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This is the charm, by sages often told. Converting all it touches into gold: Content can soothe, where'er by fortune placed. Can rear a garden in the desert

waste -Henry Kirke White.

THE WORKLESS

HE people of Portland do not justice doubtless reasoned that it was want the city or county author- not an unusual circumstance for Har-

ities to falter or flinch in the vey to be there. unemployed problem,

out in the evidence that the deed They do not want these authorities to play the woman. They do was committed about 12:52, shortly than to make homicide an hourly epnot want them to be tightwads in after Harvey was at the station. It isode, and the shedding of blood a an emergency. They do not want the also appeared in the testimony that mere pastime. county court to "let George do it." the barking of dogs chained in a They do not want the city hall to "let neighbor's yard confirmed the prob-George do it."

But these were not facts to immedi-While the authorities deliberated ately connect Harvey with the crime. yesterday, a woman with a wailing The most extraordinary fact in the child in her arms waited in the corwhole matter was the employment ridor to learn what chance there was to be for work, so the news could be by Harvey of attorneys for his defense before any accusation had been carried to her husband. Leopold Frye, a carpenter with four little made against him, and at a huge fee boys, who recently arrived from of \$20,000. What the mental processes were that led him to such a North Dakota, also waited to see contract, and why he thought it upon piloting him through a departwhat the deliberators might have for necessary to secure attorneys at all ment store. Perhaps, it is as cruel him

They were only two of the army of 5000 of the city's unemployed. tion. But they were unanswerable arguments for a public policy as broad

and big as the situation is grave. The county court's finding is that work by the county can be found for innocent men. Yet in the excite-50 men. It is not an official finding ment of the time, Harvey's mind assessed property value of \$274,394,- that resulted in this unusual act. 720. Fifty jobs is not in harmony with a county in which the annual receipts of the principal city were about \$16,000,000 and disbursements about \$16,000,000.

So feeble a finding is not a fit reflection of Portland, in which \$20,-000,000 was spent in the year now closing in the construction of buildings. Fifty poor jobs is out of tune with the mounting skyscrapers and tremendous flow of business activity witnessed in Portland the past twelvemonth.

In the midst of the splendid resources and phenomenal growth of this city, fifty jobs is preposterous, when men, women and children stand face to face with the black spectre of actual want. So small a

ern states adopt as their invariable year, or more than one every two been brought by water. It is \$6970 custom. There sheep raising, feeding days. We have even burned people more than is necessary for the serand shearing are a regular part of at the stake and gloated over them vice. If the railroads could not hanthe balanced industries of the farm. as the flames licked and laved them. dle the shipment as cheaply as the Ohio is an object lesson for us. We have gone the limit in savage water route, they ought not to ex-Her area is 41,060 square miles execution. We have struck every pect the business. If they could not against Oregon's 96,000. But Ohio horrible note in the butcher's gamut, render the service as cheaply, the reports 2,890,163 sheep, and Oregon, but instead of stopping crime, our water board had no right to give

with her wide ranges, 1.958.342. system has resulted in an alarming them the business. Ohio fleeces average only 7.1 pounds, increase, Oregon's 8.90. But Ohio wool sold this year for 31 cents a pound, Oregon's 20 cents.

THE CASE OF HARVEY

tion of his sister's head off because never be repeated in Portland. she would not share her Christmas The sum would help supply work TUDICIALLY, the Ardenwald mur- candy with him. Every hour in the to some of Portland's jobless men. der is as much a mystery as American day, somebody in the ever. The dismissal by an Ore- United States is maliciously slain. gon City justice yesterday of the Every month sees the murder of years without being kissed by a man,

case against Nathan B. Harvey is about 800 men, women and children, according to the Kansas City Jourofficial finding that the theory that The blood roll of the year mounts hal, is mistaken. It says she did this neighbor of the Hills did the to nearly 19,000, and has reached not live; she merely existed, deed is not sound. Whether or not nearly 11,000.

the evidence against Harvey will be In the country, one person in brought to the attention of a grand every 10,000 is murdered. No other tising a car that "your heirs will apcivilized nation is so stained with preciate." Is the buyer to underjury remains to be seen.

blood. America stands hornibly pre- stand that the machine will hurry on The state showed at the examination that Harvey was at the Arden-eminent, with a ratio of man killings his funeral? wald station shortly before the mur- nine times as great as Germany's der was committed. But Harvey's and six times as great as that of home was in the vicinity, and the France.

By arming the crooks, by failure to catch the criminals, by refusal to convict the criminals, by our lynch-

By the alarm clock it was brought ings, and by our hangings and electrocutions, we have achieved no more In view of our utter failure in

Can we do worse?

A MAN'S RIGHTS

prayer books. Even this opinion contradicts science but anyway it is based upon his reaha we are reminded that it ligious teachings, which are handed

down to him from remote ages by his tress to a man when his wife insists forefathers. Therefore, from his point of view he is justified in recognizing it as the beginning of the new year. But where is the justice of prefer-

ring the first of January and naming Before I go farther to explain my

woman's own domain, and his rights view point I will refer you to a legend in the Talmud: "Adam was driven out from paradise for disobeying God's command which was in September in bed after his own collar button or the fall, and he noticed that every day hang up his nightle or make out the the sun comes up takes in the firmacause of the coming of the world to an But when he reached the day wife's skirt. It is like stepping on when the sun rising earlier and setting later, he rejoiced, saying it is the usual way and the law of nature and he made that day a holiday and sacrificed to God," and the Talmud ends this legend with the following remarks: "He, Adam, kept it as a holiday sanctified to the light above and his descendants

for generations after, kept it as a hol-History tells us the early Romans ognize his right to "life, liberty and used to worship the sun and made the should be sought out. Our failure the pursuit of happiness." There he first day of its encreasement a grand Later, Christianity was found-An elegantly equipped ed upon the ruins of heathenism. All the important events in the new established lounging and smoking room has been religion, as the birth, the resurrection, installed in one of that city's large occurred in the same period of time and department stores for husbands who to get bigger; only a difference of a

The Hill Reward.

Wahkiacus, Wash., Dec. 24 .--- To the

to be commended on getting together

the \$2875 Hill murder reward by head-

ing the list so generously, and then get-

"Ben" Selling, "Joe" N. Teal, C. F. Ad-

ams, L. Samuels and others who came

down with a spirit of humane justice.

My encyclopedia fails to supply me with

Indians on the plains there always

seemed to be the spark existing in hu-

manity to spare innocent children. Evi-

dence conclusive with no mistake in the

future and the culprit hung until dead,

Prices of Farm Lands.

Portland, Or., Dec. 26 .- To the Ed-

tor of The Journal-There has been a

I have come to the conclusion that

great deal said in the papers, and you

JOHN G. MADDOCK.

zen if I did not stop to say The Journal choice.

Editor of The Journal-It would seem a

MOSES REIN.

shop with their wives. There he few days. As it was very hard to erad-TAUNTON, Virginia, is a city of may enjoy human sociability, com-inew days. As it was very half to end to the max very half to end to the solution. Revolting panionship and communion without from the old style of municipal government it resolved to try lines of the changing fashions or the lines of the subject of the subject lines of the manuscript. "But to such a one the united states the changing fashions or the lines of the changing fashions or the lines of the subject lines of the subj TAUNTON, Virginia, is a city of may enjoy human sociability, com- icate the old custom the fathers of the

COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

OREGON SIDULIGHTS. SMALL CHANGE.

Itor.

Ing

Everybody is glad it's over.

Benjamin Harrison was renominated.

Days getting longer; 'twill soon be spring . .

It is \$6970 wrongfully taken from Christmas always has its accidents, orimes and tragedles. We have even taught the children Portland water consumers. It is that killings are justifiable by the \$6970 that the water board had no W. Morgan Subset proved himself a man. W. Morgan Shuster did his best; state, and in Arkansas a boy of elev- right to take from water consumers en seized a shotgun and blew a por- It is a business blunder that should

Only when the grafters and cadets fall out is anything found out.

The multimillionaires will give genwho have plenty. New Year's, but only to those May.

When one is 20, he thinks a man of 0 real old; when he is 60, he thinks a The woman who says she lived 100 40 real old; when he is man of 40 real young.

After New Year's we may expect to hear from 30 or 40 more candidates for senators and representatives in con-

An automobile concern is adver-Jones — the hotel Jones — quickly proved the truth of the text that the way of the transgressor is hard. Yet sometimes it isn't so.

If in the insanity of the time some poor worthy people were overlooked Christmas, needed aid will be just as

Christmas, needed aid will be just as welcome on New Year's. Woman suffragists of Oregon were wise not to get Mrs. Pankhurst to come to this state to campaign for them. She would have done the cause more harm than good.

It is not at all incredible that there is a good deal of dirty graft in and around some municipal departments, but one shouldn't believe all that some of its exposers say.

Revival services will begin at the United Brethren church at Weston the second Sunday in January. The pastor will be assisted by Rev. Morgan R. Gal-laher, formerly of Spokane and now of Deep Creek, Wash. Postal Telegraph company promises to reduce long distance telephone rates to one-seventh, in some instances of the W. U.-Bell charges. If this is done, people may get something like reason-able rates.

SEVEN DEVOTED DAUGHTERS

Jane Austen,

Jane Austen presents an admirable, few years later after she had become financial circles of other large cities. example of the devoted daughter, who already being the author of four popular for so long a time sacrificed her own novels career in order that she might assist

her father who was the humble rector of a little English parish in the latter part of the eighteenth century.

social aspects with which alone she was familiar, the execution is flawless." Jane's father was in such straitened circumstances that he was compelled to Among some of Miss Austen's most take pupils in order to increase his modest income. Jane at an early age beings, but her charming personality and came adept in the use of the needlewas "especially great in satin-stitch" we are told, and instead of following devotion to duty and to parents, we are told, and instead of following Warren Hastings. Southey, Coleridge, try, those landmarks with which he was her inclination to write books, she laid Sir James Mackintosh, Sidney Smith familiar stood up like church spires

such an idea aside and did fancy work and Sir Henry Holland. G. H. Lewis said that he would rather have written "Pride and Prejudice" or for whoever would employ her. In their humble little home at Stev-"Tom Jones" than any of the Waverly enton, Eng., as a little girl Jane employed her time as most children would novels. Lord McCauley declares that hum of industry and commerce that and while her father was busy in writ- Jane Austen approaches Shakespeare ing his next Sunday sermon, little did nearer than any of the English writers he realize that the young girl who was in drawing character; and he once proplaying about him, and frequently had posed to edit her words with a memoir to raise funds for a monument. to be chided for her annoyance, would one day write books that would live Sir Walter Scott declared Miss Austen's talent to be "the most wonderful long after all of his sermons were forhe had ever met with: The big bowgotten.

bow strain I can do myself like any now Miss Austen's genius received little And going; but the exquisite touch which ecognition during her lifetime. renders ordinary common place things although it took a considerable time and characters interesting from the for her father himself to come to such recognition, yet when he did so he was truth of the description and the sentiproud of his little girl, and father and ment, is denied me. What a pity such daughter walked hand in hand along a gifted creature died so young!" their different literary pathways, and while Jane would write Rector Austen Jane Austen was the creator of the novel of domestic life. She took the homely facts of middle-class England would exert his very best effort to find and made them interesting to all the a market for her product.

When Jane Austen had finished the people of England and of Europe. She remarkable novel of "Pride and Pre- made her countrymen see that there was made her countrymen see that there was

American From the Philadelphia North American. Intelligent Americans have begun to discern why some public officials, in positions of high authority, who not nly are not personally dishonest, but

A View of Wickersham

From the Philadelphia North

who are consistently true to their standards of duty and actually believe that they perform valuable public service,

Albany Democrat: The project of a hotel at Lyon and Fifth streets, has been given up on account of the other projects that are gradually materializnevertheless play continually the game of the enemies of the country and do more hurt to the public than the most orrupt machine politicians.

of the

Condon Times: Joe Kirschner has made a survey of the race track prepar-atory to having it leveled up in time for the threshermen's convention next May The thoughtful people of America, swelling in number constantly as they liscard their old ignorant reverence of names and labels and fetiches and slogans of obsolete worship of party as an Coos Bay Harbor: At the school meetnd and not a means, are able at last

cons hay harbor: At the school meet-ing a 15 mill tax levy was made to de-fray the general school expenses the coming year. All regarded the levy as just and necessary. to understand that Wall Street is us sincere in regarding Attorney General Wickersham a business wrecker as

Eend's school census shows 384 child-ren of school age, an increase of 88.2 per cent over 1910, notwithstanding the castern part of the district was cut off to form a new district.

The Redmond Spokesman is to have a typesetting machine in time to get out its first issue of 1912.

D. C. Ashmun has disposed of the Dayton Tribune to Fred T. Mellinger, who takes charge as manager and ed-

Dayton Tribune: The Johnson broth-ers, in the Wheatland district, off of 300 acres have sold \$2000 worth of pro-ducts and have \$3000 worth to sell. Who wouldn't be a farmer? It seems nothing short of farcical to

The mills of the George Palmer Lum-ber company, according to the La Grande Star, will not close down dur-Americans whose eyes are opened or opening to hear Mr. Wickersham discussed as "an enigma" and Mr. Knox winter season except on the entire Sundays and legal holidays. as a far sighted statesman. For the people are seeing that the errors of such

Harrisburg Bulletin: The juvenile band is a factor in Harrisburg's trowth. How proud we feel of those boys who are working away without one of any monetary return men are the basic error of Wall Street band is a factor in H growth. How proud we fee boys who are working awa hope of any monetary return. and all Big Businesses, founded upon their limited vision and their common ignorance of the real forces that create the power and stability of the nation,

present and future. That widely shared error is that wealth is created and prosperity distrig

buted and world respect for America fostered only by grace of what a few men, seated around a mahogany table,

see fit to put on paper. Wickersham is neither a patriot nor

an enigma. He is simply a supreme exemplar of the un-American, Manhattan, island point of view-which is not unknown elsewhere, in the corporation and famous, unbeknownst to the publisher, Therefore, the summary of the Wickersham qualities and defects, in a remarkable sketch in the Metropolitan G. H. Lewis told Charlotte Bronte that Magazine, is an accurate estimate not "no author ever lived with a nicer sense only of the individual, but of the large

of proportionate means to ends. Given class of which he is but a type: "From a horizon bounded for twelve the end, the life-like proportions of the years previous by the outlines of New York city, he looked over the entire United States of America. And what ardent admirers, not alone for her writ- did he see? A world of corporations. Above the mist of unfamiliarity which were

covered the varied interests of the counpiercing a morning fog.

"The United States which he saw was a map of railroad lines, the fiscal agencles of which were in New York. The came up to his ears, on the height upon which he had suddenly been placed, meant corporations, charters, bylaws, resolutions of boards of directors, con-

racts and agreements in New York offices-not the employment of men, the earning of wages, the building of homes. "The evidences of trade which were apparent to him were associations pools and combinations-not the production of material, the winning of new markets.

A lawyer who had previously practiced in more than one section United States, or who had served in congress (even one term) or in a governmental department, or who had taken an active part in business, philanthropic, military, naval or Masonic affairs, would have been distracted from his

TTH the Christmas shopping over and the news from Omis a moment of awful dis-

He would rather crawl under the

matism, than to invade a department store chained and lassooed to his end. tacks in the dark. It is something that is more humiliating than push-

to catch and convict criminals is one may lead a quiet, simple, happy ex- holiday.

ONE MAN CITY GOVERNOR

Yet, even so remarkable a step does not prove him guilty. Few men are nil, his importance is minus. would have done it, especially few It is possible that all the evidence in the hands of the investigators has

before charges were made against a torture as a husband ever suffers. him is food for interesting specula- For, a man in a department store is it New Year's? a lost soul, a nonentity. He is in

commensurate with a city with an may have been aroused to a tension laundry list or have a touch of rheu- ment and sets earlier. He was very not been disclosed. It is essential that the case against Harvey or any other man should be probed to the ing a baby carriage at a horse show. It is absolutely ghastly. And, yet,

bottom. the problem is seldom solved. The extermination of the Hill famfly was one of the foulest murders But, in Omaha, a husband is of ever committed in Oregon. If there some consequence. There they rec- iday to the worshipping of the sun." is power to do it, the guilty man

of the reasons why we have so istence. much crime

able time when the tragedy occurred. ligence to try a few changes?

To the Editor of The Journal-What is the real reason that the first of January is chosen to be crowned with the dealing with crime, is it not intel-

title "New Year's" (beginning) when it has nothing to do with the important world's event of the resurrection? The

Jew celebrates his New Year the first of the month of Tishra (September). He claims, according to his tradition,

older countries but some of the east- run the number up to 190 in one than the sum at which it could have

of Portland.

every 100 cents of public money.

licity, a just Portland and a big formed the collection of garbage. He are bona fide victims of unemploy- play grounds, and has made city em- looks for Nebraska masculinity! ment and find them work. It should ployes earn their salaries by refusing survey the field for needed improve- to pay for idle time. ments, public and private, and make "I mean," says Ashburner, "to them now.

What are the skyscrapers, what in America." Probably he could are the great business blocks, what earn more money in private pracis all this array of Portland wealth, tice, but the sense of doing public what are the big churches pointing service for the public good inspires skyward, if honest men seeking hon- his life. est work are workless?

OREGON SHEEP

REGON stands first on the list of states for average weight of fleeces, with 8.9 pounds. The next on the list is Wyoming, with 8.4 pounds. Oregon wool was sold in 1910 for an average price of 20 cents per pound, while Ohio wool produced 31 cents.

Oregon stands sixth on the list of states for total numbers. But Ohio passes Oregon with a total of 2,890,-163 as against Oregon with 1,958,-342.

In the analysis of the census figures just received comparative figures are given for 1900 and 1910. The number of sheep in Oregon is every proposal for other methods.

years named. Wyoming flocks have better way. grown by no less than 1,499,380, and 913.

be there prepared for the Chicago hangings stop the murders, but fif-

into small farms. We hear that on Oregon history, many of the old Willamette valley Meantime, the nation is an orgy of would ultimately secure greater div- was corrected there were but few calls farms dairy cows have ousted the homicide. Officers do not catch the idends.

lows that occupied half the farm. The truth is that if the gospel of 950.

crop rotation were learned and prac-

number. Sheep as fertilizers to pre- state hangings and electrocutions, It is the cold fact that the ship-

public effort is a misrepresentation condensed commission government. latest flaunt of feathers. There he It sent to Richmond, Virginia, for may shout to his heart's content,

Many of these unemployed men Charles E. Ashburner, a civil en- "Old Top, B'George, I'm glad to see are not seeking charity, but work. gineer and railroad man, and in- you! Have a cigar!" And, it might It is not a call for philanthropy, but stalled him as city manager, paying be that he could edge into a little lack of appreciation under the circuma call for a job. It is not a request him \$2500 a year. He has entire game with a dollar limit. Who stances on my part as a law abiding citifor a bestowal, but an offer to give charge of the city's business. He has knows? one dollar's worth of good labor for been at work for three years. The The only possible inconvenience

tax rate has not been increased. He that wife may now heap upon hus-Publicly and privately, Portland has laid 48,000 feet of pavement, as bands in Omaha is to have the bill ting to the ears of my old time friends should remove this stigma of an against about 3000 under the regime sent to him. Which, after all, is a William M. Ladd, Theodore B. Wilcox, army of unemployed. Waving aside of the old council. He has installed flattering tribute. For, in that event, the fact that many may have been a sewerage system. He has an once again, he reigns supreme, his brought here by exploitation pub- larged the water supply. He has re- importance is undeniable.

What could be simpler than the the degree word of this atrocity. His-Portland should seek out those who has put up street signs, paved school Omaha way? How bright the future tory tells us in the barbarous days of

STILL A BLUNDER

make Staunton the finest little city TT is bad business policy for the there will come a time when every iso-Portland water board to pay lated family from the Atlantic to the \$6970 more for pipe by rail than it would east by water. It is had it would cost by water. It is bad this season while spending vacation on business policy for the railroads to the Klickitat. I used to know your pub

demand \$6970 more for the ship- lisher, C. S. Jackson, in 1880, at Pendle-Lockport, New York, was the first of the mountains. be brought to Portland by water. city to adopt this plan. Eureka, Cal-It is \$6970 that could have been from his native state, Virginia. He inciifornia, has carried an election by a

vote of 8 to 1, on a total of 1172 in kept in Portland. It is money that dantally was stage agent at that time for clusions, as well as his facts. Every would have been available for the John Halley, the ploneer stage man, and favor of one man rule. For large cities it is probably not further upbuild of Portland. It is B. Clopton in business. The latter I If he does not pay it he is dispossessed adapted, for the medium sized pro- money that would have gone into the had met at the Bishop Scott grammar gressive city of from 10,000 to 20,- channels of trade and business for school. 000 population, it may insure the the creation of more traffic out of citizens a dollar's value for a dollar which later on the railroads would have profited.

spent All money put in circulation cre-Ashburner is not the only young ates activity. It helps build homes, hear it reiterated daily in conversations, American suited for such work.

CAN WE DO WORSE?

munity along the way to influence, for this condition of affairs. HERE are those who are arguing wealth and power. It helps make

reduced by 3013 as between the two They attack every attempt to find a pipe shipment, and sending it as en-

Montana's by 744.621. In Ohio there of the fact that after fifteen hang- much of the capital of Portland, is an increase of no less than 241,- ings in Oregon within a few years, without giving anything in return. we had the Scappoose murder, the The water route would have ren-

The reduction in Oregon is cer- Barbara Holtzman murder, the Grif- dered the same service for \$6970 tainly not due to one cause only. We fith murder, the Ardenwald murder, less. By the process in the shipment hear that thousands of Oregon bred and many others within the past few of the pipe, and in hundreds of simlambs are sold and shipped east to months. Their theory is that the liar shipments, the railroads annually drain the state of a huge sum and and Omaha markets. We hear that teen Oregon hangings did not pre- hold the state and its citles back. the matter. They were imbued with the the big ranges are being broken up vent four of the foulest murders in They prevent the creation of an en- idea that land offered at so low a price

small flocks of sheep that used to criminals. The courts convict only It is the popular railroad blunder

graze on the every other year fal- thirteen out of every 1000 murder- of exacting all the traffic will bear. ers tried, while Germany convicts It is economic shortsightedness. It the Rogue River district, and offered

Yet the opponents of change say broader, bigger and sounder view ticed in Oregon, there would be three hangings will stop it. But we have would not only heip the railroads but acre it was sold to a man who imme times the 6356 farms which report had hangings in a part of the country be an effective developer of states diately put it on the market at \$40 per sheep, and each year an increasing for 122 years, and more. To the and communities.

with us in Oregon to make no bigger cities and bigger states with the reason lies entirely with the buy change in our methods of deal-ing with crime. They resist railroads.

By taking away the \$6970 for the land at a lower price. I secured some logged-off land and divided it

It helps create enterprises. It helps

finance activities. It helps the com-

larged profits to eastern stockholdsmall tracts, and in order to keep it They demand hangings, in spite ers, the railroads take away that within the reach of the man of small means, decided to confine myself to small ads, and inserted the following in The Journal:

TEN ACRES-\$300; \$10 down, \$10 month; good soll, level. 225 Lum-ber Exchange, By mistake the printer got it \$3000

was kept busy explaining the error to did so there was a loss of interest in

larged traffic out of . which they

is a suicidal business policy. A some parties 160 acres of ground at

and these mostly by persons who expected to find the land cleared and

within the city limits. A few years ago I was operating in

\$10 per acre. 1 was laughed at. the price had been raised to \$15 per use will be abandoned? acre, and a quick sale was made. The

new purchasers divided it into small that county will give up their homes amined and the glasses fitted to them." tracts and the parties who turned it and migrate to China? Now, if with "Oh," said Annie, reassuringly, "she "Oh," said Annie, reassuringly, "she pare for wheat is what not only the we have added mob lynchings and ment is to cost Portland \$6970 more down at \$10, paid \$259 per acre for that demand for a few more mills on

Abbey" the father sold to a Bath pub- her parents and her home, made her lisher in 1803 for 10 pounds. He did well prepared to put the soul of home not venture to print it and was glad and filial affection into her books.

ALFRED D. CRIDGE.

threadbare theory

W. H. ADDIS.

eyes ex-

Easily Suited.

Hanging Not the Cuge.

Portland, Dec. 26 .- To the Editor of

The Journal-In the discussion of capi-

tal punishment comes Mr. Searle and re-

that we are all vile, that fear alone

elaborates the old

to take back his money and return the manuscript to one of Jane's brothers a Tomorrow-Charlotte Bronte.

six acres, and then took far from the the dollar of valuation, comes a release to the producing, working, Hundreds of similar cases could be ing farmers and mechanics of all other s not looking for cheap land, but some- prises continue? It seems to me that somebody has

thing that can be cut into town lots and sold before the next installment been "stringing" Assessor Stra becomes due. There is plenty of land that he has been "stringing" us. that can be had for a reasonable price. for the man who really desires to build

a home-but he must be willing to go out of the speculative district, off the automobile highways and out of the 5c limit-but people who insist on living in town must expect to pay lot prices. CHARLES E. SHORT.

Is Strain "Stringing" Us? To the Editor of The Journal-C. P.

der. Strain of Umatilla county, the veteran I wish to call his attention to the assessor of Oregon, thinks the single tax would destroy private property in murder in this state since Governor land, so he declares in a communication West announced his anti-hanging policy. to the organ of land monopoly and every Our race is descended from savages special privilege. He also says that A few hundred years ago our ancestors development of irrigation enterprises were barbarians. We still have latent ment than the sum for which it could ton, Or., before the era of railroads east would cease because no one would care within us the savage and barbarian in-"Sam," as I best to acquire land when they had no title stincts. knew him, then had not been out long to it. each other, and the more peacefully in

The gentleman is mistaken in his conland owner now pays to the state and county government a direct rental tax. as they grow up. as certainly as the government exists.

To increase that rental tax 50 per cent would in no wise dispossess him if the

user of the land was exempt from taxations now levied on his tools and means of land using-his labor and hangings had such a bad effect on those capital. The owner of idle, or half used who witnessed them that they were land would have to make more use of abolished. If fear of hanging prevents his land, or pay the increased rental murder hangings should be as public that the price of farm lands has been raised beyond the line of reason, and tax out of his savings, or his pilferings. as possible and scaffolds erected on the In either case the community would benefit, by the first because of the decrowded street corners. But fear of the real estate agent is mostly blamed hanging does not prevent murder and mand for labor, by the second because the only reason for imprisoning a murof the use of hoarded capital to defray derer is to put him where he cannot public expenses. Such heards would hurt some one else, and where he cannot influence others by his savage soon be depleted.

financed by the general government, onclusion that there was a demand for and a very small portion of the increased land values would pay for the inte there would be absoexpense, while lutely no incentive in a man being kept "land poor" trying to forestall the benefits. What mankind demands bethe benefits. fore it will produce is not absolute environment upon human motives. ownership free from tax or rent, for coupled with a reasonable desire to better society now and in the future, can that is impossible under any kind of

worth more than any half dozen in From the Youth's Companion. Umatilla county built on land the invest-When glasses are worn chiefly to give ors do not own, and never expect to own. was absolutely worthless, and would ors do not own, and never expect to own, not even investigate it. When the ad The ground rent paid for security of their wearer an impressive appearance.

> say that because the now landlord government increases its demands on the

"Miss Bessie, if you are going down of that ground rent into the public till, town today, I wish you would buy my that no more buildings will be erected sister, who lives in North Carolina, a on leased lands, or that those now in pair of glasses."

"Why, Annie," replied the young lady, that if public needs call for five or "I could not get your sister a pair of 10 mills more that the land owners of glasses. She has to have her

wrote me what fit my nose fit her nose.

corporations, and when elevated to the position of attorney general he might have brought a clearer sense of proportion to his extended view.

He might, perhaps, have been able to see among other things, the foreign shippnig alliances, the associations of tollmiddlemen, the price regulations of food producers, the unions of laborers and the cited, showing that the average buyer taxes, will not the irrigation enter- fire insurance pools, although corporations might still have loomed portentous before him." Assessor Strain or

> By Miles Tanglefoot Overhal

WHEN WOE PREVAILS An airship streaks across the sky; A new born infant wails; A laugh rings out from passersby; Deceived, a young wife pales.

keeps us from committing crime, and On Fridays, when the clouds hang low fear of death alone keeps us from murand fog obscures the trees, I sit and write of bales of woe-a sad and lonesome wheeze. I tell of want and wads fact that there has been no increase of of gloom and gas bills, death and shame until my sobs fill up the room and shake my withered frame.

> A lone sheep calls to its dying mate; A beggar, shiv'ring, pleads; A lover waits at the garden gate; A guil flies o'er the meads, The more brutal ones killed

When other folk are glad and gay, I clined propagate the race from which like to talk of prunes and sing a melanwe sprang. Children are more like savcholy lay in heart sick, plaintive tunes; ages when young and grow away from I like to warble homesicklike of skeleif their surroundings are favorable tons and graves, of lame men limping down the pike and prison cells and The sight of violence excites anyone

who sees it, and hearing of violent knaves. deaths puts thought of violence into the Murders always

A starving wolf howls down the vale; A drunkard's parents sob; A guard tramps slowly 'round the failhope I hold my job

The Extreme Case.

From Harper's Bazar. Tightwad-Is there anything more heartrending than to have a wife who can cook but won't do it? Dyspeptic-Yes. To have one that can't cook and will do it.

The Murder Record

(Contributed to The Journal by Walt Mason, the fainous Kansas poet. His prose-poetna are a gular feature of this column in The Daily the fainous Kan cegular feature cegular Journal.)

This country holds the murder record. may hold it to the end of time; the nation's history is checkered with every thing in deadly crime. Our murderers are all acquitted if they have money by the neck; and if a hampen noose is fitted about some slayer's swanlike neck upon the gallows where the sawyers have left a nole for him to drop, it means he couldn't hire the lawyers who best know how to stall and yawp. man may spend long years in prison for forging a five dollar check; the lowly bigamist gets his'n, the firebug gets it in the neck. The cops pursue the idle vagrant and soak him on his funnyhone and in the jailyard, large and fragrant, you see the plain drunk breaking stone. But he who shoots his fellow creature,

and sends him to the great beyond, be comes the daily's scare head feature, is ionized, while out on bond. His trial is like an entertainment; he's freed, when lawyers cease to rage; he never knew what fear or strain meant, and now he elevates the stage.

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Irrigation enterprises would be easily thoughts and acts. To hang or imprison anyone as a matter of punishment or vengeance is to allow the savage within us to dominate, and to put reason in the background. An understanding of the motives that prompt human beings to action and of the influence of social and economic

do much to lessen crime. I do not doubt government whatever. It demands se-curity of possession. If Mr. Strain but that Governor West is honest in his curity of possession.

efforts and is reasoning correctly. thinks men will not build on land they instead of \$300, and the next day I do not own he would do well to come intending purchasers, but as soon as I to Portland and look around. He will find investments of capital in buildings

> it is necessary that they be fitted in possession is a tax collected by an owner other respects than the vision, as was to get out of the way., Will Mr. Strain recently discovered by a young southern. woman whose colored maid one day ap-

proached her with a request. 'owner" so as to take a greater portion After

Will the assessor of Umatilla declare

minds of the young. increase after a bloody war. Public