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#### TOWN AND COUNTRY.

The city fellow delves away And all the while Keeps adding something day by 4 Unto his pile:

He talks about the country's \* charm And hopes to buy himself a + farm.

The farmer tills the stubborn . Subdues the sod,

A goodly wad.

And when enough he's salted + He hopes to go and live in town.

#### \*\*\*\*\*\* NOT A PARTISAN FIGHT.

In their desperation the forces back of Dr. Swinburne's candidacy for mayor have resorted to the perilous expedient of "swapping horses while in midstream." They started out by asserting that the campaign was to be waged upon a "moral issue." But the utter hypocrisy of their position was pointed out by the East Oregonian and so another horse, Partisanship, has been brought into use.

But Partisanship is a jaded old nag. He has been ridden to death. He has been doped so much and used in so many crooked races that his reputation is gone and he now has neither spirit nor speed. The gas and electric company and the milling company back of Dr. Swinburne's candidacy can feed him and they can dope him to their hearts desire and yet they currying him.

The mayorality contest is not a partisan fight and it cannot be made such. When the Swinburne backers appeal to republicans to support their candidate because he is a republican they offer an insult to the intelligence of the republicans of this city.

Besides who are these men who have taken it upon themselves to use the name of the republican party in this matter? Why did not the Tribune disclose their names so that the people of the city may, know who they are and therefore know the motives back of their scheme?

If the republicans of this city do tell these men, if they can learn who they are, that they have used the name of the republican party in an thority. Honest men of all parties should resent and resent hotly this attempt to drag partisan politics into a municipal election. Especially isthis true when both mayorality candidates are running as "independents" when partisan issues have absolutely no relation whatever to the issues involved in the city election.

## THEY WON'T BE DECEIVED.

In one breath the semi-weekly pessimist, inspired by forces that may be easily located, declares that the matter of a rival electric company and of a traction company is not at iscue in the mayorality fight and in the very next breath it gives the lie next year. to its previous utterances by attacking the Washington-Oregon company which is seeking entrance into Pen-

If this subject is not at issue here why do the "attorneys" and "workers" that are promoting Swinburne's candidacy also knock this rival electric company at every opportunity. Why do they lie about that company, misrepresent its objects and by every conceivable means at their disposal

seek to create a sentiment against it? The proposition regarding a rival electrical company is at issue in the mayorality campaign in this way. Upon one hand Mayor Murphy stands for re-election as a candidate who is allied with no interests that will keep him from doing his duty to the city. thing mailed,

He is free to aid in bringing a rival electric company to this city and he has already used his position to that

On the other hand Mayor Murphy's opponent was brought into the race by men who both openly and secretly have been fighting the Washington-Oregon company and are doing it yet. in league with these men in bringing Dr. Swinburne into the race and in urging his candidacy are men who represent a milling company with which this city must fight if it secures better water supply.

It is entirely natural that the men epresenting the Northwestern gas & lectric company and the Byers millng company should deny they are incrested in the election. But it will to them no good to deny the charges, Their interest in the mayorality fight s too apparent and the work that has een done by those men and their renchmen has been too plain. People are not going to be deceived in this

#### ENGLAND'S CRISIS.

Some English history was made 'uesday when the house of lords reocted the budget for the first time in 100 years. What the full effect of that action will be the future must tell. It is anticipated though that the action will lead to increased hostility to the lords. It may result n the abolition of the lords.

To a student of history it seems plain the lords have blundered. The house of lords has been tolerated in And banks in autumn for his toil 4 England because its power has been nominal not real. Had the king or the o go and live in town. • England there would have been a revhouse of lords really tried to govern

Now that the lords, in spite of advice to the contrary from their best leaders, have rejected the budget it seems they have entered upon a course The budget provides for reforms for have. These reforms are in the inland. They look to a more equitable these measures the lords are trying a block the political and economic progress of England and the consequence promises to be serious to the house of lords.

### A CLEANCUT FIGHT.

In the present mayorality fight this aper has taken a decided stand. Yet has confined its utterances to the legitimate issues of the campaign. It has commented upon points that it pectation of good that may be accomplished in life. And as no man may believed the people of the city should truthfully say when his power for be informed upon so that they may skate. It is not his race and he vote with proper understanding of the field in wishing away his life or losissues involved. The East Oregonian ing interest in the affairs of life. has refrained from scurrility and from mudslinging. True this paper called one fellow by a name that seemed to welfare and the betterment of manfit him and his subsequent yelpings kind. And even now, waiting for the indicate that he was correctly classified. It could call other people names if it desired to do so and there are that he may see his hopes realized many things that could be disclosed that would not be pleasing to those on the other side of the mayorality fight. But we will not do so. We will leave the gutter and the swill barrel for those who like that sort of stuff.

## BLOCK THEIR MOVE.

At Walla Walla the city council right they will rise as one man and granted a franchise to the Washington Oregon company. It was a sensible thing to do for the people back of the new company are wealthy and reimproper manner and without au- sponsible men and they are back of a meritorious enterprise. But the mayor of Walla Walla, influenced, so it is charged by the forces of the Northwestern gas & electric company, vetoed the franchise and thereby drove the rival company from its home city. and not as partisan candidates and Do the people of Pendleton want to risk having that performance repeated here. If they do not then they should vote against the mayorality candidate that was brought into the field and is now supported by men who are fighting this new electric company.

Providence is kind to Umatilla ounty just now. Those who have wheat are selling it at high prices and the amount of moisture in the ground indicates a bumper crop for

Within a short time the Christmas rush will be on and the stores will be crowded, the clerks will be tired and the stock depleted. Avoid all this by doing your Christmas shopping early.

Don't be deceived by the cry of a moral issue in the mayorality campaign. That subject was raised for ampaign purposes only.

The "Umatilla land fraud cases" are now a thing of the past.

Willie-Papa, there's a big black on the celling. Papa (busy reading)-Well, step on it and don't bother me.

Put a Red Cross stamp on every-

#### NOTES OF SPORT.

Crooked Trail (Wyo.)-Alkali Bill, the well known sheriff of this place. has offered a purse of \$250,000 for the Jeffries-Johnson fight. The only stipulation is that the winner shall engage in a six-shooter duet with Bill before receiving his end of the purse, The idea is very popular with the eltzens here, as they are always glad o se an exhibition of Alkali's skill

with a six shooter. The fight, if held siere, must be ulled off by daylight, as the spectators would very probably amuse emselves by shooting out the ligh hould the contest take place in the evening It is considered unlikely that any of them can shoot out the

The fighters, referee and moving picture men will wear bulle'-proof

Etah-The North Pole A. C., which taged the susseccful battle between Kld Cook and Slugger Peary, will bid 35,000 bags of gumdrops for the Jeffries-Johnson fight. There can be a interference from the authoritiesdithough there might be some from polar bears-as the contest will be on a large ice floe just outside the city limits. A snow amphitheater seating 200,000 will be built on the floe. As the convention of Cook-Penry slouths will be held here about the time of the fight a record attendance is ex-

Bombileo—Under the impression that the loser became a boiled dinner for the spectators Chef Bangaroo has baby sister! And you know"—here 1909 ... 30 put in a bid of 1000 cocoanuts for the Jeffries-Johnson fight. The daily 'Palm Leaf's" sporting editor afraid to enlighten the chief on the subject lest in his disappointment Bangaroo might suppress the island's only live sporting page,

Old Harbor-A mysterious stranger was observed hovering over this vicinity today in a new aeroplane. He is believed to be a Harvard spy, and in consequence football practice was conducted under a large piece of canvas, which gave the players the appearance of being engaged in an obstacle race. It is believed that the improvement of the aeroplane will ecessitate the construction of huge cellars in which teams may practice A familiarity with rathskellers will thus be of advantage to candidates for the team .- Wex Jones in San Francisco Examiner.

#### BJORNSON'S VIEW.

Bjornson, the grand old man of Norway, who, approaching his eightieth year, is making a gallant fight for life, gave out a noble sentiment when he said to a Paris reporter that t is every man's duty to live as long as possible, since his "most useful moment may be his last."

How infinitely superior such philosophy to the cynical jest attributed to Dr. Osler, that a man should be chloroformed at 60, or to the general impression that a man's powers and usefulness decline when he is barely at middle age.

The noble view of life is the exgood is at an end, so he is not justi-

Bjornson's fourscore years have been devoted to zeal for his country on him, he has lost nothing of that zeal and interest and desires to live and his labors crowned.

This is the sort of philosophy to supersede the so-called Oslerism and the theory of "make way for youth" if the sum of good in human life to be realized.—San Francisco Evam-

## DAYSE MAYME AND THE GOSSIPS

At one time, the goss ps will remember, Miss Daysey Mayme Appleton was engaged to Count Pigging ton. What happened is not positively known, but the count was married to another woman shortly before the date set for his marriage to the Ap-Therefore, Daysey took pleton girl. particular delight in mailing an invitation to the count to her marriage to the Duke McBryanne, who, Daysey Mayme says, could buy the count with one day's income, and he can trace his ancestry back to the days when the Apostles were on earth. Indeed, it is said that one of the McBryannes was an Apostle.-Atchison Globe,



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#### INGRATITUDE.

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his sense of the world's ingratitude grew stronger, and he walled afresh-

"you know how good I was to him when they had kittens over at his house!"-Harper's Magazine.

#### THE DEATH LIST.

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