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REVERTING TO ROEBLING

A good deal of attention has been attracted by an editorial article in this corner of The Statesman of January 25, under the heading, "What Might Have Been," containing a clipping from the American Economist referring to a painting entitled "The Pioneer," by Peter Marcus of New York, referring to John A. Roebling, the great engineer who planned the Brooklyn bridge-

And, the American Economist said, who built it. But The Statesman of yesterday contained a letter from Washington A. Roebling, the oldest son of John A. Roebling, showing that he know, and I wish you would ask himself was the builder of the bridge, his father having met with an accident which caused his death, after planning the bridge.

But the rest of the story in the editorial article, outside of the mistake made by the writer in the American Economist, and confined to the Castor Pariety? not by the writer in The Statesman, was correct.

The vision was this: John A. Roebling, when he was a young man near Pittsburg, Pa., was engaged to be married to a young woman. But she wished to go with her people who went to Bethel, Mo., and then came to Oregon and founded the Aurora colony. Mr. Roebling decided against joining the colonists. He turned back. The wedding outfit of the young lady had been arranged for. She went with her people to Missouri and came to Oregon and never married. She led a helpful and saintly life. She lavished her great love upon her people; upon the Oregon colonists-

And the vision: What a different history might have been written of Aurora had the "practical dreamer," the great engineer and man of genius, married the young woman and gone to Bethel and come to Oregon; and had taken up the manufacturing of flax products into fine linens! The Aurora colonists raised flax and made it into fiber and spun the fiber into thread and wove the thread into "home-spun" for wearing apparel and household use-the same as most pioneer Americans did, from colonial times. Washington's troops were this home-spun clothing.

They did not realize that they were producing fiber fit for the making of fine linens-the finest in the world. The genius of John A. Roebling mgiht have led him to this knowledge. He would have had the willing help necessary for developing a in order to make them more workgreat industry. All the natural conditions were there in perfectable. We have too many laws of tion. So Aurora might have become the Belfast of America. It of course, but digests relieve this might have been the chief manufacturing city of Oregon. It isituation considerably. If law was might have extended its city limits as far as Salem, and reaching made business there would be less THE NOTE THAT KATIE LEFT I do. I go me to New York by my out to the suburbs of Portland. Millions might have poured laxness and better results. into its lap, from all corners of the earth. That is what Salem needs now-

A man with the genius of John A. Roebling, and with the tion, although it must be admitted vision of James J. Hill. The beginnings of a great linen industry that sometimes business men perare here, in the state flax plant, and with stations established form badly, for instance this man ly, or about to be established at Rickreall, Turner, Aumsville, and Vanderlip, who is a great banker. that may be easily established at other valley points. The opportunities are greater now than they were in the time when the Aurora colony was in its most flourishing condition. Why?

Because Congressman Fordney worked with flax when he was a boy on his father's farm, and when he became chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the House, and came to frame the present protective tariff law, he saw to it that the flax industry should have a chance-

He gave it high protective rates; especially the manufactures of flax; and still more especially the fine linens that may

be made with Salem district flax fiber.

The full development of the flax industry in the Salem district will be a bigger thing than the Brooklyn bridge. It will mean the bringing to this valley each year of \$100,000,000, from all sections of the United States, and from all the countries bordering the seven seas. And it will never run out. It will last as long as grass grows and water runs.

Perhaps the reader will wonder how such an article as the one referred to reaches such people as this one has reached. There are many ways. In at least five departments at Washington the Slogan issues of The Statesman are kept on file; in several places in New York, and in numerous other cities. What we are doing here in Salem in development work and in other worth while lines is being watched. We cannot hide our light under a bushel. We do not desire to. The Roebling concern, founded by the man who planned the bridge, has offices in all the chief cities of the United States, and throughout the world.

for the secretary of the National

payers in communities where no

We note a communication in a

THE COSTS OF EDUCATION

Education association to retort-It is a fact that a large per cent when the question is raised whethof our costs are for education, er the demand for unnecessary Education costs have gone up fast- school expenditures may not lay too heavy a burden on the taxer than any other line, and we sometimes think that the educators curb has been put upon such exhave taken advantage of the citi- penditures - that the American zens more cunnigly and effective- people are yearly spending more ly than anybody else. Public edu- than \$2,600,000,000 for tobacco, cation in America last year cost nearly \$2,000,000,000 for candy. \$1,500,000,000, and yet there are soft drinks and ice cream, and in the world. It is starting on a a lot of people who have not been \$3,000,000,000 for "joy-riding and reached. In most of the country pleasure at resorts and races." districts teachers are provided for fair terms and the pupils well BUSINESS MEN IN CONGRESS

But it is a misfortune that many children, living in remote and state paper that only business men his first long pants on being sparsely populated communities, be sent to congress. The article taunted and jeered by the other or in unprogressive states where stated that the need of the hour boys. The author has failed to regard for public education has was a business congress. This sense the situation. The boy with been insufficiently developed, are may be true, as we must admit long pants is the envy of the boys. in the schoolroom for a much that we have most everybody else He may be a bit self-conscious, but shorter period of the year and there. Our district has a college he certainly is proud to have the often under unqualified teachers. | professor in congress; one of our girls see him with long pants on. It will not help the national senators is a lawyer; another is need for communities now support- doing some business over in Idaho. ing their public schools upon a We have stockmen, lawyers, edigenerous foundation to foster tors, doctors, and once in a while waste and extravagance and yield they get in a business man. to the pressure for every new thrill in education. That will not why business men do not get in under the influence of liquor. give the backward boy or girl in congress. Often business is elus- These two things lead to the ma-

backward communities or states ive, and business can not run it- jor proportion of our tragedies. another hour of educational op- self unless it is controlled. The

lution of our educational problems to watch.

PREVALENCE OF PERJURY

It is lamented that people comnit perjury in liquor cases where they disdain to do so anywhere else. That is because they have ciation of the fact that perjury is a crime. The time will come when a man will not perjure himself for the purpose of helping out the liquor man, who is his worst enemy. It has arrived now if other parts of the country, and it will come in Oregon. There is nothing discouraging either in lack of enforcement of this law or the prevalence of perjury. Both can be depended on to take care of themselves and cure themselves.

MORE ABOUT OIL

The Oregon Statesman has another letters from Bill Sincaller of Waldo Hills in which he propounds a pertinent question. We quote exactly from a part of the letter:

"I have watched the oil disclosures with more interest than the average citizen, because I have been calculating for some years to run for constable in my township and have just about concluded that this is my year. I want to your readers to advise me on the subject. Will my connection with oil injure my campaign as long as it is positively assured that it is

PROTECT THE STOCK

Oregon officials are to be commended for their alacrity and zeal uring and play with them-and in protecting the livestock against the eyes do it. disease from California. All of the states have followed our lead, and California is making an earnest effort to stamp out the disease.

It is fortunate that the states have reached an understanding, and when a disease appears, can localize it without ill feeling. It means that in the future all communicable diseases will be checked before they get into full swing.

BUSINESS AND LAWS

there be more business put in laws need more business in our laws. more business in our administra-

CONSERVATION IN DANGER

The public is slow to grasp one view of this oil scandal and that is that it is slowly and surely un- asked. dermining the conservation policy private exploitation the land and appurtenances supposed to be kept sacred for posterity. That is the late. worst part of the recent developments, and unless we have a crusade of revival, conservation will be into discard. It is not an encouraging outlook.

A DEMOCRAT FIRST

Senator Walsh is making a close investigation of republicans, but he was very angry when his friend McAdoo spilled the beans and later burned his britches. Grandiloquently, Walsh declares, "I am still for McAdoo." It is to be hoped that this loyal democrat will read the speech of Jim Reed made at St. Louis, and then see if he wants to repeat his parrot-like

ON ITS TOES

The chamber of commerce of Dallas is on its toes. It is beginning to do things. It is also apparent that Dallas is thoroughly awake and is going to make marvelous progress. Polk county is woefully undeveloped, yet potentially there is not a richer county swing of development that will double its population and treble its products. A man is fortunate to own land anywhere in that county.

A cartoon pictures a boy with

TWO EVILS

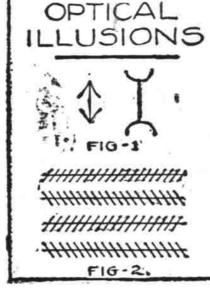
There are two outstanding evils in this country. One is gun-toting; In our mind there is a reason the other is driving automobiles

business man must watch his in- A criminal is a man who indulg-Nor will it contribute to a so- terests in order to have interests es in some form of dishouesty not as S. Commercial St., Salem, Or.

Cap'n Zyb

MORE FUNNY EYES

In Fig. 1 doesn't the center line not been educated to the appre- on the left look longer than the center line on the right? course, they are actually the same length. Measure them and see. The reason that the one on the



left appears shorter is because of the arrows which close it in. The eye travels along this line and is actually caught and boxed in by the inverted arrowheads. In the some vague idea of going in search the use of many metals and a great and a number of other countries figure on the right, the eyes are of her. coaxed along the curved line so as to make the straight center line suddenly. look much longer than it really

In Fig. 2, all the four long lines as belonging to a box of fancy are parallel, but they don't look notepaper that Jim had bought that way because the eye can't fol- | Katie the Christmas before, and low straight along them and com- which I knew she highly prized. pare them accurately. The little short, criss-cross lines invite the Lillian said, scrutinizing it in a eyes to stop their business of meas- puzzled way, handing it to me. spelling of my name, was sprawled

-CAP'N ZYB.

PROBLEMS

phraseology ran thus: Adele Garrison's New Phase of REVELATIONS OF A WIFE

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turned to her with an unreason- bimeby.

able feeling of panic.

something leaped into her own take with me, walk to bridge and fall, where one has been goeyes which told me she was also hampton for dot first train. I ing the past few years. uneasy at the girl's absence from have other things in suitcase and the kitchen.

"No-that's what worries me, haps she's overslept. She proba- him so mooch. Oh, I cry my eyes that have been coming out. bly didn't close her eyes until out for you and heem!

and wake her," Lillian volunteer- you so mooch."

There was a constrained note in her too-carefully-casual tones, and I know that ordinarily she would Oregon Growers Moving have volunteered to build the fire and have sent me for Katie. The vague uneasiness I had felt since entering the kitchen crystallized into a distinct, horrible fear.

'It Isn't Locked."

"Lillian!" I gasped. "You don't hink-Hurry! We'll go over to her room at once.

think. But let me go first. I'll eta. call you if you're needed."

I knew what she meant. I am exceedingly tond of Katie, and if anything harrowing awaited us in her room, Lillian wished to shield me as much as possible.

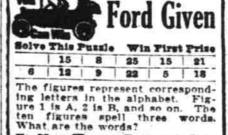
FUTURE DATES

February 26 27-Tuesday and Wednes March 1, Saturday-Pioneer Roundup,

Marion county and Salem Pioneers, YMCA March 13, 14 and 15 State Inter-scholarstic busketball tournament, Wil-March 19 and 15, Friday and Satur day—Marion county Sunday school branch of religious education meets at Stayton April 19, Saturday-Dedication of tatue "The Circuit Rider," in state

house grounds May 16, Friday-Primary election in June 10. Tuesday-Republican nation

al convention meets in Cleveland, June 24, Tuesday - Democratic nation at convention meet in New York



To Men, Women, Boys and Girls All can share in these easy-to-win prizes. Send the three words on sheet of paper, nearly written, with your name and address. First prize, 1924 FORD TOURING CAR. Besides this splendid first prize we are going to give away thirty-nine other prizes. Bend Your Answer Act Quickly

"We haven't time to argue," I said tensely, as I started for the door. "We must hurry."

She made no further protest,

but quickly a I walked or rather

ran toward Katie's quarters Lil-

when I knocked at Katie's door-

at first gently and then frantically.

when there was no answer-she

put a comforting, steadying hand

on my shoulder and kept it there.

to break it down," I said wildly.

whether it's locked or not," Lil-

lian suggested practically, and,

adroitly putting herself between

me and the door, she turned the

"It isn't locked," she whispered,

and then she pushed it open, and

we were in the room, our curious,

fearful eyes searching every cor-

But we soon determined that

Katie's bedroom and sitting-room

were as empty as the kitchen had

been. We looked at each other

in amazement, which on my part

at least was mingled with terror.

Had she wandered away to end her

I turned to see her holding up

"It's addressed to you, I think,"

"Miss Gram," evidently as near

as Katie could get to the proper

in angular, childish characters,

which Lillian and I spent several

minutes in deciphering. When we

had finished the epistle my eyes

were wet, and Lillian's face was

I cannot reproduce Katie's

spelling. No one who did not

know her could make sense of it.

But the letter in her characteristic

forgive your poor Katie. I so sor-

ry to leave you, go away dis way.

Jeem so happy here, have so mooch

fon. I no can live here if he

cousin's und I get me vork, safe

Some improvements have been

made in the old building and new

Tuesday.

send dem to me.

"I lof-you, oh, so hard. Please Daily subscribers.

"My darling Miss Gram:

full of pity.

"Look at this-" Lillian said bination.

ner of it.

unhappiness-or-

'From Poor Katie'

"We'll have to get Jerry Ticer

"Suppose we first find out

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PORTLAND, OREGON

A few centuries ago in Europe

he designing of beautiful jewelry

was considered the work of an art-

I moved toward the door with intricate and delicate, employing world. Siberia, Asia Minor, Peru

a pink envelope which I recognized of the master of "Joaillerie," as and is rarely engraved upon, be-

es of jewels as they had gowns.

Things

To Do

The Boys and Girls Statesman

The Biggest Little Paper ni the World

handled with care, for if it is left

in the light too long its rich trans-

parent color fades away. Usually

the stone is yellow or a delicate

in greenish white, blue, pale pink

and dull red. The most desirable

topaz is pink, but since this hue

is rarely found, darker stones are

now faded to the desired shade by

a process called "pinking." It is

done by wrapping the jewel in Ger-

man tinder and burning it, or by

baking it in hot plaster of Paris.

liant blue and green topazes. The

yellow and brown are the most

common types, and are generally

lian was close at my heels. And Copyright, 1923, Associated Editors.

STORIES OF PRECIOUS JEWELS

The Topaz of Many Colors

ist, thus the talented goldsmith pensive stones, but they are worth

was respected and given honors very little in their natural color.

along with the famous portrait The white topaz is found in un-

and landscape painters of the day. usual, rare sizes in Brazil, the

The work of his hands was usually chief topaz mining country in the

variety of precious stones in com- have topaz resources in small

Kings, queens and courtiers vied | The topaz is usually cut with

in collecting the costly products a rounded surface and flat back,

the person was called who mount- ing a very hard stone. Its beauty

ed diamonds and precious stones. is best displayed when it is cut in

Great pride was displayed in the the form of a brilliant. When

selection of the jewelry, some of cut in this style it is often mis-

It was the boast of one old wag topaz is worn in a gold ring on

that he never wore the same jewel the left hand, the power of night-

The picture shows a topaz neck- overthrown. This jewel brings

lace of the style popular in France. luck to all whose birthday fails in

the ladies having as many chang- taken for a diamond.

quantities

Edited by John M. Miller.

Londs

RANDY RIDDLE SAYS-Why are pianos noble charac-

Look Close He: "Has it ever been explain-

ed to you why you should not go

brown, but it has been found also in swimming after a big meal?" She: "No." He: "Because you won't find it

Big Enough

Per: "She was born with a silver spoon in her mouth."

Haps (taking a good look at her) Rather looks as if it had been a

Next in importance are the bril- ladle." Poor Prune "What have you in

"pinked" for combination with ex- prunes?"

Grocery Boy: "Seeds, I think."

Answer to today's picture puzzle: The

etters below the bird house spell Answer to today's riddle: Pianos are grand, upright and square.



BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Statesman Annual tomorrow-

The topaz is a stone that must be November.

* * * It will contain 40 or 42 pages, and it will be delivered to all

5 5 5 The Annual will also contain but I no can stand it to stay by dis the annual poultry industry Slo-

Mrs. W. P. Lord and Miss Lord. who have been touring California "He write me sooch sorry letter, in their auto for several weeks, Red Pepper Rub. I cry me all night. Und I not are expected home in Salem toknow vere he go. But I know vot day.

Lillian had been close behind all my money, den I go hunt for in the mining operations on the me as I entered the kitchen, and heem. Maybe he believe me Little North Fork of the Santiam, "I no like go like dis, sneak the more enthusiastic the mining "Katie isn't here." I said blank- avay like vun tief, but eff I stay fans become. Looks like the till morning, you talk so nice by making of a boom. There will be Usually Lillian does not share me I no can go, so do eet dis way, hundreds go up into that region my forebodings but at my words I pack vot tings I need first in bag, the coming spring and summer

trunk. Some time ven I write you "Has she been here at all?" she vere, maybe you be so kind and will wake up to find a real mining "You no forget I lofe you. Oh, in magnitude every year-for of government and turning over to And she never fails to have her kiss dot babee boy for me! No there are virtually mountains of Steelhammer President fire built by this time. But per- let heem forget Katie who loves ore up there, such as the samples

> The candidates are coming fast "If you'll see to the fire, I'll go , "From poor Katie, who lofes like the flowers that bloom in the

> > does not claim to be among the Tallman, of Corvallis, was elected socially elect, but he says he is Into New Office Rooms ready to give everybody the cut.

The law of supply and demand Offices of the Oregon Growers is operative in every household Cooperative association on the The family demands and father fifth floor of the Masonic temple has to supply.

building were practically deserted by employes and officers Tuesday now located on the third floor of afternoon on account of the equip- the United States National Bank ment being moved to the new lo- building, will be established in the cation at Commercial and Chemek- quarters vacated by the Oregon

electrical fixtures installed on the third floor. Nearly all of the of- ed on Pacific coast killed a resofice fixtures were being placed lution calling for stronger beer. Wets can't even drown their sor-Offices of the adjutant general, row now.

THE TRAFFIC TRANSMISSION

On Display

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Chaperon Motor Co.

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mares, magic, witchcraft can be

backache, stiff neck, sore muscles, strains, sprains, aching joints. When you are suffering so you can hardly get around, just try Nothing has such concentrated,

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Be sure to get the genuine, with the name Rowles on every pack-

Of County Assessors

Oscar Steelhammer, Marion county assessor, was elected president of the Willamette Valley County Assessor's convention There is a Salem barber who held in Corvallis Tuesday. C. L. secretary. The assessors will

meet at Dallas next year. Fourteen county assessors and deputy assessors were present at the meeting yesterday.

Problems of interest and importance to the men engaged in this line of county work were discussed, chief of which was the uniform assessments on personal property. This system was inaugurated about three years ago.

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White Cream and Ecru

Yd. 25c

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