METAPHOR AND FACT.

An Interesting Letter from Mrs. Duniway.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE ARGUMENT.

The Fallacy of Prohibition Bombarded in a Semewhat Novel Style--Unvarnished Facts.

ON TRAIN, NEAR UMATILLA, May 28. EDITOR STATESMAN: - Since I last met a representative of your valuable and constantly improving publication, in the city of Portland, about two months ago, I have been reminded perhaps fifty times of my promise to pen a few thoughts, now and then, for its plethoric and spirited columns. But the multiplicity of cares attendant upon the complex preparations for my summer's campaign rendered a compliance with my promise impossible until I was well upon the road.

I cannot tell you how delighted I was with "Mispah's" letter from India. Mrs. Bonham might have remained at home for half a century, and we should all have been kept in ignorance of her rare powers as a writer. Now that she has begun a work for which nature has preeminently fitted her, it is to be hoped that we may hear from her frequently in the future. Dear, hospitable, easy going and yet progressive Salem! Like Mispah (or does she spell it with a z?) I long to meet your denizens much more frequently than I do. But now that the inter state railway law has curtailed the festive pass of the journalist, leaving the meritorious service of the philanthropic scribe to go unrewarded and unrecognized, it will be even more difficult than heretofore to gratify this, one of the strongest longings of my heart, except at rare and costly intervals. But the STATESMAN fills an otherwise aching void, and when I am at home I welcome its daily visits most heartily.

It will be a week to-morrow since I left Portland, bound for a summer campaign among the mines, mountains, ranges and ranches of eastern Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana.

To leave the humid, welcome, springtime air of the Willamette and "tackle" the arid atmosphere of the bunch-grass country is trying at any time to the web-footed inhabitant of the land of rain and red apples; but isespecially disagreeable just now, because the first visits of summer are on the tapis, and the hot sun rages like a conflagration over all the parched and withering regions of the inland empire, through which the train is rumbling. The good people of Pendle-ton, with whom I have been sojourning for a few days, have conversed prin-cipally concerning the inter state commerce law, the unusually hot weather that is threatening, because of its early visit, to destroy the crops, and upon the prohibition question, which here meets the usual quota of adherents and oppo-nents, the latter largely in the majority. Although it is well known that I take no stock in prohibition as a method of temperance reform, yet I am exceedingly giad this agitation has come up just in the way it has. You everywhere meet women and preachers who are wild for prohibition who stood aloof from the light for woman's ballot in 1884, their arms akimbo and their noses in the air. because "too pions to tamper with poli-tics." The lesson they are learning in this fight will prove a dearly bought one, since experience is always an exacting teacher; but when, on the 8th of November next, they stand upon the brink of the precipice of defeat, over which they have backed their pet hobby horse, be cause they would persist in hitching it heels foremost to their narrow cart, may be they'll begin to wish they'd worked for ballots first and issues later on.

After women shall have received their full, free and secure enfranchisement, so they can afford to run to extremes whenever the fit seizes them, when they are in no more danger of losing their ballots, or implements of endeavor, than are the men of to-day who go into extremes, it will be quite safe for them to try the experiment of prohibition if they like, since untrammelled liberty will always work out its own problems in due time; and women being quick to perceive, as well as prompt to act when opportunity offers, will not be slow to learn, when the full power of the ballot is given them, that "prohibition will not prohibit." Neither will they fail to expose the sham of it when it has been before them in its true light. I know of more than one erewhile prohibitionist of my sex in Salem who now abjures it, because she sees through the "drug store vancering" and "M. D. manipulation" which it seeks to monopolize at a pecuniary profit. Give women votes, men and brethren. The experience that accompanies the use of the ballot will broaden their understanding and enable them to comprehend, as they cannot now, the motive power that moves the genus crank, who continually urges them to make bricks without straw. and laws without votes. Never fear but they'il be wise enough to cease beating the bush that men alone may gather persimmons, when the fruit is free to alike and there are none to hinder them from gathering the fruit themselves. Dropping metaphors, which, like Jo-

siah Allen's wife, I can always find with out "searchin' creation," let us come now to unvarnished facts, most of which have been so faithfully garnered by your staff and corps of correspondents that little is left to glean. I want to say that I be-lieve the misuse of that word "heense is, because it conveys a wholly erroneous meaning to most women and preactors, the very worst stumbling block that today retards the temperance reform. If to merely withhold a "license" would stop both the demand and supply, the ery against "governmental patronage of the traffic" would be in order. But, since experience proves that withholding "license," under guise of "prohibition," lessens the expenses of the traffic, and in degree changes its channels of trade, without lessens the traffic itself, it he without lessening the traffic itself, it becomes apparent at once that the term is a misnomer. The proper signification is have one!"-Detroit Free Press.

tax, which if rightly used would have been correctly understood from the very beginning. For many years I have be-lieved that the final solution of the drink problem could only be worked out under conditions of the utmost freedom from both "tax" (or "license") and "prohibi-

tion," er espionage.
In this great, billowy bunch-grass region through which I am now journeying. there are to be found occasional pools of alkali water, of which cattle, if usually fenced away from it, will, when they reach it in unguarded moments, partake to their great lujury, and often to their death. But give them free access to it continually, with plenty of good, pure water at hand, and they will as instinctively shy the alkali rooks at the average. ively shun the alkali pools as the average prohibitionist would shun intoxicants, provided nasty puddles of them were everywhere lying about loose. I have known injudicious and over-

stingy parents to keep sugar, preserves and molasses locked away from their children to keep the little ones from "eating too much" and "making them-selves sick." A band of these children of an ardent prohibitionist used to come to school at my house away back in the sixties; and so hungry for saccharine substances were they that they often made excuses to remain with my children during the noon bour, so they could get symp for luncheon, and I cared them of undue fondness for sweets, not by "prohibition," but by gorging. I gave each child a cup of syrup and a spoon, and it wasn't a week till they were so sated with it that their appetites became normal. Years after I told their mother of my experiment, which resulted in their her children, who are now prone to drunkenness, were under my care, I'd break them of both drunkenness and the tobacco habit on the same

That little "apple transaction" between our first parents ought to convince every Christian that "prohibition don't pro-hibit." God Himself (and I say it reverently) couldn't make it work.

But here I am, at the top of the 20th page, which I had prescribed as my letter's limit, and I've scarcely touched the I thought when I began to scribble-a descriptive theme in which scenery had the foremost place, and will require another letter to elaborate it now. ABIGAIL SCOTT DUNIWAY.

A FAMOUS MASONIC LODGE.

The records of Fredericksburg Lodge show that George Washington was initiated on the 4th of November, 1752, passed Fellow Craft March 3, 1753, and was raised to the degree of Master Mason August 4, 1753. He was initiated before he was twenty-one years of age. This may have occurred from the fact that of a grand lodge in chartering lodges, granted a special dispensation. But Past Grand Master B. B. French, of the District of Columbia, in an address in 1851, said that no one stopped to inquire Washington's age when his petition was pre-

county, Virginia, at the age of seventeen At the age of nineteen he was No. 4 until the day of his death.

this lodge are George Weedon, Washingtime Washington was made a Mason, is for at still in possession of the lodge. The Bi-fifth of the is over two hundred years old, and is way. in an excellent state of preservation.-Bairlmore Sun.

WIT AND HUMOR.

Wherein are a policeman and a rain-ow alike! Both are tokens of peace, and usually appear after a storm.

At the ball-Grace (whispering -Wha. ovely boots your partner has got, Mary (ditto)-Yes, unfortunately 121128.

"Ali! good evening, Mrs. Brown. Is your card full!" "No, Mr. Smythe, but my escort is, and if you would kindly take me home I would be so much oblig-

"What can be worse," said an exas-perated husband in the middle of the night, "than a teething baby?" "You are, John, when you have the toothache,' responded his wife.

A supper of sheep's heads is served. One gentleman enthusiastic on the excellence of the dish, throws down knife and fork and exclaims: "Well, sheep's head for ever, say I!" Jerrold— 'There's egotism!'

ton Budget.

A man showed a lawyer a five-shilling piece and asked him whether he thought it was good one. The lawyer said that it was, put it in his pocket, said his usuai fee for advice was 6s 6d, and would the inquirer please to send the balance of 1s ad round to his office at his earliest convenience.

HE MADE USE OF HIS FATHER.

"Humph! but you are wearing your father's hat!" he said, as he looked over the fence at the other boy.

can't make use of his father hadn't orter

RIGHT SMART NEBRASKA BOY.

my boy out in Nebraskey," said an old a handsome dinner party in honor of the farmer in the smoking car to the party of nineteenth birthday of Kaiser William." drummers who had been telling him The occasion, of course, was replete with some pretty tall yarns. "My boy is a incidents of the long and eventful career good deal of a genius in his way, lemme of this wonderful man. One of the most tell you, and none of 'em gets ahead of interesting anecdotes related by a counhim. T'other day he rigged up a kite. tryman of the emperor was in regard to It was the biggest kite I'd ever set my his early youth, and which seems to be eyes on. It was about six feet wide, an' little known. Since public gambling twice as long, an' on the top of it my boy has been forbidden by law in Germany placed a few green branches which he'd the votaries of fortune from all Europe cut from a cottonwood tree. 'What's them fer?' I inquired. 'Never you mind, runs that Kaiser William, while he was dad, says he; 'I know what I'm about,' still Crown Prince and a dashing young And, by gosh, he did. He flew that kite officer, entered the Kursaal at Ems wearup in the air an' stood watchin' of it fer ing an overcoat which concealed his a long time, when I says to him: 'You'd better pull that thing down, now, an' get to your work.' 'Lemme alone, dad,' he replied, 'I'll get that yet.' And, by gosh, he did. The next time I took a look at him he was a handing in on the kite line, with a smile on his face as broad as a furrer. When the kite came down near the ground I saw what he was a smilin' word, to the agreement of the other the ground I saw what he was a smilin' at, an' it was enough to make a body smile, too. Any you fellers want to guess what was on that kite?"

the banker repeating his action and word, to the amusement of the other players. It was then, as now, the custom of the banks to set aside a certain sum each day, and put up a notice of the

o' the kite with tar so their feet would American. stick so fast that they couldn't get away, he did the business. By gosh! but it was fun to pull them geese in. Just as fast as we could send the kite up and pull her down again we got from ten to a dozen geese, an' in four days we captured six car loads, an' I'm takin' 'em to Chicago now to sell. None o' von smart, story tellin' fellers don't happen to know the six car loads. The story tellin' fellers don't happen to know the six car loads. The story tellin' fellers don't happen to know the six car loads. The story tellin's fellers don't happen to know the six car loads and the six car loads. The six car loads are six car loads and the six car loads are six car loads. The six car loads are six car loads and the six car loads are six car loads. The six car loads are six car loads are six car loads are six car loads. The six car loads are six car loads are six car loads are six car loads. The six car loads are six car loads are six car loads are six car loads. The six car loads are six car loads are six car loads are six car loads. The six car loads are six car loads are six car loads are six car loads. The six car loads are six car loads are six car loads are six car loads. The six car loads are six car loads are six car loads are six car loads. The six car loads are six car loads are six car loads are six car loads. The six car loads are six car loads are six car loads are six car loads are six car loads. The six car loads are six car load what wild geese is with now in the Circago market, do ye?"-[Circago Hera t

LONDON'S UNDERGROUND ROAD

secting the city with the south of London. Two independent tunnels, it should you are deceiving yourself. Daniel Campbell, master of the lodge, recorded grand master, and exercising the prerogatives of grand master, as the lodge afterward performed the functions of a grand lodge afterward performed the functions of a grand lodge in about two hundred feet under the Borough road, while the construction of the lodge afterward performed the functions ough road, while the construction of the lodge would be a grand lodge afterward performed the functions of the lodge afterward performed the functions of the lodge, recorded grand master, as the lodge afterward performed the functions of the lodge, recorded grand master, as the lodge afterward performed the functions of the lodge. second has progressed considerably be-on your lap for three hours. Now, you youd the middle of the river. The work thus far accomplished has been done minutes!" since October last. It will be remem-bered that the Thames tunnel took about eighteen years to complete; much the same work has now been accomplished He was appointed surveyor of Culpeper in little more than eighteen weeks. The company have recently obtained from a select committee powers for an extension traveling man to a Dakota editor. appointed adjutant general, with the of the line, as originally contemplated, rank of major, in the Virginia militia, from the Elephant and Castle to the and at the age of twenty he became ex-ecutor of the large estate of his deceased brother, Lawrence Washington. As these things showed he was of mature age, no the line is completed, which, it is uninquiry was made. It is almost certain derstood, will be toward the end of that Washington remained a member of the year, there will be a great relief of the traffic over London bridge and along Among the many other distinguished the busy streets beneath which the sub-men whose names appear on the rolls of way runs. Official returns of the traffic over London bridge show that 37,000,000 ton's adjutant general; General Hugh foot passengers and 7,000,000 cabs and Mercer, who fell at the battle of Princeton; Jacob von Braam, Washington's while the tramways converging at St. instructor in sword-fencing; Fielding George's church borough, convey about Lewis, Washington's brother-in-law. The 6,000,000 passengers a year. The three that was used in this lodge at the miles of this new line are being made for about£600,000, which is about onefifth of the cost of the underground rail-At each end of the line, it should be added, there will be hydraulic lifts, so that passengers may ascend and descend without trouble.

HE WANTED TO GO TO THE CITY.

Farmer's son-"Pap I want to go to lineinnati to live."

Pap-"What for, Samuel!"

" 'Cause I read in a paper jist now that shines at the wrong end .- Texas Sift men there are makin' thousands of dollars jist by waterin' stock, and here I've been waterin' stock every winter fur half a dozen years or more and haint made a What's the sense in me workin for nothin' when I kin go to the city and git rich by waterin' stock.'

'Samuel, you ain't got no sense. You don't know no difference between a fourlegged stock and a railread stock. I feel

ike whalin' you, as big as you are Samuel was too frightened to ask for an explanation just then. - Kentucky State

A JOKE ON DISRAELL.

In a newly published life of the first Lord Lytton's wife there is an account of A sufficient reason-Miss B .- Why is a joke made by Rogers, the poet, at the it, Mr. A., that whenever you refer to a expense of Disraeli, the younger: Mrs. Boston friend you invariably use the word Bulwer was sitting by the side of Rogers "fellow?" New Yorker—Oh, because he in the drawing-room after a dinner party, belongs around the Hub, of course.—[Bos-] when Disraeli, who had been lounging in a cane-seated chair, crossed the room, A young lady with an aptitude for punning was asked why she had rejected the "suit" of an elderly lover. "Oh, you see," she replied, "I learned that it had been pressed several times and feared that it might be worn threadbare."

"A young lady with an aptitude for punwith his coot-tails, as usual, over each arm, leaving his dark-green velvet adoracles, with the marks of the chair on them, fully visible. Rogers asked: "Who is that it might be worn threadbare."

"Oh, young Disraeli, the Jew." answered Mrs. Bulwer. "Rather the Wandering Lev." "Oh, beard of "Cauc". answered Mrs. Bulwer. "Rather the Wandering Jew, with the brand of 'Cane on him," said Rogers.

NOTHING TO GO WILD OVER.

"What do you think of that?" asked Simpson enthusiastically as he gave his city friend Gibson a fresh draught from his new spring in the meadow. "Just tell me what you think of that for

"That's not at all bad," answered Gib. PRICE \$1. son rather coldly, "for water."-N. Y.

"FOR THE CROUPIER."

"I want to tell you a little story about A week ago the German minister gave ness what was on that kite?"

None of the drummers wanted to amount beyond which they could not guess, and the old man continued his play. If the losses amounted to this sum the bank must close.
William glanced at the notice-200,-

"Wall, sir, a-sittin' on the top o' that kite was eleven o' the purtiest wild geese ye ever saw. Yes, sir, eleven on 'em. You see, the geese was flyin north purty thick, and my boy had got up this scheme to eater level. For reply the future to catch 'em. There ain't many trees emperor of Germany then opened his out our way, an' after a fat goose has coat, displaying the imperial star upon been flyin' purty steady all day he gits kind o' tired an' looks around for a place to sit down an' rest. That's just what my boy was countin' on when he built erately dashed it on the floor, exclaiming, that kits. By offerin' the geese a place "For the croupier!" then turning on his to stop an' rest, an' by smearin' the top heel, left the apartment.—, Baltimore beel, left the apartment.- Baltimore

HOW SHE KNEW.

talking about? I am as healthy as I ever was. Insurance, indeed!" "Well, my dear, I only mentioned it,

you know, out of respect for yourself. I Rapid progress is being made in the new underground railway from the Monument to the Elephant and Castle, connecting the site of the state of the st

taking a breath."
"Well, it may be so. But I am afraid

HIS OBJECTIONS.

"Naturally you don't think much of the interstate commerce law," said a

"Think much of it! Why, sir, I consider it the most damnable, yes, sir, I say damnable, outrage ever known in this country!"

"Takes away your pass I suppose." "Yes, but I don't care for that."

"Does it raise freights to this point?"
"Er-yes, I b'lieve so-but I never get anything by freight. Why do you object to it so strongly

"Why do I object, hey? W'y I understand that it is going to cause every cir-cus that used to come out to this country

Yes, sir, cut us off from circuses-and I've been in the habit of having six complimentary tickets every season for the last twenty years.'

BIOGRAPHY OF A PLUTOCRAT.

Reporter (interviewing rich man)-You began life barefooted, and worked for \$1 a week, I believe? "No, sir; I didu't."

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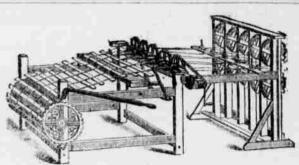
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