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Aspire, break bounds! I say, Endeavor to be good, and better still. And best -Robert Browning.

#### A COMMENDABLE STEP

HE activity of the Portland

north to do missionary work in the facts. Southeastern Alaska and the Yukon

promoting local prosperity.

We cannot survive by merely having the landlords raise rentals yers. higher and higher.

Something must be done that is not parasitical. Payrolls, said James J. Hill, are the big basic fact on which to build prosperity for a city. Distant trade connections for Portland mills and manufacturing establishments will make increased payrolls. When the Portland Chamber becomes active in aidercises the function of a real chamber of commerce.

Portland's frade possibilities in Alaska are almost boundless. Alaska territory is an undeveloped trade kingdom. It is almost a continent of resources.

opened. The shipment of machinery for the vast development of coal mines has not yet started. It is as If the surface of the great mineral empire of the North had only been scratched. There is no question but the figures of the future in that territory will pass into the one-hundred-million-dollar notches.

congress, and it is a bill which proes the opening of the great coal sudden and extraordinary activity.

It will mean railroad building with its consequent demand for supplies, clothing, blankets, machinery, mines with further enormous de- on platforms must be removed. On even because it is a custom. Give most important public propositions ever

The Portland-Alaska line is timewill be more and more commendable of car will be allowed to carry. according as they are more and more aggressive.

# LEAN WALL STREET DAYS

TESTERDAY 705,700 shares of

Stock Exchange during November approval. was "bad." The first half of the Suburban service within the city time that people ignore givers of fell off in the third week to ap- mission, unless operated as an in- of giving. proximately 100,000 shares. The tegral part of the city schedules, last week did little better. Stock jobbing did well if it paid bare expenses during the month.

The dog days of 1893 and 1895 are portant order issued. recalled. Approach of the end of the year, refusal of the people to speculate on Wall Street's terms, the their business has fallen off.

not attracted by Wall Street. Per- iar episodes. The new one proposes tisement, an Oregon school teacher, haps it is because they have lost eight steamships, to ply between after visiting a Walla Walla woman money there too often. Possibly the Boston and Pacific Coast points. people are tired of contributing to

Already eight European lines are
the 1100 listed members of the scheduled for the service through
Stock Exchange. There must be the canal to Pacific Coast points.

Since Thanksgiving is engaged to marry her in about three weeks. He says she is intelligent, has a good temper, and is physically, a Venus. some such reason, for, unlike in Many great steamships are in pro- Still, there will be time for a change contemplated in the sterilization act

creasing with leaps and bounds. It nections they will make. is estimated that the increase for History has never known such a 1913 will be \$100,000,000, of which trade dislocation as the canal will amount \$80,000,000 was scored in bring. The elimination of Cape a vote of 184 is reminder that in the subject. It may be known that it the subject. It may be known that it the nine months for which figures Horn is a new birth of freedom for are available. Practically all the ocean trade between the world and everybody knows exactly what is gother provisions of this act on the individual as would be the curing of an important classes of manufactures the Western Hemisphere. It will ing on at the city hall, and for the show larger exports in 1913 than in make of the western seaports of the united States a new system of clear-whom to hold accountable for short-

changes.

MR. FULTON'S EMBARRASSMENT

HARLES W. FULTON, former senator, stated in the federal court last Saturday that The Journal had not infrequently interfered with the trial of his cases, He said:

I have stood something of that in promote efficiency, past in the trial of cases in this county coming from a certain journal, a certain newspaper of this city, and I the attention of the court

cuss Mr. Fulton. That will be attended to after the pending trial effective. ends.

The purpose here is merely to say Chamber of Commerce in be- that not in the article which Mr. of the time, is for more efficient half of an Alaska steamship Fulton exceriated nor in any other government. The whole denuncialine is a high service to Port- erticle ever published by The Jour- tion of the time is largely directed line is a high service to Portland.

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from the body is to work among

Portland business interests for sup
Portland business interests for support for the line. A campaign is on of a jury that he has many times cost of government. to induce Portland jobbers and man-been embarrassed in the trial of ufacturers to send representatives cases by this newspaper, he falsifies lion a year for maintenance of the

hampered Mr. Fulton in the practice for the support of state, county and It is a splendid leadership. The of his profession, but it has had no municipal government. We are payweakest point about Portland has desire to do so. Usually it is utbeen her lack of alertness in open- terly oblivious to the cases that Mr. governed than the value of all the ing new trade connections in dis- Fulton has on trial, and in his im- gold mined in the United States Carey's address to the association of tant fields. Such connections are aginings that The Journal seeks him not only desirable but imperative in out for embarrassment at the bar period of 118 years. he takes himself far too seriously.

swapping town lots. Nor can we other ideas, and has a far higher of government, but all other pub- which is true. He also spoke of the swapping town lots. Nor can we other ideas, and has a lar night of government, but all other pub-chrich ourselves if everybody does function to perform than to be con-lic officials should do the same. sion as a sort of clearing house, which nothing but collect interest on loans, cerned with what is the law practice Not only should Mr. Brewster is a good idea. Now if prepared laws

### STREETCAR REGULATIONS

pisconsin's Railroad Commission has had experts at ing Milwaukee's streetcar service. It was found that some of the cars were carrying more people standing than seated. As a result ing an Alaska steamship line, it ex- has issued an order regulating the of the investigation the commission number of cars which must be op-

The commission directs that during rush periods at least 67 seats shall be furnished for every 100 passengers demanding transportation. The maximum number of The great coal deposits are not yet seats during non-rush period need not be more than 133 per 100 pa- HE Society for the Prevention

In order to facilitate the handling of crowds, the commission designates two hours, morning, noon and sense. The society's president out- ple could be heard. night, as rush periods, when a reg- lines its purpose. ular number of cars is required. An Alaska bill is now pending in stationed at important transfer in- is being made on the exchange sys- Journal.] tersections and at other points where tem of giving, which has degener necessary for the movement of ated into an abuse of Christmas and

> tioned at important points. The fng. overcrowding, the commission fixes and joy of giving.

stock were traded in on the pany's finances shows that the im- and receiving imposes giving. New York Stock Exchange. Provements can be made immediate.

On the preceding Monday 58. ly without embarrassment. Hereaf
their entire purpose this Christmas, civilized people of the western world.

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The spans will not accomplish the entire purpose this christmas. 600 shares were turned over. It ter, all cars, additional inspectors nor for a number of years. But the Only a few years have passed since the am not a Methodist nor a member of, to tinker with a prison which has been am not a Methodist nor a member of, to tinker with a prison which has been am not a Methodist nor a member of, to tinker with a prison which has been am not a Methodist nor a member of, to tinker with a prison which has been am not a Methodist nor a member of, to tinker with a prison which has been am not a Methodist nor a member of, to tinker with a prison which has been am not a Methodist nor a member of, to tinker with a prison which has been am not a Methodist nor a member of, to tinker with a prison which has been am not a Methodist nor a member of the contract of the prison which has been am not a Methodist nor a member of the prison which has been am not a Methodist nor a member of the prison which has been approached by the prison was the dullest day the exchange has and other people employed by the society is serving a good cause by pony express was the only rapid combany to aid in handling the colling attention to a provide which the society is serving a good cause by munication between the Atlantic and body of Methodists are too pariotic, cause that would be merely temporizing

Blue fog envelops Wall Street, the Milwaukee lines is the first im- thing useful or heart-gladdening.

# ANOTHER STEAMSHIP LINE

big brokerage houses as the reasons A line is booked for Portland who have. when the canal opens. Such It is evident that the people are announcements have become famil-

other years, lean days in Wall cess of construction for this especial Street are not coincident with stagtrade. Nobody knows how many nation elsewhere.

Still, there will be time for a change contemplated in the sternization and there is not certainty that William's notion that Maria November 29 to belong to one or the contemplated in the sternization and there is not certainty that William's notion that Maria November 29 to belong to one or the certainty that will be calculated in the sternization and there is not certainty that william's notion that Maria November 29 to belong to one or the certainty that will be considered in the sternization and there is not certainty that will be considered in the sternization and there is not certainty that will be considered in the sternization and there is not certainty that will be considered in the sternization and the certainty that will be considered in the sternization and the certainty that will be considered in the sternization and the certainty that will be considered in the sternization and the certainty that will be considered in the sternization and the certainty that will be considered in the sternization and the certainty that will be considered in the sternization and the certainty that will be considered in the sternization and the certainty that will be considered in the sternization and the certainty that will be considered in the sternization and the certainty that will be considered in the sternization and the certainty that will be considered in the sternization and the certainty that will be considered in the sternization and the certainty that will be considered in the sternization and the certainty that will be considered in the sternization and the certainty that will be considered in the sternization and the certainty that will be considered in the sternization and the certainty that will be considered in the sternization and the certainty that will be considered in the certainty that will be considered in the certainty that will be considered

Exports of manufactures are in- what routes and directions and con- eclipse before six months.

A condition that it will project

factory is worth more to the coun- and regulating freight rates, it will the elevators. try than one hundred Stock Ex- be the most powerful commission known to history,

JANITOR CHAMBERLAIN

Brewster's purpose in removing Janitor Chamberlain. There is not the slightest doubt that

have felt that I have violated my been little or no showing on the he had only let the company duty many times by not bringing it to side of Mr. Brewster, and so far, known. the whole effect is a condemnation There is no purpose here to dis- of Mr. Brewster because of his en-

The Journal holds no brief for he thinks about it. Mr. Brewster. But the whole clamor

We are paying more than a bilnational government. We are pay-The Journal has not only not ing more than two billions a year ing out more each year for being from 1792 to 1909, inclusive, a

be condemned for it.

the city.

## THE "SPUGS"

regions. It will be passed at the traffic and the maintenance of has drifted to the level of the com-

front doors of prepayment cars are It is urged that people give gen- I wish to congratulate The Journal and will mean the opening of the coal both ends. The dividing partitions further some ulterlor motive, nor splendid work they have done for the mands for products and manufac- the front sides of cars must be dis- willingly for the pleasure or help placed before the people of both counplayed route signs. To prevent you may bestow. Give for the love

> of car will be allowed to carry.
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> The management is directed, durning holidays, to "use all reasonable too few are expressions of the states and foreign countries will pass to and fro over it. Canada and Mexico ing holidays, to "use all reasonable too few are expressions of the real will feel the benefit of it, the same as efforts to supply such service as will Christmas spirit. Presents have we will feel the benefit of the great meet the demand specified for rush come to be, in large measure, the Panama canal when it is opened. A complete analysis of the com- of barter. Giving implies receiving, improvement that is spreading over this

under control of the state railroad read, the trash no one wants, the

The "Spugs" have the essence of

Attracted by a newspaper adver- one.

The rejection of commission gov- and prejudice on such vital

making their salt, but the men who lines already establishing agencies several years ago. There was the make valuable things are working and contracting for terminal connectowering skypiece of last year with full time. It is a good indication. It will be the greatest force quarter decks, poop decks and the The time was when prosperity was ever known made suddenly available muzzle hat pin sweeping the horizon. gauged by Wall Street standards. It for the rapid and tremendous de- Or, there is the smaller gear of this is possible the people have learned velopment of a new trade field in season with its poultry yard of a much needed lesson. One busy the far Pacific states. For reducing feathers taking up all the room in

Nathan Strauss is to retire from business to engage in philanthropy. He is one millionaire whose wealth was accumulated in open competi-HERE is not the slightest doubt tion, without trust or tariff favoritas to what was Commissioner ism, and his bestowals for that reason, are highly commendable.

Speaking of lower salaries, Charles Mr. Brewster did so in an effort to S. Mellen, former president of the New Haven railroad, said he would A considerable storm has been have worked just as hard for \$25,raised by the incident. There has 000 a year as he did for \$75,000. If

As to needed schoolhouses, the taxpayers want them built and paid for
at once, doubtless the better policy.

Huerta says the world is watchdeavor to make the public service ing Mexico. John Lind is also watching, but nobody knows what

## Letters From the People

lished, he should so state.)

"Discussion is the greatest of all reformers. "Discussion is the greatest of all reformers, it rationalizes everything it touches. It robe principles of all false sanctity and throws them back on their reasonableness. If they have no reasonableness, it ruthlessly crushes them out of existence and sets up its own conclusions in their stand." Western William

Advicates State Newspaper. McEwen, Or., Nov. 28 .- To the Editor of The Journal-I note in Charles H.

lawyers in reference to the referendum, in which he stated that he thought it unnecessary that all laws be referred to Not only should Commissioner the people, and giving as the reason The Journal has other aims and Brewster seek to lessen the cost that there was no chance for discussion, Nor can we promote prosperity by of one lawyer or of a thousand law-not be penalized for any reasonable are for the people, the people should effort to promote public efficiency, have a chance to vote and also to disbut no other public official should cuss all those of any import. The people at present have no chance to make their views known. Those pamphlets As to Janitor Chamberlain, after sent out to the voters by the state prior 14 years in the public service, there to elections do not serve their proper work for a year investigat- should be something better for him purpose. Let me suggest a remedy that ond week, by the same kind of agree at 72 than dismissal. If he is not has been long delayed, and that is a newspaper owned and published by the railroad bill. vately owned papers has been a failure. ice Commission, and, without need is of the most advantage to themselves, of continued hullabaloo, the episode and many a good article goes into the will certainly be adjusted in a way waste basket. As an example of this pect. just to old age and with credit to the fact that President Wilson had ordered the release of Coffman, the Socialist soldier, from Fort Stevens; also that the Appeal to Reason had received a \$50,000 donation.

Up to a short time ago our county of Useless Giving, members of and state governments were conducted which are called "Spugs" for by a few interested individuals, and the reason for it lay in the fact that there short, is backed by common was no medium through which the peo-

The story of Coffman's release was Collective giving, which is cus-printed in The Journal. The matter of During rush hours, traffic officers, tomary and almost compulsory at the donation to the Appeal to Reason with authority of trainmen, must be Christmas, is attacked. An assault was never brought to the notice of The

# The Interstate Bridge.

mon swap, utterly devoid of the people a place in which to express their Fare collectors are also to be sta- faintest trace of sentiment or mean- opinions in regard to public subjects, in your valuable paper; so if you will allow a Washington reader a little space tools, and unlimited necessaries. It to be opened and fares collected at erously, but not from fear, not to the people of Multnomah county on the ties and states which it will connect. When the great structure is completed it will connect not only the countles and The Portland Chambers' efforts the number of passengers each type There has been a woeful lack of states which it immediately binds to-

The Pacific Highway and the bridge medium of exchange in a system which is only a link in this great public the most progressive part of the civilpeople quit giving useless gifts; it is ern Pacific railroad had to start west from St. Paul, and how slow the prog- posing was free books for every paromore proficient we have become in the art of construction. A man I was talk- our It is suggested that we forget the ing with today throught it would take Street railways in Wisconsin are dog collar, the book no one will years to construct this bridge, and when I told him we expected to walk over the commission, and the order affecting junk no one can use, and give some- Portland in 1914, he thought we were wild. Am I badly off on the time?

There are nearly 100 Daily Journals Christmas in their campaign. Why taken in this neighborhood, and the pa per is highly appreciated for its enternot abandon the barter and ex- prise, for all these papers are deliv-Mexican situation and other incidents of the times are given by the big brokerage houses as the reasons.

A NNOUNCEMENT was made yes—
terday that another steamship big brokerage houses as the reasons.

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make others glad? Give to those who have not, rather than to those soon be spanned by one of the finest soon be spanned by one of the finest not unlike ourselves. The discoveries bridges in the world. Let Clarke and of Schlaparelli and Lowell as to Mars, Multnomah counties "shake" and be as which seem to be gaining confirmation J. A. KEATON.

# Sterilization vs. Pestilence.

Portland, Dec. 1 .- To the Editor of since Thanksgiving is engaged to The Journal-It must be that at presgreat lines will, be established, nor is a Venus will not sink into total other of these classes. But it surely is to be a law in Oregon at no very distant day, for it is not the character of Oregon people to cherish ignorance except crude materials for use in ing houses for national and internacomings or reward for good service. sands of helpless infants brought into
manufactuing have scored heavy in- tional business Jane Addams is said to have lift a finger to prevent such a curse The figures demonstrate that factories are busy even if Wall Street ing business. This is assured by lat"? Several things. There was tarian movement, he take steps to become really acquainted with the subject and the actual nature of the so called

# PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

### SMALL CHANGE

It was a seasonable, typical Novem-

Before the holidays might be the better time to swear off. O well, better 50 years of Portland than a cycle of Siam, anyway.

Mightn't a person be thankful, as Christmas approaches, for having no friends?

If you buy more than you can afford, charge it up to the high cost of living.

The bride who desires to promise to "obey" surely loves and has confidence in the bridegroom.

Every week's delay in passing a cur-rency bill adds to the discredit of the

Democrats. Opinions entitled to favorable consideration are that the tango dance is decent and proper—if it is not abused.

This is the month when old High-Cost-of-Living becomes more oppressive than in any other month of the year. If the "constitutionalists" take Mexico City and capture Huerta, he won' have much doubt as to what they wil do to him.

It is not the president's fault that congress was not through with two big jobs—tariff and curfency—and ready to adjourn weeks ago; as it easily might

In the southwestern portion of the ountry, where rain falls but seldom, it In the southwestern portion of the country, where rain falls but seldom, it comes in destructive torrents when it does come, thought of which fact leads to another, to-wit: That people of the Pacific northwest do not sufficiently appreciate the great blessing of its slow, easy, prolonged rains.

# OREGON SIDELIGHTS

During the year ending September 20, Gilliam county paid out in bountles on wild animals \$1422.50. Three-fourths of this amount was paid on coyotes.

Condon Globe: Edward Curran, for-mer editor of the Condon Times, a scheduled to deliver an address before the journalism class at the university next week. Mr. Curran is editing a next week. Mr. Curran paper in Vancouver now.

The Medfor Sun's dope is that the man who married Jessle Wilson will always be known as Jessle's husband not the president's son-in-law, and the Sun feels constrained to observe that fame does treat some folks shabbily.

Wallowa county's delinquent tax roll is the smallest in years—only \$4182—and the Enterprise Record Chieftain says the excellent showing is due "in large measure to the genial, persuasive methods of Deputy Collector Charles E. Crow."

Newberg Enterprise: Here is an odd coincidence: The father of the editor of the Newberg Graphic was born in eastern Tennessee near the North Carolina line; the father of the editor of the Newberg Enterprise was born in western North Carolina near the Tennessee line. western Nor nessee line.

John Alden Seabury's Eastern Oregon Mining Journal, published at Greenhoru, has now been rechristened the Eastern Oregon Journal, "amplified in scope to cover all news, and amplified in field to cover 16 instead of three counties," but will continue to emphasize the min-ing game. ing game.

Prosperity item that appeared in Salem Statesman of November 28, 1888; "The town of Woodburn seems to be aving a small sized boom. Immigrants

## COMMENT ON CONGRESS

Mark Sullivan in Collier's. At the beginning of the last week of importance. Many persons believe that November, which was necessarily the last week of the recent special session of congress, it became apparent that From this fact flow several important his party will take the other. considerations: One is that the currency bill, having failed to pass by the end of the special session, probably will not pass for some months, for the frist week of the regular session, according to an agreement made in the senate long

ago, must be given to the discussion of the Hetch Hetchy matter. The secment, must be given up to the Alaska

The failure of the senate to take up nation will have to be mended. the currency measure until the last week of the special sesion marks definitely a lessening of the hold that interests. There is practically nothing President Wilson has had over his party. left of the conditions which caused the final action upon this bill during the all the political revolution of the past special session. He began to urge the four years. There is however annu fully in the tariff matter, it will be, where there ought to be intelligent and in its effect upon the future of political energetic leadership.

unworthy sentiment be set aside and this be done the opposition would quickly pass away. Every one may know that all the mere examinations in the world and the cutting off of marriage licenses would not stop the crime. And the "reproach and disgrace" is upon a com-munity holding such "barbarous" sentias to prefer the horrors of a polsoned humanity to the merciful curbing of the liberty of lust on the patr of

# CHARLES FITCH.

Free Text Book Question. Portland, Dec. 1 .- To the Editor of The Journal-Having noticed this headline in The Journal of November 24, company to aid in handling the calling attention to a practice which Pacific oceans. How well many of us loyal and liberty loving to turn a hand The business of the New York traffic must have the commission's should be stopped. It is time that remember the hard struggle the North- against our great national institution, where one was a struggle the North- against our great national institution, where one was a struggle the North- against our great national institution, where one was a struggle the North- against our great national institution, where one was a struggle the North- against our great national institution, where one was a struggle the North- against our great national institution, where the commission is should be stopped. the public school. What they were opmonth scored trading of 200,000 limits will not be subject to the shares a day. The daily business fell off in the third week to ap
Suburban service within the city time that people ignore givers of useless gifts. A useless gift is one bestowed without the love and joy of giving.

Suburban service within the city time that people ignore givers of useless gifts on useless gift is one bestowed without the love and joy more proficient we have become in the limits will not be subject to the district, which, under the law, if bestowed without the love and joy more proficient we have become in the limits will not be subject to the district, which, under the law, if bestowed without the love and joy more proficient we have become in the limits will not be subject to the district. Which, under the law, if bestowed without the love and joy more proficient we have become in the limits will not be subject to the district. Which, under the law, if bestowed without the love and joy more proficient we have become in the limits will not be subject to the district. Which, under the law, if bestowed without the love and joy more proficient we have become in the limits will not be subject to the district. Which, under the law, if bestowed without the love and joy more proficient we have become in the limits will not be subject to the district. Which, under the law, if bestowed without the love and joy bestowed without the love and joy bestowed without the love and joy limits will not be subject to the district. Which are the love and joy bestowed without the love and joy bestowed without the love and joy bestowed without the love and joy best love and joy taxpayers permitted by the passed by our last legislature, which had a joker in it to foist free books for all schools upon us.

I think ft is right that the people should be put wise to the law before they vote on it at the school election, next June. JOE BLISS.

# Other Inhabited Worlds.

From the Spokane Spokesman-Review. Scientific speculation likes to guess on the possibilities of other worlds than ours being inhabited by intelligences and acceptance with other astronomers. have aroused popular interest in the possibility of the habitableness of some stars or planets for beings akin to the human race. Arrhenius, the distinguished astronomer of Sweden, claims to have proved that life germs traverse space. If this voyage of life be a fact, what should brevent it from developing on the right kind of a star much as it has done on earth?

The first consideration in attempting to answer such an inquiry is that the conditions of physical existence are complex. They comprise a solid world with an atmosphere containing the proper proportion of oxygen, such an amount of land that gravity is not materially lessened or the air unduly rarefied, such distance from a sun that water remains a liquid to sustain life, such revolution on the axis as to maintain endurable changes of temperature and matter to support vegetables and animals.

Such a combination of conditions is an equation with many unknown quantities. The doctrine of probabilities renders it improbable, "a priori," that the combination of all the necessary factors frequently occurs. Experience of life on our own planet and observation of the physical constitution of other planets and stars have thus far a large extent. The women are not per-revealed very few bodies, in space that mitted to vote and the men are afraid to

parties in this country, an event of high the Democratic party is no more homogeneous teday than the Republican par-ty was two years ago, and that the time is bound to come when President Wilson the currency bill could not be passed, will take one path and a large section of The recent special session of congress

began on April 1. During eight months passed only one important measure -the tariff bill. (Meantime it is safe to say that nineteen-twentieths of the time of the 435 members of the lower house was spent in inefficiency and idle-ness.) This is an impossible situation. The tariff bill has been agitated conphysically able to do janitor work state, to contain all the state and county ous debate on the currency bill probably 1909 congress and the senate debated effectively, there are other positions official business, reports, recommenda- will not begin until after Christmas, and passed a complete tariff bill. Again in which he would fit-positions, tions, and the like; also two or three and that the bill, in all likelihood, will and again during the succeeding terms doubtless, in which he could render pages to be given to letters from the not become a law until March. This important schedules, like cotton and valuable service. The whole matter voters. The idea of depending on pri- will mean that congress will have been wool, iron and steel, and agricultural is to be considered by the Civil Serv- Newspapers generally print that which year, from April 1 until April 1, and by one or both houses. Several months in session without interruption for one implements, were debated and passed will have passed only two important were given up to the discussion of recimeasures. This is an intolerable pros- procity, which was in itself, of course, When so much work that was an education on tariff matters. formerly done by state legislatures, or not too much to say that almost all of not at all, must now be done by the the active time of congress for four government at Washington, and espe- years was given to discussion of the cially when so many extremely impor- tariff. Practically all the personnel of tant measures vitally affecting the both houses were intimately familiar country fundamentally are waiting, it with those discussions. Leader Underis impossible longer to deny that a ma- wood of the house and Leader Simmons chinery so complicated as to turn out of the senate both had participated in only two pieces of major legislation in all these discussions. There was notha year must be renovated in the direc-tion of efficiency. ing more to learn, and there was no excuse for delay. A system which lends excuse for delay. A system which lends itself to such incapacity and procrastiis no corruption left in congress-and very little undue deference to special He was committed very strongly to overthrow of Cannon and Aldrich, and widow. measure as early as last May. If Presi- incapacity, due chiefly to the archaic think for themselves. Thinking is dent Wilson is to lose the dominance system, and in only a minor degree with which he drove congress so master- to spots of individual low efficiency

> "operation." Should blind prejudice and seem to possess the capabilities for conserving such life of body and mind as we have. It seems unlikely at present that there are other worlds much resembling this and inhabited by be-

> ings at all analogous to men. There appears considerable reason for supposing that the late Alfred Russell Wallace, a scientist of wonderful range of knowledge, may not have been at fault in his theory that our pinpoint of matter is the center of intelligence in the universe. moral and physical pestilence breeders.

#### About All for Sing Sing. From the New York Evening Post.

The Prison association is wholly justified in opposing the plan of rebuilding the cell blocks at Sing Sing, and generally rehabilitating that disgraceful with and modifying the evil conditions, instead of abolishing them outright. Moreover, the whole theory of punishment upon which Sing Sing was based is antiquated and has been discarded. Every up-to-date state is looking to the establishment of prison industrial farms; New Jersey, Washington and Ohio are three that are working in this direction. To urge that New York must continue to huddle its prisoners to-gether in that contracted space in Sing Sing, or in the prison in the middle of Auburn, is false economy. For one thing, it lays the entire stress on caging the prisoners and not upon treating so that they will have at least a fair chance of reentering society as reformed citizens. On the ground of the physical health of the prisoners alone, Sing Sing must go.

#### The Principal Issue. From Harper's Weekly.

The reason the reactionary interests wished Huerta recognized was that they policeman, who carted him off to jail could count on him for obedience and as a vagrant. The following day, detherefore for the furthering of their Mexican investments. But they had another reason for being glad to have the Washington administration embarrassed in its Mexican policy, and that was their hope that the situation would remain complicated and unsatisfactory so that the currency bill might have ess prospect of passing. If they could beat it now they thought the accidents of the immediate future might ward off egislation altogether, or make possible legislation that should really work for concentration of credit still more than it is concentrated now. Mr. Brandies series shows that a number of results outside of the present currency bill will be needed before we can have freedom" in the business world, but let it not be forgotten for a moment that any one of these expected bills will have a better chance of passing after the Owen-Glass bill is passed, and in deed would have but poor prospect for the present if that measure were defeated.

Suffrage in Mexico. Equal suffrage prevails in Mexico to

# THE ATLANTIC CABLE

From the Salt Lake Telegram.

An interesting correspondence is ing on in some eastern papers as to the real history of the preparations for and the laying of the first Atlantic cable. From it the fact is clear that to Lieutenant M. F. Maury, who for so many years had charge of the observatory at Washington, is due the credit for its inception. He first advocated the need of it. Then he predicted that the bed of the deep sea between New foundland and Irriand would be found a plateau. Three government vessels Were sent to make soundings, but the result was unsatisfactory until Lieutenant John Brooke invented a device which enabled not only the taking of the soundings, but brought up the material at the bottom. This was found to be microscopic shells, from which Maury decided that no currents reached the bottom of the ocean there, and concluded that a cable laid there would remain in the perpetual calm of those depths, without strain, forever, That same Lieutenant Brooke was the real acting sailing master on the steamer Illinois for one trip from New York to Aspinwall and return in 1852, Captain Hartstein being on board, but disabled by a felon on one hand. Brooke was also second in command of the Merrimae in Hampton Roads and was as handsome a man as ever trod a ship's deck. When all was ready Cyrus J. Field went to London and raised the necessar; ey to lay the cable. Of it Field said: "Lieutenant Maury furnished brains, England the money, and I did Maury also outlined what the work." the cable should be-"a single copper wire or fascicle of wires, coated with gutta percha, pliant and supple, and

not larger than a lady's finger." The cable was laid, but only one message passed over it. It broke somewhere in the deep sea. But the possibility of it was established. Now, if we understand it right, the cable is about one and a half inches in diameter and it is not coated with gutta percha, but is drawn through a gutta percha tube. And the cables frequently break, but by some device those in charge in Newfoundland and Ireland can tell by their instruments where the break is. Ships are in attendance at If the break is near one end, the nearest ship goes out, hauls up the two ends and splices them. Each company has two or three cables. The Mackay cables number three on the Atlantic.

It is one of the marvels of the modern world. As Colonel Baker said in 1858:

"From the dark unfathomed caves of ocean the pearl that heaves upon the breast of beauty is dragged to the glare of day. The unburied dead lie waiting for the resurrection morning, while above them the winds wall their perpetual requiem; there the lost treasures of India and Peru are forever buried; there the wrecks of the Armada and Trafalgar are forever whelmed.

"But amid these scattered wrecks of the buried past, over shell formed shores and wave worn crags, the beaming Thought darts its way; amid the monsters of the deep, and the sporting myriads, and countless armies of the sea, the single link that unites two worlds conveys the mandate of a king or the message of a lover."

## Pointed Paragraphs

Bread is the staff of life and flattery is the butter.

Most children are dissatisfied with the behavior of their parents. And many a man who has

cheek to raise whiskers doesn't even try it. She's a bright girl who can snatch eligible man from a designing

early all men are too lazy even to

hard work. A woman always has faith in the judgment of any man who asks her

to marry him. But when the millenium starts in business the man behind the muck

rake will be out of a job. Any man can make a woman talk, but only a diplomat can make her say

what he wants her to say. If a homely girl has plenty of money it's an easy matter to meet a wise man who will try to convince

### her she is a prize beauty. No Welcome for This Prod.

From the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. Those pessimists who insist that romance is dying out of the world will find something to confirm their belief in the recent experiences of James Ridgway, of Paterson, N. J. Thirtyeight years ago, as the result of a quarrel with his wife, he deserted his home and his wife and child. During all of the time since then he has wandered over the country, a broken and unhappy man, but his pride has restrained him from seeking his home and forgiveness for his bad tempered

outbreak. This year, however, the approach of the holiday season led to thoughts on his part. He made up his mind to forget the past, to pocket his pride, return to his wife, make up the ancient quarrel and forget the ancient

grudge. With these tender thoughts in his mind, he turned his wandering footsteps back to the old home, and, after a tollsome journey, reached it. He found his son, whom he had left an infant in arms, grown to a stalwart and well-to-do man. His wife showed not the full results of the passing years, but remained a handsome and whole-

Was he welcomed with tears of joy, by this wife and son? Not so that you could notice. All traditions were thrown to the winds. Instead of falling upon his neck they coldly called the nearest spite his pleas that he might be permitted to spend his declining days in peace, supported by his loving wife and son, the magistrate before whom he was brought directed his attention to the fine system of good roads which had been recently installed, leading out of the city, and gave him but the option which one he would take inside next five minutes. His wanderings have resumed, but it is to be feared that the last of his illusions has been shat-

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