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If poverty is the mother of crimes, want of sense is the father.—La Bruyere.

A WAR CASUALTY

RUFFETED by blows of fate, broken by malice, crucified by hate, bowed with the exhaustion of service yet incomplete, yet Woodrow Wilson survives in the flesh on this his sixty-sixth birthday.

He reappears on the horizon of human hope, still far ahead of the teacher and reporting the his generation, still unsucceeded in teacher to the authorities and talkleadership which destiny forced ing about the teacher with the

Not since Christ has any man progress of the backward boy. has any man had greater obloquy devils teachers. There is the backind ill-usage heaned upon him: vet | ward girl | Her story is just as bad today the Wilson ideal is the only and sad, her outlook sometimes just refuge amid the wreckage of world as discouraging. Many a teacher economic crisis, brought on by those spends anxious nights and days for feated Wilson.

America with other nations returns

Wilson in 1917 said we fought-

the world at last free.

glorious hour.

Jan Christian Smuts, that-

it was not the statesmen that failed so much as the spirit of the peoples behind them. The hope, the aspiration

universally felt, was still only feeble

who boasted that they had de- weeks over the problem of a single backward girl. The teacher's calling has many If the world yet sees rest from war and rumors of war, if peace penalties as well as many gladden-and prosperity return with any permanence, it will be because

AMONG THE TREES

that shone on Flanders fields:

to his appeal to its conscience.

THEIR TROUBLES

OREGON teachers are assembled

in their annual conference.

teacher's problems. They know lit-

tle about the backward boy in

school and what he means in dis-

The backward boy means one of

low mental capacity. He is some-

Is it possible to keep him on his up-

ward progress through the grades?

It seems a little thing to the public,

Being without higher ideals, he

is a care, the day through. He in-

eral of them in a room, the problem

of the teacher becomes distressing.

problem of the backward boy. By

grades he frequently lapses into

studies are concerned. His recita-

tions are impossible. All the coax-

ing, all the punishments, all the

means that he is on the street cor-

ner route and headed for the ju-

the teacher to pull him along with

venile court and maybe the jail.

Nor is this all there is of the

often a serious problem.

The public knows little of the

captious to criticise.

tress to a teacher.

to the ark of the original covenant W Deep in the forest at Wend-ling, Oregon, the lumberjacks of ford it? WHAT a day of magic this is! and because there shall be established that for which Woodrow the Booth-Kelly camp hear a prima for the things which we have always donna who is singing in Chicago. carried nearest our hearts-for democsoy, for the right of those who submit They are charmed with the notes to authority to have a voice in their of a violin played at Calgary, Canfor the rights and liberada. Fort Worth, Texas, and Davties of small nations, for a universal dominion of right by such a concert enport, Iowa, are joined in the of free peoples as shall bring peace chorus of song and instrument, and safety to all nations and make Portland, of course and other cities make Portland, of course, and other cities along the coast make their con-Maximillan Harden said: "Only tributions to each evening's enter one conqueror's work will endure-

tainment.
The lumbermen have no need to Wilson's thought." International extremity forces forward the date spend money and time if they when his prophecy will come true. would hear virtueso or erator. The At the ending of the war, when radio brings to them over the miles the world was baptized in tears and through the dense forest the and blood, we thought the salvaging best talent Western America afof the world could be done in one fords, to dismiss any loneliness that might otherwise be theirs. But we realize now, with General

COMMISSIONS AND COMMISSIONS

for a new world order of peace and THAT it has no jurisdiction to tomorrow. right and justice, however deeply and I inquire into the condition of railroad equipment through inspecand ineffective in comparison with the dominant national passions which found tion of locomotives and cars, is a late public statement by the Ore- Many of the public jobs tend to un-Woodrow Wilson, going forth to gon public service commission.

world terms, put forth one great power to "make or enforce rules idea that they must have a public effort and made one great sacrifice, relating thereto." It quotes the job in order to get along at all. And Had it not been for political jeal- attorney general of Oregon to prove after long public service there are ousy and intrigue at home he might its case.

have succeeded. But humanity faltered on the way to the heights. It endeavored to keep itself informed time employes in the big office must wearily re-traverse the ground on car shortages and "is in receipt buildings and departments at the it has lost. It must keep on try- of daily reports from all the major national capital are cases in point. ing. Only thus may men still hope. lines in Oregon, detailing the situs. But in the meantime Woodrow tion of each road with respect to the public seems to be almost un-Wilson, who said that not to have the orders for cars on file and the grateful. Unlike a private em-Wilson, who said that not to have the orders for cars on file and the grateful. Unlike a private emdelusion that secular governments are ployer, the public doesn't always necessarily political; also that political the great heart of the world," also these orders." It also says it is recognize good service. It waited governments are for the benefit of the

om the tomb on the railroads operating in Ore- Uncle Sam as Santa Claus accom- a government political. It was the has claimed. His ideal was never gon? How would it do to ask loco- plishes miracles of delivery, but intrinsically more valuable or more motive engineers and firemen about even he can't get gifts to recipients

he people perish. This is a day body who knows, what kind of in to repeat with Noyes: spectors, for example, are watching Make firm. O God, the peace our dead the equipment to see that it is safe for the public to use? How about the car inspector who was a coach And points us back to darkness and cleaner before he suddenly became Cackling, "Beware of visions," while inspector? How about a car inspector on one road who did not still cry, "It was for visions that we know enough about his-business to fell." and to say with Lillard, perhaps to in a journal and that it was runcomfort a great wounded veteran ning hot?

benefit of the Oregon commission. of the motive power in use is not Perhaps Woodrow Wilson has fit for service. In some instances been permitted to live beyond his freight locomotives are being run wounds to see the world respond on passenger trains. In some cases two or three locomotives are required to pull trains where one was used when equipment was ful matrimonial duo for speeding in good order.

How would it do for Oregon have a commission that would investigate and report to the interstate commerce commission the state of things? If the Oregon commission is without jurisdiction in so many matters, why have a com-

BRING HIM BACK?

BRING Arbuckle back? Why bring him back? No body has brought Virginia Rappe there are always a dozen unsuccessful back. She is dead. Mr. Hays says applicants for every one who finds your refusal to employ an inspector. Then the appointees always as to just how you ascertained and as to just how you ascertained and times an altogether lower type of chance. It is very kind and very human. The teacher's problem is, gentle in Mr. Hays. It is a beautiful thing for men to have a

chance. But it is one thing to give but every teacher knows that it is buckle a chance and quite another thing to exalt him over the country as a movie idol. The dead face of Miss Rappe could not be separated from his reappearance on the stage. The booze "party" would be in the mind of those who looked on at the performance.

the time he is half-way through the wave of immorality. Innumerable people have drifted away from their complete lassitude, so far as his ancient moorings. The penitentiaries and reform schools are filled with mere youth.

Once in Oregon, for instance, correctives that can be applied, murder was a terrible thing. It have little effect in getting him inshocked all the people. It sent a terested in his books. It often thrill of horror throughout the means immorality and wrong prac-

tices outside of school. It often But those quiet days of peaceful men and gentle women are not universal. The quiet homes and orderly conduct are now punctuated But there he is in school ghere constantly with things that once the teacher must deal with him. would have been considered hideous And at home the parents, some- but over which there is little contimes not always are expecting cern now. A ghastly murder now scarcely raises a ripple on the pubhis classes. Sometimes the parents lic mind.

are not concerned, which is one of If Arbuckle, with his nauseating the reasons so many boys are going past, is to be brought back and disastray. On the other hand, some played as a part of the movie of the parents are finding fault with world, what of the movie world? What of American youth, already committing 78 per cent of the crimes of the country? neighbors, because of the non-From a vile booze

been given so much to do for the Nor is the backward boy all of led to dumb witnesses and impotent saving of men and nations, nor the problem that besets and bealso led to a coffin, a shroud and

> preached are plays on the stage. Their cleanliness and their beauty tertainment can be made more popular than the unclean, and for the welfare of the playhouses and the public all traces and taints of the unclean should be barred. How, then, can Arbuckle's past

How can filmdom afford it? THE JOB CLAMOR

WHY the clamor for state appointments? a private job has outlook. He has the public that it will be successful. chances to advance. James J. Hill The gathering last night was nonof the Elinois Central was once a reviewed the events of the campaign vate enterprise are almost univer- success. sally filled from the ranks.

permanency about them. Administrative heads change and employes change with them. This is a bar to the people. The Democrat feels that it advancement. It gives the employe will be Mr. Pierce's ambition to succeed a Remedy. little or no chance to rise to higher position. It is more a case of being employed today and out of a job

That worker is on the right road paring him for a higher place. fit men for higher place and better interpret American democracy in The commission says it is without pay. Some of them get the ruinous job in order to get along at all. And after long public service there are multitudes of cases in which that is actually true. The hordes of old-time employes in the big office. The commission also says it has actually true. The hordes of old-Above all, there is the fact that understood that his own heartbreak advised of percentage of cars in until Lincoln was dead to reward pe

ed than when economic crisis the condition, say, of locomotives? on time if senders make allowance ment that where there is no vision. How would it do to ask some- for neither time nor distance.

OPPONENTS OF PIERCE CRY "MACHINE"

Professing Alarm at His Purpose to nsolidate Boards and Commis-ns—Palse Basis of This Charge monstrated — Pierce's Relation the Houses—A Pledze of Support From Eastern Oregon—An Ex-horiation to All Legislators to Heed the People's Mandate.

Pendleton Flast Oregonian: A poli leaf writer in the Oregonian fears that date boards and commissions with view to reducing state expenses. Mr. Pierce probably has no such pur-

pose in mind, but even if he did it would do him no good. Time has proved would do him no good. Time has proved I hope Mr. Tolson and all others with that the appointive officers surrounding any governor are of little value repudiate politics. D. M. Brower. to him politically. Governor Olcott's fate illustrates the point. In the primary election the governor had the state brigade back of him, yet he barely nosed out a nomination, though the field against him was divided. In the general election the governor was hope-lessly defeated, regardless of all the Salem, work his appointees could do for him.

Those who fear the new governor may entrench himself in office by use of the appointing power do not underd the subject. Appointments usu-hurt a governor more than they help him, for the simple reason that there are always a dozen unsuccessful

ernor it will be in spite of patronage and not because of it. If after four years of the Pierce administration the public has the impression that the governor has made good he will have a chance of reelection. Yet, Yet, no matter be in a precarious position because of the very large Republican majority in Oregon. It is not easy for a Demo-crat to be elected in this state.

nome to the governor's office in due

its merits without any reference to the governor's political future. The fewer appointments Mr. Pierce has to make the safer will be his political prospects, and his opponents should have discernment enough to see this.

Senator Bruce Demis in La Grande Observer: It is quite amusing to note the conclusions being drawn by the metropolitan press of Oregon regard- its present form, than your confession ing organization of the next legisla-ture, for, in some instances at least, the Portland newspapers dismiss the matter as a Pierce movement, indicating that the new governor is spending time and effort to secure organization of both houses of the legislature in a way that will be satisfactory to him. loss due to car shortage, and that the Nothing could be farther from the lives of those compelled to travel on truth. Governor Pierce has kept his the railroads are needlessly endangered hands off both branches of the legisla- from improperly inspected equipment. In this he has acted with wisdom, for legislative members as a rule resent any suggestions or interference from a governor. We believe Mr. Pierce has hoped

sincerely that certain things would not hannen in the matter of legislative organization, but as for desires forward or taking a hand in any manner toward forcing any result, such a thing did not happen. The legislature which meets in January cannot but feel the edict of the people in the Pierce vote. Every mem-ber should know, and we believe does know, that when Walter Pierce carried worse things is not a far step. It Oregon by 35,000 majority in the elected to dumb witnesses and impotent tion, the people had spoken for lower that Arbuckle is only one in millions to the courts in the Arbuckle trial. It takes and governmental aconomy. It that may be affected by the final outis but natural, with a guidepost such for every member to show an inclina-tion to favor such a program, whether people's program, and along those lines it is but natural to try to organize of idea are their charm. Clean en- each branch of the legislature so that economy will not only be the watch-word, but it will be the lever that

moves all legislation at this session.

Baker Herald: The people of Baker took great pleasure last evening in honoring Governor-elect Walter M. Pierce. In doing this, there was be brought back to the stage? How double pleasure. In addition to being the great American public afhead of Oregon for the next four years we know Mr. Pierce as a friend neighbor. His experience as, a farmer, stockraiser, attorney and years in public life will stand him in good stead. He will find the people of Baker and Eastern Oregon back of him for the success of his administration. He knows the needs of the people; we A private job is better than a know he will use his best endeavors public job. Every efficient man in and there is a confidence displayed by was a freight clerk. The president political. It was one of good fellowsection man. The big jobs in pri- and the contributing causes of his

Appointive positions in the public the forthcoming session of the legis-employ are precarious. There is no lature will be free from minderance by factional strife in giving united sup-port to Governor-elect Pierce in his in lifting the burden of excessive taxa-tion off the shoulders of the people of Oregon, but he cannot do it without the hearty support of the members of the legislature. He sees a great opportunity to make a good record, and time the public press should begin he undoubted will, as far as it is to instruct and educate the people as the name of this great "crime who is doing something that is preparing him for a higher place. It is the duty of everyone, regardless wave." Soon after the close of politics, to stand loyally at his war the papers began to notice back and assist in the good work.

Letters From the People

REPLYING TO MR. TOLSON Dr. Brower Ascribes Certain Laws of the Present to a Babylonian Origin, Ashland, Dec. 25.—To the Editor of The Journal—Mr. Tolson of Corvallis, understood that his own heartbreak advised of percentage of cars in must come. In 1913 he said:

We die without distinction if we are not willing to die the death of sacrifica. Do you covet honor? You will never get it by serving yourself. Do you covet distinction? You will get it only as a servant of mapkind.

Woodrow Wilson stands exoneration that will grow. Af a time when his ambitions have ceased to be significant save as he is ambitious for the weils of the soundaries of bad-order cars? Is there nobody but the companies to make the conditions have ceased to be significant save as he is ambitious for the weils of the soundaries of the serving yourself. Do we in the Central postoffice the conditions have ceased to be significant save as he is ambitious for the weils of the serving your story of the weils of the Babyionian law, handed down through the age, became American jurisprudence many boys called hem-went home to washington that in great anguish that he was that the percentage of bad-order cars? Is there nobody but the companies to make the conditions have ceased to be significant save as he is ambitious for the weils of the serving your attorney gentless of the world. Half a million of those fine thoroughtieds led in the matter of him. It was so ungrateful to was the extreme dead or reward him. It was seen to him. It was seen to see the dead or freward him. It was seen the serving constitution is about the companies of them. It was to be seen to the washington that in great anguish that he was that the percentage of bad-order cars? Is there nobody but the companies to make the world of the serving them. It was seen the not the was the author of them while the companies of them. It was the body in the dead or free that him. It was a serving for the weils of the Babyionian law, handed down through the got him. It was seen to be set of the them while the companies to the will of the Babyionian law, handed down through the got and the will of the serving of the serving of the serving of them—went home to c advised of percentage of cars in bad order.

Based on these reports from the companies, the commission claims that the percentage of bad-order in his grave instead of in the president governments are for the benefit of the possible. The federal constitution is a benefitial document. Amendments thereto have increased the benefits. However, as the English common law became American jurisprudence many that the percentage of bad-order in his grave instead of in the presidence of the Babylonian law, handed tection of the rule of the king and priest by the police powers of government, due to constitutional provision Little Gir have a ste

lice powers for the protection of assistance to the exploiter that was politics, establishes the rule e plutocracy and makes a joke of acy. It is only because its use their police powers, port a privil plutocratic rule would go to the un because the evils of Babylon (i.e. Babylonian law) will become void

AN OPEN LETTER the Public Service Commission in Relation to Performance Ad-judged Unsatisfactory.

Portland, Dec. 26 .- To the Public Service Commission, State Or.-Gentlemen: An article is carried in the daily press, attribute to the commission, the purport which is to apologize for their fall to take decisive action to safeguard the traveling public and provide ship-

verified your information, unless it was secured from the railroad officials themselves. The National Lumbermens Bulletin very recently stated that "partial explanation of the dearth of cars is to be found in inadequate railroad ent," and the press of the state has lately carried articles placing the to shippers, due to inefficient and ineffective car supply, at millions of dollars.

The commission was constituted safeguard the people, and the annual car shortage in Oregon had more to The question of consolidating boards do with the enactment of the law than and commissions should be studied on any other single factor, yet we find its merits without any reference to the in your statement that you deny your jurisdiction and hold that you are without power to remedy the deplorable situation.

We realize futility of again appealing to the commission for aid as at present constituted, and believe that the legislature needs no greater incentive to abolish the commission, in of lack of jurisdiction in questions vitally affecting the people. Notwith-standing your attempted explanation, we again reiterate our former charges that sidetracks are filled with an excessive number of bad-order cars; that shippers are suffering great financial from improperly inspected equipment Fred Ross.

ARBUCKLE'S "CHANCE" The Rising Generation to Be Considered First of All-Warning to Those

Who Sponsor the Fatty Type. Eugene, Dec. 26.—To the Editor The Journal-Discussion of Will Hays pardon of Arbuckle so far seems ex parte, as if the ex-comedian were the only person to be considered, disre-garding the fate of thousands of the rising generation who get their standards of life largely from what they see in the movies. If people would only learn to think in terms of mathe-matics they would realize at a glance that Arbuckle is only one in millions come of the Hays ruling. Arbuckle tion to favor such a program, whether it be called the Pierce program or the millions. Why should the morals of these millions be offended merely give Arbuckle "his chance"? Let Arbuckle be forgotten, that his place may he filled by someone whose life has not been admittedly a reproach to decency. "Evil associations corrupt good

morals," as was demonstrated by Ar-buckle himself on his dubious way from the slums of Astoria to the St. Francis hotel in San Francisco. Why should our children be subject to moral corruption by further association with Arbuckle through the movies? There is a "virtuous virility" in the human race that should rise up as a unit and say to Will Hays and others. "It shall not be done. There is a righteous indignation dormant in the man breast that, once aroused, says to the human beast, 'thus far and no

farther'." It was this righteous indignation, fully aroused, that put the saloon out of business. If the motion picture people are too stupid to take warning from the fate of the saloon, before a Carrie Nation makes her appearance, they will have only themselves

The motion picture has 10 times the power for good or evil the saloon had, because its influence begins with infancy, while the saloon kept minors outside its doors. George Melvin Miller.

THE CRIME WAVE

war the papers began to notice the increase of crime, which they attributed to the war, giving many theories as proof. So well has this belief been established that were you to ask 50 persons today what is the cause of this great upheaval of crime, I think this great upheaval of crime, I think you would find 45 to say. "The war." What does this prove? It proves the press is mightier than the sword. To my mind these terrible conditions are due to degeneracy. Stop a moment and think of that great crime wave that is gathering strength and momentum every hour, and you will realize the condition. Last winter I said to the legislature: "When the call to arms came your sons and the sons of men like you rushed to the sons of men like you rushed to the call, were examined and sent over-seas to be shot down. Half a million

> THE SUBSTITUTE From Life
> r-Where were you born?
> Girl-I wasn't born at all

COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE

Borah may now be expected to try to Borah hole in Lodge's argument. It's just terribly nice of the weather bureau to warn us of an impending rainstorm while one deluge is already doing its duradeat. The deposed king of Greece is cor-ing to America. Well, there are at probably many good shoe-shinir stands to be acquired over here. Eugene Guard.

If your vocabulary is entirely up to date be careful of these newspape headlines. One says, "Dry ages anot." He actually was. Bill Cardwell, champeen whittler the county courthouse at one time, w in from his ranch yesterday making a What with the fear of death and blindness or the punishment to our sense of taste, prohibition may, after all, be undergoing enforcement.

The president of Poland was while delivering himself of a Perhaps the assassin had heard it fore. If the custom ever becomes plar in this country, there will be a lumerals for a while.—Corvallis sette-Times. Inspired by the Salvation Army slogan, we arise to remark that a drink may be down, but you're never sure of your eyesight after it is.

MORE OR LESS PERSONAL

Random Observations About Town

The great mistake in the education of Chinese abroad, says Charles K. Edmunds, president of the Canton Presbyterian college, is that they acquire ideals which cannot be adapted o home conditions. The true way, h adds, is to bring the education to thei the empire, and educate them at ho As a result of the development motor vehicle traffic in China, walls are being torn down and streets are being widened. While in Portland, Professor Edmunds is a guest of the

C. A. Howard of Marshfield is H. T. Holden and G. E. Finnerty of Eugene are among guests of the Por

J. O. M. Laughlin of Corvallis Among out of town visitors

among out of town visitors.

E. J. New of Bonners Ferry, Idaho is among recent arrivals in the city. An out of town visitor is C. E. Oliver

Among Christmas guests at the Im-W. A. Medler and family of Wasco are observing Christmas in Portland. Among out of town visitors are J A. Wilson of North Powder and

A recent arrival in the metropolis is Ronald C. Begg of John Day. B. L. Buckley of Redmond is among

Willard Stadelman of The Dalles James Clifford of Prairie City has come to Portland to spend Christmas.

William DeLaugh of Ione was Portland Monday.

ward W. Coles of Haines.

Shields of Cape Horn, Wash. IMPRESSIONS AND OBSERVATIONS OF THE JOURNAL MAN

By Fred Lockley

Rose?" With a shudder, she answered, stacks or wherever I could keep out "No, and I don't want to. He is that unspeakable brute in the Oregon penitentiary they are talking of giving a pardon to. I would sooner turn a rattlesnake loose in a yardful of children. I understand he is a low, brutal faucets from the sinks in empty house.

type, hardly human." want to. I might like him if I met barns and later, scorning such cheap

slow, gradual upward lift of humanity, know the real Jack La Rose. If ask you any question you do not to answer, refuse to answer it, care to answer, refuse to amont the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth." He looked me straight in the eye and said, "The officials here know my whole history. I have nothing to conceal. I came clean long ago. You can depend upon getting the exact facts so far as I know them. Go ahead with your questions."

"What is your name?" I asked. "I don't know," said Jack. "The name 'Jack La Rose' is one I assumed be-cause it seemed necessary to have a "Where and when were you born, and what kind of people your parents?" I asked. "I think was born in Arkansas," he replied. "I can only guess at the approximate date of my birth. I have no recollection of either a mother or a father.
I was, so far as I know, what is
termed in that part of the country
'poor white trash.' I do not know hether I had any brothers or sisters have been in the Oregon penitentiary about 13 years and I came here from the Multnomah county jail, where

cabin in Arkansas and of seeing a woman at the door who attracted my Portland, Dec. 27.—To the Editor of The Journal—I am pleased to see your favorable mention of the reform measures to come before the next legislature. Indeed, I feel the second to see your stranger's dress delighted. walked up to her timidly. Reaching out my hand, I stroked the smooth fabric of her dress, which, with my present knowledge, I assume must have been silk. She saw me stroking her dress, so she caught it with one hand, pulled her skirt away as if to avoid the contamination of my touch, and gave me a look of mingled disgust and scorn. It hurt my feelings terribly, and I ran away, crying as if my heart would break. She was so beautiful,

I did not know she could be so harsh, and it disappointed me. and it disappointed me.

"The people I lived with were what are sometimes termed 'wood colts." They traveled about the country, getting a few weeks' work here and there, sometimes in the woods, at other times in the harves fields, or at what-week work of a seasonal nature they could pick up. I have no recollection or knowledge as to what became of this family, for my, next memory is of being at Fort Smith with a different family, who lived in a tent. Our living was a promisenous and uncertain affair. We site when we had any food, and when we had none we went without. I enited from family to family, receiving outfis and blows and learning nothing of good in the nomad and vagabondish life. The families I stayed with at various times were not gypties, but were nomads who lived on the borderline of respectation of the line and at other times on the wrong side.

In the two had no like the sound of it. I was first a merican vessel to be the sound of it. I was given one days shore leave at Shanghai. I bought two dozan bottless of square-neck gin at 50 cents. Mex per bottle, which means about 24 cents were leave and vagabondish life. The families I stayed with at various times were not gypties, but were nomads who it lived on the borderline of respectation. The word state of filed and should be any shore leave at the line and at other times on the right side of the line and at other times of the line and at other times on the right side of the line and at other times on the wrong side.

I was engaged in some shady work and some shall stay or hand so the line and at other times of the line and at other times of the line and at other times of the line and at other times on the wrong side.

I went with him and he delivered me hand had the man had stay of state of the stay of the state of the

The story of a convict of some note, who has been much in the news of late, is here opened by Mr. Lockley. In this statement he tells of his childhood and youth, spent in knacking about under conditions making for moral ruination, and carries the tale to moral ruination, and carries the tale to the date of the restriction. sacks. A junk dealer paid me 5 cents for each two sacks that had no holes in them. If I could steal a dozen The other night I said to a long-time friend, "Do you know Jack La in barns, hedges, outhouses, straw-Rose?" With a shudder, she answered, stacks or wherever I could keep out type, hardly human."

Charles Lamb was once roundly abusing a critic of his day, when someone in the group asked, "Do you know him?" "No," said Lamb, "and I don't out to stealing tools from sheds and harms." thievery, I began crawling through cent.

The other day Jack La Rose and transoms into hotel rooms and houses and etealing whatever I could lay my hands on. I have never happened to see the inside of a subscite to the inside t and stealing whatever I could lay my hands on. I have never happened to see the inside of a schoolroom, though at Seattle.

Conrad Plank, 75 years of age, an of the Civil war, and Mrs. Mobs, aged 81, were recently me at Seattle. a general way I know about how and a dozen other subjects, including they must look. When I was arrested the story of his own life, I said, at Portland, when I was 20, and sent "Jack, before we start on the story of your life let's put all our cards from another nor how to sign my on the table. It will be of no value and the story of the table. It will be of no value and the story of the table of the story of the story of his own in the menacing several district the story of his own in the menacing several district the story of his own life. I did not know one letter from another nor how to sign my on the table. It will be of no value and the story of his own in the menacing several district the story of his own life, I did not know one letter from another nor how to sign my on the table. It will be of no value all around or invitable the story of his own life, I said, at Portland, when I was 20, and sent was in the menacing several district the story of his own life, I did not know one letter from another nor how to sign my on the table. It will be of no value and the story of his own life, I did not know one letter from another nor how to sign my on the story of his own life, I did not know one letter from another nor how to sign my on the story of the story of your life, I did not know one letter from another nor how to sign my on the table. It will be of no value "As I wandered over the country I the Centralia high school faculty, has soon fell in with a hobe whose mon-tiker was Frisco Eddle. He taught the lumber business. me a lot. I soon became, under his tutelage, an expert hobo and petty

swindler. He sent to a firm in Chicago that supplied him with phony jewelry. He taught me how to look jewelry. He taught me how to look sad and to whimper and cry so that a customer would come through when I tackled him. I would go to a farmer or to appears who locally the Granite Falls State bank were estimated to be worth \$5000 to \$6000. begin to cry and say that my father merged. had died and left me his watch. I would say that it was solid gold, and that I was broke and had to sell it. I would offer it for anywhere from \$3 to \$5. My prospective customer's greed.

Judge Lindsley has ordered the receiver to pay approximately \$20,000 in a 15 per cent dividend to the creditors of the Spokane Fruitgrowers association.

The United Florels corporation soon overcame his sympathy and, justifying his action by the thought that if he didn't buy for a few dollars a solid gold watch that seemed to be dollar investment. worth \$50 someone else would, he would pay me what I asked and hurry away. I certainly formed a very low opinion of humanity when I was selling phony jewelry, for, unfallingly, the interesting phony jewelry, for, unfallingly, the lower property in the company at Walla Walla. the Multnomah county jail, where I had spent a little more than a year. I was about 20 years old when I was committed to the Multnomah county jail, so I must be about 34 now."

"Tell me of your boyhood and of your school days," was my next request. "My first recollection," said Jack, "was of being in a small log cabin in Arkansas and of seeing a cabin in Arkansas and of seeing a streeted my home and hoboes the Multnomah county in property in the representation of the formulation of the mainter to Franklin county. Support for the passage of a "blue sky" law for the state of Washington has come to Secretary of State Hinkle from the veterans' home at Retail ing the rods or the blind baggage. The jungles were my home and hoboes the literature of oil stock promoters. The jungles were my home and hoboes. The my companions and teachers. The first time I came west I rode clear from Ogden, Utah, to Truckee, Cal. I was hidden under the diner on a transcontinental train.

"One day I was loading about the Barbary Coast in San Francisco when

and it is an easy graft and good pay.'
I went with him and he delivered me e- side of the line and at other times on the wrong side.

"I had stayed with more than a dozen different families up to the time I struck out for myseif, which was when I was somewhere between I and 2 years of age. I have no way of knowing exact dates. I was merely a little animal, with an animal's appetites and desires. I secured a crackerbox wagon and started to Rose I will fell in the little in Jack La ppenings in Brief Form for the OREGON

The Oregon Country

Last week's shipments from Haines meluded 40 cars of hay, for the Portland market mostly.

The Marion county farm sureau has gone on record favoring the employment of a county agent. Seventy-eight carloads of ore were shipped from the Bay Horse mine near Huntington up to December 11.

J. A. Davis, who for the past 35 years has lived near Yoncalia, died recently at the age of 82 years. The report of County Clerk Kurati f Washington county shows fittee and sea for November to be \$4286.45. According to the county assess. Linn county property is assessed slightly over half its actual value. Eleven arrests for violation of liquor laws were recently made Douglas county within a period of

Canyon City has lost one of its pic turesque characters in the death o "China Gyp," an aged and eccentri Taxpayers of Tillamook county in the adoption of next year's budge retained the county agriculturist and club leader. Agitation for a community church for McMinnville, is the chief topic of discussion among the church peo-ple of that city.

J. W. Rozall has been arrested at Salem on the charge of stealing a gasoline woodsaw from James Lan-sing of Aumsville. Herbert Hoover, secretary of commerce, a former resident of Salem subscribed \$100 to the Williamette university endowment fund.

Oregon woolgrowers will hold their annual convention at Pendleton Janu-ary 27-29, immediately after the na-tional convention at Spokane. John Myers of Marshfield, 101 years old, has consented to the appointment of a guardian. Until recently he has been able to handle his affairs. It is rumored that the W. F. Jewett sawmill at Gardiner Will resume oper-ations about January 1. The mill has been idle for several months. Two foreclosure suits against the Pscific Fish & Cold Storage company have resulted in the institution's being placed in the hands of a receiver. According to Professor P. M. Brandt, dairy specialist of O. A. C., 20 per cent of the dairy cows of the state are affected with contagious abortion and this disease is causing a loss of between \$3,000,000 and \$4,000,000 a year.

The Salem Pig club, organized one year ago, has made a record unequated in Oregon. During the year it raised 22 pigs and made a net profit of \$814.50. Of the 22 pigs 11 were raised by one boy, Homer Bray of Salem. The Douglas county broccoli crop will come on early this year, probably during the early part of February. There are between 400 and 500 acres of broccoli in the county and it is expected that 150 to 200 carloads will be shipped out.

Organization of a Centralia hig chool alumni association will soon b The body of an unidentified man has been found in a log boom at the mouth of the Snokomien river near Marys-

ville. An alleged conspiracy to steal thousands of dollars' worth of government property has been uncovered at Brem-State Treasurer Babcock announces that taxes due for the year and de linquent since December total 13.7 per

Floods caused by heavy rains and

melting snow in the mounts menacing several districts in Washington. Trout Lake road. A measure providing the

ishment for buying liquor as is for selling will be advocated the coming state legislature.

I tackled him. I would go to a Chehalis and Newaukum valley rive farmer or to anyone who looked as ers have reached the high water stage. if he would be a prospect and, pro-ducing a cheap brass watch, I would flooded and the city dump site sub-

Support for the passage of a "blue sky" law for the slate of Washington has come to Secretary of State Hinkle from the veterans' home at Retail which, it is said, is being flooded with the literature of oil stock promoters. IDAHO.

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Eugene Nagele has been named commander of Dudley Loomis post, American Legion, at Boise.

Lewiston real estate dealers report a more active demand for property that has been the case for years.

Michael residing neg Barbary Coast in San Francisco when a man came up to me and asked, "How would you like to see China and Japan?" I told him I was anxious to see them, but didn't savvy how to stow away. I knew nothing about ships, though I knew every bolt and plank in a boxear. He told me he could get me a Joh aboard the Housatanic. He said, 'All you have to do, Kid, is to see that the chutes are clear as the coal slides into the boiler, and it is an easy graft and good pay.' I went with him and he delivered to the safe of the first appointments of newly elected state of ficials. One of the first appointments of newly elected state officials made public is that of Fred E. Lukens as chief clerk in the office of the secretary of state.

Why not increase and then rel The strength of all to forter pe And form a league to strong a If any nation set the hig The league could make it case.