surplus water, interests of the settlers. If that is thus held back, could be turned out on teacher such brutal treatment. not their duty, there is no excuse to the hills and higher valleys at confor their existence so far as Carey act reclamation is concerned.

Too many of the Carey act pro-T the opening of the session of jects in Oregon are on a shoestring A the British parliament the basis. It is a serious thing to draw men by advertising to an irrigation his followers, and laid down project on a promise that water will

projects, and the state is in honor The Ulster men defeated home bound to see that every develop- the state manks the services of men like rule in 1886, and 1893, and many ment company fulfills every contract J. L. Mobundro, Governor Hay's chief

sponsibility for the truthfulness of 350,000 people. Shippards and require all projects to be financially lescription will be shifted from the linen mills, tobacco factories and dis- sound as to require the banks to be salesman, anxious to effect a sale, to tilleries, printing works and rope sound. It is as essential to protect

# Letters From the People

(Communications sent to The Journal for pub-fleation in this department should not exceed 500 words in length and must be accompanied by the name and address of the sender.)

Young Man, Get Married, Portland, Or., Nov. 18.—To the Editor of The Journal—A Seattle magistrate last week, according to press report, had a burglary charge before him and advised in his reprimend that the young man go out and get married, or, if that was impossible, to get a cat or Canary bird so as to have to work for; in default of the former I believe, the penitentiary awaited him. How the judge expected the young man before the prison doors should close upon him I am unable to say. The remark itself may have the appearance of levity, but no doubt it was made in all seriousness, and carried a weight of sound advice.

Take any young man living alone in the city; we will say his position warrants living in a reasonably comfortable room. He takes his dinner down town and reaches home with the intention of staying in for the evening, but what is there to hold him It may be said the place is neatly furnished, reading material is there. But the average human being wants real, animated companionship, someone he can see, someone to talk to. Again it may be argued there is religious work to take church meetings and services to attend but why try to encourage such hypot religious gatherings, leaving the mind heart and soul out on the street. Still we cannot contradict he has a good Christian spirit, albeit the fact he is not an active worker. Of course, we have the theatres, but the indulgence in this amusement cannot be always continued.

Now then, what is the result? Unless he is exceptionally strong swilled he goes down the street in search of pleasure, drifting along in a slow but sure downward course, not necessarily sinking to the depths of a criminal, but indulging in revels and riotous living. And all because he had nothing to work for, no one to look up to, no one to care for, no sweet inspiration for a higher plane of living, no animated object of love and comfort to soothe the God-given passions of mankind.

The wrought up thoughts and inspiration of a reform period are lasting only in a very limited number of minds so what is needed is an ever cherished It is estimated that 25,000 people spot of comfort, a place where all the love and sentiment of dear old "home, swest home," dwells.

## A WAYFARER.

No Cause to Intervene. Portland, Or., Nov. 16 .-- To the Editor of The Journal.—Tonight's Journal states, in a dispatch from Washington, D. C., that Taft and his cabinet today discussed the advisability of calling on the powers (other nations of earth) intervene in China "because of a fear of another Boxer uprising." Just the thought of intervention by this or any other nation is enough to cause the hair of any and every good American to stand on end in righteous indignation, There is not now and has never been during the present revolution in China Not a single United States official nor a single missionary has sent out word that they were in any danger nor that The revolutionists and also the Imperialists have religiously guarded against any and every act toward foreigners which could by any possible stretch of the imagination be construed into even a menace, in fact they have carefully protected every foreigner on

Chinese soil. red American blood in his veins ought to send a protest to the president. I sincerely hope that he will receive no for non-attendance at a lecture not less than 20,000,000 telegrams and let- worth a penny." ters of protest within the next 48 hours. OVERNOR WEST insists that I shall write him an earnest and strong-

rigation projects under the the city should (and I earnestly urge Carey act shall be fully pro- them to do so) send protests to the T. GEO. F.

Storing the Flood Waters,

Cecil, Or., Nov. 16 .- To the Editor of The Journal.—I have been thinking for some time of laying before the public through your Journal a plan for the conservation of the bountiful supply Beginning on the head waters of streams that flow through dry districts, I would put small dams on all notified? Why wasn't Gail sent home the inlets, forming as many lakes as for discipline? The whipping was the inlets, forming as many lakes as ticable and in this way hold back the If Governor West and the desert early rush of water that swater enough good soaking in the spring will make citizens asking no favoritism but simple venient places and thereby water im-

> the Heppner flood. the Heppner flood. J. M. REED. A Disgusted Depositor.

lesson the danger of such disasters as

venient places and thereby water immense bodies of land. It would also, by judge asked Gail "if she knew what an holding back the early rush of water, oath was?" She replied that she thought

child.

bruitality.

Blind Slough, Or., Nov. 16.—To the Editor of The Journal—In my memory been one of this class punished except as a matter of form. The Philomath incident shows that neither brains or capital is required to go into the bankonly one remedy. If the working peoof staff, would be out of a job.

G. M. SPENCER. Thinks the Punishment Harsh. To the Mothers of Portland-How would you feel if your dear little daughter returned from school with her deli cate body covered with waits from her waist to her knees? Welts that had body for nine days. This is what hap-pened to little Gail Shadinger for whisappearance of the goods than on The citadel of anti-home rule is As an issue of broad state policy, for lying and viciousness if this brutal of Secretary Wilson and Solicitor Metalth that wool means wool and in Belfast. Nowhere in the world is Governor West is entirely justifiable No teacher should have the moulding partment into a still more rigid politically the last of the postorfice denothing else. The second that re- more wealth produced by a city of in his attitude. It is as essential to of little souls who has not strength and

## COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

### SMALL CHANGE,

Better be non-religious than hypocriti-Is it certain that a big police force Uncourage people who do the best A larger fraction of the world's sor Nobody can accuse Gipsy Smith of burying his big talent, Wonder what millionaires, and where O prosperity! How many false appeals are made in thy name. Maybe quicker and surer justice seeded more than more judges. A big fine apple is nearly as good looking as a rosy, smiling girl. The government seems to be structing a mourners bench for Business.

The horrible massacres in Tripoli and China may serve the good purpose of hastening world-wide peace. Death and taxes are sure; also, it seems, higher taxes every year, however much the assessment is increased. Prominent among people who deserve to be in penitentiaries far more than many who are there, are several bank wreckers.

A man who robs hundreds, perhaps thousands, through a bank, is about the last criminal to whom elemency should If the new town of "Westville" main-tains a good record, it will be an object lesson for the whole country to con-template with approval and gratifica-

It was his lifelong friend that a Che-halis man accidentally killed with a gun while hunting. The widow, if not the young baby, left unprotected, is sorrier than the feel.

OREGON SIDMLIGHTS.

Solo will have its first election under All but \$5500 of Lane county's \$620, A 'rattlesnake was killed a few days ago at irrigon by Deputy Game Warden Averill,

An entirely new and up-to-date tele-phone system is promised Klamath Falls as one of its 1913 benefits. The Swan lake country is now con-nected with Klamath Palls and the rest of the world by telephone.

Pastor Hoven of the Church of Christ at Tillamook has accepted a call from the church of that denomination at Cot-

The Dalles Chronicle: Two families arrived in The Dalles this morning from England, bound for Redmond, where they expect to locate. Each of the families had five children. Contractors are laying 400 to linear feet of macadam a day on Central Point Road, according to Mail Tribuns. It is expected that road will be completed this year,

Transient emotions are little worth; it is the right living through the years that counts. Linn county's various high schools report attendance as follows: Albany 228, Lebanon 108, N. and S. Brownsville 91, Harrisburg 33, Solo 30, Crabtree 27, Halsey 18, Oakville 17. Total 628.

A company has been formed to con-struct an irrigation system to cover a large tract of land on the White lake side of the valley range of hills, west of Merrill, lying in California and Ore-

Oregon City Courier: There are 16 residences under construction in the city, some just starting and some just being completed. The city is having a steady, substantial growth and the many improved streets have had much to do with this growing.

Lakeview Examiner: The New Pins creek station on the N.-C.-O, has been located on the Hervford lands along the lake shore. The railroad grade borders the lake, and the station will be located 250 feet south of the state line. Plans are being perfected for platting a townsite at the station, and it is possible that there will be a "new and an "old" town,

# SEVEN LITERARY WITS

Dr. Samuel Johnson.

son is most appreciated today. His a man struggling for life in the water satire and his witty sayings are re- and when he has reached the ground, peated more often than those of any encumbers him with help?" one English writer. At one time his made his sturdy rebuff, Johnson made his celebrated epigram: "This man I thought had been a Lord among fallen greatly into neglect in our day. wits; but I find he is only a wit among He is an extremely good example of Lords." character outlasting performance. His From 1762, when George III granted dictionary has long been out of date; to him a pension, the great writer the moral essays of the "Rambler," once became a great talker, and by a happy

known even to the most general reader. of the great man's work from oblivion, meeting Boswell records several and vindicate his place in the world of Johnson's sayings; for example: letters. Even allegorical fiction once thought premely good, is unread. But his personality, his actual sayings and doings, is all over. remain as fresh as ever, as well on account of the personality itself as of Johnson, after he had received a degree the vivid biography by Boswell which from two universities, it was quickly

Johnson, as a boy, was unusual. In later life he said to Boswell: "Sir, it is a sad reflection but a true one in China. To me, Mr. Editor, this plan miserably poor, and I thought to fight for a century and a quarter is so well of Taft and his cabinet is horrifying, my way by my literature and wit; so I known as Samuel Johnson, whose reput which they mistook for froite. I was of Taft and his cabinet is horrifying, my way by my literature and wit; so I outrageous and damnable. Every citi-He told the tutor at Oxford, who fined him for his absence from school: "Sir, you have sconced me two pence

worth a penny."
When Johnson had finished his diotionary, Lord Chesterfield expected that the work would be dedicated to him and published some fine compliments to the author. These overtures were received with scarcely yelled contempt. "I have sailed," said Johnson to Garrick, "a long and painful voyage round the world of the English language; and does he now send me two cook boats to tow me into harbor?" To the earl himself he wrote: "Is not a patron, my

should be treated like one, if it was the

justice, and hoping that no other dear

child will receive at the hands of a

can't get justice in the courts, where

she did; it was to swear the truth and

nothing but the truth. Asked if she

always told the truth she said she did.

Asked if she ever told fibs, "Oh, yes, I

sometimes tell mamma fibs but tell her

were then advised by the judge to send the caild back to the same school and

teacher, thus upholding her in her

treatment. It seems to me the court

has made a heroine of the strong and

vigorous wielder of garden hose on a

I also wish to state that the piece of

hose displayed in the court was not the same as the one used on Gail, Novem-

Mothers of young innocent growing

MRS. SHADINGER.

girls, help me in this struggle against

Incredible

From Collier's Weekly.

Cox's ticket is the final horror. To sup-

port it at all (on the urgence and assurance of a Cox politician!) was terri-ble epough; but to support it against

so fitting and courageous a candidate

as Hunt-really, words fall, and we are

What is the president coming to? After such an exhibition can he be even

driven to punctuation and italies.

President Taft's indorsement of Boss

The parents

the truth afterwards."

It is as a wit that Dr. Samuel John-| Lord, one who looks with unconcern

so widely read and imitated, are un- stroke of fortune he was introduced to Boswell, and thus secured the keenest A few of his "Lives of the Poets" have observer, the most attentive listener, been edited and praised, but only for and the most devoted admirer who ever a desire to rescue at least something penned a biography. From their first "Der-"Rasselas," a plece of rick may do very well as long as he can outrun his character; but the moment his character gets up with him, it

arranged. The monarch's complimen and Johnson's comment on it are well later life he said to Boswell: "Sir, known. Johnson said he "had alread in my sarly years I read very hard; done his part as a writer." "I should have thought so, too," said the that I knew almost as much at 18 as I "if you had not written so well." Johndo now"; and this in spite of the fact that during his college life he was "decisive" and needed no reply. pressed by poverty and irritated by disease." Popular with his fellow stu-

human being who has been in his grave tation Sheridan noted has been by the hand that bids our language

But rather than as a literary man Johnson lives among us in those sententious sayings which Bishop Percy said were so strong and clear that they may be compared to an antique staute where every vain and muscle is distinct and bold. In these days we gladly turn to such sayings of the great "Sir, you may have reasons why twice two are five, but they are four nevertheless!" "Sir, I have found you an argument, but I am not obliged to find you an understanding.

Tomorrow-John Philpot Curran.

beauty of character enough to control with South America-in spite of blow by other means than brutal force. Why after blow, we have clung to the hope were her parents who could have been that the president would improve suffiof great assistance to the teacher not ciently to have a general balance of usefulness to his country. was imbecile lack of backbone this last outbrutal and premeditated, for Gail was rage is the worst.

#### More Blessed to Give. From the Chicago Post.

According to the Chronicle published by the Anglican missionaries in Ny-asaland, the diocesan cathedral at Likoma, Lake Nyasa, takes up, probably the most extraordinary collections on Sundays of any cathegral in the world. During March, for example, the offerings embraced:

One hundred and sixty-seven coins, 173 work tickets, 2 pieces of soap, 6 bracelets, 7 necklaces, 58 corncobs, 180 pumpkins, 3 baskets of cassava-root, 2 papals (whatever they may be), 3 melons, 1 gourd, 21 eggs, 2 chickens and 1 duck.

.It must be something of a problem to utilize such a variety, but there are plenty of country editors, as a writer in the New York Evening Post observes, who have made shift with material almost as varied. We are so used to a definite "medium of exchange" that to be thrown back into a regime of barter is, for most adults, if not for most small boys, somewhat confusing.

Liberal and Astute. From the Cleveland Plain Dealer. "You fellows who want to be known stranger assured us. "Now, you there, young chap-you have a bully idea for a musical comedy. Let me make you an offer. Take that idea of yours, put it in ten acts, and I'll put up the money to produce it at my theatra."
"Ten acts?" gasped the budding libret-

tist; "your theatre? Do you mean it? Would the public sit through ten acts? Do you own this theatre? Would-"Stop before you get any more ex-cited, young man," proceeded the stranger, "and I will answer your quesnominated? If there were an election stranger, "and I will answer your questomorrow, would not Woodrow Wilson tions. No, the public that goes to mucarry Ohio against him overwhelmingly? Sical comedy would not sit through We have been patient with Mr. Taft ten acts—that is, it wouldn't sit still. The rayne-Aldrich tariff, the Ballinger Secondly, no, I do not own this theatre. iniquities, the use of patronage against But I own the bar enat opens out of insurgents, the wool veto, the retention of Secretary Wilson and Solicitor Me-

Cabe, the turning of the postoffice department into a still more rigid politimake r great hit with that tall stranger and us

# Political Reminiscence

From the Muncie (Ind.) Star.

In this recently published volume of reminiscences Senator Shelby M. Cullem discourses at some length on the relations of President Harrison and Mr. Blaine, Mr. Cullom frankly acknowledges that he did not like President Harrison, ascribing this feeling to the latter's cold and distant temperament that made close friendship with him difficult. Nor does the Elinois senator seem to have had an especially high presonal regard for Blaine, as he relates certain incidents that show the Maine man in a rather unpleasant light. In inviting Mr. Blaine to his cabinet Mr. Harrison followed an old custom that of a president conferring honor on a chief competitor. It was a course expected of him by Blaine's friends, These friends, some of them, doubtless did their part in fomenting discord after the appointment was made, but had it not been made there would have been a storm of criticism, and Blaine outside of the cabinet might have been outside of the cabinet might have been as great a source of annoyance and irritation to the president as in. At all events, he took, at the time, what undoubtedly seemed to him the most judicious course and probably was so in fact, notwithstanding later developments. Senator Culiom sets forth the situation thus: situation thus:

Harrison did not treat Blaine with that degree of confidence and courtesy one would expect from the chief excoutive to the premier of his cabinet; while on the other hand Blaine hated Harrison and was plotting more or less against him while he was a membe of the cabinet. The president talked very freely about Mr. Blaine (in con-versation with Cullom). He declared that he had been doing the work of the state department himself for a year or more; that he had prepared every important official document, and had the originals in his own handwrite ing in the desk before him. And yet said, Mr. Blaine, as secretary of state, was giving out accounts of what was being done in the state department, taking all the credit to nimself. He expressed himself as being perfectly willing, to use a familiar figure, to carry a soldier's knapsack when the soldier was sore of foot and tired, and all that he wanted in return was acknowledgment of the act and a show of appreciation. This was all he expected of Mr. Blaine. He said, in closing the conversation, that he intended some fay to disclose the true condition of their re-

# Always in Good Humor

TWO KINDS. From the Chicago Record-Herald. "There are just two kinds of liars in this world." "Two kinds?"

"Yes. The ones who lie to help themselves and the ones who lie to injure

SPEEDY From the Philadelphia Record. First Typewriter Girl-She's a pretty quick operator, isn't she? Second Typewriter Girl-Quick? I should say she was. She hadn't been in her job two weeks before she was

engaged to the boss. PROCEDURE. From Puck.

Foreign Enemy Then you think it is useless for us to attack the country by way of New York? Assistant—Certainly, Our investiga-tions tell us that it is impossible. First we would have to pass a trained army of customs inspectors, then a squad of quarantine officials, and what was left of us would be swept away by a picked of reporters asking us

we liked the country. IN THE MEADOW. From the New York Sun. Mrs. Knicker-Aren't you fond of ountry life? Mrs. de Waldorf-Yes, I just love to

hear the farmer page the cows. The Old Philadelphia Mint.

From the Philadelphia Redord. In removing the foundations of the oinage building of the old mint some quaint specimens of old time building construction, including several curious vaults, were uncovered. The sellar in which the vaults were, was reached by heavy stone steps, supported by brick or stone arches, a method handed down from mediaeval times. One of the vaults in which builion was stored consisted of a vault within a vault, and was dosigned, it is said, at the time of the war of 1812 to conceal materials which could not be readily transported to other hid

Several small windows in the cellar were protected by heavy hand wrought iron bars. These have been preserved, and will be added, along with other relics, such as locks and hinges, to the collection in Independence hall, In digsing out an old well in the yard a number of copper coins, bearing the dates of 1816 and 1818 were found, as well as a quantity of scrap copper from which the coins had been out.

From old papers relating to a lawsuit found by Frank H. Stewart, president of the company which owns the property, it was ascertained that five buildings were originally included in the old mint, all of them grouped around the coinage building. It is a historic fact that this old structure, which was the last of these buildings to be razed, was the first building of any description erected by the United States.

Chicago Letting Down. From Chicago Record-Herald. "Now that the guests have gone," said the eminent planist, 'let's have a ittle ragtime and enjoy ourselves.

## Spasmodic Piety

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

So many in this vale of woe are shining lights on Sunday, and then they let religion go, while chasing scads on Monday! On Sunday some are so bevout you hear their pinions as successful dramatists have got the they sing the hymnbook with a shout, wrong dope," the tall, efficient-looking from kiver unto kiver; and when the Sabbath goes from us they scratch for bones and laurels, and do not care a tinker's cuss for any set of morals. Six days on sinful games they flit, and once a week are plous; the in which the Word is writ that sort of graft deny us. Religion's good the whole week through, to Saturday from Monday, and we should then refuse to do things we'd abhor on Sunday. I am not strong on singing psalms my voice is hoarse and creaky from eating prunes and boncless hams and health food from Topeky; I am not strong on texts because the scoreboards keep me humping; one can't stock up with moral saws when football teams a plan that may have some from heaven; I'll be as plous as I can, not just one day, but seven.

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