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The first duty of a wise advocate is to convince his ponents that he understands their arguments and sympathat be understands with their just feelings. -Coleridge,

A WICKED ABUSE

SUIT filed at Salem vesterday seeks to set aside the referendum of the workmen's compensation act.

One half the signers of the petitions give addresses between Front and real socialism on the other. and Fifth street and between Jefferson and Couch in Portland. This means that the compensation act is held up by persons within a very small precinct of only 75 blocks area in the city of Portland, and it includes the North End.

Most of the signers are persons of whom little or nothing is known. Aside from perhaps fewer than a dozen, there are no names of well known business, professional, or workingmen on the petitions.

More than 300 names appear twice.

that are not addresses. register, and most if not all the signers are believed to be tran-

house, and not one was living there when the place was recently investigated.

These petitions as they stand are They confirm the need, endum. as this newspaper has often pointed leaders actually stand. out that the friends of the initiative | The instrumentalities of true so and referendum should place restrictions on them so as to save the and the torch. Your true Socialist system from becoming the plaything is not an admirer or side partner of crooks and the toy of evil pur- of the propagandist who is an ene-

do something of the kind or its ene- enemy of government, an enemy of mies will do worse. Just such ex- reason, an enemy of peace and an amples as the compensation peti- enemy of the republic itself. tions give opponents a club with which to beat the system to death. The abuses are no argument against the referendum. They are an indictment of us for our neglect to throw adequate safeguards around the signing of petitions for the referendum.

erendum for crooked purposes.

VICIOUS NOISES

reported that eighty-five per cent selves from drowning. of the noises in the vicinity of Few sports are perilous as canoeteaching or study.

What is true of schools is correspondingly true, in a measure, of other institutions. Unnecessary noises are a handicap on living. They make ill tempers, sour dispositions and irritated people. They are a type of viciousness that should be suppressed.

Take the motorcycle rider as an illustration. Mounted on his machine, he goes tearing through the streets, his muffler wide open for lator of the speed laws. It would be almost as merciful if he would of one third of a cent to people now cades. assault people with his fists rather taking advantage of the ticket sales. his coming and going. Nobody would think of allowing a boiler facwrecking noises, and yet the motorinto insignificance.

BETTER CLOTHES

increase of value in a suit of tage of the tickets.

per cent in the tariff. This would portunity for much investigation our mind was a far happier ending per cent in the tariff. This would mean that the wool and other manderial in a suit now costing \$12 would cost \$9.60. Instead of cuting the price of the suit \$2.40 the cutsomer a suit for \$25 that the customer as suit for the mean that the wool and other ma- and close figuring. If the Daly orterial in a suit now costing \$12 dinance is to be pushed it will be would cost \$9.60. Instead of cut- well for the city commissioners to ting the price of the suit \$2.40 the fortify themselves with figures that manufacturer will add that amount cannot be controverted. to the value of the material, giving The way to regulate efficiently, the customer a suit for \$25 that to avoid lawsuits, defeats, and de lignant reality. would cost \$27.40 at the present lays, is to regulate after the founprice of materials.

take advantage of the psychological habit among men to purchase at intelligently. figures that are multiples of five.

be derived from the proposed cut charges are met, the company in the tariff on wool will be a bet- should be required to sell the six ter quality of woolens as the in-tickets. But here comes the ques- 75 years old and is walking yet. troduction of foreign piece goods tion of a fair valuation. Public Which leads to the reflection that troduction of foreign piece goods tion of a fair valuation. Public Which leads to the reflection that with two new judges, perhaps the will force the American manufacture companies, and especially many young aviators are not flying supreme court can catch up. turer to produce woolens that will streetcar companies, have followed stand comparison with them.

NOT TERRORISTS

T IS unfortunate that the I. W. W. propagandists style themselves Socialists.

It is an injustice to true socialism. It leads some good-intentioned Socialists to be sympathizers with the I. W. W. scheme of things, a blunder that they never ought to

There is not the slightest relation between syndicalism and socialism. There is no common bond

leader who gains higher wages or the country. better conditions of labor.

Approximately 300 give addresses to be reached through direct action one death. in intimidation, terrorism, blood-Nearly 100 give addresses at a shed and anarchy. Your real Sosome mysterious way human happithemselves at a North End lodging attain through overthrow of all restrictive measures. government and proceeding to live

Whenever a Socialist who really a most wicked abuse of the refer- believes in true socialism argues in the malady and could but speak, defense of the I. W. W. program, there is no doubt that these loyal long ago urged by The Journal, of he is not acquainted with the awful legislation to throw safeguards chapter of syndicalism, terrorism proper and seasonable regulations, as those of single tax and especially around the petitions. They show and anarchy for which I. W. W.

cialism are not the mob, the club my of intelligent workers, an enemy The friends of the system must of order, an enemy of the law, an 1915.

DROWNED

THE drowning of two sisters

We ought to provide a way to vicinity, two young girls who were. punish crooks who employ the ref-thrown into the water by the overturning of their cance, saved themselves by swimming ashore. The widely different ending to these two pleasure parties is mostly at-ANY noises in Portland are tributable to the fact that in the vicious because they are use- accident of a week ago both occuless and avoidable. Noise, pants of the canoe were swimmers, like smoke, was once consid- while in last night's tragedy neither ered a necessary evil, if not an ad- of the two sisters nor their male vertisement of an active people, in escorts could swim. The two lives a growing city; but progressive opin- sacrificed last night are death's toll ion is fast banishing that fallacy. | on boating by persons with no An Indianapolis committee has knowledge of how to save them-

school buildings are capable of be- ing. A frail canoe capsizes with a ing abated. The committee urges suddenness that gives no warning. action to this end on the ground Before venturing on such a pasthat, while schools with closed win- time, there should be some knowldows are unhealthful, continual edge of how to swim, a knowledge noise is almost fatal to successful easily and safely obtainable at the many swimming tanks and resorts.

REGULATING CAR FARES

OMMISSIONER DALY has prowould mean a fare of four and a Lake. sixth cents to people buying tickets. If to the Eastern Oregon route

But the proposed ordinance has a larger significance than one third tory to fill all streets with its nerve- of a cent a ride. Comparatively tains in Japan, whereby the wife few people buy fifty tickets to secyclist has a boiler factory faded cure the fare reduction of one half of a cent. The great bulk of streetcar patrons pay full fare. The Daly Portunity to fan him-with a flatordinance would make the lower fare an actuality. Many people RESULT of the reduction of might still pay full fare, but the the tariff on wool will be an greater number would take advan-

clothes. This is the general The streetcar company is expectopinion of clothing manufacturers. ed to oppose the regulation on the The nominal price of the suit may ground that its enforcement would not be changed but the suit will be confiscatory. The only question contain materials of better quality, involved is the issue of reasonable-Say there is a reduction of twenty ness, and on this issue there is op-

of a suit, while giving better value, be no guesswork, for it has been a trail that smells like Satan's the manufacturer and dealer will the history of public service corpora- breath, it may be a motorcycle and law of buying. Through the prac- often defeated regulation because event you'd better do some fancy tice of years it has become a fixed legislative bodies fail to regulate footwork and resolve forthwith to

If the streetcar company can sell For instance a man pays \$25, \$30 six tickets for twenty-live cents, or \$35 for a suit, but he does not and at the same time pay upkeep One of the greatest, benefits to after interest and other fixed adjective. a policy of increasing their capitalization as fast as earnings increased, a practice of doubtful falrness.

Mr. Daly's proposal indicates that Portland's new government is taking hold of issues vital to the people. There is ground for hope that in deciding these issues action will be just to all concerned.

REGULATED BABIES

regulation in eradicating rab-fruct. ies than is the case of Great between the program of direct ac- Britain. In 1895, 672 persons died tion and sabotage on the one hand from rables as a result of bites from mad dogs. The widespread fatal-The head in the I. W. W. is Wil- ities caused restrictive measures to liam D. Haywood. He was dismissed be inaugurated, and all dogs were from his relation with the true body ordered muzzled for a period of six of Socialists. He has no standing in months. In addition, six months the organized trades. He is not a quarantine was required before any union man. He has no record as a dog was allowed to be imported into

Genuine a cialism could not stand rate followed. In 1896, the deaths the socalied "I. W. W. trouble" Runfor Haywood's preachments of class fell to 438, and in 1897, to 151. In ning through it all is the grossest ignored violence. A remarkable decline in the death hatred, violence, disorder and rev- 1898, the number was 17, the 1899. olution. True Socialists could not nine, in 1900, six, and in 1901, only of to muzzle those who preach doc stand to be a party to duping ignor- one. In 1902, there was an out- trines unpopular with big business inant men, women and children into break in the north of Wales, with terests. false hopes of elysian fields of ease 13 deaths. In 1903, there was but all?

For 10 years past there has been no death in England from rabies First street hotel which keeps no cialist has no feelish notion and caused, by a mad dog. The effecspreads no foolish gospel that in tiveness with which rables was stamped out is a sufficient answer sients. A similar number focate ness and an ideal condition are to to those who oppose application of

Regulation is not only desirable in a state without government or as a protection to people, but it is insignificant by comparison seems the universe is stable. Disturbing forces due as a protection to dogs. If the soap box. dogs knew the awful character of and faithful animals would vote for wished to accomplish. Such doctrines

THE COLUMBIA HIGHWAY

ORK is about to begin on the Portland - Hood River stretch of the Columbia that the program will be finished by

It seems strange that after more problem, of going by team or automobile from Portland to Hood River. Throughout most of the way there effective form of labor organization. when a canoe overturned in mountain there is a link that a goat try into innumerable weak craft or the Willemette river last night. is a fair county road, but at Shell the Willamette river last night, can hardly pass. There is also a ganizations and advocate instead, very good county road from Hood dustrial unionism-"one big union." About a week ago, in the same River to The Dalles.

new highway opens up large pos-sibilities for tourist travel through the I. W. W.'s by the employers and fic, but they do not need to be closed Eastern Oregon.

No scenic route in the world Hood River were completed and the abused men, women and children.

not thousands of miles away.

would quickly raise the issue if Diego. gon would not be the route for the lent talk. When it comes to real "di the streetcar company to sell are shipping their machines to The forcement of such an ordinance ward to Bend, Klamath and Crater

People not buying tickets would pay there is added the scenic boulevard the regular fare, five cents. The along the Columbia, changes will company now sells fifty tickets for have to be made in Western Oregon no other reason than that he may \$2.25, a fare of four and a half highways north of Jackson county cents. The Daly ordinance would or the main north and south route therefore mean an actual reduction for tourists will be east of the Cas-

A Shanghai paper says that a beautiful hot weather custom obsits up all night fanning her husband. Here in America she's more likely to sit up all night for an op-

An optimistic strap-hanger suggests that perhaps the local transportation trust may have harvested enough nickles from Sunday's heatfleeing crowds to put one more streetcar in commission.

A Delaware grandame of ninety years has just passed away from eating huckleberry ple—which to

tions in America that they have it may be a meteor; but in either make your will.

Pretty soon there will be no Mexican question. The question itself usually pay \$23.98 or other odd and return a compensating dividend may survive, but is being compreon a fair valuation of its property, hensively relieved of its pullicose

> Weston, the veteran pedestrian, is yet-at least with mundane wings.

Socialists assert that Secretary Daniels is responsible for the Seattle riots: He is-to about the same extent the Angel Gabriel would be for an insurrection in Hades.

Now's the time that the fly which wasn't swatted employs himself most busily in recalling an unpardonable oversight.

Time is money; but after you've HERE could be no more con- had your "time," some other felvincing proof of the value of low always banks the ensuing usu-

Letters From the People

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

The Purpose of the I. W. W. Portland, July 20 .- To the Editor of The Journal-There is much excitenorance and prejudice and the excitement of the people is taken advantage What is supposed to have started it

I. W. W.'s on account of this has done far worse by Governor West. It pracmere calling of abusive names from a

But this immoderate street oratory served as a handy excuse for ordering street speaking stopped, and this is the end that big business has long socialism are very distasteful to capitalist interests and they attempted to restrict free speech legally by proposing a measure giving the mayor power to issue or refuse permits street speaking. The people voted the measure down and at became necessary to go outside the law to restrict the highway. It is expected preachings of unpopular doctrines.

I have no connection in any way with the I. W. W but believe in fair play and intelligent treatment of a of a conductor of heat. It is only for

nor let any one else work. They attack the system of unions that divide the workers of a great indus- Our mayor will discover easier ways of it would seriously cripple instruction in Some I. W. W. may be violent espec-ially in their talk, but the record of inals and ridding the town of real veloped a system which has been in The determination to build the the organization's big strikes has not the officers of the law.

In Lawrence, Mass., the mill owners would present attractions more planted the dynamite in the homes of what it feeds upon until liberty is for its schools independent of the action what it feeds upon until liberty is for its schools independent of the action what it feeds upon until liberty is for its schools independent of the action what it feeds upon until liberty is for its schools independent of the action what it feeds upon until liberty is for its schools independent of the action what it feeds upon until liberty is for its schools independent of the action what it feeds upon until liberty is for its schools independent of the action what it feeds upon until liberty is for its schools independent of the action what it feeds upon until liberty is for its schools independent of the action what it feeds upon until liberty is for its schools independent of the action what it feeds upon until liberty is for its schools independent of the action when the property is the workers, imprisoned action when the property is for its schools independent of the action when the property is for its schools independent of the action when the property is for its schools independent of the action when the property is for its schools independent of the action when the property is for its schools independent of the action when the property is for its schools independent of the action when the property is the property splendid than a boulevard along the splendid than a boulevard along the vannitti for months on a false murder enough in the American flag for me, that the city board would do something ary and has a large family to support, Columbia. If once the stretch to charge and the police shamefully and stars enough in it without hunt- at once to relieve the teachers and puleg from Hood River to The Dalles made modern, an enormous tourist the J. W. w. and strikers. The wave it? We have power in our own business would be attracted. No United States senate committee was road of similar length in the world would vie with it in beauty of scene would vie with it in beauty of scene West Virginia of the armored train ALFRED D. CRIDGE. It would be a route that would that in the night shot up a camp of attract travelers from hundreds if sleeping miners and their wives and children. Last year mobs of respectable citizens beat and deported I Completion of both stretches W.'s from Hoquiam, Raymond and Sun These brutal mobs were com-Eastern rather than Western Ore-posed of the very law and order peo-Pacific Highway, so-called. The rect action" and mob violence the re-tickets for \$2.25. Those books are sold where instruction and text shall go P. B. P. Oregon counties are already sought latest example of the respect for the law is shown by the action of a mbb by many travelers in preference to of business men who drove Dr. Leach OMMISSIONER DALY has proposed an ordinance requiring ists even from Willamette valley, the property of the I. W. W. and Socialist locals in Seattle, Imagine, if you can, such acts committed by six tickets for 25 cents. En- Dalles, and proceeding thence south- W. W.'s and Socialists against any business man's club. What a howl of rage would go up from the Atlantic to the Pacific in the same capitalist ress that looks with calmness upon in some, eight tickets for a quarter, these late acts of violence committed. The Portland Railway, Light & Power against the works.

Are the laws made by the capitalist the people of Portland cheaper rates, class to be obeyed by the workers but violated with impunity by themselves?

Suppose our newspapers show less would lose nothing.

Rebukes Both Sides.

Portland, July 21,—To the Editor of The Journal—The recent display of force against the people was as unas foolish, as unnecessary, as have been for several years the ribald. vicious, treascnable tirades of the L. W. W. Public sentiment does not care w. W. Public sentiment does not care so much as to the method of suppressing the I. W. W. as the accomplishment of their suppression. The latter organization has sown the wind and is reaping the whiriwind. The trouble is that other people and natural rights

must also share in the harvest.

Persecution only feeds the I. W. W.
for the organization to grow the faster.

It is sheer folly to club and best them
until they have aroused sympathy and evolved martyrs.
On the other hand, the abuse of the right of free speech has aroused a strong resentment in the hearts of

PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE

Now then, is it ____? "Tommy" Word isn't easily scared,

women. The right of free speech, like most others, has limitations.

Ambassador Wilson has come back, Why don't the jailed agitators resor

Mulhali seems willing to tell all he knows, and it is a "whole lot." There is now likely to be a large in-crease of business in the dog pound. Whether or not these are dog-days in old sense, they are

The tariff debate won't increase the circulation of the Congressional Record much.

O, yes, it's quite warm here some imes in midsummer, but never deadly always breezy.

In the dog world it is the same; all must suffer for the faults or misfortunes of the few.

Though he didn't capture the presidency again, Colonel Roosevelt is bound to have a builty time, anyway.

A "constitutional" general expects to capture Juarez soon. Unless it was cap-tured every week or two, Juarez wouldn't know what to do with itself.

An effort will be made to keep in operation the business college recently established at Marshfield.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS

Eugene Register: The Shasta Limited has now become a first class train. It takes passengers on tickets from Eu-gene.

The Canyon City Eagle says condi-tions are shaping themselves favorably for "the best county fair that has yet been witnessed by the people of Grant

Hillsboro Argus: Flood and heat in the east and middle west will send many a man to Oregon next year—that is, many a man who wishes to live where these extremes are unknown.

Brownsville Times: It is a noticeable fact that nearly every new sidewalk constructed in Brownsville this season is being made of cement. Apparently the wooden walk is a thing of the past.

The first cake of ice ever made in Newport was sold at suction for \$7.50. The Newport correspondent of the To-ledo Leader says it "should have brought \$25, because this is just the beginning of a great industry."

The Scio News asks, "What kills a town? and then answers: "It is when some poor, miscrable, dwarfed soul tries to put it in his pocket. While it looks foolish, many good towns are run right into the ground by just such people."

The editor of the Condon Times offers a reward of \$20 for information that will lead to the conviction of the mis-creant that shot his dog, and, in addi-tion, says editorially that 'the man who would shoot an inoffensive dog de-serves a term in the state's prison."

new gravitational forces which ar

these

WORLD WITHOUT END

From the Literary Digest. If it is a comfort to anybody to feel added to the Newtonian forces, hat life will exist forever on our "Although very small indeed, that life will exist forever on our planet instead of lasting only a few forces may be calculated with great million years after he is gone, he should precision; the most important of them by all means read the address of a is in the direction of the planet's mo-German scientist who holds out this tion and thus aids that motion. It inthe race. The eternity of creases with the planet's velocity and matter has always been proclaimed by varies in inverse ratio to the distance science, but she has denied the in-definite existence of the particular tional forces introduce into the move-groups and systems of matter that we ments of the planets disturbances that What is supposed to have started it find in our own universe. Flammarion, all?

Why some immoderate street speakers are charged with incendiary utterances and of calling Governor West to its termination. It would seem to abnormal oscillations of the vertical, unpleasant names. One of the Port-land papers most enraged against the achieve its end soonest. Now, however, littles of gravitation, which Newton's law comes Professor Gustav Jaumann of the of action at a distance could not do.
Brunn Polytechnic school, Germany, and These new forces of gravitation, moretically charged him with misarropri-announces in an inaugural address on over, give to the planetary system a sting public funds and he is reported "Modern Views of the End of the physical stability of practically unlimto have brought a libel suit scainst World," quite a different doctrine. The ited extent. They preserve the present this defamer of his character. How modern view, he asserts, is that the forms of planetary orbits, not only in universe is stable. Disturbing forces spite of the considerable resistances due has controlled and will probably spend act only to call into being other op- to friction with the cosmic ether, but the balance of his days in the dignified posing forces which will restore the balance of things. Loss of heat is a perturbation of this nature, due, for ly large fortune he has acquired, balanced by the inflow of gravitational instance, to the passage, near the solar energy. the consequences of new theories of should completely change the form of gravitation which take into account the the planets orbits, the new gravitafact that the gravitational impulse requires time to travel through space. Newton's law on this view holds exactly only for bodies at rest whereas our system is in motion. translation of Professor Jaumann's address into French published in the Revue Scientifique:

"The anomalies of the field of gravitation are compensated in cosmic space according to a law analogous to that which governs the irregularities of distribution of temperatures in the mass bodies at rest that Newton's law of front of these bodies, giving rise to be regarded as eternal."

tional forces would introduce into the elements of the orbits such variations to their present stable forms. Far from being fatal to us, the fractional sistance of the cosmic ether would appear only as a factor destined to give stability to the planetary orbits. The greater this resistance is, the more considerable are the new gravitational forces and the more obstinately will the orbits preserve their shapes, despite all disturbances. ther question of the planets' falling into than sixty years of occupation by Employers hate and fear the I. W. W., effects at a distance follows exactly stead of tending toward a more or less the white man, there is no means not because—as is so foolishly charged from the differential law of gravitation, distant destruction, the planetary syson't work The motions of the planets involve dis-but be-turbances—a kind of accumulation, so period which, estimated by notions of cause they are members of the most to speak, of the field of gravitation in time that we are able to conceive, may

> discover he has plenty of work cut crooks. entirely to meetings, else we shall have a dictatorship that will grow by

ing a vision of more beneath a police- pils from this embarrassment. hands in Oregon, and violent hands in Oregon, Why talk folly and

Streetcar Service in Portland. Portland, July 20,-To the Editor of The Journal—There is no reason why of the new administration, no better the residents of Portland should not starting point than this can be found. the residents of Portland should not starting point than this can be found, any given moment or else every tractive have cheaper streetcar rates. When I It means much to the pupils of this unit in its zone becomes dead; whereas, first came to Portland I was told the along under this ridiculous whether they are compelled to labor under a steam transportation system car companies charged five cents for at the office which makes a person lose hand in hand. lots of time and spend one or two tickets to go to the office for the book There are many who would rather pay five cents fare than bother with the books. Then again there are many can't afford to expend \$2.25 at one time

company should be compelled to give

violated with impunity by themselves;
Suppose our newspapers show less excitement about the mote in the working man must struggle too hard as it is to keep out of debt. We hard as it is to keep out of debt. We should get together and try to make his burden as light for him as we can. I hope Commissioner Daly will put this hope Commissioner Daly will put this ordinance through, and that this commission council will see that this ordinance is put into effect. D. H. KLINE.

> Common Sense in School Books. The Journal—It has become apparent from the actions of the members of the city school board that they intend to labels the wreckage with hideous signs continue, for another year at least, the list of textbooks in use for the past six the bride into premature wrinkies and years. Evidently this is to be done in deference to the new superintendent who is just now gathering up the reins.
>
> Neighborhoods and small communiwho is just now gathering up the reins of his administration and, considered as a whole, is a very wise and sane solution of the problems that confront

But the members of the board and the superintendent seem to have overlooked one point that needs particular attention at once. Teachers and parents all

despite huge accidental disturbances. If These views, he tells us, are system, of a fixed star at high speed,

handling crowds than riding them this branch to continue its use. So the use for the young man who wastes his down like sheep, and our sheriff will superintendent, with the aid and so time kissing her hand. superintendent, with the aid and co-There is an enormous field use ever since. This system has demonstrated that it is much superior to the present text.

> The legislature of 1913 passed a law permitting Portland to adopt textbooks as little emotion as she displays in courses are open to the board. Either Why they may adopt the present system, own which has appeared in textbook form, has been adopted by the state for six years, and is endorsed by prominent educators everywhere. Or they may throw the subject open and select at least a better and more modern text than the one the pupils are now compelled to

waste money buying.

If efficiency is to be the watchword

Horseplay.

In Kansas City the other night some of the youthful and exuberant members

long in recovering.

This is not repeated to prove that Kansas City is a bad place in which to live. For, aside from its pillory of a union depot, its miserable winters and unbearable summers, Kansas City is all unbearable summers, kansas City is all the second of the right. The incident is recited as evi dence that the village cutup has thus far escaped the fool killer. This sample of half-baked humorist is indigenous to weddings. Formerly he contented himself with "charivaring"

the newly married pair. In the good old days he was treated to wedding cake, ice cream or bird shot-whichever Portland, July 31.—To the Editor of handy. Now he "whitecaps" the bridge-The Journal—It has become apparent room, decorates the baggage with ribbon

> ties are infested with this merry wag and large cities are not immune. He is first cousin to the man who rocks the boat and next of kin to the wit who yells "Fire!" in a theatre.

Must Go Through the Motions.

over the city realise that the instrucion in arithmetic in the Portland
schools has been seriously handicapped
for several years through the lack of
a suitable text in the hands of the
pupils.

Under the former state law Portland
was compelled to use a series of textbooks adopted by a state board of textbooks commissioners. The text adopted

Customer—I say, Mr. Barber, I don't
hear your scissors at work on my hair
Barber (apologetically) — There is
very little hair on your head, sir.
Customer—That makes no difference,
I pay my money, and I want you to
rattle the scissors on the baid place,
just the same as if I had hair on it.

BUCCANEER MELLEN

From the San Francisco Bulletin. The report of the interstate com-merce commission, covering its investi-gation into the financial transactions of the so-called Mellen system, reads more like a choice work of fiction of the Dick Turpin order than a parrative, of modern business. The document is very voluminous, but on account of its great local interest is published in full. in the New England papers.
The ambition of Charles St Mellen

was to establish an absolute and autocratic monopoly of the tremendous transportation business of the New England states. So far as the steam roads were concerned he was success ful. He gained control of the two railroads, the New York, New Haven & Hartford and the Eiston & Maine, which control the traffic of the region, and with their credit proceeded to wreck or abcorb every competitor. The trolleys came along with immense mileages. He bought them, regardless of price. Competition by sea was treated in the same way. Profitable lines were bought-up and the service reduced or abandoned altogether. Two fine steamers bought for \$900,000 were sent to the scrap pile and realized \$40,000. Harvard and Yale were sent to the Pacific coast. All this time Mellen was playing

ducks and drakes with the money right-fully belonging to the stockholders of

two principal railroads. On this

point the language of the commission is delightfully precise. In spite of a system of bookkeeping characterized as inherently victous, which beclouds all transactions," the commission has no difficulty in arriving at startling facts, In a deal for Rhode Island trolleys, it declares, the sum of \$13,500,000 was given away for nothing." This is furalluded to as an impressive ject lesson in high finance." In another deal \$12,000,000 vanished into thin air." The sum of \$3,000,000 was apparently "given away" to J. L. Billhead and assoclates. Only once in its report does the commission resort to the soft pedal That is when it refers to the expenditure of \$100,000 to "mold opinion" during a certain session of the Connecticut legislature. This kind of "molding" is sometimes called by a harsher name. Altogether, the commission figures out that the stockholders of the two big roads are poorer by something like \$200,000,000 through Mellen's victous activities. Yet so vast is the legitimate business of the New York, New & Hartford and the Boston & Maine railroads that, the commission says, "in spite of continued mismanagement and utter fiscal recklessness, their solvency is not impaired."

This, of course, is good news. It is better news that Mr. Mellen has retired from the management of the lines he has controlled and will probably spend and graceful enjoyment of the extreme-

Will Mr. Mellen suffer any legal inconvenience because of his misconduct? Why, of course not. Mr. Mellen wasn't tempted to steal a ham or hold out \$20 of his employer's money to tide over sickness in his family. he would be put behind the bars. But even in these days a loot of \$200,000,000 is unusual and impressive. It commands at once the respectful regard of society and the law.

Pointed Paragraphs

If a man has too much money it's no task at all for him to acquire more.

One way to avoid a quarrel is to be absent at the psychological moment. Between two evils it is better tomarry for money than for a chance to

The enterprising summer girl has no

A successful financier is one whom everybody claims to have known when

he didn't have a dollar to his name. According to statistics, one woman in a thousand can open a telegram with

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From the Philadelphia Telegraph.
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