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OREGON AND SPOILS

OW far are spoilsmen going ernor into changes of offiernment?

They are said to be openly boasting that they will "get" all the West appointees.

Why "get" the West appointees? publican commissioner of corpora- dreadful occurrence. ments.

for high position or a Republican governor who called as many Democrats to important place. In fagt, party has with former Governor charge him with having appointed too many Republicans.

Yet, it was a splendid example to the state that the chief end of government is not party but service. It was a conspicuous manifestation of the great truth that the desideratum in public adminmudsills of this great commonrealth of Oregon there is a keen preciation and a vivid recognition of the virtue of the West plan. It will not be good judgment for those in authority now to yield to the hounding by the politicians HE battleship Oregon is on and, regardless of efficiency and experience, turn the state offices over to spoilsmen. No good impression will be left upon the people by such a course, especially en the program of the spoils hunters would be brought into the sharpest contrast with the high example set by the late administra-

The Journal cares nothing at al about what brand of man or kind of man is in public office if he be efficient and his ideals of government be fit. Its only interest in mentioning the matter is to be of purest and most effective form.

an official means, not only a change of incumbents, but a change and this is a fact to be seriously considered in the present grand march of the spoils hunters.

THE PRICE OF WHEAT

THEAT is selling in Chicago at the highest price in nearly sixteen years. There is little doubt that speculation has much to do with the senational rise. The big buyers are figuring out a situation which they believe will develop. Prices are not determined entirely by presnt supply and demand.

There have been other phenomeual rises. On May 10, 1898, wheat ago; she will not fail now. reached \$1.85 on the Chicago martet. But that was a "corner" price. Two or three weeks before wheat sold for \$1.17; a few weeks later, it was down to 75 cents. On ptember 30, 1888, wheat touched above one dollar.

and 1888 broke as soon as the Here is what he said: corner day" was passed, the situand 1914 the American harvests fatalities. vere abundant.

be able to release Russia's block- the patience of America. and hold command of that water- through experiences such as have phere. way, Russia's surplus grain will be marketable.

The speculators are going on the assumption that Europe's wheat acreage next year will be greatly decreased.

BURGLARS AT SEVENTEEN

TERRIBLE example has land boys. It is an impres- the actual facts. sive warning to Portland parents. While trying to climb into the window of an Irvington confectionery Saturday night for the purpose of burglary, a boy of 17 was mortally wounded from a shot within, and died in the hospital a few hours later. He was a son in a highly respectable St. Johns

In high school, he was, by the statement of the principal, "studious to be able to hound the legis- and well behaved." He never lature and bederil the gov- gave the school authorities much trouble, and an appeal to his betials and employes in the state gove ter judgment was all that was necessary to bring him into full discipline.

The mystery of why such a boy met his death in such a way may never be clearly disclosed. That are they inefficient, or incompe- there was an older person or perent?. West was not a partisan sons with probable leadership in covernor. He never made a really the planning of the burglary is partisan appointment in his life. likely. That there was a terrible Most of the people he appointed to end to the midnight enterprise and office were Republicans. A Re- that the tragic consequences should publican recretary of state, a Re- sink deeply into the min1 of every publican private secretary, a Re- boy are the supreme facts in the

tions, a Republican state superin- Tomorrow in Los Angeles, a boy tendent of public instruction, a Re- of seventeen will stand up in a bublican justice of the supreme court room and receive a sentence court, many Republican circut of death as a result of an attempt fudges and district attorneys are at burglary which ended in the few on the list of his appoint- killing of the owner of the burglarized home. Though the son No state ever had so conspicu- of highly respectable parents, and ous an example of non-partisanship though at the tender age when a in high office. Probably no state lad should be with books, and pasever had a Democratic governor times, he will go to the gallows unwho named as many Republicans less the governor of the state commutes his sentence to life imprisonment.

At Chicago, several months ago, West is that some Democrats a bloody murder in which they held up an old truck gardener and

The supreme issue in these-boy is society doing to seek the causes the British army. of this wave of boy criminality that istration is not spoils, and down fathers and mothers thinking about where she became the wife of that are universally recognized. One \$13 per day for each of the \$10 workit at all, or are they, as usual, Robert Brownell three days be- of these is that a tax is a burden, and cluded). In addition, each judge is the treacherous belief that their boys can never go wrong?

THE OREGON

her way to Panama to lead the naval paegant through the canal March 10, when the big ditch will be formally opened. She will pass informally through the canal to meet the Atlantic fleet now gathering in Cuban waters. of fighting craft ever brought together in western waters.

Sixteen years ago the Oregon started for Cuban waters, but on an entirely different mission. Then she went to fight, and in order to be in the fight she made her record run around Cape Horn. such assistance as it can in aiding Now she goes as a fighting craft, those charged with the responsibil- but on a mission of peace. She ity to carry on government in its is to lead the line of ships through geles boy, was crushed to death the canal, and is to carry the presi- while attempting to rescue his baby Sometimes the appointment of dent and his cabinet.

When the Oregon started for the Atlantic in 1898 there were grave policy in the application of law. fears as to her ability to make the plished the task. Today there is question whether the Culebra cut will be in condition to permit the passage of large ships on the date fixed. It is feared that land slides will block the canal and prevent execution of the program.

But President Wilson can rest assured that if it is possible for any ship to traverse the canal March 10 the Oregon will get him through safely and on time. The Oregon did not fail under almost impossible conditions sixteen years

MEXICAN OUTRAGES

PEAKING in Chicago the other The Los Angeles Times, heretofore tion and enjoyment will depend very a bushel, but that also was a Mexican outrages. He has charge to rule, says the pacification of when laid upon the other. Without he is entitled to. These would corner" price. While September of Mexican mission work for the Mexico is not the duty of the wheat was selling around the \$2 Methodist Episcopal church and he United States alone. mark October delivery scarcely rose said that reports of outrages committed in which Americans suffered Mexico is a problem in which the While the high prices of 1898 in Mexico are much overdrawn.

Of a list of Americans reported to combined to put down the Boxer ation in 1898 resembled today's in the United States senate to have been one important particular. The Eu- killed by Mexicans I know five whose ean wheat harvest of 1897 had names were on the list. Those five met their death after ignoring a fair un 350,000,000 bushels short of warning from military authorities. e year before, and the 1914 Eu- The other fifty-seven names were ean harvest was 360,000,000 strange to me. Knowing only the shels less than in 1913. In 1897 five cases mentioned, I am led to doubt the fairness of the report

Even when Huerta was trying There are a number of things his best to stir up feeling against high have contributed to present Americans and this government rices. The belligerent nations are was spending big sums of money manding American grain. Swed- bringing citizens of the United Norway, Denmark and Italy States out of Mexico, Bishop McConhave been making large purchases, nell failed to hear of an American learned a lesson from the European land owner lacks the redress of the e first three nations in anticipa- who was killed by the Mexicans be- war. They realize that the United cabinet maker. He cannot shut off the on of having their commerce cut cause he was an American. In States must look southward for supply. The land is already in exist- all the married women will stay at off by mines in the North sea, and spite of the fact that native Metho- much of its profitable trade, and ence and in quantity greater than so- home and do what was meant for thaws do so much damage? Have view that each inquirer must be left taly in supposed preparation for dist preachers had been killed or the fact stands out boldly that if ciety can use. A tax on vacant land them to do it will not be necessary Portland gardeners left shade

the Mexicans without repeated instances of brutality. That miracle has not happened below the Rio Grande; it is not happening in Europe, and it did not happen in the United States during the Civil war.

Bishop McConneil's purpose was not to excuse the inexcusable. He thinks the Mexicans are entitled to the benefit of unbiased judgbeen brought home to Port- ment on their real character and

WOMEN AS JURORS

HERE is no reason why women should not be eligible to jury duty

They have proven thembeen exploded by experience. In against juror women would vanish they think should be enforced.

into thin air with the test applied. The Journal is not familiar with undoubted merit. It ought not to twain should have arisen in the state's Yet, although the activity of the

so many of which appear in the a grand jury at the instigation of a land. courts in Portland. In fact, the state's attorney should have sought What an opportunity for Julius Ro-

to the bill as it stands. There can government. be no supreme objection to the principle of the bill, for men are not in position to make a claim that they have made a howling success of the jury system with men only as jurors.

NOTED CHARACTER GONE

NE of the few women who Civil war died the other day at the Soldier's home at Ox-

She was Mrs. Robert S. Brownell and was familiarly addressed the main quarrel that his own a boy of eighteen was hanged. He as "Katy" Brownell. For years was one of several who committed she marched in Memorial Day are discussing the question of taxa- Journal about some member of the parades and was, it is said, the tion. It is the chief topic in Washing- condemn the high salaries being paid Grand Army of the Republic.

crimes is what does this viole ce ago at Gaffraria on the African question is raised: How shall we ob- lawyer, for if he was we would know in mere children mean and what coast, the daughter of a soldier in

When the Civil war broke out. is sweeping over the country? Are she was living in Rhode Island, resting secure and unconcerned in fore the first call for volunteer Together with her huseame. band she enlisted in the First Rhode Island Battery of Volunteers and for the next-three years took part in the campaigns which followed.

At the first battle of Bull Run she was wounded. She dressed the wound herself and mounting a horse rode over thirty miles to a town near Washington. She was mustered out of service in 1864. For several years Mrs. Brownell She will join the greatest armada and her husband were caretakers of the old Jumel mansion on Washington Heights in the city of New

IN THE DAY'S NEWS

CHIVALROUS soul winged its way into the great unknown land when Louis Darnell, a six-year-old Los Ansister from an approaching street-

Contrast his self sacrifice with the action of a Siuslaw homesteadvoyage in time, if at all, because er who deserted his wife and babe of hostile ships. But she accom- because he was unable to make a living for them.

SEEING THE LIGHT

NE effect of the European war is to start some of President Wilson's critics thinking. No longer are they demanding that United States troops be sent into Mexico to "pacify" that country, by conquering it for the make when acting together, and the benefit of foreign investors.

brought home to Americans the fact that our greater prosperity de- omists call land; the second attaches pends largely upon welding the to the products of human labor. Both nations of north and south continents into a Pan-American union. Denver added valuable testi- of the president for not sending mony concerning reported troops into Mexico to conquer and

> The Times now maintains that whole of the two Americas is interested. "As the world powers revolution in Peking, so every country in America must combine to stamp out anarchy in Mexico." The San Francisco Chronicle. also a critic of the president, says: It is posible that a condition may

arise in Mexico which, while not wartion, may fully justify that of Pan-America, but under Latin-American initiative. many words, these papers now concede that President Wilson has the area of the earth being the same been right all along. They have whether taxed or untaxed. Hence the happy.

tainty as to whether the allies will say about the Mexicans and asked be regarded by all Latin-America proved land cannot be shifted to the aded wheat. If the warships of Undoubtedly there have been ception creative of distrust and England and France can force a outrages in Mexico. It would be raising serious barriers to an expassage through the Dardanelles a miracle if a people could go tension of our trade on this hemis-

AN APPEAL FOR A SANE TAX LAW

government. What of all our institutions gives greater scope to the human will? Where else can be found such comedy?

And its greatest charm is that it is our government-ours to Jaud or Taxes on land values tend to lower to condemn, to set up or to tear down, to make just or tyrannical. We can selves worthy of the ballot. The enact a set of laws and then turn the men we select to administer the wisdom direct the tax to be laid? the same way, the usual arguments laws pick from among them such as

But now that we have had our laugh the question arises: Is government really a joke? Are all laws nullified by other laws? Must statutes ever remain ridiculous and unenforceable? Is there no science of government? Can there be no honest taxation? Is there order in all things else, served as a soldier in the material and immaterial, physical and spiritual, and no law governing social relations? Reason answers NO. And order and harmony will come when we have discovered and applied the

The people throughout this country only woman ever admitted to the ton, in every state capital, in every to the various state and county city council and in every county, She was born seventy-one years township and village. Everywhere the efforts. tain revenue, and everywhere the ad- his proposed efforts would be for vogue is unsatisfactory.

tends to drive away the thing it is donated a cozy, well furnished office, her to his castle and have a chance to laid upon. When congress wished to with heat, light, janitor and other constop state banks from issuing money pense of the state. We grangers think ity by laying a tax of 10 per cent upon ample pay for the judges of the women rail about the up-to-date Amertheir circulation, and that tax was as supreme court. effective as the most drastic prohibi- erly fixed at \$2000 per year, by mafion. This principle is recognized in nipulation of a band of scheming polithose communities that seek to attract ticians and officials a few years ago, and making it otherwise disagreeable new industries by exempting them was by the legislature raised to \$4000. for them, in an effort to make them that is nearly \$13 for each working marry daughters who are best fitfrom faxation for a term of years. It day in the year. is understood by those who place heavy taxes on saloons to keep down acted by a succeeding legislature, home. Mothers instead of training schools and churches in order that where deputy district attorneys had them. there may be more of them.

pervading force, we are slow to give discriminate among a few things in ties formerly received. In Linn counlevying taxes, the great mass of values ty the county attorney now receives; falls under a common rule. This pol-for each working day of the year. icy of a common treatment of all This, too, regardless of the fact that values, however, is not as popular as the circuit court of Linn county holds it once was. The impracticability of but three terms per year, mostly under is leading many to think it should be devote one fourth of his time to state abolished. But such a proposition and county business, devotes the other will not be generally accepted by the people unless they are given an intel- does nothing. he understands the true basis of taxation.

value men make when acting indi-The big war in Europe has vidually. The first attaches to those elements of nature that political econa recognition of this fact a just and workable system is impossible.

A tax laid upon any product of labor-a table, for instance-will be price, and cannot be passed on to the ing paradox will be apparent upon a ried one." moment's reflection. Labor products are produced as needed, that is, in response to demand. If the consumer table the cabinet maker can refuse to

Land, however is a fixed quantity,

as a menacing conqueror, a con- tenant because of the competition of the owner of the vacant land.

It is useless, therefore, to try to tax personal property. The experience of mankind has shown that it is only that part of personal property that is used in trade that can be reached by the government, and the tax on that is shifted to the consumer. It is equally Stoughton Cooley in Chicago Herald. unwise to tax improvements upon THE confusion worse confounded land, for the labor that goes into the of our tax laws illustrates anew building of a house is of the same the inestimable value of popular nature as the labor that enters into the making of a table.

Taxes on the products of labor. whether in the form of personal proptragedy, such melodrama and such erty or in improvements upon land, raise the price, curtail consumption and decrease the demand for labor. the price of land, enlarge its use and pan out well. increase the demand for labor.

The present needs of society are arguments formerly set out against about and make another set that con- cheaper goods, higher wages and their use of the franchise have tradicts and nullifies the first. And greater demand for labor. Where does Certain men in Chicago are using

their personal property in employing Having in mind the universality, as labor and producing wealth. Certain well as the inevitability, of death and other men in Chicago are holding a Mr. Huston's bill on the subject. taxes it is not to be wondered at that vast amount of land that is neither The principle of that measure has the more vexations of the dreaded employing labor nor producing wealth.

be east aside without consideration. attorney's office. Nor should it be sur- men employing labor and producing There are cases in which women prising that an able and energetic of goods adds to the value of the land, ought to be on the jury, notably ficial should have added to the gayety our tax laws seek to lay the burden of in the trial of men for crimes of politics by undertaking to enforce government upon them, while making against children and young girls, the personal property tax law. That it light upon the owners of vacant

sex crimes never will be properly to pillory a conspicuous rich man for senwald, State's Attorney Hoyne and tried with a consideration to fit the defying a law that both the grand jury others who see the absurdity of our offense until women are on juries. and the attorney had broken illustrates present tax system to lead in a move-There may be minor objections the infinite possibilities of popular ment for the abolition of the personal property tax!

Letters From the People

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

"Discussion is the greatest of all reformers rationalizes everything it touches. It rob

Denounces Certain Salaries. Lebanon, Or., Jan. 15 .- To the Editor of The Journal-I read in The

officials. We who are members of the grange in Linn county appreciate his mission is made that the system in parade simply, and not for the pur-There are principles of taxation supreme judges. Each receives nearly ried and living with her husband. In addition, each judge is a man cluded). t avoided questions of constitutional- \$10 per day, with all the extras, is time," as it is now.

Much greater extravagance was enbeen receiving \$50 per month, as it I may be a crank, but I enforcing the personal property tax torney of Linn county, who does not three fourths to his private practice

and receives \$7 yer day for the days he ligent reason. The small owner is not | I understand states in the east pay likely at first to look kindly upon a their county attorneys of the populaproposition to tax homes, while ex- month, and the office at that figure is empting the personal property of the eagerly sought, because it is known rich. He will accept it, however, when as the best business asset a law firm can have to swell their private prac-

Linn county is but an example of the way taxpayers are treated. Now There are two values, and only two, let the legislature show nerve and that can be taxed: The value men cut the supreme judges to \$10 per day, the circuit judge to \$7 and the county

J. A. SMITH.

More on Women Who Work. Portland, Jan. 16 .- To the Editor of The Journal-In regard to an article down with the ship and with my rac appearing in The Journal of January of these values exist regardless of the 15, entitled "Women who Work," form of taxation, but their distribu. would like to say that I know lots of day, Bishop McConnell of a persistent and pernicious critic much upon the form of the tax; for a for household work, and who do not than pin money, who have a dislike and damn his children forever." tax laid upon one of these values has love their husbands enough to stay the opposite effect from what it does and care for their home, and prepare he is entitled to. These would rather work eight hours a day and hire a girl than stay at home. Still, somebody always trying to tell us the cause the increase in divorces. I know of several women who have children, who added to its price, and will be paid do not have to work, but who do. by the consumer. But a tax laid upon My wife was one of them. She land values does not enter into the claimed it a disgrace for a woman to work in the kitchen when she did not have to. She would say, "If you consumer. The reason for this seem- wanted a cook you should have mar-Very good, but a man does expect to get a cook nowadays. She also claimed that there was more glory to be gained in a business career than by keeping house for a man. We ranting interference by any one na- refuses to pay the tax levied on the had two children, but it made no difference to her. The girl was enough for them. Well, what can a a few words in regard to the make any more tables until he does man do under these conditions. He has no home and is disgusted with the result of his efforts. Therefore it is the divorce court, to free him from something that does not make him

No, I do not think it is right One disturbing element is uncer
driven out of the country, the disturbing element is uncer
or driven out of the country, the disturbing element is uncer
or driven out of the country had followed any other cannot be shifted to the tenant be
it will give the men a chance to pro
gether? It would seem so, if you took things, no final and indisputable and

cause there is no tenant; a tax-on im
vide for the home. I think it right a four over the town and noticed the swer can be made.

PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE

It's as easy to begin loafing as it is Worry kills more people than work because more go up against it. A really skillful woman can laugh at a pointless joke just as easy. No man is a nonentity unless he is

The Heppner Herald will issue weekly until about March 1, after which, as per its own announcement, "the semi-weekly service will be con-A woman likes to jolly her husband by telling him he is working too hard. Some people are born polite and some acquire the habit of telling white A woman simply has to love son thing, even if it is nothing but

The young man who marries a cook-

There's nothing beats the old-fast ioned tintype if you want a truthful picture of yourself.

realize how lucky he is when a woman refuses to marry him. should be able to sharpen a pencil with orium it had already received \$903 renwhich to mark her ballot. Yet the garrulous fan never knows enough about any question to put up

an interesting argument.

A public speaker never reaches the pinnacle of fame until some country newspaper dubs him the "prince of Many a man tries it three or four imes before he is fully convinced that

matrimony is what Sherman said war

However, the average man doesn'

service. J

annual meeting received the pleasing report that from the \$4200 investment

OREGON SIDELIGHTS

Hubbard and Gervais people are dis-cussing the matter of night telephone

The Baker Herald reports that ac-cumulating snow in the hills assures the possibility of plenty of water for

tinued again stronger than ever."

It seems doubtful if, after all, Dal-

las is to have a municipally supported band, the mayor having vetoed the or-dinance on the ground that budget pro-

visions were not made for the expense

and it is now too late to reopen the

Forest Grove News Times: There

rrigation next summer

"To hear a frog croaking in January," says the Silverton Appeal, "might sound like a fairy tale to our eastern friends, but that is what we heard the other morning They might heard the other morning They mi croak in the east at this time of year, but it would be final."

Mt Angel sportsmen have organized a rod and gun club of 65 members. Officers are: President, Dr. J. E. President, Dr. J. E. president, Tom Reiling vice president, Tom Reiling, C. W. Kent; treasurer, was.

So there is a fool born every minute?
This would be a tiresome world if there was none but philosophers in it.

Webb; vice president, Tom Reiling; secretary, C. W. Kent; treasurer, Dr. E. W. Barnum; sporting editor, Bert C. Jones, editor of the Mt. Angel Times.

CHICAGO'S SCHOOL SAVINGS BANKS

It is a pleasure to compare two such reports as have been sent to me by Joseph R. Noel of Chicago. He is the added interest of \$3.79 paid by banks energetic banker who undertook to to which certain deposits had been stimulate the establishment of school transferred; withdrawals increased to savings banks after the board of eduation authorized them, March, 23, savings banks rose to \$1001, leaving Mr. Noel's first report was made 1\$3424. .

June 26, his second at the end of Oc- This record of increase was made ober. The first dealt with the work after the opening of the fall term of done in the short time remaining of school. Studying the record, I find the school term of 1913-14. It showed that no school bank was established banks established in 21 schools, accounts numbering 2823 opened, and At the end of October seven more 566 closed; deposits of \$2537, and withdrwals of \$564. Out of the total deposited \$444 had been transferred to regular savings banks (this transfer occurred when a depositor got as eighth grades; much as \$5 in the school bank). Mr. Noel explained that most of the withdrawals were made by graduating pupils in the last few days of and North avenues, Chicago. If in

school. So much for the work done between April 8, when the first school bank opened, and June 26. Now, for the

record to the end of October: pose of affording any real relief to the and proper should the school board taxpayers. Take, for instance, the refuse to hire a teacher who is mar-I, too, would prefer the days when women were regarded as queens; when make a home for her; could get more enjoyment out of her home than by "gadding around all the ican women. I think they had better The salary of circuit judges, form- cut out a few of their up-to-date ideas, or they will be wanting the legislature to pass laws taxing bachelor ted to lead the grand march or pound a typewriter, but surely not to keep

when at the suggestion of district at- the girls to catch beaux should train the number and exempt hospitals, torneys or other persons in counties them to hold them after they have creation of five years' experience with one of our Though conscious of this funda- county attorneys and their salaries up-to-date American beauties, I am mental principle, however, this all- it was so fixed that some of the coun- free now, and there will be no more ties are actually paying the county for me. I think I prefer the old attorneys about the same salary that country girl, who is not blessed with it general application. While we do a district attorney for several count the up-to-date polish. After all, they make the best and most lovable wives

AN EX-HUSBAND. and mothers. Does Not Accept Inferno.

Portland, Jan. 14,-To the Editor of The Journal-A local minister lass Sunday unhesitatingly assured congregation of eternal hell and damnation, and moreover, expressed great satisfaction in his belief of such con dition or place after death. I cannot out compare this minister's views upon this subject with those of a late and eminent writer who has said: I honestly believe that the doctrine

of hell was born is the glittering eyes

of snakes that run in frightful coils watching for their prey. I believe it in the yelping and howling and growling and sharling of wild beasts. I believe it was born in the grin of hyenas and in the malicious clatter of depraved apes. I despise it defy it, and I hate it, and when the great ship freighted with the world goes down in the night of death, and disaster, I will not be guilty of he ineffable meanness of pushing from my breast my wife and children and paddling off in some orthodox canoe will go down with those I love and with those who love me. I will go where there is sympathy. will go where there is love. Nothing can make me believe that there is any women who work for no other reason being that is going to burn and forment I question the mental symmetry any man who preaches eternal hell and E. A. MAKER.

Mr. Bates Disclaims Authorship. Portland, Jan. 15 .- To the Editor o The Journal-I notice in yesterday paper that the writer is given credit for having written the Michigan compensation law. This is an absolute mistake, the truth of the matter being that I wrote the German law, which is the father of all compensation legislation, and all other makes and brands are mere imitations. Anything which you can do to cor

rect the false impression given the public will be greatly appreciated.
PAUL C. BATES. The Care of Shade Trees.

Portland, Jan. 16 .- To the Editor

The Journal-I would like to say beautiful plans. Most people will care for their lawn, fruit trees, shrubs and gardens, but how about their shade trees? In this city they seem to get no consideration at all; and if any, the najority are disfigured. I have been women to work away from home un- Portland has the poorest lot of shade their terms of office as president of trees of any of them, and the poor- the United States. est kept. Is it any wonder the silver

total of accounts rose to 6399, with 912 of these closed; total deposits in- going to visit that old farm house. I creased to \$5341, to which should be \$918; transfers to in the 48 school banks a credit of

between May 12 and September 24. schools had applied for banks.

The school bank takes deposits of 5 cents or multiples; it is conducted by six pupils of the seventh and the bank hour is usually from \$:30 to 9:30 Tuesday morning Mr. Noel's address is Milwaukee

your town you want to emulate his splendid record I'm sure he will respond to questions about how it was done-but send along a stamped en-

A FEW SMILES

The two vacationers has fished an hour without a nibble to reward them



this," said the first man, "old Izaak Walwould have inphilosdulged ophy. Have you any-

you might work off just now to relieve the monotony?" "Nothing but this," replied the other man. "I suppose it is by refusing bite and compelling fishermen to philosophize that fish get the reputa-

tion of being brain food.' Lord Lovat, the head of the famous ovat Scouts, tells a good story in regard to a very much ruffled private who was under ar-

rest for fense. Lord Lovat inquired of the sergeant as to what is offense was. "He's a very troulesome fellow, sir.

sergeant plied. "Got too much lip, goes out without leave, comes back when he ikes, and gets drunk when he likesjust as if he was an officer.

Briggs-"We are coming around to



"That's Griggs right, but do me a favor, old man. Don't let your wife wear her new suit: I don't want my wife to see "Why Briggs man, that's just why

The Ragtime Muse

not care a button,' Is a thoughtless thing to may, For buttons now, Are precious in their way

Or treat it with contempt, for things like that, tell you flat, From malice aren't exempt You lose a collar button Say "Darh!" or somet

don't abuse the button

Say "Darn!" or someth The blamed thing hides or something worse; In it abides The imp of the perverse." Suppose that every button

Suppose that every button (And in them demons lurk), Should fly away Some night. Next day No one could so to work! So honor well the button We owe it gratitude, Without it we hould savage be And altogether nude!

trees that are disfigured and thos that are not prunded at all. don't the people get out with saws and cut off all branches interfering with traffic; cut out all the dead wood and thin the branches inside and still not disfigure the trees If they would only start at once they would see how much it improves their own property and make a long stride toward our one sim, the City Beau-W. M. SCOTT.

Platform Repudiations.

Portland, Jan, 16 .- To the Editor of The Journal-Kindly give a list of the planks of their platform, on which they were elected, that were large cities but I must say ated by Roosevelt and Taft during [So much depends upon the point tree to his own opinion on the points raised

"After our fight on the big bend of the Rogue river in which we killed in indians we started back for the coast." said William H. Packwood in describing his experiences at Port Orford in

1852 when he was a member of Company C, First United States dragoons, "On the trail over the rocky ridge to Johnson Creek one of our horses fell and was hurt. When we got down to the creek the company halted, rested an hour or two and had something to eat. The lieutenant told me to pick out a man to stay with me over night and bring the horse along next day. I selected a man named Joe Blandford, a Virginian. We picked a place to is a sentiment of prosperity in the air And that Forest Grove will share in the general prosperity is indicated by the building prospect for the coming the building prospect for the coming tree, so we could watch the trail and season. It is the best in the history the front, and where we could also watch our horses. Some of the men The Moialla Band association at its came to us and said: "Don't stay; the Indians will follow our trail and, finding you two alone, they will lay in ambush for you tomorrow morning and kill you. I told them we would have to obey orders and stay, "We made everything snug for the night. The command had gone about

two miles up the mountain trail when

a man was sent back with orders for

us to come on to camp that night. Joe and I pulled out and soon overhauled the command. I presume the lieutenant heard comments made by the men, protesting against our being left in such dangerous place for the sake of a horse, and concluded the men were right, and so countermanded his order. "Joe Blandford was a good soldier. He served five years with us in the United States mounted rifles and First United States dragoons. He also served in the Civil war. He was with the Union army marching in Virginia one evening, and as they marched along he pointed out a farm house on a hill and said: 'After we camp tonight I am hope to find my old father and mother there. I have not seen them since I enlisted in 1848. A few minutes later they were attacked by the Confederate interest paying cavalry. In the skirmish which ensued only a few men were killed. Joe Blandford was one of them. After the skirmish was over and camp made a sergeant and some men went up to the home and reported what Joe had said. The old couple came down to the camp,

They recognized Joe as their long lost boy. He had come home at last. They buried him at his old home. "After Joe and I had rejoined the company we continued on back track until we reached what was afterwards known as Woodward's prairie and there we made our headquarters. Soon after this Lieutenant Stanton sent Lieutenant Stoneman with seven men to ex-California, Lieutenant Stoneman started with seven days' rations. I was let them have their pick of the mules. They took nine mules—the best we had. They had fine weather to start in and struck the Oregon trail to California the third day out on Graves creek. "On their return a dense fog rolled up from the sea. The country is brushy with heavy timber and steep mountains. Lieutenant Stoneman had a small

ipass and tried to

"At a time like by the compass. They became turned around and were soon completely lost. country where the west fork of Cow creek heads. The easiest way would thing philosophical to see the landmarks. They had only seven days' rations to start with, and while in a good game country at that before you could see the game. They killed an elk one evening near where That night thy had a good feast of clk. Next morning before pulling out, Martin Manly, a Kentuckian, and an odd char acter, a Yankee named Ryan, hung up a quarter of the elk in a tree. Manly said they might need it before they go out and he wanted it out of the reach of the wolves and California lions. To humor Manly, Ryan helped him swing the quarter up and secure it in a tree They left a log burning when they left camp. Lieutenant Stoneman took his marched all day. Toward night they sat down to rest on the side of the The lieutenant said: 'Men mountain. it looks as though we will have a dry camp tonight,' Manly stuttered when talking. He spoke up and said: 'Lieutenant, there is w-w-wa-t-er and m-m me-at down there,' pointing down hill The lieutenant told Manly and another man to go and see if there was water. Manly started out and when about 200 yards away, he sung out for come on. They went down the mountain a short distance and came to their camp of last night. The fire was still burning and the elk's hind quarter hung up in the tree. Lieutenant Stone-

> said: 'Well I'll be d-d if this isn't our last night's camp.' "In one place where they rested for noon one of the men pried out of the bedrock a piece of rock with something vellow in it. On examination it proved to be quartz, with about 60 worth of gold in it. They called Lieutenant Stoneman's attention to it. He said it was a good quartz ledge and advised them to mark the location so when their term of service was out they could come back, work it and

> man took a good look around and then

make a fortune. "They kept wandering around and got into a canyon so rough they had to abandon their mules and saddles. Some years later I heard that some of the saddles had been found but the mules were never heard of again; "Some days later they were on high peak overlooking the bend of Rogue river when the fog cleared. The lieutenant and men were sitting down resting. The lieutenant said: Men, if any of you will volunteer to try and find Stanton's camp and him we are starved, and worn out and need help, I will give him part of my cartridges." Martin Manly volunteered to go and, taking the extra cartridges, set out at

But Would It? From the Boston Transcript. "Oh, dear," grouned the young wife, I don't know what to use to raise ny bread; I've tried everything." "A derrick and a couple of jack screws ought to do it," thought her husband, but he didn't say it aloud.

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