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So by false learning is good sense defaced; Some are bewildered in the mass of schools, And some mad coxcombs, nature meant but fools. — Pope.

CONSTITUTIONAL

THE initiative and referendum are constitutional. By a unanimous bench it was so adjudged in the federal supreme court yesterday.

It is doubtful if any decision in the history of the court carried greater consequences. An adverse decision would have struck at the very root of popular government.

The Dred Scott decision affected only slaves and slaveholders. It involved only such of them as came under the terms of the fugitive slave law. They were but a limited part of the body politic.

Yet, the Dred Scott decision was a part of a propaganda that led to bloody revolution. It had to be wiped out by cavalry, infantry and cannon.

These would have been unfortunate times for such a decision. A few days ago no less a man than the head of the steel trust said, "Things are being said, not dissimilar to the things that were said just before the French revolution."

ports; Porto Rico, 654 millions, and the Philippines, 462 millions. Cuba sent us 3193 million pounds for 1911, by far the largest contribution.

The new republican government is deeply interested—has already contributed from its scanty funds—has sent competent engineers to help—has set aside a large body of land in the Hwai river valley, near Nanking, for dry land farming under the direction of Professor Bailla of the Nanking university.

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THE Shanghai Central China Famine Relief committee have sent out some bulletins that are strong supports for the appeal for aid for the famine sufferers recently issued.

Many will give far more readily if their contributions are not "poured rice into the rathole of famine"—as the committee express it, but will be spent on relief taking the form of wages for constructive work to kill the fear of future famines.

THE consumption of sugar in the continental United States for the year 1911 was 7670 million pounds. The average per individual was 81.78 pounds, being the record both for aggregate quantity and for individual consumption.

Chinese government has spent has gone in free distribution of food. This year it is the ambition of the present famine committee to be the last of its kind.

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Its grievance against the initiative was that by that system of legislation a law was passed by the electorate taxing the gross earnings of telephone and telegraph companies.

Thereafter, the state grange proposed the measure by initiative, and it went through with a whoop. The vote for it was 70,672. Only 6360 votes were cast against it.

Out of Home, Out of Pocket. Portland, Or., Feb. 14.—To the Editor of The Journal—Your kindly insert the following somewhere in the columns of your paper for the benefit of people (poor people especially) who own their homes and contemplate selling same on small payments.

But it took another course, and went to law. It subjected the state to confusion and expense, filled public matters with uncertainty, and postponed payment of just taxes to the last possible day.

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COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE. A New York judge refused an actress a divorce. At least China ought to beat Mexico as a republic.

Letters From the People. (Communications sent to The Journal for publication in this department should not exceed five words in length and must be accompanied by the name and address of the sender.)

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Apple Growing in Oregon. Sherwood, Or., Feb. 18.—To the Editor of The Journal—So to the Editor said and written about certain apple growing districts in Oregon as to create the general belief that Hood River valley and Rogue river valley are the only districts in Oregon where apples can be raised.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS

The McMinnville Telephone Register has completed its twenty-third year. Rural mail route No. 2, out of Madras, will be in operation no later than July 1.

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Astoria Budget: Steps are being taken among the residents of that city to organize a cooperative company for the purpose of erecting a hotel there. The plan is to form a corporation with a capital stock of \$10,000.

Canyonville Call: The profit derived from a new factory now being cleared of old structures. Work on the building will start soon.

SEVEN FAMOUS MUSEUMS

The Museum of Berlin stands unrivaled in Europe; that is, if it is taken as a whole. As a building there are few that can surpass it.

The Berlin Museum is rich in its historical collections and works of art, and is situated on the second floor of the museum. Among the latter is the life mask of Frederick the Great.

There are also two cannon balls, both flattened on one side. It is said they met in the air at the siege of Magdeburg. There are also numerous relics of the famous battle of Waterloo.

Tomorrow—The British Museum. light, our excellent Governor West and our county in that season relief may be obtained. Vacant lots in the neighborhood are valued at \$2000, and yet dangle and roosters and yelping curs abound unrestricted. FAIR PLAY.

Remember the Accent. "Queen Mary," said the teacher to the class in the history lesson, "and France so much that she declared the word Calais would be found written on her heart after she was dead."

A Candidate. (Contributed to The Journal by Walt Mason, the famous Kansas poet. His prose-poems are a regular feature of this column in The Daily Journal.) My friend Whang Baxter's out of work. He used to be a hardware clerk and did his duty yastar, well, but rheumatism on him fell and bungled him up to such extent that all his coin to doctors went. And now he's on his feet once more, and wants a job in some one's store. Your suffrage for old Whang I court, he's far more worthy your support than chronic patriots who chase across this poor old planet's face and beg that you will save their goat when comes the day on which men vote. Let all the chronics go and Whang Baxter, out with me and keep for Whang. He needs a job; the statesmen don't; he'll save his pay, the statesmen won't. It makes no odds to you and me who our next president may be; we'll have to rustle just the same, whatever the outcome of the game. But old Whang Baxter, he's far more living here in our old town; he needs a job like everything, so let us make the welkin ring, and give a big torch-light parade, and hold a caucus for his aid and try to influence the press to help relieve old Whang's distress. Copyright, 1911, by George Matthew Adams. Over Morn

Man's Duty to Man

From Cosmopolitan Magazine. A man I know was walking with a woman when a street urchin hit the latter with a snowball. The man saw the urchin throw the snowball and, catching him, spanked him.

The photographing abstractor has reached Marshfield and will reproduce the Coos county records.

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Tanglefoot By Miles Overholt

RESOLUTIONS. Mand Muller is a test severe; But I aver I'll write no parodies this year Concerning her. —Pittsburg Post

The female of the species is a Pinsky bit; But I will write no parodies Concerning it. —Milwaukee Sentinel.

Miss Mary has a fleecy pet, 'Twas not a rain; No parody will Iabet Concerning lamb. —Cincinnati Enquirer.

The boy stood on the burning deck; May he rest at ease; No parodies on him, by heck, Will I abet. —Birmingham Age-Herald.

The Village Blacksmith is the one That has a charm; But I will write no chestnuts on His "brawny arm."

The Grim Desert of Mexico. Kermit Roosevelt, in Scribner. Next day we loaded our outfit on our two pack mules and struck out across the desert for the Tinajas Altas (high tanks), which lay on the slopes of a distant range of the Sierra Madre, about four miles from the Mexican border.

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