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One year. B. 60 One month SUNDAY. SELV AND SUNDAY. LY AND RUNDAY. what a tangled web we

When first we practice to de-

WON'T SWALLOW PORTLAND dertaken to surrender to traffic

It believe that the only way to keep mised. Portland from moving, boots and Venerable men and aged women sist that the grain rate from the every syllable of the terrible story. inland empire to Astoria be kept Every face in the audience is tense, four and a half cent per hundred and every breast strained with emohigher than to Scattle?

Is Portland's greatness to be attained only by keeping Astoria tensest situations of the stage, and down? Is Portland's position so the mental atmosphere of the hall questionable and her chance of ad- not unlike that of the deepest movancement hung on so slender a ments of the strongest drama. thread that the only way to prograin to Astoria than to Tacoma?

Oregonian says yes.

Two million-dollar steamers have just been ordered for the trade between San Diego and Seattle. They will stop at Los Angeles, call at San Francisco and then proceed direct to Seattle, leaving Portland off the schedule. Would it not by better for the Columbia river, better for Portland, and better for Oregon, and better for the northwest, to grant Astoria common point concessions and have them make that harbor a port of call? 'Is it justice or even business to insist that nothing shall enter the Columbia river unless it comes to Portland? The Oregonian's position is exact-

ly that of the old crossroads storea cinch. The Oregonian thought for years that it could not do business as a newspaper unless it had as monopoly of the field. Impreg-boys, and a few women, there at higher game. Arms and equipa monopoly of the field. Impres-Portland will sink unless this port a great city and to a great commer- five thousand life timers they return doned for bankers' loans on a nacial empire.

Modern cities do not depend for the rest of us. survival on little flim-flam regula- It was the aim of all state offi- and Europe on his quest. And he that enter the Columbia river, of three thousand judges holding zine says they were taken from his whether all of them come to Port- criminal trials in the United States. own lips. Never was a romantic land or not, the greater the prestige of the Columbia waterway; and the raged. It was the regular prison For a year and more he has been greater the prestige of the Columbia scourge. In many of those hells on in touch with Yuan Shi Kai, who waterway, the greater will be earth where prison labor kept the then sent an envoy to Sun to urge the ocean commerce that Portland poor wretches to the grind of un- him to come out into obvious rela-

it is the great inland port that will the name of punishment. be the destination of the great ves- To the credit of human nature in has all happened as I foretold." He sels that do the real business.

there will be a differential at Port- nearly all. nal does not believe that the only mure law breakers in a temporary see if there might be any food to be way for Portland to succeed is to hell. keep Astoria down. It has a broader What are righteously termed by floods last fall, and those floods horizan than that and greater faith "modern methods" have been were the last of three, which swept in Portland than that,

The Oregonian also says:

the Astoria common point scheme is ton, Nevada, the Philippines and souls of these the famine committed for the president. The Roosevelt commercial folly. If that paper had been slexed with a mad desire to cripple Portland on the one hand and bankrupt Oregon on the other, it could not though in various respects the first, lion dollars will keep them alive till vote. The Wilson managers go so far well have chosen two more effective under the regime of Governor West, next harvest comes in July—of this as to predict a solid delegation of 76 instruments than the common point agitation and the single tax.

paper. Its publisher is a single tax- stituting moral for iron and steel We are sending missionaries to that the proceedings will divulge the

of Oregon.

Many have infinite faith in the to what they want.

would result in his ensiavement, honor men. But discussion and experience proved the contrary. The Oregonian thinks s m Portland will be swallowed up by s as Astoria by removal of the Astoria handicap.

But King John was not enslaved Portland won't be swallowed.

THE GRAY WOLVES

heard Walter Evans, in his His lifelong friend, Dr. James Can-HE Portland Journal has un- few of the horrors of the white slave life in 1896 by rescuing him from

Astoria the transportation ad- It is a simple recital of the infor- he had been kidnaped and held forvantages that have accrued mation be has gathered in his pros- 12 days prior to sending him, caged, to Portland through years of effort ecutions of white slavers in the to China as a dangerous lunatic, and enterprise," says the Oregonian. United States courts in Portland, doomed by the old empress to die Is the Oregonian afraid of As- but the narrative rises to's descrip- the prolonged death by torture. toria? Does it fear that Astoria is tion of wronged women tuch as no going to swallow Portland? Does one has dreamed of and nobody sur-

breeches, down to Astoria is to in- lean forward in their seats to catch tion.

The stillness is like that in the

Mr. Evans shows how the very tect Portland is to make inland em- laws and institutions of the country pire producers pay 90 cents more on are employed by the slavers to keep in subjection such of the victims as The Journal answers no. The become rebellious. He paints in words, from his experiences in the tederal district attorney's office, pic- in Japan. There he cut off his queue family. tures of young girls led, under false and bought Japanese clothes, which pretenses and false promises, from helped him to pass for a Japanese has been come to, nor any step yet week, among them the American assotheir homes and carried by dreadful then and often since. men into the lowest depths of human Then the world across the seas be- a decision as to the rightful division degradation, all of them being in-came his gathering ground and all of profits between capital and labor. stances that have occurred in the traveled Chinese his friends. To Nor has any tribunal been created beautiful city of Portland, under the Honolulu he journeyed first, for six by the British, nor by ...ny other navery shadows of our church steeples. months. Then to San Franc'sco and tion, having jurisdiction over this. our public buildings and our homes, thence across the continent in the the most burning question of the and within earshot of our own peo- first of a series of missionary jour- day. Such a division would be the

and family circles.

All who hear the story realize in- him their, whole fortune. stinctively that it is time to rise and Recepers. I new claimed that you drive the gray wolves from Port- England, traveled back to China and far reaching consequence in every might be said the 1 per cent virtually under the blight of a slave system, they

I WAS IN PRISON

are in the United States of roads storekeeper's notion applied to said they are in prison. Except some from local Chinese must be abanfrom behind the bars to mingle with tional scale. He visited, he says,

tions like the Astoria handicap. The cials in the unthinking age now pass- succeeded. This exiled wanderer in-Oregonian's prosperity as a news- ing to keep this half a million with- spired such faith in those he dealt paper was not ruined by the arrival in prison or penitentiary or reforma- with that the initial money diffi- notices were assembled and printed merce. of The Journal. It was helped by tory walls, without escape, under culty which has wrecked revolution-The Journal, and The Journal is crushing and brutal discipline, in ary movements without end was conenormously aided by the Oregonian. hopeless misery, until the end of quered. The revolution was fi-Portland cannot grow by keeping their allotted terms. Few knew and nanced. new merchants and new industries none cared what passed behind the His story, since his triumphal reout through fear that they will com- prison walls, where men were punpete with those now here. More bus- ished during terms dependent on has been in the eye of the world. inesses in Portland make more bust he character, the state of health and His reminiscences are published in inesses in Portland. The more ships temper, or the caprice of some one the London Strand, and that maga-

paid, uninteresting, monotonous ma- tions with him. But Sun feared to The inland seaport is in the best chine work they were held there trust Yuan's messenger. "Tell his strategic position. There are steam- sick and fainting to the last gasp. ers whose schedules will not carry In a few of the prisons of the older them to the inland port, but with states the lash survives to this day docks right and depth of water right, as an instrument of torture under may well be called sublime, Sun

the last quarter of the nineteenth is only 49 years old. And back of it all is the downhill and the first of the twentieh century haul to Portland and the over-moun- a determined revolt set in. Pristain haul to Puget sound. When oners were credited with souls, and Portland has fought this trans- reformation, reestablishment, began portation battle to a finish, to be considered as possible for

land over Puget sound. With cost The first step was to sow hope, deof haul as the inexorable factor in pendent on good conduct and ap- a million people. Will it bring it rate fixing nothing can stop Port- parent reformation. The parole sys- nearer to us to think of four times almost to the halfway mark. land's claim to a just rate which tem, the honor system, and the in- the population of Portland? And will be a lower rate. The Journal determinate sentence were the nat- all starving-without rice or flour is not content to give away Port- ural outcome. The tide is sweeping or meat of any kind, and the refuse is claimed by both Taft and Roosevelt land's birthright to a downhill rate the nation. To turn it back is a of the towns and cities, the bark of on the Republican side and by Wilson, for the little mess of pottage known hopeless effort of those who claim frees, the husks of last year's crops, as the Astoria handicap. The Jour- the right of the community to im- all turned over and then again to

adopted already in states on this the very soil off the farms. honor roll. California, Colorado. The whole population of the fam-The single tax is economic insanity: Illinois, Georgia, Florida, Washing- ine districts number three million by the state convention will be instruct-

whose name stands for prison re- \$170,000 has been the answer to pre- for the form the nation over. He first of vious appeals. The balance is no vention will meet in New York city The Journal is not a single tax all struck loudly the keynote of sub- great matter for wealthy America. Thursday, but it is not at all certain

wide world entaids:

The governor's real battle is won single tax plan. Many have equally when his road camp men, and the public. positive convictions against it it prisoners detailed for reads and is an unusual question, and one that fields and gardens and stock th and is entitled to a free and frank dis- about the lialem fastitutions, have cussion on both sides. The people developed the positive somes of honor of the state are entitled to such a which holds the great majority to discussion of such a question, as a their unbroken pledgen, and which means of making up their minds as punishes by ostracism, on their return, those weaker once who have King John declared before he by escape discredited not only the granted the Magna Charts that it governor but the brotherhood of

SUN'S OWN STORY

His is the account of a poor Chinese boy in Canton, who, being taught English and having absorbed the Christian religion from his father, an employe HERE is an enlarging circle of cine at Hongkong and graduated Portland people who have thence in 1892 at 25 years old.

campaign addresses, recount a tite, the college president, saved his the Chinese embassy in London when

While practising medicine Macao, Sun was enlisted in . the Young China revolutionary party.

In 1894 China suffered defeat at Chinese received recruits by thou- worker, his safety, and his comfort. sands. Sun became known as a leadary rising was planned, but became turbance. known to the imperial government at Peking, was broken up. Its lead- that the cost of living has risen fasters fled, and Sun had the pleasure or than the advance of wages paid. of reading in Macao the first of a The employer, keeping his eye fixed series of proclamations for his head. on the fluctuations in the market This one offered only 10,000 taels price of what 12 has to sell declines for him. In the end the sums to grant a rise. The miner demands Drainage congress in New Orleans.

ple in the daily walks of their lives, neys where money was poured into deciding element in determining if No message more telling has ever his hands and unlimited personal the miner is to be entitled to a rise been borne to the people of Port- support followed him. Warmly does of wages above the minimum by acland. No recital of facts has so this man resent the popular belief tion of a law instead of by personal nearly penetrated to their firesides that his people are selfish and mer- negotiation between employer and cenary. Many, he says, have given employed.

Then this wanderer, by way of more closely knit. The close of the tunately, aligned for war. Boxer troubles saw Sun once again ment could not be provided without whom at any time it may be money and plenty of ft. Collections all the principal towns in America

In all the prisons tuberculosis tale more simply and modestly told. excellency," he said, "that I can wait."

waits with the message, "So far it

SHALL THEY STARVE?

GAIN there comes the cry to America from the famine committee at Shanghai. Help, or they perish! Few can imagine found. The country was devastated

tee wire that a million must either managers believe that the Taft estimate Oregon is modestly placed last, be fed from America or die. A mil-

and, left the decision to the people lotted work, deaf to the call of the comes to us not unly from the Shange, until she can throw it where it will So hal constitities but also from Dr. Bun and others of the new Chinese Pe-

IS AN END IN SIGHT?

in the cottages, and the coal owners' banking accounts will begin to be replenished. The prize of this most state and district conventions to select costly war has been a law declaring that no man shall receive for his day's work less than a minimum wage, but balanced by two provis-lous-one that the figures of the Tuesday is adopt a platform and elect delegates-at-large and alternates-atof the London Missionary society, minimum shall be ascertained in was received in the college of medi- each district by an arbitrational commission, the other that the the selection of Taft delegates. miner shall show results in a fair output for a fair day's work. The minimum intends in general terms the lowest that has been paid, and received, on an average of a certain period in a fluctuating market. Evidently this was the entrance

world of Britain-that the nation had a right to prescribe the minimum that a man should receive for a full day's labor, irrespective of what are called police quertions. That conditions might be based on economic justice a: well as on the the hands of Japan and the Young care for the bodily health of the

This mode of settlement may er and rapidly filled up the Canton yield temporary peace. But there branch. There the first revolution- are two prospective causes of dis- Bishops to fill vacancies; the annual

The one is that it has been shown reached 700,000 taels, or \$500,000. a rise because his wages do not go From Macao, Sun crossed to Kobe so far in providing a living for the

The other is that no agreement taken to put together materials for

This British strike and all its sequences constitute an experiment of

was lost among its millions while nation where the opposing forces of the web of revolution was being ever capital and labor are, most unfor-

THE NEWSPAPERS

TORE than 1,500,000 inches of by the newspapers and maga- area was affected by flood or drought zines of the United States to the spreading of information about tuberculosis.

This is the statement of the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis. If the at one time, they would make a newspaper of 6250 pages.

In the past four years, the aggregate space devoted to the campaign power, later by steam and finally electotals over five million inches. If placed in one continuous column, the press notices would be more than lences and even luxuries, and what is ninety miles long.

The secretary of the association leclares that the very heart of the anti-tuberculosis campaign is the free publicity afforded by the press. He adds that the cooperation of the newspapers has made the movement against the white terror the greatest force assembled in the world for combating disease.

Many good things that the newspapers daily do pass unnoticed and their own ululations against the

News Forecast of the Coming Week

week will be a very important period in national politics. Before the week is over more than half of the delegates to the Republican national convention to find blocks of the woodcuts done by will have been chosen, while the list of him or his pupils. Many of these are Democratic delegates will be brought up in the form of book plates and coats

Presidential preference primaries will be held in Illinois Tuesday. The state Clark and Harmon on the Democratic side. The same primaries will decide the party selections for United States senators, representatives in congress and state and county officers.

On Saturday the primaries of both parties will be held in Pennsylvania. The Taft managers claim 54 of the 64 delegates for Taft, and predict also that the 12 delegates-at-large to be selected is greatly exaggerated. Woodrow Wil-New Jersey governor.

we are sending missionaries to the Chinese by the hundred—and great medium of news, of public discussion and aid to information. The Journal has never advecated in the persence in the penterniary is proof of weak wills or persence in the penterniary is proof of weak wills or persence in the penterniary is proof of weak wills or persence in the penterniary is proof of weak wills or persence in the penterniary is proof of weak wills or persence. The virtue of a minimal to drive that policy upon the people of Organ. It has never undertaken of Organ. It has never undertaken of the penterniary is proof of weak wills or persence of the penterniary is proof of weak wills or persence of the penterniary is proof of weak wills or persence of the penterniary is proof of weak wills or persence of the penterniary is proof of weak wills or persence of the penterniary is proof of weak wills or persence of the proceedings will divuge the that the proceedings will divuge the presence of the lesiogers for the sum to realize the creatise the creatise the creatise the creatist of the Chinese by the hundred—and quite rightly. But what good is a missionary to a dead man? The bonor promise to the governiant to cast here 90 vetes for the families and here of the winner. At the same time she would make the considers a "mate" man which, from the New York point of the family wants to cast here 90 vetes for the winner. At the same time the proceedings will divuge the the chinese by the hundred—and presence of the lesiogers for the sport and the chinese by the hundred—and presence of the lesiogers for the sport and the chinese by the hundred—and presence of the lesiogers for the sport and the chinese by the hundred—and presence of the lesiogers for the winter and the caught it in his sarrily wants to east her 90 vets the presence of the le

the state Rapublican convention of Mich. igan, which will meet in Say City on Thorsday. All of the Republican dele-gation in congress are supporting Tuft, while Governor Options and the strength of the state administration will be on ewell English, Scotch and Welsh

"peace with honor," and the empty also will be held during the week. Maton our property will soon be filled again in split between Taft and Rossevelt. In the cottages, and the coal owners' while Vermont is expected to go for Taft

without much opposition.

Kentucky Republicans will hold their delegates to the national convention. The state is claimed by both the Taft and Boosevelt managers.

The Republican state convention of large to the national convention. The results of the recent primaries assure The 'so called 'regular' Republican

convention later to name a contesting delegation, William J. Bryan, Governor Dix, Governor Woodrow Wises and Champ Clark of a new principle in the wages are announced as speakers for the National Democratic club banquet to be given in New York city flaturday evening in celebration of the birthday of

Thomas Jeffurson,

Outside of the field of politics the events of the week will include the unveiling of a memorial to the Women of the Confederacy in Columbia, S. C.; the Chicago by Job Harriman of Los removal of the remains of General Philip Kearny from Trinity church ceme-tery in New York and their reinterment with military ceremonies in Arlington National cemetery; a special meeting in New York of the Episcopal House of session of the central conference of American rabbis in Baltimore; the consecration in Omaha of Reverend P. A. McGovern as Roman Catholic bishop of Cheyenne; the introduction of the Irish home rule bill in the British house of commons, the annual convention of the ville, and the meeting of the National Professional baseball for 1913 begin in earnest with the opening of the season by the National and American leagues. A number of the minor leagues also will start their seasons during the

Letters From the People

league and Texas league.

ciation, Southern league, Cotton States

Articles and questions for this page should be written on only one side of the paper and be accompanied by the writer's name. The name will not be published, but is desired as an cation of good faith.

Progress and Poverty.

Portland, April 5 .- To the Editor The Journal-Why should the progress of civilization today, as in the time of poverty? It has been said that Rome fell when 1-per cent of her population owned 99 per cent of her wealth. It fact they did own a great part of them as chattel slaves.

civilization man was physically incapa- a master class, who does ble, under average conditions, of proand self supporting. Commerce was in slaves. year | its infancy, and when any considerable famine was almost sure to follow Agriculture was primitive, manufac-tures few, living crude and commerce

undeveloped. The advance was slow. Agricultural methods gradually improved and out of While the man or woman of wealth may primitive trading grew what could finally be dignified by the name of com-The handicrafts developed and commercial cities sprang up and with them small manufactures. Then followed the first machines, at the beginning operated by hand, then by water

Man can now produce food in abundance. He has learned to enjoy convenmore, through the use of machinery he a case knife my mother brought across is able to supply them. Through commerce it is possible to exchange the commodities most readily produced in almost like a razor now and I am usone district for those in another.

There is only one little trouble. A ing it right along in cooking operations.

J. C. MASON. one district for those in another.

sufficient to enable them to the Ricosevell aids.

The state proventions to select the will be closed down because there is no market for the pools that could be produced. The men and the machines vention will be held Wednesday in Maine and Vermint. The Republican district conventions in the same states also will be held during the week. White age with honor," and the empty cap beggins will soon be filled again.

great a quantity of the medessities of life as there is need for.

I realize that this is a big subject—the greatest problem confronting the race today—and I also realize my inability to do it justice. There is an article in the April number of Fearmon's Megazine desiring with this subject and it is well worth reading. At the public library is an excellent little book entitled "Industrial Problems" by N. A. Richardson. It would be hard to find an exposition of this subject more clear and yet so brief. I understand clear and yet so brief. I understand that this is now for sale at 229 Second. Afexandria Monday and name Taft delegates to the Chicago convention. The near Balmon. Last winter 1 paqvelt followers will hold a state heard the author state that this book was the fruit of 15 years of hard goody. If this subject is worth talking and

> Cause of the Awakening. Pertland, Or., April 2 .-- To the Editor of The Journal-In answer to a letter published in the Oregonian of April 1 over the signature of J. H. Wilson, criticising a Socialist speech made at Angeles, I would like to say to him:

Your theory and argument set out in said letter can only affect persons of the most limited reasoning power; it implies the illogical proposition that there is no need of bringing about happler conditions for the masses until "seven out of 10 babies die from starvation as they do in China,"

You say "such clap trup as Harriman speeches are making Socialists." I deny that any clap trap speech ever made a single Bocialist.

But say! If you yourself are deaf and blind to human suffering; if your soul is shriveled so that the voice of your heart cannot cry out in sympathy over your brothers' woes; then you may at least refrain from spreading your cruel doctrine that by and under present conditions all is well. Now if you so believe then you should

assist in Bussianizing the United States government at such places as Colorado some 10 years ago and of late at Lawrence, Mass., where the government applied the unconstitutional slave whip by tearing families apart, exiling the fathers for wanting a living wage. Where at Lawrence the mothers were filegally deprived of their starving children or were so separated and other cruelties were committed.

May you learn that such outrages speak louder than Socialist speeches and make thousands of Socialists. By reason thereof the soul of the common people weep which weeping helps to get their eyes peeled so they would resist a Russianized government. As they waken to realize that they labor a are yearning for a change of government and become Socialists. As they begin to realize that the whipped white In the early days of our present slave workers are making a living for roles in luxury; because it makes money ducing more than a bare substatence, by a dishonest commercial system which The population was chiefly agricultural is not earned by them, but by the

All this while the whipped class, children, men and women die as of old age or broken down in overworked and half starved conditions, before they are 40 years of age. Yet they realize that the whipped class does furnish the brains by which the work of the world is done. breathe, live and flourish without in-

telligence.
Oh, no, Mr. Wilson, you may lead and fool the shallow, but the intelligent thinker your first of April letter cannot MARY A. LEONARD. fool,

Another Old Knife.

Talent, Or., March 26.—To the Editor of The Journal—I can beat the 20-yearold knife and the 1876 knife, and almost equal the 1852 knife, as I have the plains in 1858. I do not know how long she had it before that,

SEVEN GREAT FOUNDERS

Thomas Bewick.

The world in general has not come to |. years before Bewick was born near return he saw the spire of St. Nichelas Newcastle-on-Tyne, in August, 1753, but church at Newcastle, his heart was full Bewick is the recognized father of this revived art. An idea of how the collector who is knows values his work is expressed in

Washington, D. C., April 6 .- Next an incident that occurred in 1877, when at an important sale of autographs, ous work was for the "Quadrupeds" Thomas Bewick's brought a higher price and his "History of British Birds." Thomas Bewick's brought a higher price than one of George Washington's, Collectors all over the world are watching of arms. Bewick-which, by the way is pro-

nounced Bew-ick-devoted himself mainly to illustrations in natural history, thereby making this study immensely popular. His family had been farmers several generations, honest, sturdy folk, with no false pride and with love of humor that had made them good that his father died. companions and neighbors. Thomas Bewick was born with artistic taste. He finished his studies at school at 14 years of age, and in all that time had drawn on his slate

figures with bits of chalk on the hearth at home, and even on the floor of the church porch.

Just as he left school some friend gave him a lot of paper, and with a pen and ink and with the juice of brambleberries he made his first ambitious pic tures. Then he was given brushes and paints and he did birds, beasts and

landscapes.

Bewick was always attracted by the hunting, for which that region of England is famous. He liked to tell how he

When he was 23 he started out to see papers daily do pass unnoticed and appreciate how much it is indebted to a bit of the world, and walked across unappreciated by those who revel in Thomas Bewick, an Englishman, for the border to Scotland. Then he went originating the wood cut. The art had to London, but did not enjoy its noise been practiced for several hundred and bustle. He said that when upon his of joy. In 1823 he went to Edinburgh for a visit, but aside from these occaslons he never left the region of his His earliest wood cuts were for s

primer for children, but his most famwherein he did exquisite and faithful reproduction of the most delicate sort. He also brought out a wolume called "Select Fables" from Assop, in 1784, in which there was admirable grouping of animals and careful attention to details. In the year he was 32 he lost his father, his mother and his eldest sister. His brother was engaged with him in business, but their home life, with its love and cheer, was gone. He began his work with the "Quadrupeds" with the dromedary, November 15, 1785, the day

It was in the next year that he mar-ried Misa Isabella Elliot, of Ovington (near Newcastle), and a happy and a congenial family life followed, for son became a business partner with him, when he ought to have been at his and his daughters contributed largely examples. He also was wont to draw after his death to the perfecting of the records of their father's work.
In person Bewick was a hale, hearty Englishman with more than usual vivacity and a pair of keen eyes, in which could be read his shrewdness. He was always seen with a black thorn stick, full of knobs, and it had a silver loop upon which was engraved his name and

a date. When he was a little lad, Goldsmith one day stopped at their home, Cherry-burn, and asked the usual hospitality so cordially extended the stranger. Thomas always remembered the visit, for their father had said when the

A Cheery Outlook Henry Clew's Market Letter

ly true in regard to general business. Advices from the west are all of a more theerful nature. Crop conditions are exceptionally promising, although produced, but because they have not the ju some sections spring is late. Mornance to buy them and the owners can chants in all parts of the west are chants in all parts of the west are does not consider it practical for the workers, as the bulk of the matter, to own the machines and to produce as great a quantity of the necessities of have been curtailed by recent depression, partly owing to a severe winter, stocking up more fresty in anticipation as staple commodities does not appear to

number of hands amployed and results in wider activity. Many orders are now being given out for steel required for structural purposes, and the rail-If this subject is worth talking and roads are size constitue, cars, arguing about, it is worth a little time more freely for rails, locemotives, cars, bridge material, etc. Rail orders since bridge material, at over \$80,000 January are reported at over \$60,000 tons compared with \$20,000 tons dur-ing the first quarter of 1911. Fully 10,000 cars have been ordered during the first quarter of the current year compared with 14,000 ordered at the same time last year, while 400 locomotives have been ordered compared with 784 a year ago. There are indications that the railroads will soon be come even more liberal buyers, not only on account of necessity, but from the fact that conditions will be more favorable to the financing of such operations, not to upeak of the fact that the hardening tendency in the steel trade will atimulate the early placing of orders.

The activity in cotton goods also continnes, mainly because of the exhaustion of interfor supplies, which is confirmed by the large purchases of jobbers. Some mills are now sold out to the end of 1912. Prices are strong and the trend is still upwards. The only serious drawback in the cotton industry is the fresh outbreak of labor troubles, which may seriously embarrasa manufacturers. In other textiles the outlook is favorable, saving for the uncertainties of the labor situation, Now that winter is breaking up conoffer yourself as government agent to struction work is being resumed in all parts of the country, and railroad traf-fic is showing material improvement. Some of the roads are already congested with freight released from winter blockades. As a result current railroad earnings will show much better comparlsons than the returns of January or February, which were extremely discouraging.

By Miles Tangletoot Overholt

OUR ANNUAL SPRING SONG. Lift your eyes another notch and see the birds a-wing; Listen to their warbles, for it's spring, by heck, it's spring.

When you have a feeling like the hook When you hike down townward and When you've get a million schemes to get the filthy bones—
Spring is here for certain, bo; just peddle it to Jones.

When your head grows larger and you get a hacking cough Just because—you foolish boob!—you went and took em off;
When it rains and you insist that Springtime is a myth— Nothing to it; Spring is here—just tell the news to Smith.

When your bank book trembles as you pass a hat goods place.
When no pilgrim asks you for a dime to feed his face.
When the kids play marbles on the streets all over town.
Grab the news that Spring is here and slip it on to Brown.

Prick your ears up joyfully and hear the birdlets sing; Listen to the organ man—it's Spring, doggone, it's Spring.

Pointed Paragraphs

About the only way a man can convince his wife that her opinion is wrong is to agree with her.

Nothing ever surprises a newly married man after he gets used to seeing his wife take off her hair.

A woman who worked the leap year

privilege four years ago says it much easier to get attached to a husband than it is to get detached from If a man isn't sufficiently original to

manufacture his own lies he should stick to the truth. One always thinks there is a lot money to be made in any kind of bue ness that he isn't in.

Goethals' Tribute to Stevens.

From the Seattle Times. In the National Geographic Magazine, Lieutenant Colonel George W. Goethals is quoted as paying a handsome tribute to John F. Stavens, his predecesor as chief engineer of the Panama

canal. "The people talk about the success of the army engineer at Panama," says Colonel Goethals, "but it was fortunate that Mr. Stevens preceded us. The real problem of digging the canal has been the disposal of the soil, and no army engineer in America could have laid out the transportation scheme as Mr. Stev-ens did. We are building on the foundations he laid, and the world cannot give

him too much credit." This is generous recognition. Clearly, the present engineer is of the type that believes "there is glory enough for all." It was Stevens, the builder of the tunnel on the Great Northern railway, who sest and west from the great cut, and who had that vital problem solved when he turned the work over to his succes-

Then followed the work of "making the dirt fly." The total went as high as 37,000,000 cubic yards in 1908, an average of more than 3,000,000 cubic yards a month. That result was possible because the genius of Stevens had paved the way for dumping the dirt.

No Wonder She Blushed.

From Lippincott's. Two of the University of Penn sylvania track runners passed a learned and preoccupied professor showing a young lady visitor through the "Gar-

"With a dainty shiver the young lady remarked; "it's dreadfully cold-isn't it?-to be without stockings."
The professor's mind turned for a

oment from contemplation of

"Then why did you leave them off?"