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Ah, the key of our life, that passes all wards, opens all locks, is not I will, but I must, I must, I must-and I do it .-A. H. Clough,

SPANKED?

FLIPPANT cartoon in a Portland paper would convey the Impression that in Tuesday's ers were spanked by the voters.

Spanked? For what? Spanked, for refusing to grant

crooked franchises? Spanked, for kicking a crooked lobby out of the council chamber

and out of the city hall? Spanked, for lifting the police court out of its degradation and for the National Woolgrowers' making it respectable and respected?

Spanked, for flooding the police department with the searchlight of investigation?

Spanked, for decreeing a six-fora-quarter streetcar fare?

ing systematic business methods in all city departments?

Spanked, for abolishing a haphazard system of purchasing supplies that the bureau of municipal city \$100,000 a year in waste?

honor of public authorities?

Spanked, for an earnest, wholeeffectualize city administration?

Spanked, because these are lean and secret partnerships with big officials at the city hall?

There is nothing to spank the commissioners for. The minor mistakes of honest men are not the guilty and unpardonable offenses of unworthy men.

moral tendencies. Recently a promised tariff reduction. Portland judge upheld the clared valid.

the actual age of a child applying the cradle to the grave. statute was especially attacked.

tions of such employment, within do." reasonable limits, without violating the guaranties of personal liberty and property.

shall not work more than eight in the nursing profession.

evidence that courts are getting opment. away from the worship of property rights as against human rights.

ATONING FOR CRIME

of water down the river val- year period. The dam was neglected, and re- to each county.

and now, after two years, it has tion of the relation between prosbeen decided by the courts that the perity and roads. Officials who company was not criminally guilty. collected the statistics say the two Death claims aggregating about groups of counties were about \$300,000 are to be paid, although equally matched as to healthfulness, the breaking of the dam destroyed fertility and other natural advana million dollars' worth of property. tages. The difference in growth tall. They must atone for the the people themselves. belinous crime of taking somebody. One group developed its

ness or weakness

in sudden impulse. The former residents. any consequence.

What is the difference between men who deliberately kill and other lessness results in the taking of life? The Pennsylvania courts say that you may, by criminal neglect, election the city commission- you have the money to make some the earnings of the clerk in natur- original valuation. But where the kind of a percentage settlement in alization matters. cash.

AS MOLE SQUEAKS

FLAMING sword in the attack on the new tariff bill at Oregon Woolgrowers' the meeting was the secretary of Association.

He was doubtless sent here to lead the onslaught. The National Association of Manufacturers has always duped the National Woolgrowers' Association into an alliance for using the government for Spanked, for cutting out the graft the exploitation of American conand the dead wood and inaugurat- sumers. Incidentally, for its activity in past campaigns and at Washington, the National Association of ing. \$7662. Manufacturers has been found gullty of "improper" conduct.

Meanwhile the new tariff bill has research declared was costing the passed because a congress and a years without protest until public Spanked, for revoking from city plicit pledge to reduce the tariff. Journal. It is astonishing that the government the old atmosphere of Reduction was promised the people double system of fees should have distrust, suspicion and fear, and es- by Mr. Taft and his platform in been imposed upon litigants all tablishing instead an order in which 1908, and on that promise he was these years. everybody has faith, trust and con-elected president. Instead of refidence in the integrity, purity and ducing the tariff, congress raised it, and Mr. Taft signed the bill.

The very next chance they used to whisper into the ears of places with Democratic senators. councilmen on the floor of the coun- It was the demand of the people lower court. cil chamber with the council in for revision of the tariff downward.

four. Three times the people demanded is the national ideal. revision downward. Three times and broken, is a disheartened and the judge on the bench? battered organization, and the rock on which it went to pieces was its OURTS are following the gen- persistent standpatism, its persisteral stream of social and ent refusal to give the people the

The shricks of the gentleman who Oregon law creating the Industrial came from Utah to instruct Oregon Welfare Commission. The ruling woolgrowers on how to resolute are morals, laws fixing living wages are Oregon sheep baron and his co-la- Record-Herald says. The Illinois child labor law pro- they wear, taxed on all they eat, feeling of wrong and injustice. vides that an employer cannot rely taxed on everything they use for It is urged that nothing is more

children, it may prescribe condi- lie and the chores that poor men ly low.

PROSPERITY AND ROADS

At San Francisco recently the United States district court sustained a law providing that nurses The form what are almost counthours a day in any hospital. The standpoint the question is ap- home twice as much proportionately judge said the law is a necessary proached the conclusion is always as another man's home. It is comprotection of, rather than an arbi- the same. The United States of munity robbery of one man for the trary discrimination against, women fice of public roads has collected benefit of another.

broke and sent a vast volume only 1.5 per cent during the ten ficiency in collections.

were brought against the company, but the figures are a fair illustra- clent.

the penitentiaries or hanged. They banks or back into the soil. Pros- Germany. must atone for their crimes. It is perity held old residents in these tolerated other things equally as clapsed since the last transfer. The law carefully distinguishes expensive. These counties stag-

their utter disregard for the rights ducer to sacrifice too large a per-all real estate,

THE FEE INFAMY

annual report of the attorney gen- the increment tax would not apply. eral of the United States, and is found on page 50. The report exact double the fees taxable in land speculator. other districts of the country.

The double fee districts and the net earnings of clerks for the fiscal year of 1913 are: Arizona, \$6803; New Mexico, \$10,947; Northern California, \$12,817; Southern California, \$9291; Idaho, \$7181; Montana, \$9720; Nevada, \$3640; North Dakota, \$7021; Oregon, \$12,465.16; Washington, eastern, \$7767; Washington, western, \$12,928; Wyom-

been maintained through all these corner. president were elected on their ex- attention was called to it by The

There are lawyers in Portland who have reported to this newspaper that they have had clients who were compelled by the extortionate hearted, unselfish, honest and de- the people voted out the Republican fees to give up appeals, and were voted endeavor to purify, uplift and house and voted in a Democratic forced by the expense to let their house on the tariff issue. They cases go by default. Richer liti-Spanked, for exterminating the also retired a large number of Re- gants were actually able to win tribe of Big Business agents who publican senators and filled their against some of them, even after the poorer clients had won in the

No such status should ever obtain a court be the exalted tribunal that was not applied.

What an absurdity when the they penalized the party that failed clerk of a court, through a system ing peace. Then call their representato reduce the tariff. The Republi- of double fees, receives a compentive assemblies and secure their concan party in the nation is crushed sation more than double that of sent and aid. Having secured this ab-

THE TAX PROBLEM

ment other enactments already de- a sparrow in the path of the aroused as to intangible personality, is opmillions of American consumers pressive and discriminatory in effect, The United States supreme court who are taxed on their woolen and every additional dollar exacted of has just decided an Illinois case in- goods, taxed on their cotton goods, avade the letter of the law spells not the man or woman who can't or won't purpose. volving the employment of minors. taxed on their shoes, taxed on all only a hardship but an intensified ous missionary work should have been

Justice Hughes, who wrote the turer know nothing of the strug- evade payments on personality, but obvious duty. court's opinion, said that if a state gles of average men, and care .ft- also the many others whose real may prohibit the employment of the about "the cots where poor men estate is assessed disproportionate-

Tax experts are doubtful whether will uncover all personal property plies, as these are assembled. subject to taxation. But real estate

and had possessed a scientific and public. random from twelve states, de-increase in taxes would now be mont of similar difficulties in Mexico. creased 77,825 in population he-necessary. Both collection and extween 1890 and 1900. It was an penditure of taxes are involved in a average decrease of more than 3000 municipality's financial problem. WO years ago the Austin dam for each county. The road im- Efficiency in expenditures alone will in Tiogo county, Pennsylvania, provements in these counties were not solve it; there must also be ef-

74 people lost their lives in the counties where road improvement of expenditures. An adequate sys-The dam was built and was 40 per cent during the same tem for assessing property for taxowned by a private corporation period increased in population 778,- ing purposes is available to the purely as a commercial enterprise. 383, an average of nearly 32,000 county board, the members of which peated warnings that it was unsafe were ignored.

There may have been other conplan. The county board has it tributing causes for the 77,825 dewithin its power to make real estributing causes for the 77,825 dewithin its power to make real estributing causes for the 77,825 dewithin its power to make real estricted that these human can riches that the riches human can riches that the riches that the riches human can can give the taxpayers the Somers human conditions in order to get a Criminal and civil proceedings crease and the 778,383 increase, tate assessments honest and effi-

UNEARNED INCREMENT

fact that provision has been made ditions.

else's property. Men who kill in sources by building good roads and crement values in several foreign a moment of passion are sent to placing the profits either in the countries, notably Great Britain and

The practice in those countries right that society have protection counties and attracted other people is to impose the tax at the time against wrongdoers. It is advisable anxious to get on in the world. The land is transferred from one owner that men who commit crime should other group slept on its opportuni- to another. The tax varies with be taken in hand by the law and ties. It tolerated bad roads, and the amount of increase in value and be taken in hand by the law and ites. It tolerated bad roads, and the amount of increase in value and the continue to be a great number cured, if possible, of their vicious- the conclusion is inevitable that it with the number of years that have or humbugs agreeable to a great many

The New York commission sugbetween crimes which result from nated; old residents moved out, and gests another plan as more unipremeditation and those which rise there was nothing to attract new form. The recommendation is that an increment tax of one per cent be are punished more severely because Without good roads full develop- levied annually upon all increases they have the element of malice, ment of a community cannot be ex- in land values as shown by com-Such criminals are accorded little pected. Poor roads impose a heavy parison with assessed valuations of or no consideration, not alone be- handicap on industry and natural the year 1912, this tax to be in adcause they kill, but on account of resources. They cause the pro- dition to the general tax levied upon

of others. These criminals are in-centage of the products of his toil. If a piece of property should intent upon their own purpose; no- No part of a county's interests can crease in value from \$100,000 to body else's life or happiness is of develop fully without good roads. \$110,000 in a year, the owner, under the commission's plan, would be required to pay the general tax on \$110,000 and in addition an men whose deliberate criminal care- HE net approved earnings of increment tax of one per cent on the clerk of the federal court \$10,000, or \$100. In succeeding of Oregon for the fiscal year years the owner would be required ending June 30, 1913, totaled to pay one per cent annually on kill seventy-four people, as long as \$12,465.16. This does not include the assessed value in excess of the additional assessment is due to im-The information appears in the provements made upon the property

The New York commission's recommendations are significant in that carries the further information that they are evidence of a general twelve districts are permitted to movement toward discouraging the

> Whether there will be harmony in baseball circles during the coming season can well be questioned. At first glance there is apparently an ill balanced quartet in the field with a "Tener" at the head of the and third "base" but no baritone.

A shirt with a removable collar band is the latest. With what glee the artist of the laundry will resuccessful. From the Rio Grande to turn your shirt hooked up with the Terra del Fuego there was anarchy and along the road of constitutionalism. He princely compensation should have band of the fat man around the

Letters From the People

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

"Discussion is the greatest of all reformers. It rationalizes everything it touches. It robs principles of all false sanctity and throws them back on their reasonableness. If they have ro reasonableness, it ruthlessly crushes them out of existence and sets up its own conclusions in reasonableness, it ruthlessly creof existence and sets up its owtheir stead."—Woodrow Wilson.

Plan for Peace in Mexico. Portland, Or., Dec. 11 .- To the Editor

of The Journal-Kindly grant me space in The Journal to express my regret perience. that a plan, which occurred to me, by In a platform pledging reduction, in a sanctuary dedicated to justice which, if it could have been acted upon Woodrow Wilson was elected presi- and maintained in the name of jus- at the time of its suggestion, peace times for the gentlemen who thrive dent by the largest plurality ever tice. Not until a poor litigant can and official order could undoubtedly on julcy contracts, fat franchises given in an electoral college. He carry his cause through to the have been restored in our neighboring carried every state in the Union but court of last resort, if need be, will country of Mexico within a few days, The proposition was for the governors

of all the states of Mexico to first solutely necessary support, the govould have or consultation, by correspondence, and edy for this: agreed to call an armistice of all bellig-HICAGO people are confronted held and a president and proper repre- the sparrow's fall. In that splendid by a twenty per cent increase sentatives of all the states for the genin their taxes. That city has government assemblies elected. The there will be universal agreement for an antequated and unfair agreement for a plan of distribution that will drive tem for the collection of revenue, don to all belligerents who obeyed their the luckless." was to the effect that if labor condi-as mole squeaks in the teeth of a and the increase in taxes is calling united order for a halt until after a tions can be regulated by law in the burnlesses. The restriction to the system's reply in tions can be regulated by law in the hurricane. The voci erous and ex- attention to the system's rank in- united purpose to support and defend interest of health, safety and plosive utterances of an Eastern justices between individuals. The the president and the representatives then elected by the people, without reconstitutional because they supple-borer Mr. Kay, are as the breath of ment other enactments already de-a sparrow in the path of the aroused of restoring a general government, and holding the necessary election for such

During this period of peace a vigorcarried on by the ministers of all the churches, aided and supported by the on statements of minors as to their shelter, taxed at birth, taxed at important in Illinois than tax re-belligerent armies meantime being governors and army officers, all the ages, but must ascertain for himself death, and taxed all the way from form, the installation of a system brought together and trained in their which will distribute tax burdens duties to their country and the people for work. This provision of the The sheep baron on his thousand equitably. The offenders against of using the highest up-to-date army hills and the rich wool manufac- justice are not only people who efficiency in fulfilling this extremely

Each state government could also have a good supply of munitions. The quantity which each should hold could be decided by the governors' council. A neat squad of the most truly loyal any system can be devised which people could be trained at the capital of each state to guard the requisite sup-

Although contending with a series of

less, for from whatever no excuse for taxing one man's yet obviously practical plan calls for. The altogether unnecessary suffering of the people in the war zones of that country fairly makes my heart bleed. Hoping that some measures will be taken at an early date by the state some interesting statistics showing the Record-Herald says that if governments in Mexico to secure settled people have no way of hunting, for there These and other decisions are the relation between roads and a Chicago had required real efficiency would bring. I remain a hopeful and symptoms of the times. They are community's population and devel- and economy in city government staunch friend of our neighboring re-The course outlined would cre-Twenty-five counties, taken at reasonable system of taxation, no ate a precedent for all future settle-J. ALBRIGHT.

Our Responsibility.

Portland, Dec. 11 .- To the Editor of The Journal-In your editorial entitled ards. cember 6, you describe truthfully and ducks can't see them. They then Portland taxpayers should not dition that has more significance than ley. Villages were swept away and In the same states, 25 other limit their demands to the question many are willing to admit. I cannot There is no sport in this kind of huntagree with you, however, that it is the ing. city of Boston that is responsible for

> "It was in a nation dripping with cure a bed within their means, were herded into what proved to be a lethal

> that these dehumanized beings were jammed and crowded together under in-

chamber. In these indictments of the world and city revenue, suggests a tax and every one of us, as units in this tice and right. on future increases in land organization, are individually respon- Mr. Cridge sa

PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE

The poor we always have with us, especially as Christmas comes flying

a bride's-smile changes into a scowl, Judging from their London pictures, Sayre et Ux are in love with each other.

It is a sad thing when a bridegroom's

Young man, there may be better places than the navy for you, but there are many worse places.

O. somehow, half blindly, we as city, county, and state, stumble along; we'll all be rich and happy yet, those currency bill critics would take a long vacation—hibernate.

Two men were jailed for robbing a man of 20 cents. But that was all he had, so a good deal to him.

Governor Johnson of California says the Progressive party is in a "crisis." And Roosevelt 10,000 miles away!

From the Tacoma Tribune. tion of the history and purpose of the Monroe doctrine.

baseball commission; a first, second Europe as from sympathy for repub- oping self-government.

than the best founded on force, and that the evils disclosed were merely the growing pains of liberty.

peoples and some classes within-peoples that it was the business of the strong not be developed by more oppressionthat the only way for them to learn tyranny. Even the most turpid reacwas to learn in the hard school of ex-

inspection in Boston nor the inefficient distribution of charity that caused the would be a good many years before a condition which led these men to ac-The real cause is a system in which the accumulating millions which you decry must be augmented by the major agree, by dispatch, to unite in restor- portion of the wealth produced by each and every man who toils and which provides that no man may work to earn valuation of his real estate. If we even the necessaries of life unless such work yields this toll of profit.

Your closing words propose no "Yet, some time, somehow, somewhere, there is going to be in this erent forces until an election could be world a spirit of accounting for even time, in this land inundated with riches,

> There is little consolation in this for the victims who are now suffering the tortures of the present system. we want is immediate and continuous consideration of "a plan of distribution that will drive out poverty" until such universal agreement with a plan of this kind. has a privileged class voluntarily relinquished its privileges. We do not desire that the masters become philanthropists and turn their billions into a charity fund for our relief. We do not ask for charity, but we demand justice and the insistence of our demand is growing stronger every day. We propose the cooperative commonwealth as someone can offer a plan that will establish social justice more quickly and easily our proposition will most certainly be in working order before many decades have passed.

Criticises Game Laws, Portland, Or., Dec. 11 .- To the Editor changed get "pinched" for trying to hunt on the much show to have ducks as these rich incorporation dividends amounting to men do that control lakes. There are no \$850,073,560. This sum exceeds the ducks sold in the markets, and people who cannot shoot them have no way to obtain them. There is no sport in buying ducks anyhow.

Some of those watchmen think they

Editor of The Journal-In The Journal of November 26 Mr. Cridge makes a reply to my letter on the subject of the a reply to Mr. Cridge and Mr. U'Ren. the nation you show plainly that it is in The Journal of November 25, that I not Boston but the whole social organ- heartly indorse. I don't know Mr. porting on new sources of things wherever they may harnen beat light indorse. I don't know Mr. things wherever they may happen. Each him, for his letter has the ring of jus-

OREGON SIDELIGHTS The Coos Bay Harbor is now setting its own type with its own typesetting

With the city budget of \$101,536.78 as a basis for the boast, the Democrat asserts that the city of Baker "as a business proposition is assuming an infportance, even more than many people realize."

The Salem Statesman in its 50-years-ago column says: "The Daily Oregon Statesman was published every evening except Sunday by the Oregon Printing and Publishing company. Subscriptions sold for \$10 per year, 30 cents per week or 12 % cents per copy.

Mayor Marvin of Wallowa has caused to be published in the Wallowa Sun a ounty, and state, stumble along; we'll notice that the law prohibiting the sale of tobacco to minors will hereafter be strictly enforced and that the city marticly enforced and that the city marticly enforced to arrest anyone found violating it.

A postal card received by the editor of the Joseph Herald from C. M. Shreffler, who recently bought a jewelry store at his old home town of Oberlin, Ohlo, concludes as follows; "More smoke and noise here than in Joseph—also more snow and ice—much worse than ever seen at Joseph."

NO NEW MONROE DOCTRINE

Some of the newspapers and political that asked every foreign traveler who lingoes profess to believe that President strayed our way: Wilson is undertaking a modification of the Monroe Doctrine in his dealings with Mexico, in that he has accepted the moral aid of European nations in mak- abroad in the land. Every school reader ing Huerta's position untenable. These has fine selections emphasizing the jingoists insist that it is establishing beauties of democratic republicanism. precedent which will justify European We regarded ourselves as a peculiar countries hereafter in interfering in the people whose example was to transform management of affairs on the western the world until nowhere privileges or hemisphere. This is a misinterpreta-President Wilson is an American who

ernment founded on consent was better preach its doctrines.

E. ROLLA BUSH.

of The Journal-In nearly every paper I pick up I read that someone has been arrested or beaten up by some game watchman who happens to be deputized. laws in Oregon ought to be so nged that all people alike could hunt. The people could pay to owners of land or lakes so much a day to hunt. As it is now rich men buy up all the lakes and have them for their own hunting. I do not think this is fair. Poor All the people do not have as

More than this, it seems to me the hunters at the lakes are a sort of cow-The Journal—In your editorial entitled ands. They come down early, before "The Responsibility," appearing De-daylight, and stay hid behind blinds so sheep or cattle at a slaughter house.

can chase you off places outside of "It is in a world reeking with wealth those they are set to watch. L. M. G.

> The \$1500 Exemption Bill. Oregon City, Or., Dec. 10 .- To the

home tax exemption. His way of replying does not straighten the unjust por-tions of the bill. But J. E. Price made

Mr. Cridge said that I made the state-Men who steal bread are sent to came through a difference between values. Attention is called to the sible in proportion to our ability to as-ment in my letter that "until the imsist in removing the causes of such con-be no exemption from taxation." Now for the taxation of unearned in- It was not the lack of proper building Mr. Cridge knows that I never made any telligently you will make money.

Monroe Doctrine was the generation "What do you think

has something of the old spirit. He The Monroe Doctrine was more an ex- does not accept the doctrine, popular pression of sentiment than of alarm. It with some recent Americans, that the was born not so much from hostility to Mexican people are incapable of devel-He is opposed licanism. Eackward countries, shaking to the rule of usurping dictatorships for off foreign domination, had set up gov- the same reasons that his grandfather the same reasons that his grandfather ernments modeled on the plan of our opposed the rule of governor generals. He recognizes the fact that any "con-stitutional" government Mexico is tary adventurers, in the grip of mean has no illusions as to Carranza and tary adventurers, in the grip of mean associated with him, but it is get out of the way. we retained a grand faith in the superiority of the republican form of govority of the republicant form of govority of the govority of the republicant form of govority of the republicant form of govority of the govority of th ernment believed that the poorest gov- idea is to murder every one who dares is a copy of one of the early-day time-

After two generations of turmoil the countries of South America, except Ven-ezuela, have established stable repub-We protested against what we called lican governments. In Central America he European "system"—the system, as Costa Rica and Salvador seem to have t then existed, that assumed that some entered into republican peace, and San Domingo has made a fair start thereto. secoples and some classes within peoples and Conditions are still bad in Nicaragua, that it was the business of the strong Guatemala, Honduras, Hayti and Mexand the capable to buss the weak and Ico. But there is basis for hope that the incapable. We asserted the general even these countries are approaching applicability of our political formulas the end of the era of revolutionary and insisted that the backward peoples, disturbance. Whoever is Huerta's sucackward because long oppressed, could cessor, it is improbable that he will set up or attempt to set up another Diaz no "strong man" is able to guarantee library I have one of his cooks entitled peace-that there is more to govern-The generation that fathered the ment than the maintenance of an army.

such statement. But I do say that it poor young man, trying to start a home on a new place, either in country or

GEORGE HICINBOTHAM.

The Law as to Cutting Trees. Portland, Dec. 12.—To the Editor of States, with their total mileage of \$300 The Journal—For the information of miles. Against this total of less than our city school teachers, who are asking | 1000 miles of railroad it gives the their pupils to bring in Christmas trees, their pupils to bring in Christmas trees, length of the post roads as 104,46; I wish to state through The Journal, miles. It devotes pages to the cann't that it is a punishable offense to cut routes, steamboat routes and post road trees or hack or in any way destroy routes, but a haif page is sufficient to any trees or shrubbery on any property, take care of the whole railroad system whether fenced or not, without the con- of the United States. The following sent of the owner. It is, as I under- railroads were in operation in the plan shall be perfected and put into stand the law, a penitentiary offense to United States in 1837. practice. We do not look forward to wilfully or maliciously destroy other

By John M. Oskison.

These are prosperous times for the a solution of this problem and unless mines of the country. And the reason

is an interesting one. Mining has been shaken almost free from the wildcatter, the Har, and the imaginative promoter. It is very largely in the control of able business men. The change is beginning to have effect in the size and regularity of the dividends paid to holders of mining stock.

The other day figures of dividends paid by 148 mining companies for the first 10 months of 1913 were made public and comparison with the same were organized companies and sold their period in 1912 and 1911 became possi-To November 1 this year 148 com-

panies had paid out in dividends to

shareholders \$85,143.412 Last year, in

\$82,812,528, and in 1911 141 companies before the public confidence was repaid out \$71,711,748. The 148 companies reported upon this in railway investments. year have paid to stockholders since

combined issued capital of the com-panies by \$51,402,286. Increases in the amount of dividends noreases in the amount of dividence, blonde in some ways. lead and zinc mining companies; 34 the 148 companies were copper produc-The state of war ing companies. has existed in Mexico and strikes in this country have tended to decrease the outwith unusual force a world wide con- slaughter the ducks as the butcher does put of ore upon which dividends are earned for stockholders in this country, yet the price of metals has kept up, and methods of mining have been improved

to such an extent as to show these exceptional profits. Under the new businesslike regime in mining, the stock of a company under the control of reputable mining people has assumed a stable value-or. at any rate, a value which can be determined about as accurately as the value of any other stock. And just now I believe that certain mining stocks may be bought with better than a fair chance

for very good returns.

But if you are interested, remember that you will have to pay a fair price for shares which are worth having nebody is going to run after you to try to make you buy them. If you mean to make you buy them. to invest in mining stock ask some banker to put you in touch with a re-liable source of information as to which are worth considering.

You won't get rich overnight by buy-ing any mining stock, but if you buy in-

IN EARLIER DAYS

By Fred Lockley.

As you pass 586 First street in South Portland you will often see on old gentleman on the porch or, if the weather is rough, you may see him sitting by the window. His beard is gray; his hair is white; his shoulders are stooped as though he had done his share of work. His face is a typical North of England face, His name is William Stobbard. He was born 88 years ago at Darlington, in the county of Durham, in the north of England. While an apprentice in an English machine shop he helped repair the rirst locomotive ever built, George Stephenson's engine Locomotion" or "Puffing Billy," as it was usually called. His lifetime spans the railroad history or the world. He was born in 1825, the year in which the first railroad was built, from his birthplace at Darlington, to Stockton.

In 1829 three locmotives were sent from England to the United States. On August 8, 1829, "The Stourbridge Lion," one of the newly arrived locomotives, was tried out at Honesdale, Pa.

The first railroad to be built for actual service in the United States was the line from Quincy to Neponset in Massachusetts. It was three miles long and the train was pulled by a horse. During the same year, 1826, construction on the Mauch Chunk railroad in Pennsylvania, was begun. The road was completed the following Shortly thereafter the Delaware & Hudson Canal company built the longest railroad in the United States. It ran from Carbondale to Honesdale, Pa., a distance of 16 miles. In 1830 construction was begun on the South Carolina railroad, the first American railroad to be built with the idea of using locemotives exclusively as motive power. This same year the Baltimore & Ohio which had been started two years previously, completed its track from Baltimore to Ellicott's Mills, Md., a distance of 15 miles.

The following year, 1831, the West Point foundry built a locomotive which was christened the DeWitt Clinton and which was placed in service on the Hudson & Mohawk road. The public clamor against the locomotive as a cangerous vehicle, apt to kill both man and beast, was stilled by the statement of the owners of the railroad that as they could not make a maximum speed of over 12 miles an hour, both men and animals would have plenty of time to

The railroad timetable of today is a complicated and wonderful affair. Here tables, as published in the Philadelphia Chronicle: "Notice: The locomotive engine built by Mr. W. Baldwin of this city will depart daily when the weather is fair with the passenger train; on rainy days horses will be attached to the train." Nothing very abstruse and complicated about that timetable, is there?

In 1832 the Baltimore & Ohio an nounced that thereafter horses would no longer be used and that every train, both freight and passenger, would be pulled by a locomotive,

John Metcalf, my great uncle, lived at Northumberland near Schuylerville, tionary in Mexico by this time sees that in Saratoga county, New York. In my "United States Register." It contains 81 pages of official description of the United States army and navy and gives much curious information as to post roads and canals and railroads. It was printed in 1837. It says; "We now have 26 states and two territories, Florcity, would get any benefit from a law ida and Ouisconsin. There is also the like that, and right at the time that he Missouri territory, lying northwest of should have some help to get started, the state of Missours and west of the this law would work directly against Mississippi river. It extends west to him by raising the rate on the assessed the Rocky mountains and is principally a wilderness. The country between these would help the present condition of our mountains and the Pacific ocean, borcountry we must pass laws that will dered on the north by the Russian poshelp the poor man to get a start. The sessions and on the south by the Mexrich and well-to-do do not need any ican states is denominated Oregon Terhelp. Let the poor man's assessment ritory. Neither of these extensive tracts reach \$1500 before he is taxed. Indiana, Michigan, Illinois and Missouri as the far western states. It gives the list of all the railroads in the United

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