As good almost kill as man as kill a good book: who kills a man kills a reasonable creature, God's image, at he who destroys a good book kills reason itself.—John Milton.

Mexico's Presidents

TNLESS General Plutarco Calles has had a change of heart U since the strenuous days of his pre-election campaign, it is well for the republic of Mexico that he is to retire gracefully from the office of president in the very near future.

The elevation of Emilio Portes Gil to that stormy post may be looked upon with much favor by friends of Mexico and those who hope for an eventual solution of all the small problems that have been keeping the United States and Mexico so nearly at swords points.

Mexico has suffered a military complex of the most hateful sort since the illustrious Don Porfirio Diaz was reduced to the ranks of exiles after more than 30 years of stern command in the presidency. A rapid succession of rabid, wicked men followed, through the military channel, to the republic's highest office, until the compact between Alvaro Obregon and Calles seemed to settle matters by rotating these two in office. Then Obregon was removed from the picture by an assassin's bullet and Calles, for no very apparent reason, announced his withdrawal from the political limelight of the presidency.

In spite of the seeming harmony that developed between the United States and Mexico under the Obregon regime and continued at least in the later days of the Calles regime, both were anti-gringoes. They had such a small hatred of the United States that the late Mr. Obregon, who spoke English excellently, refused to converse in our tongue. He would listen attentively as English was spoken and understood it perfectly, yet he frequently voiced his refusal to reply in kind.

Repeatedly and consistently in his pre-election campaign, Calles figuratively crumbled the adobe walls of political gathering places with his denunciations of the United States. Early in his career as chief executive he manifested his ill will by forcing measures and methods totally anti-United States upon his people.

He should, meanwhile, be credited with the benefit of the doubt in the admission that he did change his tactics, outwardly if not otherwise. Calles, nevertheless, holds an energetic hatred for this nation. More than that he is a "red" of a wide stripe and made no effort to conceal the

Just prior to his election he addressed the Mexican federation of labor with the statement that, once elected, he would bend his best effort toward the establishment in Mexico of the second soviet. This well-known fact has never been held against him in his relationships with the United States, although he did put forth much effort to accomplish

this very objective. Calles, as well as Obregon and their immediate predecessors following Porfirio Diaz, were dyed-in-the-wool militarists, whose ballots were bullets. Gil is the first civilian executive the republic's history confesses. He is said to be talented, friendly and progressive. Those who know the marvelous capabilities of Mexico and the Mexicans will fervently wish that Gil will prove up on his wonderful pos-

Down on the Editor

LD Ed Howe says in his memoirs that always it is the lot the Elsinore tomorrow. Everybody of an editor to have his community down on him. Quite must see this great proture, the likely he is right, speaking as he does, with 50 years' experi-silver screen masterpieceence. But the editor isn't the only pebble on the beach of unpopularity. As a rule, the preacher comes in for a good deal of criticism. Most bankers are on the condemned list. The storekeepers, the fruit dealers, the sheepmen, the landlords, the ages, the crucifixion of Christ, if they are important enough in the community to attract led up to by the final months of any attention at all, have their detractors. Public officials his public services. have it handed to them on all sides. The fact is, it is an American habit-

Perhaps a human habit—

To express displeasure about other people's conduct. Commenting on Ed Howe's statement, the editor of the Yakima Republic says: "As a rule we run down their achievements while they live and give them credit only after they ting towards the end of the big which are not yet on the tapis in are dead." But he adds: "A redeeming quality of our human race—both before and after the ministrations of the undertaker at the neighbor's home—is that it doesn't mean start next week. There are perhalf what it says. Our experience is that if we got where we haps state fair visitors who do needed help we could have it about as quickly from the man not know that the greatest pump-spend \$250,000 in Virginia to who denounced us a few days back as from any one else in the kin canning operations in the save it for Smith. That shows how

And then the Yakima editor concludes: "In the interests where in the country, if it be per-this a little better, there are 2,300 of the truth, we shall write our own epitaph.'

The Yakima editor will probably do no such thing. It made from Salem canned pump- 000 that makes over \$100 per would take more words than could be engraved on a tomb-kins. stone of tablet, in order to cover anything like all sides of an active editor's experiences with and his reactions to the good and the seamy sides of life, as lived by the people of

any given city or section, or the nation or the world. He would have to make a book of his epitaph.

Fair Weather a Gamble

THE Portland Journal, in the course of a fine editorial ar-

ticle on the state fair, says:

"The law requiring the state fair to be held the last week all the way from two to one to -Corvallis Gazette-Times. in September ought to be changed. The date is an injustice to the fair. It pitches the show at a time which the records show to be most subject to inclement weather. All that can be done should be done to hold the fair under bright skies, for it is a great picture of a state of magnificent possibili-

Formerly the fair was held on the dates agreed upon by public eye by the more picturesque the managers of the principal fairs of the northwest; Oregon big boys of the industry. usually drew the first days of October. The legislature was asked to fix the present dates, as the earliest to be found in the proper circuit to mesh up with the other major exhibitions in this corner of the country, and to fall after most of closer to the the harvests shall have been over-

Also on days more likely to be without rain than in any the speakeasies week in September, according to the records. Especially of the gurgling more likely to be without rain than the first week or ten gays of September.

The information of the Journal writer must be wrong in that respect. Some chance must be taken in respect to weather in any week of the year-even in July or August, in their build though the average number of days without rain is the smallest for this valley in those months.

The Straw Vote

THE straw vote being conducted by the Literary Digest "super." gives 46,000 votes for Hoover in New Jersey, with only 17,000 for Smith, and 11,000 votes for Hoover and 7000 for Smith in Maryland—

Showing that Smith has very slim chances in New York, Rhode Island. Connecticut and Massachusetts, as indicated by the New Jersey trend-

Eighties to which they moved. Also that West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Missouri and Oklahoma, and even North Carolina and perhaps some other southern states like Florida and A Smith bets, in the light of the showing in Maryland.

The poll of the Literary Digest in 1924 indicated the rethe Fifties near Park avenue, "I 100 deposited in savings banks. sult almost to a shade; it was 99 per cent prophetic; and the could show the prohibition bosses where a flock of bootleggers hang Reading And Riding straw vote being taken now by that magazine is more thor-

ough in respect to all classes than the one of 1924. As the matter now stands, Smith looks like the worst he house to get to the fuse boxlicked presidential candidate in history; and the landslide in in experience far from new, he that direction is likely to increase rather than diminish.

The New Tammany



Bits for Breakfast

four to one in favor of Hoover.

Lane county claims more stand-

ing timber than any other county

in the world; a tremendous total

city says the industry is now de-

"The democrats propose

business was solicited.

friend."

lung university.

Consolation days-

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5 5 5 For all the people of Oregon of around 55,060,000,000 feet. est and best displays and attrac-cut last year 365,000,000 feet of tions in the history of the fair. | lumber, and the Register of that

"The King of Kings" opens at cidedly on the up grade.

portray the supreme tragedy of other high priced articles.

This is the greatest talked of ulation. But there are going to be picture of the present day, and a lot of big increases in the next every one in the Salem trading dis- six months to a year. The linen trict will of course want to see it. plants will figure in this, and the

The Salem canneries are get-other industrial concerns, some of prune rush, but pear packing will a public way. Watch Salem's 30 on for two or three weeks yet, dinner bucket brigade. As it grows and the great pumpkin pack will so grows Salem. country are carried on in Salem. badly Tammany wants to win this ger ones soon, for migration south-When you eat pumpkin pie, any-election. That you may visualize fect pumpkin pie, it is perhaps precincts in Virginia. At \$250,-

He is the prize optimist of the Any time the local republican orage who kids himself into claim- ganisation spends one tenth of ing Oregon for Smith. With the that amount it feels that it has straw vote showing 46.000 for been on a political debauch But, to the end of a long branch.

Hoover and 17,000 for Smith in the significant thing about this is Maryland, the chance of Smith that it betrays the fact that the carrying anything much outside democrats there must be scared to of the Tammany districts of New death. The republicans have nev-York City appear slim. As to Ore- er carried Virginia. The nearest

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NEW YORK-With bootlegging Dumbwaiter Delivery

Expressions of Opinion from Statesman Readers are Welcomed for Use in this Column, All Letters Must Bear Writer's Name. Though This Need Not

Noted by Visitors

To the Editor of Statesman: I have just returned from a week's scurrying away. That makes up a fine showing. But Eugene, Lane county and the whole state will be vastly better home to me. I taught three years are not going to let song birds up a tidy sum remaining unex-The \$2,500,000 production, and off when more of the timber is in your public schools. I am back build. They will run out on the pended out of current appropriathe first attempt ever made to worked into furniture, paper and there two or three times a year branches and blow and scold at the end of the fiscal year. and I have enjoyed watching its any little birds that dare try to Or they may not. remarkable growth within the last establish a home. But if a pair suc-Salem is the largest payroll city in this section of the United States, in proportion to her pop-Pacific northwest. Its attractive rels will eat them. homes, spacious lawns, and wide

Three times in the past year I have visited Salem, and each time West Salem cannery, and a lot of of birds. In walking through the or will you have squirrels? state house grounds this past week I watched carefully for birds. I should have seen many beautiful Mystery Fish Is varieties of small birds for they are now beginning to gather everywhere in their- first small 'No birds." Of course, there were robins and there were English sparrows. I searched the trees for deserted nests of our song birds." precinct. That would make about Have you tried it there? They are \$2500 in a town like Corvallis. what I did see: Every now and

itl-a lawn where there are sev eral fine large trees. I put in much gon, he has not even a "China- they came to it was when Hardman's chance." This state will run ing got 87,000 to Cox 141,000." cepting one robins' nest hidden deep in a holly tree. The robins had to brave that thicket of thorns to get away from the squirrels. In the big trees squirrels ran up and down, and neighbors and friends of little squirrels fed them nuts, and squirrels seemed to rule Then there is the experience of the lawns and the tree branches outlawed liquor is eclipsed in the the Lady in 3-F. One day she had around there.

then a squirrel darting up and

occasion to look for something in I discovered that the children a trunk in the storage room. Passand even the grown ups of the ing the box in which the family neighborhood were enjoying squirradio had been delivered, she no- rels. So I fell in and enjoyed them, ticed a hinged cover had been fittoo. I found that I could take nuts ted into it. Investigating further, to the backdoor steps, so common she found the large case filled and so confident have squirrels bewith quart bottles of homemade come, and call, "Tip, tip, tip, tip, tip!" And usually in a very few The superintendent entered just minutes a squirrel would come as the housewife was peering into running down the trunk of a tree the box. He said nothing, but that and across the lawn, and if I held evening a bottle of the wine was out a nut in plain sight, and sat ent up via the dumbwaiter with very very still, he would venture he "super's compliments. The closer and closer and gather asnext day the husband's beverage surance that I was his friend, unil he would reach up, lay one lit-"I can supply you with wine, or the paw on my hand and, with his choice liquers, at any time," the lips, take my nut and eat it, persuperintendent said. It developed haps not even running away to and money in the bank for the that he kept no whiskeys, gin or eat it, but staying right there with beer, but a fairly complete stock an appealing look for anotherof Benedictine, brandy, chartreuse, and he got it. Oh, yes, it was lots

cointreau and the like, as well as of fun! course, to show how extensively the wine. But if beer, or "hard I came home the 15th. We have the basement bootleggers operate. licker," was desired, he knew only a few trees. I took a walk But they seem to be fairly numer-where to get it. His own stuff, he about our own little yard which it said, excepting what he made him- right down in the center of our dispenser on Riverside drive found self, was all genuine—"delivered small town—within two blocks of another in the building in the right off the boat by a sailor the business section. Here is what we have had this year: two vigor "If I turned revenue agent for This same . superintendent, it wren's nests, two bluebirds' nests, the electric light company as he hat he was worth than some of hat I might write you honestly called at an apartment house in the tenants. It seems he had \$10,he birds I could see beneath my tudy window in 30 minutes, I have sat there this morning and watched. We have a bird bath It is true that 15 minutes a day here on a pedestal and four shalwith books will provide a liberal ow trays filled with water. Here ducation, the subways of New s what I saw: two flickers, four York are the classrooms of a far-California woodpeckers (this

year's children that hatched in an

old oak two blocks from us,) one Oregon towhee-a beautiful fellow, many robins, so many little yellow warblers that I could not count them-50 or more at a time and as many as eight to ten in this time of the year we have many, and my husband tells me there have been many around for days, but it just happened that during my 30 minutes watch none

I, do not mean to say that everybody could have as many bird friends about their yards imme-But I do know that armer may ev had no squirrels.

have them with a few ... of protection of and catering to the birds. We not only make them sure of plenty of water in summer but we keep out a large feeding table well supplied all winter, and they have learned where they are welcome. We would not permit squirrels and we do the best we can to protect the birds from stray

Yes, we have garden pests. But we do not have to fight as we would if we did not have so many song birds. With goldfinches and house finches and warblers and they come and work on the undersides of branches, and with varieties, why, one month las' winter (and there are not so many as in summer) my husband and I kept count and had 26 varietieswith all of these birds, we do not have to fight aphis and earwigs and slugs and ants and all such pests as much, by a long way, as we would without them-the birds are great helpers.

And think of the joy the birds ive with their pretty songs and heir splashes of bright color! There is entertainment enough any day in a yard where birds are protected.

I cannot think of any good that squirrels do No one can entertain great temptation to men who birds and squirrels, too. We have to choose between squirrels and chipmunks and stray cats or

Two years ago we had a little Result Problematical humming birds' nest with 1 vc numming birds' nest with vc Department budgetary officers are now worrying with possible ing it with great care and pride.

Department budgetary officers bigger and better state fairs, judging it with great care and pride. down and the wee egg shells

I have grieved to find an absence and to make glad with their song.

Subject of Talk

ASTORIA, Ore., Sept. 27 .men here today were endeavoring old cities have served to repeal latter when he pays for it. to identify a "mystery" fish taken about all the geography we learnin a trap near the mouth of the ed in school.—Florence Herald. columbia river. The fish resembles a "skate" or ray, but is equipped with two fins of a vicious ap-notify the candidates at all until the top of Mount Everest, would

A Washington Bystander

WASHINGTON - Sad news next. He also can and no doubt

ficial family. a three months eyer, after he leaves office March sojourn in Wis- 4 and the final expenditure vs. consin had not savings record of the year will be the written under authority of the presidential fi-next White House tenant. nancial policy in the slightest. The thing uppermost in his mind was the

Kirke L. Simpsot indicated defihan 90 millions General had figured out in detail after a speak the American tongue, careful survey of the money pending activities of the last sesed on his visit to Brule.

Savings Called For

neans. In round figures, the bit. ame discrepancy between income and outgo for the year was in bluebirds and wrens at work on sight when the regular govern-tivities to widening some of the the foliage, and chickadees and ment business meeting was held downtown alleys that go under the nuthatches in such numbers as before the White House family name of streets there, and let the

What was new, however, was the result might be worthwhile. our good old California wood-the calm notice given the cabinetpeckers and the downeys and the eers by their chief htat he expectflickers at work on tree bark—to ed them to live officially so well say nothing of robins on the lawn within their means from now unand about the garden—and I have til June 30 next that they can not mentioned one-third of the turn back to the Treasury unexpended balances of current appropriations that will eliminate the indicated deficit.

mistic. That has happened before, sad news to Hoover? The last session of congress was inclined to cut loose a little in authorizing expenditures because ing "sod," "grass" and "sand" vaants appeared to have under-ler said! ralculated what would be collected and the Treasury had rolled up al election just ahead, it was a day by day. must run for reelection to use up thought would be helpful in the November vote getting.

conomies to carry out the Cool-Then my husband found the ide fiat. Just how it is to be acbranch on which it rested torn complished by any department to strewn in bits on the ground and to day, week to week, month to saw little frisky Mr. Chipmunk month affair of small savings, no .In the first place, your squir- paign General Lord dotes upon ion of America's former fightin; dear to my heart for it once was rels in your state house grounds In the aggregate, these may pile men and women.

few years. I always think it the ceeds in completing a nest, when writing on how the next president most beautiful little city in the the little eggs are laid the squir- of the United States looks at the matter rather than on what Presi- homa by carrying a ball close to dent Coolidge decrees He can on- the flag and dropping it on the It is just a plain question- ly order that expediture cuts be green. And we heard of a moth which will you have, song birds made; the accounting will be out at Illahee club that got into to protect the trees and flowers made to his successor in office Carl Gabrielson's golf stockings and there may be no member of the present cabinet still in author-Hoover or Smith takes over at the White House, the cabinet changes by present outlook will be just hotel is crowded to overflowing.

President Coolidge can con-

AP) - Experienced river fisher new countries and the renaming of change is that the buyer gets the

pearance on the backbone near after the election was all over? be just the thing, suggests the the tail. Black spots cover the This would save one of them a Roseburg News-Review, for the body. The marine animal is on dis-terrible disappointment. - Water-democrats to use during Al

bathing at once, several beautiful awaited those members of the will enforce a rigid requirement goldfinches, and one chickadee. I cabinet who had remobilized in that the executive departments am sorry I cannot report Bullock Washington-in time to sit on the hold down urgent or general deorioles or western tanagers for at president's first post-vacation ficiency relief applications to be round - table made to the second session of the talk with his of- seventieth congress this winter. There will be an interval of near-They learn- ly four months of the present aped at once that propriations year remaining, how-

If Al Smith stays out of New more York long enough, and has enough Lord practice, maybe he will learn to

A hunter shot and killed a man sion of congress, and duly report- riding a white horse, under the impression that he was shooting some sort of wild game. So far no Nimrod has mistaken a man It was not a new idea by any driving a flivver for a jack-rah

If Portland would devote its ac tarted westward for the summer. residential thoroughfares alone.

It certainly is fitting and proper that Hogg & Son should walk for swine at the fair. ,

Owen Ogden, of Salem, takes pen in hand to tell some Wash-It is possible, of course, that ington paper that Al Smith is cer-Treasury estimates of the tax tain of victory here because he vield and other agencies of in- heard some irresponsibles applaud come that go to fill up Uncle the Tammany candidate in a mov-Sam's purse will prove a bit pessi- ie. Will someone please break the Seaside has 200 widows, count-

Secretary Mellon and his assist- rieties, Remember what Tony Wel-That Northcott case gets more

sizeable surplus. With a nation-revolting as new details come out,

Just because Dan Moody of Texthat surplus in ways they as is not going to support Hoover is no reason why Herb need retire from the race.

Evidently Oregon believes in

Probably that California baby that uses a six-shooter's muzzle

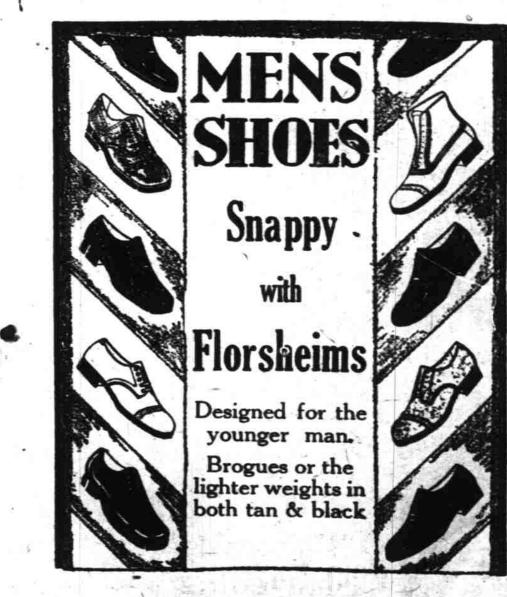
for a teething ring will employ a It seems to depend at this bowie-knife for a toothpick later A crow helped a golfer in Okla-

and made a "hole in one.

Salem certainly is a popular city. Even Sheriff Bower's county

rol expenditures up to March 4 the difference between buying seat in United States senate and Since the war the creation of one in the New York stock ex-

That scientific instrument, just perfected, which is delicate enough Wouldn't it be kinder not to to record the buzzing of a fly on Smith's campaign trip.



The Price Shoe Co.