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It is amusing to see the spasmodic throes of virtue which our contemporary, the Oregonian, actually sufnewspapers are brought to its attention. Those papers may be, probably are, salacious, but the general condemnation of San Francisco and California on that account is inexcusable. The Oregonian runs on a high moral plane-sometimes-condemns sensational news items, andpublishes them; plucks greedily at the California mote, and is silent as the grave about the beam, aye! girders, joists and mudsills, in the Orego nian optic.

It is a fact well known that for

vice and immorality Portland will hold its own with any city of its size in the United States, Morally and politically it is rotten, and the Oregonian not only knows it, but at times when it goes after Hume, Pennoyer, or someone else it does not like, says it. This does not make San Francisco better, but it should prevent it being held up as a model of immorality by the newssex to their everlasting un-

in, sensational journalism, hence can his friends sold the ring to get means to only pan the rim-rock; the pay and set, and soon found a purchaser in a conditions lower down need a little prominent member of the demi-monde, giant, and should be worked only with a hydraulic.

things, that our big contemporary turn up. They had not long to wait, for all their people had by this time learned

GIVE IT A CHANCE.

tion is being hotly denied by the will be insufficient, and for the best the blame on the effect is the inordinate desire of a lot of garrulous old such ill-omened gem goes far to confirm men in the United States senate to indulge in that propensity. The result was unnecessary delay in passing the bill, and the consequent importation of millions of dollars' worth of foreign products, for the avowed purpose of putting the money that reward will be paid for the return of should go under the new law into the vaults of the government, into alone it is estimated that enough has janitor work of any kind done by a been imported to meet all require-Johnson at Parkins' barber 'Phone 119. item alone the Dingley bill will be robbed of its power to produce reve-

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list under the Wilson bill, but subject to tariff under the Dingley bill. There is a handsome surplus in the treasury, which the importations of the past few months have largely increased, but it is extremely probable this will be used up before the full

That bill may or may not produce sufficient revenue; but before it is condemned on that account, it should at least be given a chance.

The Topeka woman who ran away from her husband to go with the Endeavorers to San Francisco has caused considerable newspaper comment that does not go to the gist of the matter. The offense she comfers from when the San Francisco mitted was probably in marrying the man, and the running away only involved the offense of taking advantage of excursion rates. She went just as far as she could for the money, while he paid full fare to find her. She was false and a financier; he was fond, faithful, and a fool to follow the fickle female



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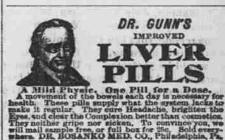
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