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If he could only see how small a vacancy his death would leave, the proud man would would think less of the place he occupies in his life-time, -Legouve.

THE VERDICT AT BAKER

HERE was something larger in the Baker damage suit than the personal fortunes of former Governor West. The issue was not a question of

a man, but of the vindication of a principle. There was on trial, not former Governor West, but the question of whether an official oath to enforce the law is an official oath, and whether or not a governor is to be penalized by the law for honest and sober endeavor to enforce the law.

Nor was this all. the balances in the Baker county local officials neglect or refuse to that reason, go unenforced, or is its passage. It admissable for a governor to

The Baker county jury answered the law and returned a verdict for Governor West. There was presented to the jury the letters and other information on which the former governor acted at Copperfield. There was offered no testimony other than that on which Governor West reached his conclujustice, the jury decided as Gov-

all the forms of law and in the county in which Copperfield is sittouch with the facts and conditions. It was a conclusion reached onistic to Governor West, and yet were interested. Governor West and the law.

bling was wide open at Copperfield. olution, Minors were made drunk in the ed in saloons. The mayor and most of passed with an amendment which the councilmen were saloonkeep- lessens the deadly import of the ers. Boys of 14 and upward were original resolution as it passed the sold whiskey. The civil authorities, even in the court room, claimed Oregon legislature on record there was no law by which they against the government in the suit could protect Copperfield against this chaotic order. But Governor California land grant. West found a way, and a jury of American citizens has justified his

guard for every family and every home in Oregon.

The verdict means that, with a governor of the right kind, a governor uncompromised, purposeful the 2,300,000 acres of Oregon & and free, there need never be an- California grant lands, and for other blot like the former Copper- that corporation to be allowed to field in this state. It means that in his own way and against great benefit under the terms of the odds. Governor West proved that original grant. if sheriffs and district attorneys fail in their duty, there is a higher power that can be invoked to main- ing forfeiture suit against the peotain the majesty and supremacy ple and in favor of the Southern of the law.

The Journal has a personal and fustifiable pride in the verdict. It 24, 1911, and again on July 1, was the only Portland newspaper 1913, Judge Wolverton decided the that stood with Governor West suit in favor of the people by courts. in the Copperfield fight. All other declaring the 2,300,000 acres of newspapers in this city condemned, grant lands forfeited to the people, and opposed Governor West, and Senate and as Senator Day tried to did all they could to embarrass force it through the honest House, and handicap him in the great in effect requested the supreme principle for which he was strug- court to reverse Judge Wolverton gling. Their stand was with the and leave the grant lands in the Copperfield saloonmen and against hands of the Southern Pacific. a courageous governor in his brave fight for the homes and hearthstones of Oregon.

THIS IS WAR

TEWS from Europe is terribly depressing. For months reports have been coming from the front-news of trenches lost and taken again, of troops moved, of soldiers "lost." But there is nothing in the dispatches to inspire thrills. It is all sordid, robbing war of the glory it once was supposed to have. Here is the way one who has been on the ground views the conflict:

It is hard to feel that war is anything but a miserable affair when we know of the spread of virulent dis-eases in armies of men whom bullets have not touched. Typhoid, smallhave not touched. Typhoid, small-pox and cholera are rife in the Russian and Serbian prisoners' camps Soldiers are coming back from the front by thousands—un-wounded but with bodies wrecked by eumonia and consumption. Some of them have had to lie on the snow a week at a time, insufficiently and fed. They most of them. They have not them. Like the soldiers in France, they have stood or sat in trenches wet with slush

ting in the process. They have not fought or even marched. When a they have been mowed down by artillery.

There is no necessity which pertake care of his horse and his pig or feel the heavy hand of righteous lower than the beast. Human life, the rights of coming generations, the sanctity of home and fireside, have no standing in war. It is a sordid, brutal and unheroic affair and the world is beginning to realize it.

WASHINGTON AMAZED

HEREAS, it is of vital importance to the development of the entire state of Oregon and the several counties which said granted lands are located, that such lands should not be they should be disposed of for settlement and development under terms of the original grant.

Nearly two months after the ad journment of the legislature, it is discovered that the foregoing mon strous section in a resolution in the interest of the Southern Pacific railroad in the land grant case. passed the Oregon state Senate, and that Senator Day and others attempted to drive it through the

It was not allowed to go to House until 11 o'clock Saturday night, the forty-first day of the destined to clutter up the capitol legislative session twenty-three hours after the time set by law for adjournment. defeated through the efforts of Representative Huston, whereupon Senator Day and others went on enforce the laws, must the law, for the floor of the House and urged

find means of restoring order and the House at an hour of intense was recently offered The Journal re-establishing the authority of tension, when other matters of these vital issues on the side of test was then on between the House and Senate over the Compensation bill, the Moser spoilsmen's bill and other unusual legislation.

It was exactly such a time as it always selected for the passage of joker legislation. worn out with the long sessions sions, and sitting in judgment Their thoughts were not on new under the law and in the name of and unexpected legislation, but upon bills that were being fought over and which were at the crit-The verdict was reached under ical stage. It was a time when by the slightest change of events. the favorite bills of members could It was the free finding fail or succeed, especially with of those near the scene and in adjournment liable to come at any

It was a fitting moment for the in the heart of a city that has passage of the resolution in which always been reported as antag- Senator Day and his lieutenants It is a finding of enormous value after Representative Huston had reshaving the senate, but which still puts the for forfeiture of the Oregon &

So stealthy was the work of the manager of the resolution, that even Attorney General Brown, who It is a victory for every mother was named in the measure as the in Oregon. It is a triumph for official to carry out its provisions, every fireside in Oregon. It is a did not know of its passage until new means of protection for every he met Senator Moser in Portland child in Oregon. It is a new safe- something like six weeks after the

adjournment of the legislature. The resolution as it passed the Senate was a demand for the Southern Pacific railroad to retain sell the grant lands for its own

It was a request to the federal supreme court to decide the pend-Pacific railroad. In spite of the fact that on April

It is doubtful if in the whole history of legislatures in the United States a more monstrous proceeding was ever attempted.

Even as amended "the department of justice is amazed," says a news dispatch from Washington. at the resolution passed by the legislature," the resolution being ernment in the Oregon-California land case."

And indeed, the department of justice may well be "amazed."

FLOODS OF BILLS

URING the three sessions of the last Congress a total of 30,053 bills and joint resolutions were introduced in the Senate and House. That was country, and it should have a de- sires. Similarly, the man, woman British army has been confiding to a at the rate of more than fifty for fender in the councils of the cabinet, or child who never attends the kind friend his difficulties with his "budle each day Congress was in session. during the two years, and the sec- at a time when some represent- of the spectator or reader, where words are associated with these calls, retary of the Senate says that of atives of business say there is too the audience has to do some of the which help to fix them in the soldier's this total 417 can be classified as much government regulation. Mr. work, where the mind is called into mind. Most people know the first and "public" and 283 as "private" Elliott says the railroads should action by the presentation of intel- second "men's dinner" calls-"Come to

streams and similar objects.

But war values humanity in the Sixty-third Congress and gress convenes. It means that the New Haven railroad. survive.

of its time considering bills that controlled by them. are not worthy of consideration. from taxation, but that Many of them are introduced for retary of transportation in the tended that they shall pass.

If Congress could devise some congressmen attempting to make their names attached to measures retary of transportation. and retard legislation.

HIGHER-UP SYNDICALISM

THE I. W. W.'s are not the only syndicalists.

There are higher-up syndicalists. Thus, a quantity The measure was brought before of slightly damaged print paper at a sum about \$1,200 less than it was worth. A slight wetting of receive the shipment and thereby also gave the paper establishment a market for an equal amount of paper to be supplied to the buyer for whom the original shipment was intended.

Here was a willing proposal to victimize the railroad, to force for the paper makers with their appliances could easily trim away the wet portion and reduce the damage to a comparatively small sum. By such a process the carrier could have been saved a heavy that twice the entire population of sacrifice.

But this was not the choice of the railroad company to take the are in movie theatres. It was a psy- shipment, it was making a market In other cities it runs as high place. It was a willingness Senator Day succeed- to make profit by being wantonly measure destructive of railroad values.

HELPING THE "DRYS"

States district court in Chicago, has jurisdiction of 89 saloons involved in bankruptcy and receivership proceedings. These saloons are being operated by officers appointed by the

law be obeyed.

This action by Judge Landis has stimulated the "dry" forces in Chi- clement-and it is inherent in their cago to inaugurate a general Sun- structure-which is a grave menace more significant than the surrender day closing campaign. They say to society, and which demands the brate the wiping out of a terrible posconvinced that state laws should American parent and patriot.

keepers who have furnished the "drys" with much of their ammuni-

A RAILROAD DEFENDER

TOWARD ELLIOTT, president of the New Haven railroad, urges the creation of a federal department of transpor-'practically a request to the su- tation, with its head a member of preme court for defeat of the gov- the president's cabinet. In a recent speech at Norwich, Conn., he said:

> Today the government recognizes some of the great commercial activities of its population by departments and cabinet officers, such as the secretary of the treasury, secretary of agriculture, secretary of commerce and secretary of labor. The States is next to agriculture in importance, in volume, and in its relation to the welfare of the whole

at an unseen enemy, and fairly rot- their public importance through agriculture is not a mere de- by a truly great nation. Instead appropriation of money for gen- fender of the farmer, and neither such a man, woman or especially great engagement has been planned eral purposes or their effect upon are the secretaries of the treas- child, is in imminent danger of losgeneral law. The private laws are ury, commerce or labor mere de- ing the power of sustained attention such as allowed claims of individ- fenders of classes of people they and becoming a smatterer instead. uals, affected pensions for individ- represent. Farmers are advised. For ever nickel you give your child mits beasts to be treated like that uals, granted permission to con- rather than defended, by the secre- to go to the movie, you ewe it as a in ordinary times. A man must struct bridges over navigable tary of agriculture. Bankers are duty both to your child and to your advised, defended and protected by country to see that you also provide All bills which were introduced the secretary of the treasury.

If the railroads are given a repwhich did not become laws have resentative in the cabinet he would play, where the child itself is the failed. In order to have further not become their defender in whatconsideration they must be intro- ever they might do. He would not duced anew when the new con- defend methods that almost ruined ation. He there will be another flood of would not defend such stock jobbills and joint resolutions, only a bing as has forced the Rock Island mental. They are sapping our powsmall percentage of which will into bankruptcy. He would not defend any of the high financiers The figures indicate one reason for who have used railroads to fatten what many people call legislative their own bank accounts at the exinefficiency. Congress spends much pense of the railroad properties

It might be well to have a sec-"trading" purposes; others reach president's cabinet. But his chief legislative halls solely to please duties would be to teach railroad congressman, and it is never in culture does farmers, and to defend back on their reasonableness. If they no reasonableness, it ruthlessly crushes the railroads against themselves.

It can well be added that, if system by which these biennial all railroad managers and owners floods of bills could be dammed were of the same type as Howard at their source much would be Elliott, and if all railroads were gained. But such a system, desir- managed along the lines that How- fail to realize that we have an instiable as it is, apparently is far in ard Elliott would direct them. the future. There are too many there would be less prejudice against the roads and more willrecords for themselves by having ingness to create a position of sec-

> Nor would it be unreasonable to admit that a man of the Elliott type could be of value to the government and the country in such a position.

By WALTER PRICHARD EATON. Dramatic Critic and Author.

TOW far do we, as parents, aid by the sports and amusements least, the edges made while the paper we permit our children to indulge was in transit by rail gave the in? And how far do we, as adults, manufacturers excuse to refuse to in our own amusements further or people allow a few moral cranks to retard the powers of attention in ourselves?



ture is the great amusement world ample of its trethe public, it is

survey showed movies every week. Of the entire theatrical audi- not fit to judge for themselves, but the paper corporation. By forcing ences of San Francisco 65.5 per cent

that conclusion is a vindication of chological moment for putting over for more of its paper, though at as 73 or 74 per cent. The reasons a Job. At 3 o'clock, four hours a heavy loss to the railroad line. for this are many. First of all, the It was a kind of syndicalism in movies are cheap. Then the theatres are small and easily erected, so that used by Chicago papers and the Orethey can be placed conveniently in gonian, and the News of this city, in each neighborhood. The films can discussing the recent Chicago election. also be shown at a profit in thou- origin, but it fell from grace, as did sands of small towns which decent its guardian ad litem, the Republican theatrical companies never visit. party. TUDGE LANDIS of the United Finally, the pictorial appeal is always a strong one, especially to children, and the movies have to a what do I know of what gets into vast extent increased the number of their editorial heads between editions? amusement patrons by bringing the All that I know is that a churchless children into the theatre.

> loons under his jurisdiction be sometimes they are educational; for pail. operated strictly according to the the most part they are clean. Cerstate law and cease to remain open tainly they are vastly superior to keeping open Sunday in defiance e-ceedingly is no valid reason for ar- Digest's review. of the court's order that the state guing that it is harmful to less educated mortals.

But the movie dramas have one

be enforced there ought to be no After you have once mastered and difficulty with judges of state accepted the conventions of screen might well be living on a continent drama technique-and children do divided into armed camps, separated The situation in Chicago has master them almost instinctively by bristling boundaries, across which its lesson for the saloon men. In it requires next to no effort of at- angry cultures and petty nationalisms abused, misrepresented, ridiculed the resolution as it passed the defiance of a state law and a tention to follow a film, and sustained have escaped that. court order, they continued to keep attention, any hint of intellectual vaster than that of Europe, with reopen Sunday. The result is a strain, is positively unknown. Not sources as varied and with people of troops into the street out of picture general campaign against saloons, only are the films always run off at internal peace. We have quarreled, we even bath in one case) as if some giant good and bad. That has been the a speed far exceeding life-for a shall quarrel. But we shall not fight. history of the anti-saloon fight. realistic pace, it has been found, bores It has been the lawless saloon- an audience—but the scene almost tiers, of churches and of races. No than a few moments at a time. There good to us, and by the standards of is a phantasmagoric melting of scene what was possible we have no ground whatever for complacency. Amidst into scene. This is inevitable, be- overflowing plenty we have permitted idea, cannot make an appeal to the yielded much ugliness, much barrenmind, and interest in mere action ness, and large stretches of medioc-In other words, constant attendance at the movies, instead of developing exploited. the powers of attention, weakens them.

mind never to exercise itself and do lished more liberty and more opporsome of its own playing as it is for the body. The baseball fan who never there is an American tradition, that is throws a ball but is forever watch- what it is. transportation business of the United ing professionals play for him is not going to make the kind of a citizen a really athletic nation needs and de-Mr. Elliott's suggestion is not of play or reads the kind of book and the large number of calls a mili-In all, 700 laws were enacted new, but it is significant, coming where sustained attention is required tary "budler" has to learn. (I find measures. The former are put in have a "defender" in the presi- lectual problems, is not going to it up, pick it up, hot potatoes!" But

and compel either some solider reading or some opportunity for creative actor and has to work out the development by its own powers of imagin

It is not on moral grounds the movies are a menace, but on ers of attention. -Copyright 1915.

Letters From the People

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"Discussion is the greatest of all reformer some constituent of senator or men, just as the secretary of agri- It rationalizes everything it touches. It robs out of existence and sets up its own conclusions n their stead."- Woodrow

> Opposes Movie Censorship. Portland, April 17 .- To the Edito f The Journal-The people of Oregon tution in Portland that is more arbi trary than any institution in darkest Russia. I refer to the board of cen-As I view the matter, the only reason

anything should be censored is that it s indecent and immoral. If a moving picture is indecent the law is suffi cient to deal with that evil. Here is an fillustration: Two men in New York showed an obscene white slave They were tried before a jury and found guilty of an indecent exhibition, and were punished accord-ARE THE MOVIES A MENACE? ingly. The common law in any state will protect the people against any indecent exhibition

If moving pictures must be censored, then let us be logical. Let us censor our theatres, churches, gowns, cartoonists and, last of all but no

We do not want our theatres and churches censored, nor our gowns, and certainly not our press. But if the censor films, it will be the entering wedge to the abridging of the liberty of the press. Let the press take warn ng. The first thing we know we shall lave a country like Russia. Russia has censorship of the press.

It took 200 years to establish freedom of the press. John Milton was one of the first exponents who pointed out that censored printing was inconsistent and incompatible with the freedom of the people.

The moving picture shows are ronized by hundreds of people; a great many of these patrons are husbands state that in Kan- and wives and other grownups. Their sas City a recent patronage is all the censorship that is I believe the nation as a whole not need censorship. But if it does,

we are admitting that the people are

need a few intelligent moral cranks to

judge for them. Mr. Murphy to Mr. Bratton. Portland, April 19 .-- To the Editor f The Journal.-Saturday last, in The urnal, R. R. Bratton asks me what "bigotry." meant by

The word "bigot" is of innocen "Bigan." is Anglo-Saxon; "blgot" is German; both mean "to

worship." As to the Oregonian and News, editor never makes a mistake that can be shown to be a mistake under the ethics of his profession. If he tells Now, any wholesare attack on the you that a cow is the symbol of men-Recently Judge Landis took movies would be unjust as well as tal agility, he can prove it as easily cognizance of the Illinois dram- foolish. They have many elements on hard times and are withholding the shop law and ordered that all sa- of positive merit. They are cheap, grub from the workingman's dinner

I assume that Mr. Bratton desires my personal definition of bigotry. regret to say that it is unprintable. Sundays. He has cited four the so-called "burlesque shows," and would request The Journal to reprint saloonkeepers whose licenses are to a good deal of cheaper grade of that resume of the issues in the recent owned by a brewing company now vaudeville. The fact that the aver- Chicago election from the Literary Diin the hands of a receiver to show are movie drama is, to the sophisti- gest of April 17, last page, 863, did I not know its aversion to gutter polcause why they should not be pun- cated man, a naive and childish form itics. If Mr. Bratton is curious he ished for contempt of court for of extertainment which bords him can find much to surprise him in the

J. HENNESSEY MURPHY.

The Meaning of Appomattox.

From the New Republic. We celebrate this year something that if a United States judge is most careful consideration of every sibility-the erection of a national country. It is the anniversary of an escape. Had the north failed, we now could hurl defiances at each other. We the same stocks, we have organized an palaces, institutes, billets, beds (and access to the sea, of strategic fronnever remains continuous for more doubt fortune has been uncommonly cause the movie play, being word- hideous poverty and absurd riches to less, cannot carry an intellectual live side by side; we have indulged in can only be sustained just so long, rity. We have had little previsionour soil, our forests, our mines and edness of the men who created these our human stock have been ruthlessly vast enterprises." which better things can be made to

grow; we have federated states and nationalities on a scale never before Now, it is exactly as bad for the successfully attempted; we have estabtunity than ever existed on so great a section of the earth's surface When the War Bugle Calls. From the Manchester Guardian.

A very young bugler of the new over 60 in one collection.) Certain and snow, firing from time to time a class by themselves because of dent's cabinet. The secretary of make the kind of citizen demanded, it was amusing to learn that the sharp, of the honors,

PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE

Woman's favorite word is the last. If a man-has plenty of nerve he'll A man is never too old to learn-

he knows it all. If you are shy of enemies, forgive a few of your friends.

If a man is intoxicated with love matrimony may sober him. For each big man at the top there

The man who has no ear for music have one that he uses for a pen

He's a wise political orator who car say things that sound well and mean nothing.

It's easier to land a husband than to keep him landed. Most women suspect there is some nischief brewing every time their hus-bands smile.

If a son doesn't take after his father is usually because the old man left nothing to take. Some wives spend a lot of time re retting the fact that they are so

much better than their husbands. A man never knows what a woman a new dress, and the Sliver Lake Lear really thinks of him until after he has er has ordered one, though in both een married to her for at least two

MULTNOMAH'S ROAD BONDS

treasurer.

PENDLETON EAST OREGONIAN: By a vote of three to one the people of Multnomah county, by a majority of Multnomah county yesterday in- of more than two to one, have authordorsed the proposition for a bond is- | ized a bond issue of \$1,250,000 for road | the government hired Dowell and sue of \$1.250,000 for hard surface of improvement, and the money will be pack train to transport supplies roads. It was a great victory for spent in paving 70 miles of trunk good roads and the people of Portland highways. are entitled to congratulations. victory is the greater because it was will be within a reasonably short diswon in the face of opposition from tance of a paved road leading into from there to the Yakima country certain people who should have supported the cause. When the subject is submitted to the people of this county for greatly increased development is to go back to Ti and properly explained they too will vote for good roads.

SALEM STATESMAN: Hurrah for Multnomah! Multnomah county leads the way. Payed roads in Multnomah county means that the movement will spread to the other counties, to the lasting good and credit of the whole state.

LEBANON EXPRESS: The large majority given the road bond issue in Wednesday was Multnomah county sappy surprise to those who have managed the campaign. This will insure the building of 70 miles of hard surface roads in the vicinity of Portland and will give employment to 3000 men. The people of Oregon are beginning to realize the advantages to be derived from good roads, and in due time other portions of the state will follow the example of Multnomal Washington state has led county. Oregon in the matter of good roads and has gotten results with its splendid system of road building. There will come a time when Oregon's magnificent scenery will be made a valuable asset by the building of good roads, which will attract tourist travel.

BROWNSVILLE TIMES: The fact state in the union.

HILLSBORO ARGUS: The election at Portland yesterday resulted in Multnomah county voting bonds in the road improvement. The vote was two for this employment. to one for the improvement and labor will be employed this summer to utiize every dollar. This will mean a big nomah county yesterday the voters expenditure and will have its ef- measured up to the needs of the ocfair compensation, anyway.

EUGENE REGISTER: The voters When the work is com-The pleted nearly every part of the county Portland. There is no doubt that the investment will prove to be a wise one, provement on so large a scale. The burden that will be imposed will not Umatilia to Waliula and from be heavy, for Multnomah is a small with a very large assessed valuation. Seventy miles of trunk fight with the lighways leading out from the edges of Portland's paved district will serve practically every part of the county. prisoner. He had four or so the burden of taxation will be distributed with fair equality according to the benefits received.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS

Ashland Tidings: Portland Comme

Ashland Tidings: Portland Commercial club gained over 4000 members in four days. How, by folding hands and saying "can't"? Nope. They just went to and did it. That's the way Ashland's club will get her 1200. And it will be done quickly when the steam is turned on.

Fruit sellers who work the trains a

Grants Pass are to be regulated. There is to be no more crying of wares along-side the coaches. Hotel runners also are to be restrained of most of their

pool for boys. It is estimated that it will cost \$1500.

Marshfield Record: What did more

North Bend has done nobly in the mat

ter of street improvements within the past year-more than almost any city

n Oregon, but at no time will she b

Under the direction of Miss Gal-

society has been organized, with the following officers: Francil Howard, president: Vernon Henderson, vice

president: Vernon Henderson, vice president: Robert Boetticher, secretary

The Dallas Observer now appears i

cases the old gowns were really quite becoming and still in style.

greet the eye of the newcomer

Hood River is making excellent pro

WILLAMINA TIMES: There is n better time for public improvements Orders came to send part of the gua than now. Wages are low and labor to the front There never was better opis plenty. portunity for road construction along so the soldiers sane lines for the building of roads, the Neg Perce boy, and the floating of bonds would have a wonderfully stimulating effect, and I was unpacking the mule the people would be getting value re- the surgeon's instruments in its pu ceived every day. LEWISTON TRIBUNE: On Wednes

day Multnomah county, Or., voted went on with my unpacking and e three to one in favor of the issuance of \$1,250,000 bonds for the purpose of making 70 miles of permanent roads, unpacked the mule there The rural precincts usually voted to be anything else to do argument in favor of the proposition soldiers had brought back with h was the profitable employment thus and went to thing that should not be overlooked the firing line all day that bonds were voted in Multnomah by Nez Perce county in its decision Captain Bennett's body county Wednesday for paved roads on the question. Practically all the indicates that the movement will cost in Nez Perce county will be for Salem. spread eventually over the main roads labor, teams, overseeing and engineerof the entire state. When that time ing. There is no reason why the bulk comes Oregon will become the greatest of the money to be expended in state in the union. There is no reason why the bulk that district, in the shape of earnings. It can be so, if the project is plies and were then ordered to go ! organized with forethought, whereby the work would come at a time when sum of \$1,250,000 for hard surfaced the farmers can spare labor and teams

NEWBERG ENTERPRISE: In Mult Common labor will receive not easion by giving a two to one verdict less than \$2.50 for eight hours-pretty in favor of a bond issue for road im-

noney is put to work. At what?

bonds, and real estate mortgages."

Of course, what this money earns

study the financial statements of the

big insurance companies. They are

ciety all over the land,

HOW FINANCIAL GIANTS HANDLE DOLLARS

By John M. Oskison. In a recent excellent brief statethan \$58,000,000 a year. ment one of the big life insurance companies tells about the work done by the dollars paid in as premiums by

policy holders. In its home office the company says. "is a steel safe about the size of a This safe has in it large bedroom. about \$300,000,000, represented stocks and bonds. In other safes nearby are another \$300,000,000 or more, represented by real estate mortgages and titles to property and so

"The dollars themselves are not in these safes; they are all out at work. adds to the fund held to pay the I helped get out and haul the logs Each safe might be regarded as a of cloakroom, where the dollars leave their hats and coats and then \$118 for every \$100 received from poligo out to work. Each of these dollars we regard as a little slave working hard every day without taking made possible by the policy of keep- from there also. any holidays, without taking any va- ing money constantly and safely emcations, and each one earning about ployed. four and a haif cents a year for the company.

Policy holders send in to this company money at the rate of \$400 a among the biggest and most success-

minute for 300 working days of the ful investors. On a territory stirring bugle call which the other night in a moment emptled some 15,000 hand had suddenly disturbed a nest of We have solved these questions of brown ants, is not associated with access to the sea, of strategic fron- rousing words like "Up, guards, and at 'em! or "Germans on the door mat!" but with nething more warlike than He kneels and pats the earth as though "Eeny, meeny, miny mo!"

A Future Rockefeller.

From the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. "Trusts, monopolies, have had their day. They did more harm than good. Hence they must go. But, all the same, we must admire the long-head-The speaker was Senator La Fol-

lette. He went on: "The trust creator reminds me of a little boy who entered the farmer's truck patch and said, touching a handsome cucumber on a vine: 'How much for this?" "'Ten cents,' the farmer answered.

"'I don't want to pay more than about two cents, said the boy. "'Well, here's one for that price," said the farmer, and he lifted up a very small cucumber that grew side the big one. "MAIl right, I'll take her, said the 'But don't cut her off now. I'll call for her again in two weeks' time,'

Profits of War. From the Pittsburg Dispatch,

The president of the biggest Amerinan powder company being reported to have sold out for \$20,000,000, is to be credited as having retired with all the But profits of war, whatever may be said

The Ragtime Muse

In a Garden. Each day I have to smile at Jones When I behold him picking stor Out of his garden, so the plants He hopes to grow can have a chance,

He could arouse the seeds below, And put an end to their delay n pushing upward through the clay. cometimes I watch him stoop and pul

Freen shoots until his hands are full, and then he scans their roots to know Whether they had begun to grow. The lettuce that he's sowed! Great Scott!
It fills a third of all his lot;
His wife and he will have to browse

pon it, like a herd of cows. It's what he plants his garden by! But, better far than any boast, Would be asparagus on toast!

I can't suggest, in playful mood, That art be sacrificed to food; I'd rouse his anger with my views-And radishes and rhubart sose!

Pride Attends Us Still. From Judge. Mrs. Crawford-How do you your new apartment? Mrs. Crabshaw-It isnu as nice as the one we left, but the neighbors will

old one repainted. The Iconoclast Speaks. From the Philadelphia Ledger. There may be room at the top, but

The Journal Lewis McMorris has lived in Wall Walla for the past 59 years. I visited him recently at his home in Walls Walla and he told me of Walla Walla early days. "I was born in Ohio on August

1831, so you see I am in my eigh fourth year, said Mr. McMorris. fourth the fall of 1839 we moved to Shei county, Illinois. I was past 10 whe started for Oregon in April, 180 James Craig, who was father's age, having been born in 18 was my partner. My father fitted out for the trip, We had a K crossed the Missouri at St. for Marshfield than any other one May day. I had the choiera but thing was the fine hardsurface streets pulled through. There was a heap folks who graves at every camping place. reached Foster's on September 15 county. On the Molalia we stopp at Howard's flour and grist mill a sold our outfit to old man Howa We bought six cayuses and start for the southern Oregon mines. just beyond Althouse creek.

from Kerbyville. Crescent City, on the California con ranch. Yreka, Scott's Bar and other cam until the summer of 1856. I starte Dowell's 'pack train I Dallas, in Polk county. a good packer and a good man to His son is the fire chief Portland, they tell me. 'I came from Jacksonville with Dowell. command of the tro the Umatilla country. we went with the troops fouchet country. Touchet.

Indians with him and a Wounded men were being brought b stopped and watched the killing the bonds. One strong up a gun that one of

brush near where I was. He was fre He had been killed chargin cabin lered us to go to The Dalles for mor supplies. We returned with the sup-Fort Henrietta-Echo it is now call on the Umatilla river. is, the Indians attacked us and stampeded our horses and pack mules. We only had one pony left. One of the men rode back to the volunteers' camp on Mill creek about six miles abov

the present city of Walla Walla, as told the officer in command. He set down some horses and an escort an we took the supplies on to their came The Indians had put us out of a le by stealing our pack outfit, so went to The Dalles. The governmen paid Dowell for his stolen animal year-nearly \$5,000,000 a month, more and I hired out to the quarternuster' department of the regular army. Of actual cash, the company prob-"I was assigned to Colonel Wright's ably does not keep at hand more than comes in in 10 days. Very promptly command as a packer. In the sur mer of 1856 I was sent to The Dall to fit out a wagon train for Walla Walla, I was assigned to Colonel "As soon as it comes in," the company says, "the money is set to work building railroads, making locomotives and railroad cars, erecting office buildings, and business houses, temporary quarters. The cabins were and performing a great service to sobuilt of logs with pole and dirt roofs

"I spent the winter of '58-57 here ing our mules. In the spring of 57 claims of policy holders. Last year, to build the permanent quarters for the fort. I was made assistant wago master and had 26 wagons in m instance, this company paid out cy holders-a record probably equaled charge. We hauled supplies from by every sound old company, and Dalles and used to bring in regruits "In the fall of '57 I went to the Willamette valley intending to tak It is well worth while to get and up & farm between Silverton and Ha Captain Friedman and Neal Glechey secured an Indian trader's me to haul thel goods to Walla Walla, where they e

"In other words, it is immediately thatch the roofs and so the officers invested in railroad and municipal cabins had thatched roofs.

tablished a store. I did their freight ing from Wallula to Walla Walls, Th goods were brought from The Dalle to Wallula in batteaux. "I built the first house south of Main street in Walla Walla, It was on the corner of Third and Main

streets. This was in the spring of '58 I freighted, ran a pack train to Bolse and also to the Idaho mines, and later ran a stage from Dayton to Lewiston No. I never took time to look arous and find a wife; somehow I never go around to it, and by the time th country got settled and women wer plenty I had got over the notion of marrying. I have been in Walla Walls since '56 and have seen the place grow from one or two log callins to a city of 25,000 people."

Pity the Boyhoodiess Boy. From the Dayton News. The papers carried a story the oth day about John Nicholas Brown, a 14year-old lad who reached California after a pleasant trip from the east is a private car, accompanied by enough company of soldiers. The little fellow is nearly dead, and has been sent ou there to regain his health-if it i possible.

"America's richest boy," worth twenty or thirty millions, has never been a boy-that's the trouble with now. He has had no chance. Alway there has been some one looking after him. His play was arranged for hi by experts. His food was always ster llized—and predigested. He did no even have to think for himself, and i is doubtful if he could tie a knot in string. It's not his fault; if it wer he would not get his name in the his parents-and of the money he herited from his hard hearted

never know that our car is merely the it's darned sight more sociable at the father. No kid can carry such a load and get away with it.