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To be ambitious of true honor and of the real glory and perfection of our nature is t' vory principle and incentive of virtue; but to be ambitious of tities, place, ceremonial respects, and civil pageantry, is as vain and little as the things re which we court,-Sir P. Sidney.

#### JUDGE M'GINN'S ERROR

son to approve Judge McGinn's it strikes." course on the bench, but he erred yesterday.

Thereupon Judge McGinn raised pressing a button. the verdict to \$7500. Humphreys the verdict to the full \$15,500.

Judge McGinn made a serious mistake. The issue in the suit was, to as a result of his injury?

On the evidence, Judge \_ cGinn answered that question with a verdict of \$3000. The \$3000 was the amount which Judge McGinn conscientiously believed, after hearing all he facts, the plaintiff should receive. When he raised the sum to \$7500, udge McGinn did so, not on the ridence, but on Humphreys' impropremarks; not on his conscience,

ut on his temper.

When the verdict was asised a secd time, it was not as a result of ew testimony respecting the issue tween the plaintiff and the dendant, but on a matter of temper ween Judge McGinn and defendant's attorney. In his two revised rdicts, Judge McGinn did not have e slabwood company on trial, but id Attorney Humphreys on trial, and after finding him guilty, imposed ntence on the slabwood company. that he should have done, would lave been to fine the attorney for ontempt.

It is a mistake that Judge McGinn, with his high sense of justice, should

### NEEDLESS OFFICIALS.

HE Bureau of Municipal Research of Chicago Las discovered 110 needless officia's in that city and recommends their dismissal as unnecessary to the pub-

no way to account for the fact that the per capita cost of government \$6 per capita. In Cleveland's time It cost but \$3. In George Washington's time, it cost but \$1.34. In 1816, there was only one em-

ploye on the federal payroll to every one for every 180 of population. We which he may be interested. have now more than seven times as indicate as much.

does it require a multiplying army of officials to govern us?

What right have we to complain at the high cost of living when we maintain such a retinue of public servants?

# AFTER SIXTEEN YEARS

ECRETARY WILSON will, on March 4, close sixteen years of service as Secretar, of Agriculture. His valedictory catalogues the rogress in every activity of the department.

From a farm production of four billion d-llars at the beginning of

From 2440 employes under the Ohio and Virginia have held the

For them it concernes the material concerned were Arthur, Cleveland gathered by thousands of investi- and Roosevelt. sators. Does the dry land farmer The states have had presidents as cent. crave a forage crop? The depart- follows: Virginia five-Washington, the high record in Portland. ment sends its agents, to bring frost Jefferson, Madison, Monroe and It is a high record for any non-saccharine sorghums from Afri- Fillmore, Arthur, Cleveland and the library management and Portca. It fetches from Algeria the fig Roosevelt; Ohio, five - William landers. The larger use of books is

of the rural housewife on butter and New Hampshire, one-Pierce. cheesemaking in her home. It enmysteries of jam and jellymaking. states. It tells the bee keeper how to avoid the deadly danger of foul brood. It helps the poultry raiser with the best food for our feathered friends.

So on one might go on discussing the innumerable phases of the work of this department. The American people very willingly foot the bill without offense at its amount. This, of all others, is the department of progress in that which uplifts rural The deplorable condition into which life and seeks to make it both desirable and profitable.

#### SICKLY SENTIMENTALISM.

HE Medford Mail-Tribune insists that Mr. McArthur should not present his bill to the legislature for substituting the electric chair for the gallows. It says we have voted to retain capital runishment as a means of scaring rime out of the heart of the criminal, and that the "more barbarous and repul-

He tried a suit in which Robert ism about this death penalty busi- under the federal statutes. Henderson sought to recover from ness. According to the theory of slabwood company \$15,500 for per- death penalty advocates, there must

If we are going to terrorize the per cent, committed new crimes, again commented unfavorably, and murder out of all criminal creation, again Judge McGinn raised the ver- we have got to be bold and bad, lay- over \$1,000,000, and have saved dict, placing it at \$10,000, an in- ing aside all kid-glove appliances. more than \$200,000. crease of \$7000 from the original If Mr. McArthur is going to abandon finding. As recounted in the press, the gallows, he would better sub-Judge McGinn also threatened, if the stitute a meat ax or a bludgeon than since 1900 nearly 4000 prisoners attorney did not subside, to raise new fangled electrical devices which have been paroled, of whom three produce a more soothing and gen- fourths have complied with the tlemanly exit from this vale of tears.

how much was the plaintiff entitled commodated with an electric chair. says the figures show the incredible tallsm of a soft headed people that would wish to make of an execution themselves, earn a living and help a sort of brass band pink tea per- support those depending upon them formance with electricity.

Mr. McArthur should tear up his bill. We have voted to keep these criminals in a state of deadly fear. We must be fierce. We must be terrible. We must swat all the murder out of them with a gallows or some-

Anyway, it would be better to wait next election.

#### STATE OR NATIONAL LAW?

HE Tobacco Trust was dissolved into component parts by the Supreme Court of the United States. The Tobacco Products corporation, with fifty million dollars capital, was recently incorporated in the state of Virginia.

As required by Virginia law the certificate of incorporation was approved by a judge, and is said to accord with Virginia corporation law.

The attention of The Outlook has been called to clause 11 of the charter. The language is a maze of legal verbiage, but from a study of it these points emerge.

No contract or other transaction between the new corporation and any other shall be affected or invalidated by the directors or officers of the new corporation holding office in Except on the theory that there ally or jointly, may be parties to or are many needless offices, there is interested in any contract or transaction of the new corporation. constantly mounts. It now costs new corporation shall be affected if contract or other transaction of the \$12 per capita to govern the United any of its directors are parties to or States. Eight years ago, it cost but interested in, or connected with, any such contract or transaction. Every person becoming a director in the new corporation is relieved from any responsibility resulting from contracting with the new corporation 1300 of population. In 1911, count- for the benefit of himself or any ing the army and navy, there was firm, association or corporation in

had in 1816. Doubtless, we have disqualify trustees from saing for in well night every branch of busimitted to them in trust.

The general law of the United Why as we increase in population States, as quited in a recent case in the Court of Appeals of the State of New York is that it

invalidates all contracts made by a trustee or fiduciary in wrich he is perlations. It does not stop to inquire whether the contract or transaction and sets aside the transaction, or refuses to enforce it."

### PRESIDENTIAL STATES

DUT ten states in the Union have

More remarkable still, New York, trator. department in 1897 the number 1 s presidency 73 out of 124 years since in protest against an award has, it the federal government was insti- is believed, been filed. Appropriations for its cost have tuted. At the end of Roosevelt's secen from \$3,272,902 for 1898 to ond term, March 4, 1909, New York \$24,743,045 for -e fiscal year 1913. had held the presidency 19 out of The department aids the farmer, the 28 years since the inauguration HE per capita circulation of the stock raiser and the orchardist. of Garfield in 1881. The presidents

thing alfalfas from Stherla, and Tyler; New York, five-Yan Buren, The showing is alike creditable to

Siberia and Mongolia and Quincy Adams; Illinois, two - Lin- periodical department, 154,350. Northern Japan, and new melons coln and Grant; Indiana, one-Ben-

Woodrow Wilson will add New

#### GIVING THEM A CHANCE

Monday's Journal.

Didn't Pay," can evoke but one responthought-"no, it doesn't pay." ily must, at least, cause in every person a feeling of deep sympathy for his wife and children, if not for himself. Will it pay to throw this family into he depths of shame and despondency? Will it pay to still further wreck this home and pauperize this man's loved committed this crime, or will it pay to give the offender a chance to square

imself with the world and begin anew? In recent years, society has made long strides in dealing with such offenders. It is more and more taking cognizance of the innocent ones who There JOURNAL often finds rea- sive the punishment, the more terror must suffer with the guilty. There is a parole system in many of the The Mail-Tribune is right. There states. Oregon among them. A reshould be no mawkish sentimental- stricted system of parole is in vocue

In California, over 1600 convicts have been paroled from the penitensonal injuries, and returned a ver- be no sissy methods in dealing with tlary since 1893, and 85 per cent of The same bankers and their representations. dict for \$3000, there being no jury criminals. It would be the measurest them have "made good." Only 249 tatives holding seats in congress. Is it in the case. S.'S. Humphreys, attor- kind of sickly sentimentalism to ex- out of the whole number have vio- a contest between the bankers and the ney for the defendant, commented on ecute a criminal with a machine in lated the terms of the parole. Of the verdict, saying it was a hold-up. which the killing is done by merely the 1600, only 153 were returned to prison. Only 22, or a little over one large preponderance of bankers in con-

The paroled prisoners have earned

The last annual report of the New York Prison Commission shows that terms on which they were given lib- til a panic presents itself. If anyone No criminal has a right to be ac- erty. The Saturday Evening Post It is only the overweening sentimen- folly of keeping under lock and key a great many men who would behave of Wall street tendered loans to the if they were given a chance.

#### COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION

URING the one hundred and for-New York Chamber of Commerce has tried in three distinct ways to provide commercial arfor the electric chair until after the bitration. The last and only successa time measured in months, not years, but between fifty and sixty 1862 to 1872, and a volume of currency carries in a bag slung over his shoul- elders sit back and chortle. matters of dispute have been settled issued and controlled exclusively by the by this means.

Arbitration by the chamber is not business man, whether a resident of bring his commercial disputes before currency, by issuing and putting into Military history has passed through this simple and untechnical tribunal circulation a sufficient amount to meet the stage in which the affairs of a is provided by law that the prevailing party may file it in the state supreme court within a year and obfinds it not to be in accord with the submission or was obtained by fraud or undue influence, or if adjourn- the exception clause was placed on them ments were warranted by the cir- and robbed them of their full legal tencumstances and were refused.

Procedure is very simple and informal. The parties are referred to at 15 per cent, as we read of it. the chairman of the arbitration committee and are supplied with a short book of rules. The chairman arranges a meeting with 1 oth parties if possible, and ascertains if some settlement or adjustment is not possible. If the dispute does not yield to this treatment, and formal artibration is insisted on, a regular submission to arbitraion ment will soon be openly, as it already is signed by both parties and is laid before the committee on arbitration. That body has the right to refuse any case for causes that appear sufficent. The selection by the parties of an arbitrator or arbimany salary drawers per capita to an audacious, attempt to nullify the include as many as 1500 names, and

The hearing, in one of the rooms of the New York Chamber of Commerce, is set at any time convertat to the parties. The arbitrator or arbitrators are first swor. in before a judge or notary public to do justice. sonally interested. The law permits The arbitrators in turn place the wit-'no one to act in such inconsistent re- nesses under oath. Hearings are private, and no member of the chamber, was fair or unfair, it stops the in- nor any outsider, is entitled to se quiry when the relation is disclosed, the stenographic record. No la yers are employed. The award when made up and signed is forwarded to both parties, including an order for disposition of the expense.

When the submission is handed in had presidents. New York and a deposit of \$60 is required from Ohio have had the presidency each party for expenses. There in-32 out of the 36 years since clude stenographers' charges and \$10 the term it closes with nine billions, the inauguration of Hayes in 1877. | a day for compensation of each arti-

### USING THE LIBRARY.

dibrary books in Portland for 1912 was four per cent. 1902 it was less than one per The percentage for 1912 is

wasp to belp the California fig Henry Harrison, Hayos, Garfield, Mc- shown in the 1,036,894 borrowed grower. It sends to the far interior Kinley and Taft; Tennescee, three—
of China for an enemy of the San Jackson, Polk and Johnson; Massa-

Jose scale. It brings hardy apples chusetts, two - Adams and John partment was 90,294, and in the

Remembering that only the best from Northern L.dia and Turkestan. jamin Harrison; Pennsylvania, one books are kept in the library, we This department solves the doubts -Buchanan; Louisiana, one-Taylor, have in these figures a glimpse of the great influence radiated by the institution in the way of wholesome ters her kitchen and bulletins the Jersey to the list of presidential food for the minds of dwellers in Portland.

Discussing the wide discrepancy between the sale price and the tax C PEAKING of the Portland letter price of property, The Journal said carrier who was indicted for yesterday that there would be some opening letters of patrons on help in a law under which property his route, G. B. Wright says in for public uses could be taken "at 35 or some other per cent of its aver-Your editorial under the caption, "It age tax value for five years with reasonable allowance for improvements." It was meant to say "at an increase of 35 or some other per cent over its average tax value, etc."

The Indians at the Haskell training school debated the question, "Resolved that the Indians should be exterminated." The affirmative won.

## Letters From the People

(Communications sent to The Journal for publication in this department should be written on only one side of the paper, should not exceed 300 words in length and must be accompasied by the name and address of the sender. If the writer does not desire to have the name published, he should so state.)

#### Government by Bankers.

Portland, Or., Dec. 16 .- To the Editor of The Journal-Of late we have been reading of suggestions by the financial experts of the country that our monetary system is bad. Who made it bad? government as to who shall control the currency of the country? It is hardly necessary to point out the results of the gress at the present time. It has for 50 years been seen in the whole tenor of congressional legislation. The interests of the industrial clasers have been constantly and systematically sacrificed, while the interests of the bankers have persistently been pushed to the The gold they said we were to front. have in 1896, when they were afraid of our national honor, has proved itself a failure. The new remedy is a central bank with a lot of currency tied up unthinks the bankers are looking to the that we are boorish and sullen and that of ridicule turns outward and pricks interests of the nation, he is mistaken. From Appleton's Encyclopedia for 1861, page 296, I learn that the money kings government during the Civil war at 24 to 36 per cent, at a time the government needed money to carry on the war. Speaking of the determination of the of Bie Ganio

Wall street financiers to foist upon our country a central bank system, it seeks to establish itself as the source of currency and financial power. The country does not take kindly to any ty years of its existence the form of currency legislation which gives greater powers or privileges to money centers. And today it is hard to get money even at 15 per cent in New York. government. So long as the large bank ers are allowed to dictate our monetary policy, so long will there be uncertainty confined to its own members. Every and timidity. The government could give the country relief from the pres- Edward D, Jones in Engineering Maga- eral plan of which that action is a part, the United States or a foreigner, can the selfish laws against government After an award has been made, it \$10 and \$20 demand notes of full legal in matters of detail, as well as in mattender, just as well as it can issue ters of general plan, by any one person, officer, this sifting of everything to bonds and allow national banks to buy even though he be an all around genius. be a new experiment. Our country has issued notes of this kind, and they paid the bills that saved the nation, until der value. Then, as now, Wall street secured control of the nation's volume of money and will not let it out, even

A wise government will look to the interest of its wealth producers. great tolling masses, and a just goverament would make the way to prosperity as easy as for its most wealthy citizen. But the present system reminds one of the United States treasury being locked up and sealed against the producing masses. Now, has the law of December 23, 1793, been repealed? Unless something be speedily done to revive this law, our governis secretly, a bankers' government, if they are allowed to dictate our mone- going to Salem to torture our governor. believed the thing was wrong. We can CHAS. D. HEIRRY. tary system.

### In a Worthy Cause.

Portland, Or., Dec. 17 .- To the Ed. The Journal - During my stay in Portland I have been a constant reader of your valuable patoward the needy, so therefore sincerely hope you will publish this letter.

Mr. Joe Dewey, formerly an actor, and now a resident of Portland, has is unable to work at his profession and eing destitute and anxious to seek turned after a successful tour abroad, psychic ideals, asking the governor to will be one of the features. Mr. Arrow known in Portland. Miss "Billie" Benett, late star of

after which a grand ball will follow. This benefit is for a worthy cause, change things all around before the let the public be assured, as I, myself, next election if he would but save those have known Mr. Dewey for many years. I have never as yet played in Portland, but I am pleased to know my next season's contract will bring me

LELAND FARNUM. A Crusader the "Crusades." thing, we can honorably appeal to justice, mercy, honor, loyalty, duty,

with these "crusades."

## COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE

Denmark women who expect to win auffrage wish to be counted in on military service, which seems to be going the limit.

In the matter of fourth class post-masters, President-to-be Wilson will need considerable moral courage, Prob-ably he possesses it. A prize of \$1000 has been offered for the best new rose, by the officers of the Panama-Pacific exposition. Some Oregon rosarian should capture it.

Christmas would be a good day to conclude that peace agreement; then let all the negotiators say in unison: "Peace on earth, good will toward men."

That the Elks are among the Best People on Earth is indicated by their gift of \$1000 to the poor and needy of the city. Suppose all the orders would do as well?

A defeated Republican candidate predicts failure, dissension and defeat within four years for the Democrats, yet there is a possibility that he may be disappointed.

If Canada is going to give Father Britain three battleships, J. Bull can scarcely do less than protest in Canada's behalf, against the American Panama canal law. The prospective presiding officers of the legislature have started out right by resolving to appoint the committees the first day or two. There never was any good excuse for delaying this busi-

ness a week. Too many unnecessary and experi-mental surgical operations, by incompe-tent surgical neophytes, says in sub-stance a prominent Portland physician OREGON SIDELIGHTS

Fern Ridge correspondence Eugene Register: E. L. Klemer is installing a private telephone life over his orchard lands. This will place him in conve-nient communication with all parts of his extensive holdings.

Condon Times: It is reported there will be three bridges built by the county next summer, one on Rock creek, two on Willow creek and one across the John Day at the mouth of Cottonwood. Half of the latter will be built by Sherman county.

Lakeview Examiner: The Lakeview postofice is now occupying its new quarters in the Heryford building. This office probably transacts more business than any other third class office in the state, and it is surely deserving of such convenient quarters. Postmaster Ahis-trom is very proud of his new location.

Coquille Sentinel: The Coquille River Manufacturing company is capitalized for \$10,000, with the object of launching a box factory and general fisishing plant. The capacity with the present installation will be 40,000 feet per day. The output will mainly consists of boxes for the San Francisco and general Calligraphy market. fornia market.

Klamath Herald: According to the abstract just completed by County Assessor Lee, the total valuation in Klamath county is \$11,735,395. The 1,249,079 ath county is \$11,755,395. The 1,242,079 acres of taxable land is valued for assessment purposes at \$11,569,735, and improvements at \$225,660. The valuation of real property in Klamath Falls is \$2,277,102 and personal property \$662,313, a total of \$2,955,165.

BULGARIA'S ONLY CLASSIC

Albert Sonnichsen in American Review | der. He has adopted European dress, of Reviews.

I had been in Bulgaria some months begun to hold meaning to me here and there.

"Tell me," I asked two English speak ing friends with whom I was out walking one day, "what is that word I hear so often: 'By ganio?' My friends leaned against a stone

wall and laughed, "You will never know Bulgaria," said one of them, finally, "until you know Bie Ganio. we hate foreigners. You should suspend judgment until you have learned to Ble Ganlo tries to mingle. In the last speak to Bie Ganio in his native tongue. You may know worse things about us, but you may also know better."

Long afterward I learned that "Bla Ganlo" was a book, "The Adventures was a book, "The Adventures Ganio Balkanski," by Aleko Konstantinoff-the one piece of literature that is truly Bulgarian, for its remarkable is the reception accorded author was only a simple journalist with no pretensions to foreign literary the

culture. The hero of the adventures is a Bulgarian peasant from Shipka who has ization. After Bulgaria's liberation he as we read in the papers of December 2. determines to see for himself, for he roar of laughter that has never since Does this not make you suspicious of has heard it said that he, too, is now died down. In every household you ful method has been in operation for bank combines? What the country re- a European. He travels over the con- will find a well-worn copy, for over quires is the repeal of all financial laws tinent, paying his way by selling attar and over again it is read aloud by the passed in the interest of bankers from of roses in little bottles, which he young people while their illiterate

but from under his vest peeps the red sash which suspenders have not yet collarless white shirt is never quite white. coming in first contact with western civilization. From first to last the narrative of adventures is a bitter satire; the incidents themselves are told with a frank, Rabelaisian coarssness. Invariably the laugh is on poor, ignorant Bie Ganio and his atrocious the cultured Europeans with whom few chapters Bis Ganio has come home and is trying to apply what he has

learned abroad to local conditions, not

enough; it will remain a literary But a thousand times more classic. it by the Bulgarian people. In Greece author would have been mobbed and the church would have declared his work high treason and unholy. But given little general attention, Bulgaria received the book in silence, heard of the wonders of western civil- read it, recognized itself as the hero of the adventures and burst into a low

# Subordinating the Details of Business

standard sized army can be controlled his prime. In war the day of piling ner at headquarters that only a heaven

tion of the principles of administration to military matters. point in the administrative hierarchy of any organization.

lem of keeping in touch with the gen- ing decisions are being made.

If my business had not seemed so ur- never justify wrong by thinking it will affairs, at such a memorable hour. Like a bunch of sheep without a shepherd, per and know it is charitably inclined we started on our "crusade," each with a different weapon, determined to throw like Governor West. Yes, we know he is aside the law if we had to hang the odd. Everyone with right, true, just, earngovernor instead. Aere was one with a spiritual weapon, demanding the resuffered the loss of a leg and therefore prieve for their souls' sake; here an- working for graft, for policy, for fame, other, with a shadow of an argument asking, for the sake of the mothers of other employment, I have interested my- Oregon, to wait for the mothers' expresself in his behalf, and through the cour- sion through the ballot; here another, the Moose lodge, secured the with no apparent argument in the im-Moose hall for the evening of January mediate crisis, but one that undoubtedly 4, 1913, where a benefit entertainment if applied will be a power for betterand ball will be given in his behalf, ment in the future, after years of aphe proceeds to be turned over to Mr. plication of her plastic casts, adjust-Dewey to purchase an artificial limb ment of misplaced sexual and brain or and better the conditions of his family. gans, making these wrecks of lives en-I am not alone in this movement, as durable at least; here, a man, with his many artists, who will be playing here theory that the condition of these crimat the time, will render their services inals should be laid solely to the wrongs and a grand entertainment is assured, of the laboring class and the unfair-The Great Arrow," who has just re- ness to poverty; here another, with her hold back the wheels of fate until she s a world famous magician and well can educate and redeem these wrecks, and, by the way, threatening the governor with historic ignominy because he, the "His Lordship" company, will also through forced circumstances, had used appear. To conclude the performance I his inalienable prerogative to change his will portray the dream scene from "The course of action; still another historical Sir Henry Irving's masterpiece, emotionalist, with a more hysterical sister, promised to work and sacrifice and

men Through all this excited harangue what did the governor do but suffer? He suffered unjustly for the sins of here, and I am glad to know I happened others. Through it all not a single here on my way east in time to assist clear argument was put forth why he should reprieve those men, yet every one present could see his sincers cry for help in that question he put to the Portland, Dec. 17 .- To the Editor of crowd: "We are all of one mind about The Journal-Now, after the fatal drops capital punishment. Would you not in have been made, in the interest of every. my place take the short cut to accom-- plish our common desire by simply allowing the law to take its course as ourage, and love let us stop this emo. the voters of the state have demanded? tional sentimentality and unnessary Each one who was personally asked agony of mind which go inseparably either parried the question or answered promptly "Yes." And that is what he

To move a function from this point toward headquarters is to lose touch rency reform is found near the top. with specific conditions; to move it closer to the agencies of performance s to lose touch with the general plan.

the bonds and issue money on them. Frederick's kingdom was of such small subordination of detail. The man of its proper level is the problem of the tain judgment thereon. The court as the bond, and the interest on the everything, even the daily culinary arrangements of the royal household. Na- seeing that efficiency does not mean poleon, with matchless celarity in alone to do a great deal and do it well, work, confessed that he fully controlled but also to be constantly engaged upon his affairs only in the short period of tasks of one's caliber. If an organization is not large enough to keep a man up tasks in such an indiscriminate man- of talent at his maximum work, the permanent solution is not to allow the sent genius can insure success, passed individual to add lower functions, and when the Germans began the applica- shade out the subordinate executives, but to use this surplus talent for attacking the most important difficulties It is clear that for the lodging of which restrain growth; so that with any administrative function, and the the increase in the size of the organresting of the corresponding responsi- ization, there will come abundance of bility, there must be a certain ideal the proper kind of work. It is undoubtedly a fact that most organizations are This point is in a state of being strangled by unique where the problem of keeping in touch concentration of work at headquarters, with the specific details of the agencies while the subordinate ranks are soldierof the action controlled, is approxi- ing. The proper place for deliberation, mately equal in difficulty to the prob- and even leisure, is where the far reach-

> gent to me I should have refused to make right. We must be true to ouradd one straw to the overburdened back selves. Yet not a single person in this of our chief executive, by my personal great commonwealth should condemn our governor, for he has gone, as he himself said, through hell fire to accomplish what he thinks is right. need more conscientious men in office, est, honest beliefs in this day and age of the world, is odd. We are used to men for higher office-but we are not used to West's honorable brand. He is, like William Jennings Bryan, greater for his oddity and his assailants, whether they be political, commercial or social enemies, will be forgotten when West will be remembered and honored for his conscientious stand

Now, after all this, I ask, in the going. name of everything worthy to be appealed to, let him alone to settle these matters in the future, for it is evident noted?" he is not running in one rut, but takes a broad view of these matters, including every angle that was presented so ble. narrowly last Thursday. He can with just as much credit to himself and the state of Oregon settle these questions Topeka, Kan, Dispatch in Pendleton other "crusades." Let him uphold the laws as they are written, using his own judgment in the matter, and let the 'crusaders" start a crusade to abolish capital punishment in the future if they think that is right. Again, let no man or woman condemn

his assailants could possibly do under those trying circumstances, and may God bless him and his so long as he rehis state as he has in the past. ROSE TULLEY HUGHES.

## Pointed Paragraphs

Some trains of thought go on wheels. Real charity doesn't employ a press

Singers seldom sing the praises of each other.

Occasionally a distant relation is entirely too close.

## Wilson on Banking Reform

From December Banking Reform.

ratic country forces statesmanship ipon every man of initiative, every man capable of leading anybody; and this I believe to be the particular period when statesmanship is forced upon bankers and upon all those who have to do with the application and use of the vast accumulated wealth of this country. We should, for example, not only seek the Astorian: J. E. Braillier of Seaside has been awarded the contract for a building at that slace to be used by the Clatsop Cooperative Cheese association, in which their cheese-making plant will be installed. The plant is to be in operation by March.

Seaside best solution for our currency difficulties, not only the safest and most scientific system of clastic currency meet the convenience of the counts in which the amount of cash needed at different times fluctuates enormously and violently, but we should also seek to violently, but we should also seek to give the discussions of such matters such publicity and such general currency and such simplicity as will enable men of every kind and calling to understand what we are talking about and take an intelligent part in the dis-cussion. We cannot shut ourselves in as experts to our own business. We must open our thoughts to the country at large, and serve the general intelligence as well as the general welfare.-

The necessity for banking reform is now generally recognized. There is evidently no opposition to revision of the monetary system. There is acknowledgment that the matter is of great importance. President-elect Wilson seems to rank it with tariff reform. One report says reform of the currency laws will be included in his call for a special session of congress. Congressman Underwood said in a recent letter that he considered "complete revision of the banking and currency system second only to tariff reform." William J. Bryan according to the New York Herald, takes it "for granted that the plank of the Democratic platform dealing with the currency question will be carried out." Mr. Bryan saw "no reason why the banking and currency committee should and the sound of spoken Bulgarian had displaced. His heavy mustache droops not consider it at the same time the nor is it ever quite bearded, and his ing the tariff." Senator O'Gorman New York says currency legislation Bie Ganio, of course, is Bulgaria should come at the earliest practicable moment.

Woodrow Wilson.

The subcommittee of the banking and currency committee, Carter Glass of Virginia, chairman, has made an exhaustive study of the subject. Senator Thomas P. Gore of Oklahoma, acting, report says, as the confidential agent Tourists write about us mistakes, though sometimes the dart of President-elect Wilson, has had conferences with several New York bankers presumably to gain an insight into their views. One of the questions Mr. Wilson was to consider during his vacation is banking reform. Congressman Burleson of Texas says the duty of the By itself the book is remarkable prehensive downward revision of the tariff and also a comprehensive revision of our antiquated currency system. In addition to these and similar manifestations of interest and activity, there is much newspaper and public discussion of a question which a year ago was

Thus as the result of five years of acute agitation and education, and of many more years of elect discussion, the question of banking and currency reform has reached the point of where: .(1) It is popularly acknowledged that the existing system is obsolete and inadequate.

(2) It is generally acknowledged that

something must be done to remedy it. the question has been brought into such conspicuity that it is ranked with the foremost political topics of the day in importance. It is progress that wherever there is found an outline of necessary and prospective legislation, cur-Democrats seem generally to have become imbued with the idea that the reform of the currency is one of their chief responsibilities. Certainly it is one of their great opportunities.

## Odd Tales Vouched For By Oregon Newspapers

Soot Removed-Stove Too. Coquille Herald: Mr. Arneson called at the real estate office of C. E. Niles and informed that gentleman an expeditious and admirable way of removing soot from stovepipe and chimner. The stove not working properly, Mr. Niles gladly applied the antidote to re-move the clogged condition—and the

work was performed instantaneously. The real estate man was told to put powder in the atove while a fire was burning therein and the soot would be gently blown skyward. Accordingly one-fourth pound of powder was purchased from a merchant and applied according to instruction.

Bang! The second joint of stovepipe was demolished, others blown down, the top of the stove landed on the floor and soot and embers from the fire were promiscuously distributed about the room.

Smoke issuing from the front doors attracted a large crowd of persons, who thought the establishment was on fire. Mr. Niles somewhat reluctantly mades known the cause of the diskster.

### Always in Good Humor

PERHAPS NOT. From the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Brassey-Your wife is a charming voman. I like her style. Fender-You wouldn't if you had to

WHY HE DECLINED. From Answers. "Yes," said Tom Poorman, "I've been invited to the wedding, but I'm not

"But," his friend urged, "do you think you can afford to have your absence "Better than I can afford to have ny presents noticed. That's the trou-

Buffalo Dies of Broken Heart. Live Wire,

Old Joshua, an aged buffalo, past leader of the herd in Gage park here, died today-of a broken heart, his keepers say. For 15 years the old bull headed the herd which until two years ago ran in the open in Michigan. Three West. He is noble, and did better than weeks ago he was deposed by his mutinous band, the mutiny being led by his own offspring, a young bull, who now occupies the throne of his sire. The mains as true to himself, his duties and herd is owned by the city. One of the keepers said today:

"Old Joshua's overthrow undoubtedly caused his death. It is a clear case of broken heart. Several months ago we noticed something was brewing among the buffalo. They were restless and easily angered. The climax came three weeks ago. The entire herd, led by a young bull, Joshua's own son, pitched into the leader. He fought nobly for three hours. Then his old legs failed him. The herd let up then. Their chief lay, in a corner of the pasture cut,

bruised, deposed, "Under their new leader the herd pranced, stamped and bellowed about until nightfall, Joshua never It's the fall of the year that breaks again held up his head. He must have