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SAN FRANCISCO.

Proud offspring of the shore and sea, Home of the millions yet to be, . No more thy billowy smokes . arise

skies, All! Loveland all; the haughty . domes,

homes, The earth rose 'neath thee, and ◆ her hand

Cast on thy pile the burning . brand The waters failed thee in thy dread

But, ever grand, thou givest . birth

earth. ere upon the crushed . hearthstones. White are the ashes of bleached .

Ere shelter rises o'er defense- • less head, Or wailing ceases for thy dead . Thy cry rings out

Triumphant note Bold, high and raucous from . thy flame-scorched throat, . Above the fragments of the . rocking throne

Fiercely commandering all thine . Demanding still the wardship . of the seas

With shelter to the homing ar- . gosies. Swift it is yielded.

In thy darkest hour No hand of ours would clip thy . splendid power.

thy form, Hotly defiant of both shock and .

And still, oh Sister, o'er the . western sea Hold thou, unchallenged, proud . -Thaver. •

GET REAL SUPERINTENDENTS.

results and would add considerable to the expense of the various countricts. It provides for a county edu-The other members of the board are ent in supervising the work of the and another sort when in office. rural schools. Each supervisor is to have charge of 20 or more school

bill is that it does not go to the root says the Portland Oregonian, "Pen- merely noting differences which must of the difficulty. The trouble at pres- dieton's last wild west show was a ent lies chiefly in the fact that in hummer and the next event will have more of an understanding of the sit-Oregon the office of county superintendent is a political office. Being a brother, but the coming show will tempt, and cobwebby experiences, of poor paying office it is usually filled make last fall's exhibition seem small a self-satisfied traveller. by some third class politician who wants an easy berth. Generally the man selected has had some experioccurs that the superintendent of an have to serve a year in prison. Now nation, can see so far down the aisles important county has never taught a it would be interesting to know graded school. Seldom do you find whether or not he did really libel a competent educator in the superintendent's office. The reason for this is that being a political office the superintendent must be selected from among people who reside in the county, and the few men capable of filling the office with credit generally have better positions already. So

the office really goes a-begging. In cities, where the schools are conducted with a view to competency, dinner is made the chief diversion of the school superintendent is selected upon his merits as an educator, When the Pendleton school board wants a city superintendent it does not try to employ a local man. The board looks to any part of the state needs to learn how to dipe. There or country for a man. The man seor country for a man. The man selected must hold his position by virtue of good work. If he cannot make affair, and lunch is but a higgledygood he is discharged. That is the piggledy incident of the four and

businesslike way to do things. In the view of the East Oregonian this same system, in a modified form perhaps, should be applied to the

superintendent should be employed, not elected. He should be employed county school board chosen much as city school boards are chosen. There should be a clerk to do the small office work and the superintendent should supervise the work of better humored and have sound dithe rural schools. He should outline gestion, work for the schools and see that the schedules are followed. He should visit the schools personally and keep in close touch with the work by correspondence. He should be a real superintendent-not a dummy.

If the legislators want to improve the rural schools they should lay the foundation for such improvement by taking the office of county superintendent out of politics and placing it apon a basis where merit and merit life and good work. only shall count. At the present time the office of county superintendent is a farce. A superintendent's duties consist chiefly in performing some petty office work and in consulting with legislators regarding an increase ir salary or in behalf of some measure like the Huntington bill which f it passes will add more feathers to

WATCH THE FIELD PEA.

Farmers of Umatilla county who values will do well to watch the field more important and interesting. pea. It offers great possibilities for

At the dry farming experiment station at Moro 50 varieties of field peas are being tried out in an attempt to find the variety best adapted to this country. Experiments with field peas are also being made at the experiment station at Union. Last year the seeding at Union was done too late and the best possible results were To all that's brave on mother • not obtained. Yet the showing was pea can be of great value here. The following is an extract from the an- | wonderful career from those nual report of Robert Withycombe, superintendent of the station at Un-

"Without uestion the field pen is destined to become one of the importunt crops for eastern Oregon; especitake the place of bare summerfallow. moisture content in the soil, hence Rebuild thy palaces, reclothe . til the humus content is increased and gument does not lie, as the lawyers to conserve moisture. However in return and at the same time will increase the fertility of his soil."

HE IS AND HE 'AINT.

Among the names of senators who bill that looks good upon the sur- tion to endorse the "Oregon system" upon him, all there are accepted as to statement No. 1 and he went about ways of God with man. We recogties. The bill is supposed to provide the county proclaiming his friendship nize self-sacrifice and unselfishness superintendent as ex-officio chairman, tem. Why should be cast his vote the full dower of his faith. If the

"It is good to know that the con- freedom to over-ride the dicta of the districts and must be paid of course, tract work for the next Round-up at ram The trouble with the Huntington Pendleton, in September, has begun," though I believe we are right; 4 am to go some to beat it." You are right, tuation than the mere superficial conand tame. Come and see.

guilty of libeling the king and will ance that no eye, even of the imagi-

The groud hog needed smoked

LEISURELY DINING.

(Atlanta Journal.) The proprietor of a big American hotel makes the just criticism that in this country people dine far too rapidly. In Europe, he points, out a an entire evening. Here, on the contrary, we clatter through the courses as though eating were a duty to be disposed of patly rather than a lux-

ury to be enjoyed in leisure. Undoubtedly the average American day free from haste. Breakfast, with most people, must be a hurry-scurry twenty hours. But when it comes to dinner, or supper, if you will, that meal should never be profaned with the strenuous spirit. This is demanded by health as well

schools of the county. The county as by pleasure. It is a common observation that one can eat twice as much at a banquet as at an ordinary table and feel no untoward effects either by the county court or by a next day. That is simply because the banquetas liberally expended through three or four hours with a continual sprinkling of chat and laughter. If the clock were set back ninety minutes at every dinner we would all be

The old Romans knew how to eat. They had no straight-back chairs but easy couches upon which they lounged about the dishes and looked lightly upon Father Time. That is how good conversation is bred and social warmth and mellow friendship and a score of other things that make life worth living

There are two luxuries in the world which we ought never to hurry over: sleeping and dining. They are the source of half our good spirits, the prime essentials of contentment, long

HILL OF TARA.

(Butte Miner.)

How many thousands of citizens in this country will read with utmost interest of the contemplated sale of the

Just what the details of the sale are have not been made public as yet, but the fact that such a movement is proosed is of itself attention-attract

The Hill of Tara is closely idenified with Irish history. There is widespread movement in this country, having for its object a general revival want to increase their profits and of interest in the study of Irish his-No more thy minarets fret the • bring about a further advance in land tory and surely no study could be

stirring events, with great adventures, The lab'rers' huts; the lordly . the wheat section of this county and and with occurrences that had much of other portions of eastern Oregon, to do with shaping the histories of her countries.

To students of Irish history the fa mous Hill of Tara is very familiar, Even those who have not devoted time to making a study of the history known because of the song which Thomas Moore wrote of it and which is world wide in its fame.

Every happening which involves any noted landmark in Ireland is of concern to many American citrens who have tender memories of the issufficient to indicate that the field land across the sea or who have heard knew much of it at first hand,

Irish music, Irish literature, and Irish history are all replete with such charms as to win and hold undivided attention and consequently any part of the Emerald isle which has been an inspiration for song and story merits and has the regard of all who love the beautiful and the romantic.

IN THE EAST AND WEST.

One often hears Protestantism and

atholicism compared, to the disad-Protestant countries are more prosperous, wealthler, more powerful. This same reasoning is used when compar-Confucianism, Buddhism, but the arimproved cultural methods introduced say. To the Hindu mind it is no argument at all. His ideal is to get out nost sections the practice of growing out of it, and stay in it, That one's field peas and hogging them off in beliefs should be scientifically true, the field will not the farmer a good or that they should produce in an individual or nation powers of wealthgetting or comfort-making, is not only not required of his faith by the Orient, but he looks upon such tests as preposterous. If plague or famine come to a whole province, or loss or illness come to him individually, or the will of a ruler whom he believes voted "No" upon the Albee resolu- to be divinely guided brings disgrace face but which if passed would bring appears the name of Senator Burgess inevitable. It is a part of the mysterabout little if anything in the way of of this county. What! During the lous and incomprehensible divine plan, and leads to no questioning. recent campaign Burgess subscribed criticism, or even complaint of the for supervision for country school dis-for the statement which is now and but the great majority of Christians always has been one of the most im- look upon an unsuccessful Christian cational board with the county school portant features of the Oregon sys- as lacking in some essential manner against the endorsement of the Ore- Hindue believes that his faith gorbade working on Sunday, or forbade dito be named by the county court and gon plan? He is evidently one sort are to assist the county superintend- of a politician while seeking office himself rather than disobey. We on the contrary have allowed laws of economics and laws of health and

I am not deciding between the two be kept in mind by the student of the East if he wishes to gain something

The conversion of the thousand million brown and yellow men. of India by the five hundred million A London publisher was found Christians is so far away in the distof time. From "The Gateway to India," by Price Collier, in the February Scribner.

APPRECIATIVE.

"It has been said," remarked the Englishman, "that the American people like to be humbugged." "There is no truth in the assertion,"

replied the American. "We dislike the idea of being handed the short end of it, but when we find any one smart enough to do it we just can't help taking off our hats to him."

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