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SUNDAY DAILY AND SUNDAY ----

Honor travels in a strait so narwhere one but goes abreast; 

INJUSTICE IN IDAHO

USTICE was outraged in Idaho yesterday. In sending the publisher, editor and a stockholder of the Bolse News to jail under contempt proceeding, the Idaho supreme court delivered a heavy blow, scramble for office. mot at the press, but at the judiciary.

The act is almost a ca trophe to the bench. It is the most powerful spoils. There were tens of thousands ences to save the business from posargument ever put forth for the re- of Republicans in the late election sible annihilation. call of judges.

The offending of the newspaper the belief that it stands for somefectly legitimate acts by the news- state.

decision is sanctioned by the prece- American people had so little redent of no less an authority than the spect for spoils and spoilsmen. They ities for elimination of drinking those homes, comfortable and delightful late Abraham Lincoln. It is sanc- are sick and tired of officeholders among army officers. tioned by the spirit of free Ameri- and office seekers. They realize that can institutions which camit of no all too often cabinets have been tives of sentiment, but from reasons encouragement to leave the crowded sacred tribunal, above all men, above swayed, national policies been of business. They are the cold, calthe earth, above the right of dis- warped and the White House been culating thought of business men, cussion and above the power of the controlled, more by desire for office and are augury of further changes of terested in all this, which is for the betsovereign people.

The act is equivalent to a plea of broad considerations of the national guilty of all that was charged. The welfare.

Patronage should be an episode, arbitrary act of the court in the contempt proceeding is presumption that not an institution. That the people the movement in morals, the moveit was arbitrary in the original de- so regard it is proven by the fact ment in education and the movement tions pertaining to these improvements. cision which the Boise newspaper that with all the power of federal in the church against the sale of The woman voter must be taken into and Mr. Roosevelt criticized. False patronage, President Taft was bare- liquors, and it is a most formidable consideration as a factor in our progone thing, false in all, is a legal ly able to renominate himself at Chicago, and with all the power of fedaxim.

The defendants go to jail under an autocratic act of a tribunal sit. only able to make himself a poor not a time to temporize but a time to third in the race for president. ing in judgment on its own case. ney are denied the right of appeal. were denied a trial by jury. They are imprisoned through the exercise of a power as autocratic as iness to see that the Democratic masses but brilliantly captained will be for the higher development of that of any king who ever sat on a party is a party of principle, not of brigades of tremendous forces. throne.

Even a captured spy, is, under the

explosives, due to the chemist's art, within a limit of fifteen feet on porations, all unconscious that the fill torpedoes, shells and mines. Crim- either side, and showed no disposiinals have not been slow to grasp tion to leave the wire.

But dynamite and nitro-glycerine

seem as easily procurable as a suit

of clothes. Self-preservation surely

demands that both the storage and

the sale of these deadly tools of the

criminal should be restricted and

This is, of course, a minor matter.

It deals with a symptom, not with the

disease. The malady has deep roots

HIGHER THAN SPOILS

Republican-appointments.

ought not to engage in an unseemly

The Democrats of the country

Democratic senators at

Washington ought not to en-

gage in a general hold-up of

placed under the control of law.

in the body politic.

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Is society powerless in the face of was eleven cents per car mile. The return of the investment that is lost. this new danger? Precautions have Bradford actual cost is about nine been devised and legally enforced re- cents, per car mile. There is not 1500 companies that have applied stricting the sale and recording the any supply of hydro-electricity in since the Blue Sky law went into efpurchases of poisons. Steps have the British cities. The cost given is, fect, only 85 have been licensed to been begun, but unfortunately are not based on electricity furnished by sell their securities in Kansas. It yet in general use, by which the un- steam power. The car was stopped gives a glimpse at the possible proauthorized possession and use of the at the side walks to take passengers portion of merit among all the thoudeadly revolver may be penalized; or on and let them off. at least made difficult and dangerous.

THE LIQUOR DEALERS' PLAN

**REGON** retail liquor dealers insist that they are out for reform. They asseverate that they will emphasize 1913 by driving the "rough stuff" out of

their business. They declare that they will voluntarily do the following things:

1-Absolutely divorce vice from the liquor business. 2-Strictly enforce Sunday closing. 3-Stop sale of liquor to drunkards. 4-Put an end to the sale of liquor

to minors. 5-Insist on nunishment of minors who lie to bartenders about their age. 6-Make war on blind pigs. 7-Aid in the passage and enforce

ment of laws for effective regulation. It is the sanest program by dealers in the history of the liquor busi-

They should make the Democratic ness. If carried out as promised, it of will do more than all other influ- franchised citizens, have been reading party stand for something else than

who voted the Democratic ticket in There is little if any defense for drinking. Great railroad corpora- state, and in view of our responsibilimen was the criticism, and the pub- thing higher than spoils. There were tions have ordered their employes lication of Theodore Roosevelt's crit- thousands of such Republicans in not to drink while on duty. Some that in their consideration we might be icism, of the decision in which Roose- Oregon, a fact conclusively proven great industrial establishments have velt electors were denied a place on by the great plurality of 10,269 by done the same thing. No great en- depended upon. the election ballot. Both were per- which Governor Wilson carried the terprise that must assume the responsibility for hazards to life any

paper. The right to criticize a court There never was a time when the longer trusts a drinking man. There is even demand by some high author-

These reforms are not from moand the spoils of office than for the same kind certain to appear.

confronted with, is the movement in like poor Glory McQuish, not one of us business, the movement in industry, is "in 'em."

reform. It is a moment for them to pelf. The citizenry of this country There must be reform or there

has not thundered a revolutionary will be annihilation. The crooks and I would not have you think

A HEAVY PRICE

9000 barrels.

the Orient for December totaled

Puget Sound shipped 190,-

structive power. In some forms high overhead whre has a lateral play tiently the securities of defunct corconcerns have gone out of business. They still wait confidently for divi-Sanday) and the new weapon ready to their hand. The estimated cost of operation dends that never appear and for a The latest record shows that of sands who pursue the investor for his money.

> There is no greater field for constructive legislation than in the enactment of a measure admitting only honest corporations to charter and permitting the sale only of stable securities in this state.

> The testimony in the Columbia Or chard case shows how the financial soldiers of fortune swarm after the real builders of prosperity.

Letters From the People

(Communications sent to The Journal for publication in this department should be writ-ten on only one side of the paper, should not exceed 800 words in length and must be se-companied by the name and address of the sender. If the writer does not desire to have the name published, he should so state.)

Information for Women! Portland, Or., Jan. 2 .- To the Editor The Journal-Some of us, newly enwith unusual interest of the purposes and plans of the Oregon Irrigation congress, the Good Roads association and all the other efforts for the improvement and upbuilding of our beloved ties in regard to these affairs, we hoped recognized as allies-a reserve force of

power and influence, which could be Irrigation of arid land means, to the thinking woman as well as man, more

beautiful homes, fertile fields, prosper ity and affluence for our people. Good roads mean contentment means of travel over our most beauti-

ful country, or better opportunity for education for the young people, and an cities and lead a saner life near to nature's heart.

Of course, we women are deeply interment of our inhabitants, yet here the What the liquor dealers then are selves in their coming congress, but, men are planning great times for them-

We need to be "in 'em," though we will have to vote on all the quesphalanx of hostility. It is an array selves, gentlemen, by saying: ress. It will not do to excuse your-"We of opposition that may well drive did not, or do not, believe women would eral patronage at his back he was dealers to a realization that this is be interested in these quations or affairs which hitherto have been delegated wholly to man's domain."

If there are women in Oregon for the most part wandering in a metaunderstand that the conflict that have never known their true relation ciples, not patronage. Democratic they face is not the old one of to the things that surround them, you physical maze. "But there's a big clock in the hall Democrats should make it their bus- ragged regiments and disorganized in their personal responsibility. This Oregon also, for no nation, no state, can reach a higher status than that of fortable as a barroom.'

dreamed of.

Liven a captured spy, is, under the verdict at the ballot box in order to their deadfalls must be driven from what I have said, you men voters of was a banker. the explanation that he is not and never The dives must Oregon, that you have given the ballot to an ignorant, irresponsible class; I pulled down and the laws be restored only want to urge upon you the neces said he. sity of helping to put away the imag-Anything less will bring crucifix- inery dividing line which has separated

# COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

line.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS

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Eugene should allow

### SMALL CHANGE

Ten convicts from the penitentian to clearing land on the tract that is to used as a county poor farm in Class p county. Now the sity candidates may come the states

Thirty holidayless days hath Januand the second

Maybe that last storm was the pre-dicted hard winter.

Among those always mistaken are end-of-the-worlders.

Among the impossibilities are good roads without large cost.

Most of those recently freely-fed people are again as hungry as ever. Seems like there were less holiday-time disasters and crimes than usual.

This will be a fine year to be born n; the living should make it a fit year

to dio in. Isn't it high time that if robbery must be done Paul should begin repay-ing Peter?

. . Men may be heroes in doing only their necessary duty-as in the case of

a lifesaving crew. The secretaryship of the interior appears to be more in demand than all the other cabinet positions.

ular as the days. A university may gain a little prestige by having an ex-president of the Unit-ed States as a member of its faculty.

Apparently the Turk will have to be driven back to the sea beach befor he will talk real business reasonably. before

The general verdict will be that the dynamite conspirators received no more punishment than was properly coming to them. . .

Nobody doubts Colonel Roosevelt's statement that if this country should have a war he would be in it. He would feel more bully than ever.

Perhaps the people inside the cafes other improvements make the year one that has attracted wide attention, giving Albany a reputation unsurpassed by any thought it was they rather than those out at Tenth and Stark streets who were having a same New Year's eve. of the smaller cities of the state.

NEW YORK DAY BY DAY

By Herbert Corey.

George W. Perkins told why he left do.' the Morgan firm at the time he left it. ". "And the boys didn't make it any But Wall street didn't believe him. Wall easier by reciting a doleful story of unstreet thinks that a sane man never tells fair competition. My eyes must have the truth-unless he is so very smart looked like blue and white saucers of that he tells the truth because he can a wavery pattern during this speech. fool folk better that way-in which case "'But,' said the spokesman, bursting Wall street wonders if he doesn't think into a giggle, 'we have our futures to tive village, went to California. that Wall street will figure that he consider. And so we're all going to proved a memorable trip in more ways

ceive, and therefore doesn't tell the a chance to make good. And here's cident on their return home. truth at all. So that Wall street is a little something for you.' A neighbor, asking the old made good, and you know all the rest

of Perkin's house up the river," said of the story. And, wherever I go, that and enjoyed it." friend "that has a bearing on the clock goes with me. I wouldn't trade it story. That Perkins home, by the way, for a railroad." is as big as a poorhouse and as com-Some of the investigators for the

Perkins always begins the story by national child labor committee have a has happened since John and I were

- Clark and Bryan

From the New York World. If Mr. Bryan should become a mam-ar of Mr. Wilson's cabinet, and

If Champ Clark should find that his ersonal resentment is such that he can ave no political or social relations with Mr. Bryan, and---

If it should appear that Mr. Clark's attitude threatens to embarrass the resident

Bandon Record: No stranger can find his way in Bandon by street and num-ber. The city should prepare for free felivery of mail and one thing neces-sary, it would seem, is the renaming and renumbering of streets. Then the World respectfully suggests that the Democrats of the house of representatives proceed to select a speake who can work in harmony with the administration.

The Astoria Budget closed the old year properly, with an issue of \$2 pages filled with news of progress, with ex-celient and appropriate illustrations. The edition is headlined "Fourteenth Annual Number." The special breathes optimism and future greatness in every line. We say this without prejudice toward Mr. Clark, for whom the World has only entiments of friendship. But Mr. Clark's individual grievances are much less important than a successful gov-ernment of the United States.

Dailas Observer: The little city of Sheridan is feeling the impetus of prog-ress and is preparing to hard surface its principal streets. There are evidences that Dailas will take one of the import-int forward steps in her career the com-ing summer in the permanent improve-ment of her principal business streets. Mr. Clark is warranted in holding Mr. Bryan responsible for his defeat in the Baltimore convention, But if Mr. Clark had been nominated he would have been beaten at the polls, and the country would have had Theodore Roosevelt for president. Mr. Clark's candidacy could never have withstood such a campaign against boss rule as Mr. Roosevelt mada last fall. A Democratic candidate for president nominated by the influence of

Paisley Press: Bright days are so common here that every one feels that he really has something about which to complain if a cloudy, stormy day ap-pears. In most localities every one is grateful for the sunshine, but here we receive so much of it that we are in-clined to believe it should come as reg-ular as the days. Murphy and Jim Smith and Tom Taggart and Jim Guffey and Roger Sullivan and Thomas F. Ryan and August Be mont would have contested with

Eugene Guard: Eugene is beginning the installation of a splendid cluster lighting system, which should be ex-tended to cover the whole central part Taft for the dubious honor of finishi third. If Mr. Bryan beat Mr. Clai for the nomination, then Mr. Bryan saved the Democratic party from disasof the city. Eugene should allow no other Oregon city to outdo her in the matter of street lighting, and especially so since the municipal plant furnishes ter and the country from a Roosevelt third term.

As it was, Mr. Wilson polled fewer light far below the rates paid by other cities. votes than did Mr. Bryan in 1896 or in 1900 or in 1908. The Democratic party Albany Democrat: The best hotel in the state outside of Bortland, the best banking building, the best filtration plant, 60 blocks of pavement, the arplant, 60 blocks of parameter, be-rival of the great Oregon Electric, be-tween 50 and 100 new residences, a new ord and whose nomination represented school building, several bricks and many the undoubted will of the progressive Democratic elements. In such a crisis as 1912, Champ Clark would have been another Alton B. Parker.

All this may not assuage Mr. Clark's 

Mr. Bryan is making no war upon Mr. Clark, and if Mr. Clark is determined to make war upon Mr. Bryan he should not be permitted to do it as speaker of the house of representatives

Always in Good Humor

COULDN'T BE BLAMED. From Mother's Magazine.

An old couple in Michigan, who had never before been away from their na-It will tell the truth with intent to de- stand by you, because you've given us than one, as was illustrated by an in-

> A neighbor, asking the old lady if she "He took the sheet off the clock and had seen an earthquake while in Frisco, swallowed a football. I knew I had received the following reply: "Indeed, I did. I saw it and heard it

The neighbor, aghast with astonish-

ment, asked why she enjoyed the earthquake. The old lady replied: "Because it is the first thing that

NOT GUILTY!

From the Chicago Record-Herald.

"You are charged," said the court,

with malice aforethought appropriated

to your own use and behoof a certain

John Doe on or about the 14th day of

August, Anno Domini 1907, contrary to

the statute in such cases made and pro-

vided, and against the peace and dignity

of the people of the state of Illinois.

"I'm not guilty, jedge," protested the prisoner.) "All I done was to steal a

suspicion that Americans, as a race, married 30 years ago that he hasn't grade about as high on the intellectual blamed me for."

on the first big job ever given me t

appeal to the president. He is tried by a court martial, which is the gry politicians. equivalent of a jury of officers. But he two Idaho justices who overaled the third member of the trimal and jailed the newspaper men sumed an autocratic authority even seeding the inexorable rules of martial law, and do it in the name of justice.

There is no defense for their act. If they were libeled, they had recourse under the libel law, in a proceeding in which a jury would have arbitrated between the court and its critics. Or a civil suit for damage with a jury to decide would have afforded a fair, constitutional and orderly settlement.

The very unwillingness of the the United States over the united op- against 1,294,281 from Puget Sound. season commences. body to submit the case to a jury is position of the whole power of the the equivalent of a plea of guilt, and a mighty indictment of its position. There will be an end of such acts is there? by courts. The bench is not by any

autoeratic sovereignty above the law, service. The test for selection should above the bill of rights and beyond accountability for its acts.

We are still under a Republican form of government and the United States is still a democracy.

SABOTAGE IN AMERICA

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HEN sabotage in name and progress in Great Britain of the new in fact was invented and prac- system of ralless electric cars.

a few years ago Americans scrutiny and experiment, in the held up hands of horror and rejoiced cities of Leeds, Bradford, Keighley, that we were not as other men are, and Edinboro, in Britain, have re- docks in Portland. The rule is true The essence of the program of cently been adopted in three of the sabotage was to gain industrial con- mining towns of South Africa, with Bend and as far north almost as the trol by wrecking. To destroy the de- populations of from 12,000 to 15,- British Columbia border. pots, the trains, the equipment, meant 000 people.

inevitably, in the eyes of those reck- Leeds and Bradford were the so fit for becoming a great milling less men, to demonstrate that they first large cities to instal the new center. The ocean and the world oratory and inflammatory newspaper personnel under which the govern- least six bills were passed in the last at the other. Yet, Puget Sound, after throughout the world. You are no doubt ment railroad should be run. Injury session of Parliament authorizing dragging its wheat for milling purto the public by stopping the traffic their use in other English cities. poses over the Cascade mountains, earth, and you probably think the stateof a large district, imposing loss and After more than a year's successful even ruin on the farmers, cutting off use the railless cars have made good. from the towns supplies of milk, The overhead equipment of poles meat and other necessaries, throwing and wires in English cities has cost out of gear the daily life of thousands, between six and eight thousand dolcounted as nothing to the devotees of lars a mile. The cars travel on sabotage as an organization and as gradients of 1 in 15 and 1 in 22, remen. What was human life and the spectively, in Leeds and Bradford. haul to Portland and Astoria to be structure of human society when Single decked cars, carrying 28 pasweighed against success in their cam- sengers, cost \$3406 complete. Dou- Puget Sound. ble decked cars were recently aupaigu?

The trials in Los Angeles and since thorized.

in Indianapolis have torn the veil. The cars run, in the citles, on from an American campaign based on streets paved either with wood or thinking more about swapping town the same principles. But science here granite blocks. In the suburbs ordi- lots than of doing world business. has supplied the means, and, sabotage, nary macadam roads are found satisunder the name of syndicalism, has factory. The Edinboro investigating found ready and reckless human committee reported, after visiting agents at its disposal. Leeds and Bradford, that there was

Dynamite, with its first cousin-ni- no discomfort from vibration, or tro-glycerine, is now one of the chief from the starting or stopping of the nets of modern science, used in cars.

all the great works by which man The highways departments do not shows how the promoters of the Comers natural obstacles. Without claim any injury to the surface of lumbia River Orchards company concould not be built, mines the roads. The car passed freely be- ducted business. ened, barbors excavated, foundaas faid-it has even been carried to the driver from side to ide of the corporation that has done business in

e orchards to plant trees. at it has deadly as well as

get jobs for a Coxey's army of hunthe business. As the Democratic New York

The country is longing for prin-

to absolute authority. World says, "they did it in order to have great wrongs righted, to ion. have abuses corrected, to have long needed reforms instituted."

One of the greatest reform Demo-DORTLAND shipments of flour to crats of all time was Samuel J. Tilden. He said in 1885: "I depended on ideas as a political force more liberally and less on party management than anybody else has done."

841, or more than twenty times the Yet no Democrat ever had more Portland shipments. enthusiastic support from the Demo-It was not because of the alleged

ernor of New York over the united ure in Oriental flour shipments, and that farmers are marketing their He was elected to the presidency of ported 2,124,869 bushels of wheat all crops are marketed before the rainy

Once, Portland made all the flour federal machine.

The true test of a party is prin- a handicap of harbor but a handicap taxation. consent of the American people an ciple. The test for office should be of men and measures. Nine thousand barrels of flour be not the brand, but the man.

190,841 is not a seaport defect but RAILLESS ELECTRIC CARS the failure of Portland's business figures to contend aggressively for provement of the public roads.

N FOUR consular reports between January 30, 1911, and December abroad. 26, 1912, accounts are given of For supplying flour to the Orient the introduction, operation, and

Portland has natural advantages over ticed on French railways only The methods accepted, after long granaries. A car of wheat started from them will roll, almost on its

December as did Portland.

It is the price Portland pays for lack of aggressive men. It is the price Portland pays for

permitting the rates on a downhill fixed by the over-mountain haul to

It is the price Portland pays for sleeping on her rights.

TIN HORN FINANCE

swindled men and frenzied finance, as told for several days in the federal court in Portland,

The attachment of the car to the in Oregon today who are holding pa-

the activities of men and women, to the with more money than I had ever detriment of the highest interests of both, and regard us as your helpers, your partners, your comrades in our splendid march forward as one of the first states in the Union.

M. L. T. HIDDEN.

Thinks Roads Not So Bad.

majority of the farming class will agree with me when I say that under present conditions the improvement of the pub- trying to get away cratic masses than did Mr. Tilden. inadequacy of Portland as a seaport lic roads is keeping pace with the de-He was nominated and elected gov- that Portland cut such a sorry fig- velopment of the state in other ways; opposition of 20,000 office holders. During the same month, Portland ex- crops at present without any serious trouble regarding roads; as practically I realize that mudholes in our roads

shipments from the North Pacific are not desirable; but they are only What higher Democratic authority coast. The loss of great slices of cial sinkholes that would last for years, temporary, and are preferable to finanthe business to Puget Sound was not and could be filled only by additional

If the automobile class would be sat isfied to go joy-riding during about seven or eight months of the year, and from Portland against Puget Sound's would travel by rail a few winter months there would not be any serious complaint about the present steady im-

In conclusion I will say that the trade and the facilities of trade farmers and producers generally, who onduct the greater part of the business traffic upon our roads, are in favor of spending a larger proportion of all taxes upon the public roads; and paying for all coast rivals. Portland is more roads as we build and improve them. accessible to the wheat fields and And that the road question is "shall the traffic hauler or the joy-rider rule?" What should the answer be? GEO. C. MITTY.

#### Soap-Box Menace.

Glendale, Or., Jan. 1 .- To the Editor of The Journal-Allow me to commend your editorial of December 13, wherein you state that the desire of the weak No city on earth has a geography minded boy of 17, who, with a loaded revolver, purposed to kill President-elect are at one door and the wheat fields articles which are now prevalent correct, as also in your further statement that this is the best country on shipped more than twenty times as ment that this is the best government much wheat to the Orient during and that the condition of the people are the best to be found on earth, also cor-

> rect. In reply to your query, "Who taught this boy to believe this is not a fit There ought at least to be drastic pun-country for him to live in?" I will ask ishment, including, perhaps, corporal on the same page of December 13 that titution may be a necessary evil, and your editorial of December 7 on "Rob- loy, but surely the promotion of proscited are probably facts, or you would afford revenue to members of the ponot have given them space on your lice force or to the city, is not a nechave in an attempt to clean out, in their

hox where probably 1000 will read in mistreatment and neglect. The Journal. When you make the

"I was taken into the Morgan firm scale as a strikingly intelligent Boston because I had a name as an organizer," bull.

"We have just sense enough," said one, "not to overwork a colt, or to un-"I stayed longer than I expected to. By and by the need for my services was at an end, and I retired derfeed a pig, or to keep hens in unsanitary houses. But we haven't gumption enough to see that it doesn't pay to article, towit: A vehicle-said vehicle work a half-starved child long hours cle, to wit: A vehicle-said vehicle He made his name as an organizer when he was with the New York Life in dark and mouldy rooms. And we having been wrongfully and feloniously Insurance company. The other comdon't realize that other little children abstracted by you from the premises of panies were knocking the Life's head may be asked to pay the price."

against the wall every now and then, He pointed to the photograph of The situation in Denver was especially smiling baby clutching a doll to its bad. The Life couldn't keep a solicitor breast,

Eola, Or., Dec. 30 .- To the Editor of there with savvy enough to scatter sait "That doll," said he, "was made The Journal-I believe that a vast to sheep. So Perkins was sent out to a tenement home. The father and hold the fort. His instructions were mother and four children of the family to kill or maim any solicitor he caught all made dolls from the time they awoke in the morning until they simply could buggy." "It was a hard fight," said he. "After not keep their tired eyes open longer. few months I heard that my force of The father and two of the children had solicitors would desert me in a body.

been in the hospital for treatment for a peculiarly virulent type of tuberculosis Every member of the family had contracted the disease. The mother, worn, racked by a cough, tired, and discour aged, smilled as she looked at her baby playing with one of the newly made

> dolls "'It's so lucky that we make dolls, said she, because when the children are sick they can take them to bed and

> > "Then," said Mr. White, "I will pay

'Ha, ha. That puts 'em on you.

Oscar Hammerstein, according to tra

play with them." "By and by these same dolls will g into the hands of perfectly healthy children-who in turn will kiss and mother them.'

And if any one thinks he can tell a dent which is fresh in the minds of all: story of a more unusual literary Maraand when you take your readers to the thon than this let him sail in. Except steel mills of Pittsburg, where whole that a condition of the competition is families, from bables to grandparents, that the tale must be true. This one are compelled to work 12 hours per day

It was on January 13, and Matthew White, editor of a well-known fiction magazine, was smitten of a desire to be acutely funny. So that he dropped into the grill of the Algonquin, where in those days persons who made their living by practising the arts of the pen made their headquarters. Mr. dollars of profits-the stolen promade outcry that he wanted a western

We must have writers for the great stock? dailies, the moulders of public sentigloomily at Mr. White, ment, with the courage to stand by their convictions and not shift the re one cent a word for a western serial of sponsibility for the result of their writ-50,000 words or more, to be delivered ings to the soapbox orator. Will we be men and right these wrong conditions by removing the cause, or shall we hope for reform through the medium of a weak minded boy of 17, shooting at

"This is the thirteenth of January, said he. "Who do you think could write F. C. LADD. a 50,000 word story in 48 hours?" "No one," said Mr. White, cheerily.

#### The Vice Problem. From Life.

lemon squish for mine." Some things might be done if there Mr. Durant said that he had no mind were fit people available to do them. to be blackmailed into the purchase of lemon souishes for persons who had ishment, including, perhaps, corporal forgotten their straitjackets when they you to read on the editorial page of The punishment, for the smale promoters of left home. He said that he would con-Journal of December 7, the article en-titled "The Methods of Quacks," and men who profit by it in any way. Pros- appointed. Thereupon, lapping up one final dishful, he engaged a suite in the "The Slavery of Childhood." An- part of the price paid for the kind of Algonquin, installed four stenographers, other good article for you to read is monogamous civilization that we enand went to it. He dictated in turn and turn about for 24 hours, without sleep, bing the Cradle." While the incidents titution by men, and the use of it to or nourishment of a solid and slowing quality. On January 14 he delivered to Mr. White one serial, 52,000 words in length, napped lightly in Mr. White's outer office while that gentleman read whether men, women or children, in pos- human lump as the rest of us, and it it, and took his check for \$520 and went session of no power but brute force and does not become us to flout them too away. a loaded gun, to use such power as they scornfully nor abandon them to the have in an attempt to clean out, in their tormentors. Neither is it even safe to "That is not only a fact, but it's record," Mr. White declares. THE story of worthless securities, misguided way, the corruption that the do so, for their powers of retallation was a good story. In proof of which

effort to purify. One person may hear from the soap tomatically in direct proportion to the out of the writing field and made him

an editor a little later." details of any regulation of The statement on your editorial page that prostitution are hard to work out be- dition wrote a comic opera in ten in the largest city in the best country cause it is a regulation of what is uni--how comic or how opera not tween vehicles, and was diverted by the driver from side to ide of the road in frequent turning motions. The attachment of the mattachment of the metals, but on the and other plated ware extant,

Pointed Paragraphs The seeker after truth has a lifetime

What say you?"

The successful man is one who is on the job when the main chance comes along.

If the average man did the right thing he would pray that his friends might be delivered from him.

The girl who dreams of eloping allows her imagination to run away with, her.

The bright baby its mother tells, about usually has an off day when you meet it.

It's the easiest thing in the world for a pretty woman to manage a man-if she isn't married to him.

When a man gets engaged to a girl all the other fair maids of his acquaintance begin to talk about his poor taste.

White Fame is merefy an elevation on which the victim is placed in order to give serial at once. Had any present one in Those present shook their heads people a better chance to throw mud at him,

The Next Cities That Will Burn.

There is not a city in the United States that does not daily escape destruction by fire, says Walter S. Hiatt in a startling article in the World's Work for January. So fully is this known to the insurance companies which have the largest stake in the danger, that they can tell you exactly the "conflagration center" of every in portant city-can put their finger on th may of every one of the 240 princip cities and say: "Here, at this spot,

all the laws of probability, one day a fire will start that no man can master that will sweep your city and do to it what fire has already done to Chicago, to San Francisco, to Baltimore."

The national board of fire underwriters is the organization that has caused a nation-wide study of fire hazard to be made, and the reports of its fire engineers-members of A new and valuable profession-give a remarkable picture of the danger that confronts all American cities. This organization is composed of representatives of all the principal fire insurance companies, and its business is to study the science of Tire risks and to take preventive measures to decrease them. George W. Babb "Also it of New York is its president, and Clarence E. Porter of Philadelphia is noting that it was chairman of its committee on statistics. our organization which took Mr. Durant Mr. Porter's committee knows that the 13 cities which in all probability will burn next are the following, named n the order of their fire hazard, the greatest risk named first; New Orleans,

how opera not stated. And Van Rensselaer Dey used to turn Seattle, Boston, Cincinnati, Philadelphia, Chicago, New York, St. Louis, Cansas , City, Mobile, Richmond (Va.). Hartford and Lawrence (Mass.) Mans thers have a fire hazard that ranks them only a little below these,

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editorial page, it is the reading of these essary evil and might be cured. The facts that causes people of weak minds, street walkers are a part of the same

ruling powers are stirring, in a futile on a society that misuses or neglects fact it was worth

on earth, where the people are in the versally recognized as sin. But any years of age, without a moment for worse if left to be operated by rascala play, competied to get out of bed at and bullies.

Just as I was trying to make my chin sit still after these tidings, I was called nome by phone. My solicitors were all out there, and insisted on seeing me on a matter of important business. " "This,' I said to myself, 'is the finish for George Washington P.' I've failed

4, 5 and 6 o'clock in the morning and work till 8, 9 or 10 o'clock and even 11 o'clock at night, that they may be allowed to live; and when you also inform the weak minds with loaded guns that like conditions prevail throughout

try and cite the Lawrence, Mass., inci-

labors produce such wealth that it worries Carnegie to find ways to spend the surplus millions that he confiscates from the babies who live under what you say is the best government on earth but which permits the steel trust in nine years to pile up more than a billion

the effect of our system?

the manufacturing centers of this coun-

for a very meager existence while their

ducts of their starving slaves,

me January 15." Harry Durant commented on the deliciously nutty flavor of Mr. White's intellect.

