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Happy, thrice happy, every one Who sees his labor well begun, And not perplexed and multi-By idly waiting for Time and Pidel -Longfellow.

#### THE CITY HALL RECALL

HEY say it is difficult to get men to consent to become candidates in the proposed recall of the mayor and Commissioners Dieck and Brewster.

Naturally. It is a recall without a reason. It is a program for which there is no justification. If carried out, it will be a movement that will become odious.

Nothing has been done to afford pretext for a recall of the three officials. There is no accusation that either is guilty of wrong doing in office. There is no hint of dishonesty, or misfeas glad to sue for peace. ance, or bad faith. There is no suggestion of crookedness, or inthat would warrant a resort to the recall

is doing all he can to serve Portland and her people. Coming into complete change in the system, they faced unusual duties and re-New paths had to to be trod and new machinery be fairs of the city. The very newness of the :ituation made their work arduous and their responsibilities most exacting.

It wouldn't be fair to these officials to push the recall. It wouldn't be just, in the midst of all this governmental change to seize upon justice to attack them before they chosen by the people in a free ballot and an open contest.

Is there wonder that self-reecting men refuse to become revery injustice of the thing would bring odium upon the recall candidates, drive thousands of voters to the present officials and throw the recall into disrepute,

A thunderous resentment will be aroused in Portland if the proposed recall be persisted in and the people be forced to pay the bill in added taxes. Taxes are already high enough in this town without spending an additional \$16,000 or foolish recall election that is doomed in advance to overwhelming failure

found, they will probably make the race more from consuming itch for

## THE COLOMBIAN TREATY

AULT is being found with two treaty with Colombia. It is said to contain an award of \$25,000,000 and an apology to the South American republic for the part the United States played in establishing the Panama republic and thus securing title to the canal

Much is being said about our difficulties in dealing with Colomby the claim that an attempt was made to hold-up the United States. cede territory to another nation.

That prohibition in Colombia's with 64. fundamental law was overcome by States made the Panama republic man of marked ability and high to the United States. We got what look into the question of national from maintaining sovereignty over reported, but two propositions grew her own territory.

At the present time, with Ameri-If such was the case, an apology election. and an indemnity are the very least that the United States can offer, in view of the fact that the canal ministry resigned, and when oppo- ment tomorrow. Many of them

thing possible to convince the peo- an appeal to the country.

Even an apology to Colombia, of peace. King Gustaf took the humiliating, may prove to be source of national strength.

#### NOT YET CIVILIZED

N THE desperate occurrences in Colorado, there is proof that mand. we are not yet civilized.

Bloody scenes like that at American soil An army of strikers fought a battle with an army of militiamen, while women and chil- defense. dren were suffocated in the smoke of a burning camp. They are scenes of violence as tragic and as Mexico, over which we boast a haughty superiority of enlightenment.

They are the same issues that were are alleged to be squandering their will cost. fought out in the copper mines of earnings and neglecting their home Northern Michigan, where 15,000 and children. workers were recently beaten after. It is a wretched status in a and that was attended by scenes of to the desperate alternative in- a hill of beans. distress and violence. There the voked by Miss Kime. There is no operators were more than mere measure to the depths of degradamine owners. They were the coun- tion in a home that is the scene of ty government, the law and the parents in intoxication and chil-

military forces The strikers were almost entirely of foreign birth, brought principle entitled to good birth and into this country by the operators decent rearing. as a means of keeping wages at the lowest possible level. For 15 years there had been no change in wages or living conditions, and when the workers sought better things, they were so crushed and beaten that after months of distress, turbulence and bloodshed, they were

In Colorado, on much the same issues, the controversy has al nost competency, or other of the things assumed the proportion of civil war. The mining region is an armed camp. The operators, in addition to the state militia, have a private army of salaried deputies. The strikers in turn are fully armed and are meeting force with force. They are mostly foreigners whom the stern terms and relentless exactions of the operators have dehumanized until they know no law and are reckless of resistance is the whirlwind the op-

the sake of increased profits. John D. Rockefeller owns forty per cent of the stock in the Colopetty pretexts or no pretexts and rado Fuel & Iron company, which attempt to drive them out of of- is the principal mining concern infice. It would be the rankest in- volved in the strike, and his son is one of the board of directors.

their powers, and thrust them from such men already so rich that they ucation, raral credit, cooperation players. Why do browners' constraints the current, but not the appropriate total abstinence of their emprise, name; ask for a glass of liquid the offices to which they were cannot accurately compute their in marketing products, better roads have to pass resolutions declaring their Hall. wealth, are allowed to enter a and utilization of all resources are business legitimate? Why has the state, hire private armies, control necessary to progress and larger the government and make war in profits. order to extract a few more pencall candidates against them? The nies per day out of the workers in their mines?

## THE HART BRIBE CHARGE

HAT there was no foundation profits than are bad roads. The missioner Hart that attempt was allowed to take care of itself. was made to bribe him in the Interstate Bridge contract, is a finding made by the Multnomah county grand jury. The report says:

After a careful and searching inmore on an unjustifiable and vestigation, we have found no evidence which convinces us that any bribe or offer, directly or indirectly, to any member of the Interstate Bridge Commission has been made. If recall candidates are finally careful consideration of the evidence our factories that never reached uphold sin or evil. He realizes that never reached uphold sin or evil. He realizes that never reached uphold sin or evil. offered, we have falled to find testimony to corroborate Mr. Hart, and we are inclined to think this charge origoffice than conceren for the public insted largely in the mind of Mr. Hart. finished, and as constantly increaswelfare.

Is in any measure a success in the straining the demoralizing liquor 000,000 shall take all we raise and the straining the condemns and would drink the juice—if foolish enough to

be purchasable?

county have a commissioner who ment is of great value.

## THE SWEDISH ELECTIONS

gard to Panama is being justified D ETURNS from the Swedish elections indicate that the cause of militarism has made substantial gains. Liberal It is reasonably well established membership in the new parliament that such an attempt was made, has been reduced from 101 to 73; any long ago. In advertising her as prohibition itself, and it is 10 times but the fact remains that Colom- the Conservatives elected 81 mem- place of accommodation she says as illogical as prohibition is logical. bia's constitution forbade the ne- bers as compared with 65 in the she is prepared to care for "Reomgotiation of a treaty which would previous parliament, and the So- ers and Mealers." cialists elected 76 as compared

In 1911 a wave of liberalism the Panama revolution. The United swept over Sweden. Mr. Staaf, a word mealers calls to mind. Think of Chance of seeing the inside of a court. possible, and Panama's constitution character, became prime minister, has left a good home in the country to permitted sale of the canal zone and he appointed a commission to come to the city and become a mealer. we wanted by preventing Colombia defense. That commission has not

out of its investigations query which looms large in Latin- efficient by placing a graduated tax probable the old familiar sign United States has abandoned its ties. He also proposed to defer versally displaced by that of will do their duty. declared policy of non-aggrandize- lengthening the term of service in ment. A former president is cred- the army until the country could ited with saying, "I took Panama." pass upon the question at a general

on the latter proposal, the Staaf likely to head a go-to-church movezone must remain American terri- sition to the king's program proved will be laid up for repairs, surstrong enough to prevent legisla- rounded by arnica, witchhazel, It is imperative that we do every- tion, parliament was dissolved for smelling salts, sticking plaster,

ple of Central and South America | Russia is the bogey which is pills. of our unselfish motives below the alarming Sweden. The Czar's gov-Rio Grande. Fortunately, we have ernment is suspected of military a president who is not intent upon plans which might involve Scandi- kind of thing Portland makes or who are younger than I. Let the passtraking' Mexico. It is a time navia in a European conflict in sells. Every dollar's worth that fleeting of a cloud and the shouts of article, shows the largest percentage metic, I give from memory the last

It was a critical election for royalty in Sweden, but the result udlow should have no place on is indication that the Swedish peogreater expenditures on national

#### A LUCKLESS HOME

proceedings in the superior rifles and artillery. court at Walla Walla to have her mother declared a The controversy involves the is- habitual drunkard. She moves for

dren in distress and consternation.

Every child is by every moral

#### INCOMES OF FARMERS

D ULLETINS issued by the de-The average labor income of a the tenant farmer's labor income is somewhat larger.

The bulletins attribute small returns on capital and low labor in- the danger to themselves, would all be aim for a private and hit a gineral!" civil authority. Their desperate comes of farmers to various causes. Chief among them are unscientific use of habit forming drugs would be erators are reaping from the seed methods of cultivation, high cost them. they have sown in importing cheap of transportation, bad roads, inpauper labor into the country for efficient organization of distribu- the drys put liquor in the above noted save me, merciful God! save me from since Cortez conquered Mexico and tended to every part of the country. tion, unused capital and neglect of class of unwholesome matter, and the the fate of a drunkard!"-Talmage. resources.

> cussing the bulletins, says the moral to be drawn from facts disclosed, is not that farming does not answering the following questions: "Call things by their right names because he is afraid or pay, but that it requires efficiency Why do many of the greatest railroad . Glass of brandy and water! cause he is a Spaniard.

cago paper's argument. Prosperity Why not stand neglect. A killing frost men? Why do life insurance com- Jefferson. is a calamity to the farmer, but panies prefer abstainers, and even give it may be no more destructive of them a lower rate? for the charge by County Com- time has passed when rural life

## THE PARAMOUNT ISSUE

DAY, or a week, or a month is not a test of the possibilities of the Alaska steamer line.

Forces are gathering all over Portland for increase of its busi-After ness. Alaskan orders are reaching them before. As these products there are evils to be remedied. thus to be manufactured become port at this time "is a political will be more traffic than present sholish this sole remedy. Too many do it. So far as the growth of hops is ships can carry.

proposals in the pending whom contractors will surmise to are adding their strength to the as the result of prohibition. I admit crop goes east, anyway program. The work of the clubs And again, should Multnomah and committees in making senti- God give the liberty that the Prohibi-

makes a charge that there was at- The line is the present para- you tell a man that he cannot drink of The Journal-Again Mr. Linscott of tempt to bribe him, a charge which mount issue in Portland. It is an you are taking away his personal liba grand jury declares to have been issue of whether or not Portland wets. You are not taking away his will annex a part of one of the personal liberty if you tell him he richest regions on the globe.

## " MEALERS "

is it was not in the diction-

ing on the new word, says: What a host of people that little the bachelor who eats everywhere and Think of the stenographer who Think of the thousands of clerks, salesmen, bookkeepers and others who

are roomers and mealers. Down South landladies advertise for "Sleepers," meaning thereby "Mealers and Sleepers."

Gentlemen of soft muscles and tender hands at work today on King Gustaf precipitated a crisis Multnomah county roads are not rheumatic cures, poultices and pink

more work for workers, more which some people look upon as initiative against his former min- money for circulation, and indirecta isters. The Conservatives, angered ly a benefit to every establishby the threatened graduated tax ment and every person in Portland. on big incomes, demanded that the If we once get a true concept of discussing the high cost of living, period of military service should what the Northern trade means, said: be extended at once, and the king every man and woman in Portassociated himself with their de- land will be a booster for the Portland-Alaska steamship line.

The picks and shovels of the Portlanders at work on the Columple are impressed by arguments for bia highway today have a more agreeable sound than the rifle shots as unseen foes pick off like the bride's. American blue jackets and marines at Vera Cruz. Yet it is not im- desolate accents: possible that the chastening of brutal as the worst occurrences in LANCHE KIME has brought Mexico may have to come from salary has been cut down 15 per cent.

Under the circumstances, if there is a recall election on city offisues usual to mining strikes, in- similar proceedings against her cials, the recall candidates ought cluding recognition of the union. stepfather, who, with the mother, to pay the \$15,000 to \$20,000 it

Huerta says again that he will protect all foreigners in Mexico. a strike that extended over months home, when a daughter is driven But all his promises are not worth

#### Letters From the People

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

Asks Mr. Linscott Questions. Portland, April 25 .- To the Editor rifles. partment of agriculture deal of The Journal-Since E. A. Linscott with incomes of farmers. It me in public discussion of the prohi- rounds on No. 7 target, and there'll be has not accepted my challenge to meet my man; get down and do your sever was shown that the average bition question, but still writes anti- trouble for you if there is no imfarmer's income is small when prohibition letters in your columns, I provement!" measured in cash returns. A study ean only hope to "come back" at him of several hundred farms in the by the same route. I trust few peo- that had prompted him to enlist, ple will take seriously any statement O'Grady lay down to his task. middle west showed that the re- of a person who says that it is as tired farmer realizes only about wrong to prohibit the people from us- blustered up to him again. 31/2 per cent on his investment. ing liquor as it would be to compel them to use it; yet many think very yelled. farmer is a little over \$400, but pure food laws, sanitation laws and market inspection laws, affecting all shricked the other. foodstuffs that unscrupulous dealers "Sure!" hotly rete would sell and consumers would buy Oireland rising within him, "An' what because of reduced cost regardless of does it matter? In war time I might Spaniards are no more popular in the ranches, and the majority of the textile were already largely owned by the unjust and wrong. Prohibiting the

only way the wets can win a fairtackle that task, let him begin by morals or manners."-Franklin. closed, is not that farming does not answering the following questions: and method. More agricultural ed- systems and other corporations re- That is the current, but not the approthe sale of liquor unconstitutional injury to the public, and more trouble in whose veins flows almost pure Span- Spaniard for it. (Crowley vs. Christensen, 137 U. S. 86, to me, than all other causes. Were I There is sound logic in the Chi- and Mugler vs. Kansas, 123 U. S. 205)? to commence my administration again, ads? fends it? If blind pigs are undesirficials who oppose them?

to exterminate them by voting for of stretched upon your pillow; and, wak-Absolute, nation-wide prohibition is ing over your face and pinching at the goal. I've hardly touched the your heart. There is no home so beauedge.

Prohibition as a Solution.

are willing to criticise governmental concerned, the farmers of the state ence has proved that the child con-But the question is, should Multnomah county have commissioners business men and professional men honest and upright citizens have fallen borders. Ships can carry.

machinery, but can suggest none better. I would like to ask, "How many honest and upright citizens have fallen borders. Ninety-nine per cent of the that possibly there may be two standards of honesty and uprightness. Did erty',' is an argument used by must not commit suicide; neither are

tionists are trying to destroy? "When you taking away a man's personal liberty when you tell him that he must not rob. But when a man drinks he is both committing suicide and rob-MILWAUKEE landlady has bing. He murders his soul, his mind coined a word which is so and his morals. He spends money that expressive that the wonder rightfully should go to his family's needs and comforts.

The blind pig argument is as old How much better it is to have the liquor sold secretly than openly. The man who runs a blind pig does not The Milwaukee News, comment- dare sell to one tenth the people that he would otherwise. If he does his business is forfeited and he has a fine Prohibition is not so much to save the ones that have already fallen as to prevent more from falling. The boys of our country are at our mercy; we can curse them or bless them. Their habits are not yet formed and it is easier to prevent the forming of a habit than to break one already

As for grafting officials getting rich Mr. Staaf proposed to raise reve- they have sleeping accommodations. at the expense of the people, that decan marines on Mexican soil, a nues for making existing defenses In the course of time it is quite pends entirely upon the people themselves. Where the people take an in-American minds is whether the on the incomes of larger proper- "Board and Lodging" will be uni- ficials whom they elect, the officers terest in the government and the of- against it.

More Anti-Liquor Testimony. Portland, April 25 .- To the Editor tional testimony by eminent authorities on the effects of drink:

should suffer, whatever duct their own." that man seemeth good in thy sight impose upon me. Let the bread of affliction be friends of my confidence. Let the cold hut of poverty be my dwelling place and the wasting hand of disease inflict its painful torments. Let me sow in the whirlwind and reap in the Alaska is buying almost every storm. Let those have me in derision

## A FEW SMILES

Ex-Mayor Shank, of Indianapolis,



"It's the consumer's fault, after all. consumer should make laws to protect himself against rapacity. Judging from pres ent conditions, the consumer's ideas seem a good deal

honeymoon, came home and said in 'My love, I'm heartbroken. My "'Oh, that's nothing!' cried the ung bride, cheerily. 'Cheap & Co. young bride, cheerily. are advertising perfectly lovely things cut down 25 per cent'.

A couple of Boston physicians were swapping stories of their odd exper!ences, when one told the following:

found the infant all battered upblack and blue in 'What's t spots. matter with him?" asked the mother. " 'Nawthin' much 'Ye see, he was chrissaid the parent.

tened yisterday, and while his daddy was holdin' him the 6 o'clock whistle blew'." you're a perfect fool! "Man, growled the officer, as, red in the face, he strode to O'Grady, the new recruit "You're spoiling all

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ords. "I'm doing my best, sorr," came the hurt reply. Bang, bang! went the reports of

"Now, look here,

shooting rec-

Inwardly reviling the wild moment

Apoplectic of feature, the office "What target did you aim for "But you've hit No. 6 every time

as wrong as compelling the use of When I anticipate good let evil annoy me. When I look for light, let dark-

"Sure!" hotly retorted O'Grady, ould

"Some of the domestic evils minded person is by showing them drunkenness are houses without win- has been almost complete, the sub- Spaniard is due largely to the fact that The Chicago Record-Herald, dis- that liquor is not unwholesome and dows, gardens without fences, fields jects of Spain are the most hated of all the Spaniard is one of his hardest task demoralizing to the individual and to without tillage, barns without roofs, society. If Mr. Linscott wants to children without clothing, principles,

> ployes? Why do brewers' conventions fire and distilled damnation!"-Robert "The habit of using ardent spirits United States supreme court declared by men in office has occasioned more the lowly peon to the proud aristocrat in his dumb brute way and he hates the

do all standard magazines and the first question I would ask re comes out of the soil, but it will hundreds of daily papers bar liquor specting a candidate for office would Why do 65 lodges bar saloon- be, 'Does he use ardent spirits?'"-"The rum flend would like to go and Why do labor hand up a skeleton in your beautiful leaders denounce the traffic and its house so that, when you opened the patronage? Why did Lincoln pro- front door to go in, you would see it in nounce it worse than slavery? What the hall; and, when you sat down at student of science or sociology de- your table you would see it hanging from the wall; and, when you opened able, why don't the liquor men help your bedroom you would find it

> ing at night, feel its cold hand pass-C. A. REICHEN. tiful but it may be devastated by the awful curse."-Talmage. About 1 per cent of the Oregon hop Newberg, Or., April 24.-To the Edi- crop is consumed in Oregon, and state- 12,000 miles of line. If the stockholdtor of The Journal-No doubt Edwin wide prohibition would not affect the ers of all the country's roads are as Linscott of Silverton does not wish to market value of the product. This well distributed then about 2,000,000 nearly 200,000,000 population of the Prohibition is the one remedy which nation, and so far as I am concerned half as many more have loaned money is, I am sure that it will be allowed. is in any measure a success in re- I am perfectly willing the other 99,

> > H. S. HARCOURT.

## Blind Pigs.

Portland, April 25 .- To the Editor hatches up so many schemes to make us Prohibitionists see what awful lib-

erty destroying creatures we are. Yes, indeed, it is a poor rule that won't work both ways, and we who don't need saloons to make us happy are tired of paying out money to restrict, regulate, or watch the saloons and the people who hang around them, which would be 10 times worse than a blind pig, if not kept under surveil-We did not say lance all the time. the wets may not drink if they please and can get liquor, but we do say it isn't fair to make us pay for the privilege of keeping a thing that has become a nuisance, in any residence com-

munity. If Mr. Linscott went to church and asked God to make the drys drink, and it did them as much good as it has done the wets harm, I wouldn't object, but anyone knows a thing as harmful as liquor has been, can not find a hiding place behind any such comparison as that.

Prohibition has been enforced from the time of Moses to the present day, and the world has been better. of the ills of life came from disobeying laws prohibiting certain acts. Murder is prohibited, but I judge there is less murder than if there was no law

Prohibition does prohibit. READER.

## Letting Alone.

don, comparing the enurch and the sa-"Almighty God! If it be thy will (church) and they (saloon) will con-

The business of the saloon is to sell alone? M. Henri Schmidt, deputy of

# PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

#### SMALL CHANGE

Get busy and dust off your conscience. Has anybody swatted any flies One of the uncertainties-who will be governor.

the big price. . . Better not get hold of Mexico so "A husband, a few weeks after the that we san't let go. Going to church only one Sunday won't do much good.

It is the early chicken that catches

The late Francisco I. Madere certainly started something.

Close records through the season increases interest in the ball games. Many a man hasn't the perception to recognize Opportunity when he sees it. Every man who enlists for war "I called upon an thinks he will be one of the lucky ones. Irish patient of mine to see a new baby. "Business brisk in the wool mar-

port.

The Monroe doctrine is making the white man's burden heavy for Amer-

is the morning paper's market re-

There is no lack in Portland of young vomen fit to be queen of the Rose Festival. All people may well join with the

Quakers in praying that war may be "Mexico awaits with tranquility," says Huerta. He has a queer idea of "tranquility."

#### OREGON SIDELIGHTS

Baker is proceeding with Fourth of July plans based on a two days' season of celebrating.

Hillsboro's Carnegie library plans, which have been accepted on behalf of the donor, call for a building 40x62 Portland 12 years prior to that time. While I was working on a ranch I used to cost \$10,000.

day, imposes the penalty of \$5 to \$50 fine. The Roseburg Review proclaims the the owners of the Salt Lake Tribune.

for the first crate of the former in the "Salem bears the distinction," says e Statesman, "of having the only Mexican war veteran in Marion county, Mexican Central railroad for A. A.

by every one in the city

crossed the plains in 1846." John E. Crymes, of the American Sunday school union, working in Wal-lowa county, has visited Alder, Reavis, Pratt, Crow Creek Pass and O. K. "At the commencement of the revo-Gulch Sunday schools, and has organ-lized a Bible school at Lower Divide, newspapers gave much space to the 20 miles east of Joseph, "No religious gathering," says the Enterprise Record Chieftain, "has ever been held in the

Lower Divide district before. The Dailes Chronicle: Dean Bolton has in his possession several pieces of be interested in learning the facts. The wood that were included in the construction of the first wagon made in Oregon. His father, A. D. Bolton, had the wagon made in Oregon City in 1852, and he brought it with him when If old man Winters hadn't left some property, he would not have left behind any relatives, or friends, either.

#### THE SPANIARD AS A FACTOR IN MEXICO

From the New York Commercial. Expulsion of hundreds of Spanish everywhere and the bull fight, national enterprise predoomed to failure on acsubjects from Chihuahua and Torreon, sport of Spain, also is the national count of the well known and well esthe two largest Mexican cities in the game of Mexico. But for all that the tablished fact that rubber cannot be hands of the rebels, proves the fatuity Mexican hates the Spaniard as he hates profitably grown at a greater distance of the assumption that the Mexicans no other foreigner. are entitled to the same rights as are

churia. during the intervening period the asof similation of Mexico by the Spaniard

Spanish is the language of Mexico,

There are about 100,000 Spaniards in of the equator,

ish blood. Spanish customs prevail

enjoyed by civilized nations while en- Mexico and they have established gaged in warfare. The latest conspicu- themselves permanently in the life of spent large sums in experimenting ous case of nations of the first rank the people, relinquishing all but their and they have definitely determined. engaged in war was that of the Russo- nationality. Spanish merchants do the that rubber cannot be grown in paying Japanese fight for Supremacy in Man- bulk of the retail business of Mexico. | quantities outside of this 200 mile zone huria.

They are located in every town and of which the equator is the center.

It appears to be assumed in some city of any importance and have a This being the case certainly the quarters that the hatred of Spaniards monopoly of the liquor and groceries Standard Oil or any other company is peculiar only to the rebels of the business all over the country. Thou- would not want rubber concessions. As This assumption is erroneous, sands of them control haciendas or far as the oil lands are concerned they south than they are in the north of mills of Mexico are owned by them. Pierson Oil company of London, Do-Mexico, but southern Mexicans are at Yet in spite of the fact that they are hane of Los Angeles, the Inter Ocean present under better control of the an integral part of modern Mexico it Oil company of New York City and government than their northern broth- is a safe assumption that 99 out of It is a peculiar fact that al- every 100 Mexicans would rejoice if tion to this there are about \$10,000,000 Our wet friends must remember that ness come upon me. Do all this, but though nearly 400 years have elapsed the expulsion policy of Villa were ex- worth of oil lands privately owned.

foreigners. The Mexican fears the masters. Employing labor in large American because he recognizes his su- numbers, he is ruthless in his subjubecause he is afraid of him, but be- grinds him down to the lowest enfluence in the country he has done native Indian dialects survive only in nothing to elevate the people he cona few remote districts. The religion is guered in the sixteenth century. The the religion of the entire people, from Mexican peon and laborer realizes this

# WHO OWN RAILROADS OF UNITED STATES?

By John M. Oskison,

In his last report to the stockholders | owners. President Rea of the Pennsylvania railroad said: "No serious consideration is at present given to the investors who have furnished the capital for all the railroads, and thereby provided the most substantial foundations for the past and present progress of the countryand without the prosperity of the rail- or bonds. roads the country cannot prosper.' At the same time President Rea

reported that the number of stockholders in the Pennsylvania railroad had increased to 89,313. The Pennsylvania controls nearly roads of the United States. More than as it is determined what a fair rate

the greatest amount of absinthe and stantially correct as to articles, anialcohol is consumed. Medicinal sciceived during a period of even moderate indulgence in alcoholic beverages

is frequently defective. Were the victims of the numerous wrecks on land and sea that have been due to alcoholic indulgence, let alone? No, they paid the penalty by injury or death. The recent removal of alcoholic beverages from the navy shows that those in authority have realized Silverton comes forward with a plea what a menace it is to efficiency in all How many were met between the for the saloons. I wonder how he occupations. The times demand clear

heads and steady nerves. Mr. Engelske says, "Close up the saloons, and that means thousands of dollars short, and the tax payers will have to make it up." It has been repeatedly demonstrated that we can well liquor tell us that the church should afford to dispense with the revenue de- leave the liquor question alone; that rived from the saloon. Leaving out the liquor business will attend to its the moral phase of the question, we own business, and for the church to do pay more to care for the product of the same thing. We are proud to say the saloon (drunkards, criminals, de- that in spite of all the imperfections fectives, etc.,) than all the revenue de- found in the church, as well as in any rived from that source. There is not other institution controlled by such imone good thing to be said in its favor. perfect creations as a human being, it Has anyone ever known one person to is found doing its full duty as far as be injured by being a stranger to all the liquor business is concerned that the saloon stands for? But who fact, so effectively is the church atcan walk the streets of any city where tending to its own business that its alcohol is sold, without seeing some heel is crushing the form of this "poipoor soul who has been injured by this sonous reptile," which in its frantic legalized outlaw, the saloon? PHYSICIAN.

Earlier Days at Forest Grove. The Journal-Fred Lockley's story

of the experiences of Rev. C. H. Mattoon, Baptist minister, greatly interested me, especially that part relating to the winter-that of 1851-52-spent at Forest Grove by Rev. Mr. Mattoon. I well remember him and his arithmetic and the then house where he taught school. "Squirrel Mouth" Johnson, or, as we often called him, "Uncle Jimmy" Johnson, had four sons, schoolmates in the winter of 1849-50, in the old log church and schoolhouse. Portland. April 25 .- To the Editor the embryo Tualatin academy. of The Journal-I beg to submit addi- of The Journal-F. J. Engeiske of Ban- names of these boys were Elison, Logan, Tolaver and George. Logan and don't change their ways they will go loon, says: "Take care of your affairs I were great chums, he the oldest by out of power and some other party some years, and in playing "dare," will take their place. The party that "black man," we would stand all the fire the whole of the forest reserve liquor and in order to sell it must rest of the boys and usually won out. force and make the pensions all the given to me to eat. Take from me the constantly be creating an appetite for After the winter of 1851-52 the John- same and homesteads the same and The saloon lets no one alone. We son boys, especially Logan, again at protect all United States citizens all know how it left the boys of Cop- tended Tualatin academy. Logan start- erywhere in the world, is the party for perfield alone. Did it let the school ed the first saddle and harness shop us. The Democrats did children of Chicago alone, when it was in Forest Grove. I have lost all track power only with our help, and if they giving them candy containing alcohol? of the boys. If still living I would be don't change their ways in a hurry we

larly Logan. for again declaring ourselves, which Sweden would be the ransom country buys that we make is my enemies like the rushing of waters, of still births occurs in regions where example in it, and I think it is submunicipal nuisance.

to the roads-they are bond and note

So we may infer that about 2.500 . 000 persons, men and women, are directly interested in the ownership and financial soundness of the railroads. About one American in six among those who are maintaining families are depending in some measure upon income derived from railroad stock

Mr. Rea says that these owners have not been given serious consideration by the law making and rate fixing bodies; his report contains a

very strong plea for fair play. Mr. and Mrs. Average American own our railroads. These owners are the greatest users of the railroads. They are certainly willing to pay a

mals, etc. It might amuse your young readers to work it out. As I remember, it was as follows: Between Sing Sing and Tarrytown

I met my worthy friend, John Bro
And seven daughters riding nags,
And every one had twenty bags,
And every bag had twenty cats,
And every cat had forty rats,
Besides a brood of fifty kittens.
All but the nags were weeters. All but the nags were wearing mittens Mittens, kittens, rats, cats, nags, bags,

CYRUS H. WALKER.

The Fight for Life.

Reedville, Or., April 23 .- To Editor of The Journal-Friends ously striking back. It is a noticeable fact that nothing dies without a struggle of some kind. It will also be no-Albany, Or., April 21 .- To the Editor ticed that evil things perish most miserably. The liquor traffic, like the willing to admit that it looks like her rattlesnake, in its dying struggle, husband. strikes most venomously the thing which smites it: The best indorse-ment the church can get for its work comes in the form of a cry of mingled man she doesn't want. hate and despair from the camps of the liquor traffic. The grape and canister of truth and light are driving the

Chides Democratic Party.

with the battle.

enemy from cover. Let us proceed

O. E. FRANK,

Lakeside, Or., April 20 .- To the Editor of The Journal-If the Democrats something like what is now called will throw open all reserve land and Does it let even the unborn child pleased to hear from them, particu- will change our ways and vote for some

## IN EARLIER DAYS

is in the city revisiting old friends. "I was born on February 13, 1857, in Missouri," said Mr. Hurst, to Oregon in November, 1869. I left Portland 30 years ago. I lived in to send in occasional items to the Portland Daily News. One day I re-Forest Grove is to know dogs on the ceived a letter from Mr. Cole, the streets no more, "unless to drive stock manager, asking me to come in and see or unless said dog be led by his mas- him. He offered me a job as reporter. I was so green I didn't know what a reporter was. In any event I took the job. Later Colonel Hamilton, one of superiority of the Douglas county came to Portland and took hold of the strawberry over the California product, paper, I worked for him for awhile. instancing the vastly higher price paid Later 1 took up surveying and railroad work. I worked on the Northern Pacific railroad while they were constructing their road between Pasco While working on the and Tacoma. and one of the few in the whole state Robinson, I was introduced to Presi-now. He is Uncle Billy Brown, known dent Porfirio Diaz. For several years Uncle Billy 1 was employed by President Diaz as confidential advisor at a good salary. My work consisted in ferreting out customs frauds and other confidential

> fact that the Standard Oil company had financed the revolution in exchange for valuable rubber and oil concessions. As I happen to have some knowledge along those lines you will to the tune of millions of dollars in vested in Mexican rubber plantations. Millions of rubber trees have been planted. The Mexican government believing the industry might prove profitable levied an export tax on rubber. The total amount of tax ever collected from the exportation of rubber from rubber trees planted and grown in Mexico amounted to 75 cents, It seems incredible that men of ordinary intelligence would put their money in an than 100 miles either north or south

"The Goodyear Rubber company has the Standard Oil company. In addi-

"The oil company could have more profitably purchased the oil land raththan to have financed the revolution "What do I think of the war situs-

Well, there is a lot of talk tion? periority; he hates the Spaniard, not gation of the hapless Mexican. He rebel bands. I do not think there is durable condition. In the 400 years in out guerrilla warfare in a year. So can He transferred soldiers from one district to another where they had an friends or relations and where there was no inducement for them not to hunt down the brigands. Many of the Mexicans would welcome the United States taking over the job of tranquilizing their country. They are so torn by factions they brother to help them out."

## Strange Coincidence.

From Philadelphia Telegraph Here is one that was told by Congressman William M. Calder, of Brook lyn, when the conversation turned to

strange coincidences. Papa was sitting in the library one evening some time since when beautiful daughter happily rushed into the room, dropped upon his knee and her arms around his neck, "Papa, dear," she blushfully cooed,

"Harold was just here to see me. He

wants me to marry him." "He does, does he?" was the promp and practical response of What's his income?" "I don't know, paps," she said, and

then thoughtfully added, "What a strange coincidence!" "What do you mean by a strange coincidence, marie?" asked dad. "Harold," answered Marie, "asked

me the same question about your in-

# The Ragtime Muse

While Days Grow Longer. Life is growing full of joy, People aren't so surly; Getting up does not annoy— Six is not so early.

ow the sun shows som respect For his earthly neighbor, Warms our path with heat direct. Lights our way to labor Nature's working for us, too; Everything is blooming. Chickens cackle all day through, Garden stuff is looming. Garden stuff is looming, the lake the fishes bite, Get caught just to please

Really, they are most polite And refuse to tease us. Everybody wears a smile, No one seems to hurry That convenient "after while" Saves a world of worry, This is "take it easy" time,

#### Loafing's necessary. Pointed Paragraphs

Though its joys may vary; o be troubled is a crime,

Men who pose as judges of human nature get a good many hard bumps.

Some women can smile in the face

of adversity just as if they meant it, If a baby is homely the mother is

Many a girl catches the man she wants by pretending to desire some It's all right to pray for the things

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