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All who joy would win must share it-Happiness was born a twin. -Byron.

THE LEGISLATURE

THE people of Oregon are looking to the newly elected legislators for a business session. They have done the same before, mostly with disappointment, in the sequel.

That is why we have the initiative. That is why there are so many measpeople with bills because they have more confidence in the people than in the legislature.

Every measure on every ballot is a protest against past legislative fol-Hes. The initiative itself is a thunderous protest. The devotion of the people to the initiative and their unwillingness to have it tinkered with is another protest,

far more troublesome for the electorate to pass laws than to have it done making: Yet we are using the initiathat it entails. What but legislative ican coastwise ships! failures, legislative futility and legislative thimble rigging are the cause?

Gentlemen are demanding manifold changes in the initiative. Why not change the legislature? Why not give the people a satisfying session? Why not get down to business on the opening day, legislate in the broad the deliberations, pass a few reasonable and seasonable laws, and at the end of the forty days go back home with clean consciences and honorable records?

That is what is needed to correct the abuse of the initiative. That is what is needed to lessen the use of the initiative.

SHOULD FARMERS MERGE?

on legislation, favorable to the farm- prepaid or collect, suggested by or For nine years the French strugers, of a composite body of such mag- originating from the Interstate Com- gled with the problem of construcnitude, and on the whole movement merce Commission at the recent tion of the canal, through pest-ridfor bettering the condition of the hearings. farmer, would be far greater than that of the separate bodies.

open to serious question. A federa- have to pay. tion of the four great units mena central committee of representa- express rates to the large cities and construction all but impossible. tives from each one, and would give towns. The Parcels Post business The annual mortality rate under the advantages of common action that connects the farmer with the American control started in 1905 at

consequence to farmers. It is one of the topics preached at every farm- merce Commission a very general re- From malarial fevers the annual advice tendered to the farmers by commercial and development clubsand by bankers' associations. But distinctly local organization, for in-individual benefit, is then in ques- "we are reaching out too far in powerful organizations that may be formed would result from the con- there what we used to learn in coljoining and associating of the local lege." He says, "too much is underbodies for distinct, defined, and lim- taken in the way of higher education ited ends.

THE FRIEDMANN CURE

periodical announcements of cancer reach of average people. cures. But cancer is still uncon- Less than one per cent of those in

There is denial by the Journal of ileges are attainable only by a select the American Medical Association and limited few. that the case of Dr. Friedmann's Our way to a career via the college serum has been proven. It even as- route is through eight years of pub-

guines pigs complete protection has tivity is to be in a profession, three not been obtained. It says there are or four years in law, theology or no indications that it has been pos- medicine, sible to cure guinea pigs by this By the time a youth has run this method. A really and promptly ef- gauntlet of education, he is almost fective cure for tuberculosis should ready for the grave. Some of the making a matrimonial mistake.

definite than those obtained with the resources of all but a narrowed various forms of tuberculin when group.

skepticism."

ity in the United States than the ucational system. Journal of the American Medical is skeptical of Friedmann's discov- They are substituting an attempted the afflicted thousands who have keenly developed personal power of the public to assume.

A CRISIS

HE highest deliberative body in the world is in great travail. ities hang heavy, and the heart bosom of a wind-broken broncho. A number of postmasterships and collectorships are to be filled, and the mighty problem is shall the ap- great, topheavy structure will be pointees be Democrats or Reputli- pulled down, and educational train-

Feeling the fervor of a great Christian cause, the Democratic senators, grim and warlike as ancient crusaders, are set in their purpose against giving a job to a Republican. ures on the ballot. Men go to the imbued to the core with the peril to the republic of entrusting postmasterships and collectorships to Democrats, the Republican senators are consecrating their lives and their sacred honor to a mighty struggle of

If the nation is not stirred to its depths, it ought to be. In such a Nothing is without a cause. It is Wall street to the southern cross, and from the morning star through the natural and logical place for law sin! With the federal jobs in the genial whole-souled man with a host and criminally radical. And as the tive and using it prodigally, using it one! Coethols to come carries for the sick and assist in less that will stop in spite of the trouble and difficulty that it entells. What but legislative

let it be remembered that our own There was a long trial, and friends eral patronage, and that the govern- ated five hours over the question of government. ment will still live.

EXPRESS OR PARCELS POST

N DECEMBER 5 the first advertisements of the allied five great express companies appeared in 400 newspapers. They are not proposing to allow the government to freeze them out of It was argued that the influence ored labels on packages, indicating this and all other lands.

the ability of the express companies was a gamble and de th an ever pres-Consolidation, unification, concento give good service to the public. It ent specter. Out of an average force tration are in the air. Even the will be interesting to see if they fol- of 10,200 the general death rate was whether all the advantages indicated zonal rates of charges, or in some constant presence of yellow fever, as possibe could not be gained bet- equally simple way enable the patron the most deadly scourge, and of mater by federation than by union is to calculate in advance what he will larial fevers not less deadly in the

taken. The rural delivery man is to 11 in 1911. Effective organization would be of their worst enemy.

TOPHEAVY EDUCATION

tion. And the greater and more D our high schools." He says children are being taught that should not come until after the university stage is reached.'

Here is confirmation by high authority of a conviction that multi-HE experienced learned long ago tudes have long held. We are uninot to be too credulous respect- versityizing the high schools and ex- practically extirpated in the canal the county-press at the time. ing new and startling curatives. alting the colleges into super univer- zone. But by drainage, sewerage, three survive. Mrs. E. H. Guerin, On-

trolled. Recently, we had from Eu- quest of education in the country are rope positive assertion that Dr. in the college degree courses. We Friedmann of Berlin had discovered have made our colleges so distant a certain specific for tuberculosis. and difficult of access that their priv-

seris that the remedy is not a serum. He school, four years of high school, It says that in experiments on four years of college, and if the ac-of the country and carry the fight ing capital punishment.

The alleged curative effects, the It is a streich of time and a requiremedical publication insists, do not ment of money expenditure that tence to start life anew. Whereas, in seem to be any more pronounced and places higher aducation beyond the

properly used. It adds that "there It is a system in which the main

is not sufficient warrant for any object is lost sight of. The primary rectness of Mr. Esterling's theory other attitude toward Friedmann's purpose of education is to gain the Who should support the children of treatment of tuberculosis than one power to become an effective per- this matrimonial mistake? Should of critical neutrality and judicious sonality. The measure of this ef- the abandoned wife do it? Or is it fectiveness of personality is the the county's business? There is no higher medical author- whole test of the efficiency of the ed-

This is lost sight of by most of our Association. Naturally, it is very professional educators, and it is our prudent in accepting announcements professional educators, obsessed with of wonderful discoveries and chooses all manner of fads and fancies, that position of critical neutrality. It, fashion our educational system. ery, and however disappointing to profundity of knowledge for the looked up in hope at the news from expression, address and penetration Berlin, its attitude is a safe one for that is the primal purpose of an education and the true equipment for success in human affairs.

They are rearing educational structure on structure, course on course, school on school, subject on forgetting that Lincoln only attained Solemn and sacred responsibil- subject, and elaboration on elaboration until both parent and child are to the position of the most radical aboof statesmanship palpitates like the appalled at the sacrifice of time and money required for a degree course.

Some time, a wave of reaction will sweep over the country, and a lot of try had for years been trying to find ing be reduced to a practical status.

IN THE DAY'S NEWS

N BROOKLYN, the male members ing the union of their friends for an hour or so, proceeded to shoot radical to be thought of, up the place. One man was so badly wounded that he will die, and anstretching from the North Pole via ing, they found the two men uncon- The right of all men politically to govscious on the floor.

tunate. Yet, while drunk, he quar-In this latest and greatest crisis denied all knowledge of the crime. whether to send him to prison or the The idea is such a shock that the averaccess to a revolver.

LIFE SAVING AT PANAMA

is the adoption of the standard col- lowed in principle in every city in

den cities, and through fever infest-Another advertisement explains ed swamps and jungles, where life aggregate, and still more disabling It is possible that the companies to the working force from their gen-

for defined and agreed purposes, consumer or with the storekeeper in 25.8 per 1000, rose to 41.7 in 1906, But the initiative of each of the con- the next town is out of their reach fell to 28.7 in 1907, showed the wonstituent parts of such a Federation unless the very unlikely happens and derful reduction to 13 in 1908, to

Yellow fever has been routed-for Thanks to the Interstate Com- six years no case has appeared.

1000 but has been reduced to 187. The general death rate per 1000 48.3 in 1906 to 21.4 in 1911-that

to the persevering and energetic application of the discovery of the poi-For years, there have been sities far above and far beyond the pure water, wholesome residences, tarlo; Ethelbert T. Cotton, Dufur, and healthy living, the entire district has William Cotton, Willow Creek Idaho. been made habitable by the work of Colonei Gorgas and his men.

WHOSE BUSINESS?

HE opening gun has been fired they prefer to all others. in a campaign to abolish alimony.

The chief crusader is George R. Esterling of Denver. He proposes to hand together the grass widowers the Gospel, and voted against abolishinto the highest courts against pay-

the condemnation of a matrimonial mistake, he is sentenced practically to life

Letters From the People

Or, is it nobody's business?

(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 accompanied by the name and address of the sender. If the writer does not desire to have the name published, he should so state.)

Why Seek to Compromise?

St. Johns, Or., Dec. 17 .- To the Editor of The Journal-Some time ago a writer in The Journal took occasion to rebuke radicalism and extol the wisdom of pursuing the "golden mean." and mentioned Abraham Lincoln as an exemplar of his high ideal, apparently his full greatness when he had come ideas but a short time before by the "golden mean" advocates of the north. The most brilliant men of the counthat "golden mean" as to the slavery question.

troubles of the revolutionary days, scarcely anyone was so radical as to imagine a separation from the mother country. They were trying to find the golden mean between the rights of the colonists and the rights of King George of a wedding party gathered in a III. The fact that King George III had saloon, and after freely celebrat- had no rights divide or otherwise to conflict with their full liberty to govern themselves, was too monstrously

As down through the physical competition of the dark ages, men of superior other will carry the scars of battle the warring class into larger and more through life. The dying man was effective fighting trusts, maintained the peacemaker. A fusilade of shots themselves as kings and rulers in full followed by an exodus of men flee- authority at the head of the same, and crisis, what matters it if there is a ing from the saloon into the darktransmitted this authority to their heirs Money Trust with its tentacles ness attracted the police, and enter- came to be accepted as a divine right. came to be accepted as a divine right.

The right of all men politically to govern themselves, self-evident truth as it appears to all who have caught the solutions. A Jacksonville, Fla., judge sent a woman to jall for profanity, but released her so that she could attend religous service. That seems a good reason, it is to be accepted as a divine right. At Denver a man was sentenced spirit of democracy, was, and is still in J. P. Morgan's bank to the setting to imprisonment for life. He was a many places looked upon as heinously air, who cares even if Great Britain of friends. He was always ready to spirit grows the autocrats and their henchmen are anxiously seeking some

more recent times, men of superior ability and energy have organized indus. tained in the smoke. But there are We had a great problem of slavery, reled with a bartender over a drink, but we solved it with emancipation. The shaden over a drink, but we solved it with emancipation. Was taken to his room by a police-groups, and maintained themselves at share the responsibility. Among these We were under the British yoko, but man, got his gun after the officer the head with autocratic powers to gov- are carbon, monoxid gas, prussic acid, George Washington cut down his left, staggered back to the saloon ern those industries, and transmit that furfural and some others. Although all ruling power to their heirs regardless of these compounds admittedly are

The right of men to govern democratically the industries upon which their lives depend, is no less self-evident of some of these toxic products, and may be absorbed into the system it surely is not for the latter—it must daylight, devote each hour to patand only Ralph Williams is on the saw that the prisoner was defended to a man with a spark of logic in his the results are of considerable interest. Further investigations indicate that job at Washington to look after fed- by able counsel. The jury deliber- brain, than the right of political self- The fact that the action of certain the most injurious forms of smoking

ation along the line of the shock. "Why," you say, "these men, or their fathers have accumulated capital by their own

the analogy is not essentially perfect, blame for the ill effects of smoking bacco in its various forms is so gen-THE recent convention of the recent convention of the lave declared that political authority versal interest. The London Landams, American, Southern, United canal let it be remembered that their shall not be subject to accumulation in the construction of the lave declared that political authority versal interest. The Journal of the capital punishment is surely not a determined by the London Landams, American, Southern, United canal let it be remembered that their shall not be subject to accumulation in the capital punishment is surely not a determined by the London Landams, American Medical association thinks are construction of the lave declared that political authority versal interest. The Journal of the capital punishment is surely not a determined by the London Landams, American Medical association thinks are constructed by the London Landams. Farmers' National Congress a States, and Wells Fargo Company work stands alone. Never can it be private hands, by the exercise of energy; cigarette contains the least nicotine in that the smoker is entitled to know the we hang men just to put them where ability economy nor any other virtue, the smoker and the safest methods of using they can do no further harm, and cease proposal was made that the congress should unite with the name of the same of musty methods which they advertise him, have set an example to be fol- oppression, the division of mankind into tobacco, the cigarette would appear to preciate scientific facts with which to others from crime." masters and servants.

The same is just as absolutely true of that the amount of tobacco consumed ence. the private ownership of the means of

But men are still trying to compromise between right and wrong, to find a golden mean between truth and error.

A. W. VINCENT.

First Golden Wedding in Malheur. and Mrs. Fred Gellerman, of Vale, Or.

tioned might well be controlled by may undercut the government in eral prevalence, made progress in May 14, 1907, antedating Mr. and Mrs. W. S. H. Cotton, celebrated at Ontario, criminal act was committed. If a man which was the banner record of the Gellerman's golden wedding anniversary by four and a half years.

Like Mr. Gellerman, William S. H. Cotton was born in the "old country," his birth occurring at Rigsby, Lincolnshire, England, January 29, 1829. He one instance of capital punishment for horn. for the special benefit of its own a new system of delivery is under- 10.6 in 1909, to 10.9 in 1910, and claim on territory now covered by the came to the United States while he was a young man, and took up a settler's city of Omaha, Neb. Shortly afterward, he removed to New Haven, Ohio, where he met the charming partner of his life ets' meeting and in all the farming duction of express rates will be deaths per 10,000 employes have few years later they removed to Wisfallen from 87.9 to 9.6. The annual consin, where they were living at the is given us that the difference is 40 malarial sick list began at 821 per outbreak of the Civil war, in which Mr. feet but there seems to be no one who largest radiah I have ever seen. All Cotton served four years, enlisting in knows why this is so. Company E. Twelfth Wisconsin. At the close of the war the family removed to living in Panama. Colon, and the Michigan and lived there nine years, may arise if one considers tides as canal zone has been reduced from thence to Nebraska, where they resider modifying the stage of water. to Michigan and lived there nine years, is to an average less than that precame to Malheur county, settling on term "sea level." On the Atlantic side Every one knows that these spec- section 22, township 18, range 46, then of the isthmus the tidal fluctuation is tacular successes are due in the main Baker county, about midway between less than two feet; on the Pacific side Vale and Ontario. In the spring of 1903 it is 20 feet. the pair removed to Ontario, in which is a tidal difference, not one of sea city the fiftieth anniversary of their level. son carrying powers of the mosqui- wedding was duly celebrated, as stated, ences and variations can not be set These noxious insects have been an account of which was published in forth in any available space.

Mr. Cotton and his good wife now reside near Dufur, Wasco county, Oregon. the past 28 years of their useful and

A. H. MGREGOR. A Clergyman's View.

There seems to be a misunderstandment of alimony to ex-wives. He was we were voting for, or against, at Editor of The Journal-Would you kindour recent election. Surely we wers ly settle a dispute through the medium I believe that it is unconstitutional not presuming to decide by our ballots of The Journal. "A" contends that, if to practically fine a man for life for whether four men, or even one, de- the earth were a perfect sphere with a care the disease in guinea pigs and best and most virile years of his life man steals a horse or commits bigamy. I for one, am not qualified to vote on to the circumference of the band, the that question. A judge and 12 intelli- band would be the same distance from ment for a certain length of time, and gent jurors passed upon that, after the earth all around as another band hearing and carefully weighing the evi- would be from another perfect sphere, dence furnished in each case. I heard say 100 feet in circumference with the none of it.

ake, he is sentenced practically to like

that is to say, he is punished with a continuous fine.

Neither were we voting on the merits not. Could you give a short mathematical illustration? Also "A" contends much more humane way by which a that the ratio of a dismeter to six circumstance. Grant for argument's sake, the cor- criminal may be executed than choking cumference of a small perfect circle is

COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE

What a masher needs is mashing, These days, to childhood, are long. A good dinner is a fine thing, but ere are even better things, Suffragettes have been a terror to Many entertain faint hope that this will be a different legislature. The progressives of the Elgin butter oard heat the government to it.

However much they sell, the stores will have no end of bargains left. There will be no extra charge for carrying microbes by the parcels post. We may seen read of the severe dis-ciplining of his wife by Jack Johnson. It seems like an occasional person litionists, who were mobbed for their ordinarily. Enough hosewives combined can break

an egg trust as easily as they individually break eggs, hat "golden mean" as to the slavery To demand a great war indemnity of Turkey after taking most of her countile in the beginning of the try looks like "rubbing it in."

It is a safe guess that the rural route carriers are not enthuin favor of the parcels post. enthusiastically In these times a farm laborer, or "the

hired man, needs to be a man of con-siderable intelligence and education. The word "pioneer" is much misused; a man who came to Portland 20 or 25 years ago is not much of a "pioneer."

Representations of green grass and roses in bloom are more appropriate than snow scenes, anway, for Christmas then in this region.

Green's Fruit Grower, a monthly published at Rochester, N. Y., printed this month a picture and eulogistic sketch of Mrs. Lola G. Baldwin, who is a niece of the proprietor, C. A. Green.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS Burns Times-Herald: The Lawen neighborhood had a rabbit drive last Saturday and succeeded in killing about

Baker Democrat: Baker's T. M. C. A. building is one of the handsomest atrustures in the state. It is about completed and its interior furnishings will soon be installed.

Carlton Sentinel: Some of the papers have been bragging about late summer vegetables. Carlton is not behind any place in that regard. Mr. and Mrs. V. C. London had fresh roasting ears from heir garden Tuesday.

There's nothing slow about the Garfield Country club members. The addi-tion to the club is finished, with porch 6 by 30, and a horse shed 20 by 60 feet in the rear. After the road meeting, De-cember 21, there will be mysic and a cember 21, there will social session.

in the black sand here and were run out by the Indians. It is probable the stilette was lost at least 65 years ago.

Corvallis Gazette Times: Judge Moses gives the order that county roads shall not be made the dumping ground for refuse from Corvallis, or any other burg. Neither the roads, nor the sides of the roads may be used for such purpose, and teamsters violating the order will be arrested and fined.

Eugene Register: Mrs. Mary Griffin has carefully cared for a handsome variegated holly tree for 10 or 12 years, and it was a beauty. Sunday night some vandals completely stripped the tree of ts heautiful follage, probably to make thristmas wreaths. How anyone could celebrate the birth of the Christ-child with this stolen holly is more than we can conceive. It was a dastardly trick decreed

Grants Pass Courier: Those Spokane men who came here during the week and went out to the great copper fields to the west were naturally surprised at the immense deposits of mineral that await the coming of transportation. In their country railroads were builded on pathing many more substantial then nothing much more substantial than prospects. Here we have mountains of ore so rich that some of it will permit of hauling by wagon for a distance of forty miles.

THE USE OF TOBACCO

The consideration of tobacco and its | was no greater in this form than in dangers has heretofore been largely based on the amount of nicotine confather's cherry tree and then licked and "got" his man. In a dazed, horof total unfitness, and we look upon it polsonous, their danger depends on the includer persons it lends itself to overquantities in which they are taken. Recently investigations have been made kinds of tobacco has been attributed are not those in which there is a to the prussic acid in their smoke has larger proportion of furfural. Furural gallows. Two things conspired to his age mind jumps the track of logical downfall. He got drunk. He had downfall: He got drunk. He had reasoning and goes over to a consider. the charge. He has found that the the least harmful tobacco will turn out amount of this compound produced de-pends somewhat on the rate at which furural in the smoke. Although the the tobacco is smoked. The slower the amount of nicotine present in the cheaphave accumulated capital by their own energy and ability." No doubt! And the same is true of kingly monopolists of political power. And I challenge the HILE glorying in the triof political power. And I challenge the however, is too small to account for count for the bad effects attributed the mention of any other respect in which the effects. So far the burden of the count for the bad effects attributed to cigarette smoking. The use of tothe application of stopping the man who is

him to death, but we were not consid- the same ratio as the ratig-of the diamering that phase of the matter. There eter to any perfect circle no matter how was but one thing to be decided, viz: large. "B" contends not. "Shall we abolish capital punishment?" A review of even a few month's past | ["A" is correct in both cases. history convinces me that there are ratio of the diameter to the circumfercrimes committed within the confines ence of a circle is constant. Multiply Ontario, Or., Dec. 17 .- To the Editor of of Oregon of so brutal and revolting a the diameter by 3.14159 and the result churches have entered the race. But low the postoffice lead in publishing 241 per thousand each year. The appears in your invaluable paper, on receive the death penalty. I registered he Journal-My attention has been character that, for the good of human- is the circumference.] age 8, in column five, of December 6, that conviction as emphatically as pos-1912, relative to the first (?) golden sible by my ballot. A bulwark of our wedding in Malheur county, that of Mr. liberty is the fact that no man may be punished for a crime unless the pen-The first was that of Mr. and Mrs. alty for that crime existed before the chooses, in the face of existing statutes. United States. "Betty," owned by Vioto bring a prescribed penalty down let Denny of Sutherlin, has that beaten upon his head, not the people, the judge, by 23 eggs. "Betty" laid 280 eggs in the jury, nor even the hangman, is re- 12 months and is living yet. She is sponsible. The transgressor is his own just an ordinary hird, a cross between

FORD M. BURTCH.

"begging the question" entirely.

There Is No Difference. Portlad, Dec. 14 .- To the Editor of The Journal-What, If any, is the difference in sea level between the Pacific lating to a Spanish radish grown by W. and Atlantic oceans at the Panama canal, and why is this so? Authority pounds. I raised a White China radish C. B. R.

Sea level is the same, but confusion tidal movement on the Atlantic side is Note that the difference The explanation of tidal differcyclopedias have coplous elucidations of Of the six children born to them only these interesting but highly complicated phenomena.

Relic of Tippecanoe Days. Molalla, Or., Dec. 17 .- To the Editor of The Journal-In The Journal of De-He will be 84 in January, 1913, and his cember 11, I read the story of Mr. Unwife 75 next April. They have lived ger's relic of the cider barrel campaign of William Henry Harrison. I have one blameless lives in this great state, which 1841. I found it on my place, which is part of an old donation land claim. where an old log cabin once stood. I have had it for several years, but as I am not gathering old relics I would like Gresham, Or., Dec. 17 .- To the Editor to have the address of Mr. Unger or of The Journal-I am a minister of some one interested in such things. E. A. SHAVER.

Diameter and Circumference.

Tillamook Gate, Dec. 16, - To the same five feet addition.

others. The general impression, however, is quickly they are removed from the that eigarette smoking is the most world the better, for they are social pernicious form of indulgence in to-mad dogs, but there are other cases, part by the facts that the form of the that the punishment of life imprisoncigarette makes it possible for young ment, with no hope or chance of pardon, persons to indulge in it when they would be greater than that of death, would not smoke cigars or pipes, that indulgence and that the smoke may be inhaled with less irritation and, be the least harmful form, provided back up wise deductions from experi-

"Betty" Beats Egg Record.

Sutherlin, Or., Dec. 17 .- To the Editor of The Journal-I read in The Journal of December 10 that "Miss Carvallis" had a record of 257 eggs in 12 months. executioner. Making a stage play of Buff Plymouth Rock and Buff Legcan make affidavit to this the sake of misleading sentiment is statement, so you need not fear to JOHN DENNEY. print It.

Claims Largest Radish.

McKee, Or., Dec. 17 .- To the Editor of The Journal-I note in the columns of The Sunday Journal an item re-W. Smith of Clackamas, weighing four who saw it declared they had never seen anything in the radish line so large. Can anyone beat this radish? C. R. SHANER.

And many a man can hear the call of duty-providing there is nothing else amount of time you devote to feelighworth listening to

Crime and Punishment

From the Salem Journal.

It is the first law of nature that any

olation of her laws must be punished

and she is inexorable in executing this iaw. Man, in his weak way, has putterned after this example, and has pro-vided, or attempted to provide puntahment for the violation of his laws. He has provided penalties, not always adequate, for there are cases in which it seems impossible to make the punishment fit the crime. For instance man has decreed that for the crime of murder the penalty of death shall be inflicted, here in Oregon by hanging, up some other states by other method but the penalty in all is death. Now, admitting that the death penalty is justified where a man commits a murd how can a man be punished for committing a second or third murder? It will readily be admitted that a man who there will be music and a murders a mother and her four children, for instance, commits a more hein-Bandon Recorder: M. G. Pohl showed ous crime than he who murders, say, us a Mexican stiletto that was found by the road workers on Sixth street. The Mexicans at one time mined for gold are you going to punish him for the other murders? There was a time under the laws of our English forbears that many crimes were punished with death. Stealing sheep was one, but that was before the days of the tariff on woolwhich now protects the sheep owner if not the sheep-and there were innumer-

able others: There are some crimes worse even than murder. When some big brute, horribly diseased, outrages some girl. still a child, is it not worse, more handous than the snuffing out of life itself? Why not, then, extend the list of crimes punishable with death, if that punishment will prevent or tend to prevent

For thousands of years, so far back as history or legend goes, mankind has decreed death to the murderer, but has murder been stopped or diminished? The Oregonian, speaking of capital punishment, editorially said: "It is better to have the law respected and protect society in the only way it can be protected or can protect itself." Does it make the law respected, or does it stop the crime of murder to hang a man? It stops that particular person from doing further murder, that is true, but does it serve to prevent others? That is very doubtful, and certainly far from

The writer is not opposed to capital punishment in some cases, for there are fiends in the form of men-to whom soclety owes nothing-and the more world the better, for they are social bacco. This might be accounted for in murder cases, too, where it would seem

Punishment is provided for one of two reasons, either as a deterrent to crime through the fear of punishment, or for the reformation of the one puntherefore, that more of the products ished-and in case of the death penalty be inflicted then for its deterrent qualities, and in this line history and experience shows it to be an utter failure. Watch the Oregonian's news pages, for instance, and notice how many murders are committed in Oregon and on the coast, within the week following the quadruple hanging that took place here yesterday, and of which the whole country took general notice. See how much of a deterrent this has been, and see

Outside of stopping the man who is,

Always in Good Humor

COULDN'T BEAT THAT.

From Exchange. An American was boasting to an The Irishman about the fastness of American trains. "Why, Pat," said the American, "we

run our trains so fast in America that the telegraph poles look like a continuous fence. "Do they, now?" said Pat. "Well, sir, I was wan day on a train in

Ireland, and as we passed first a field of turnips, then wan of carrots, then wan of cabbage and then a large pond of water, we were goin' that fast I thought it was broth!" NOTHING MATERIAL.

"That, my son, is what makes your ma pay \$200 for a Paris hat." Pointed Paragraphs

From Judge.

"Pa, what's art for art's sake?"

A mother is always surprised to learn that her daughters are as old as they

are, Gossips have motor cars beaten to a frazzle when it comes to running people down.

There are more fool men in the world

than blind ones-which may account

for the average girl's desire to be beautiful rather than intellectual. Take a few minutes off to think it over and you will be surprised at the

"Last Minute" Gifts Lose Half Their Pleasure

ness.

Half the pleasure of a gift is lost if it is received late. When you receive a gift two or three days after Christmas you know it is a "last minute" purchase. And no one likes to feel that an expression of good will and friendship is an afterthought.

See to it that your gifts are on time. See to it that they are chosen with such care and forethought as will make the recipient very i happy.

Remember that while the service-giving facilities of the stores have been doubled in many instances, they are still overtaxed at this time. In the rush and strain of the last few days some one may be disappointed, and apparently forgotten.

There are abundant gift ideas and suggestions in The Journal's Christmas advertisements. Make out your complete list of gifts tonight, then purchase them tomorrow, between 9 a. m. and noon-the three golden shopping hours

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