OREGO, N.

As a man's idea that he was cut out for a great career decreases his usefulness increases.

The trouble with most of the inventors of airships is that they leave needy families behind them.

complishments the King of Spain is now able to eat without a bib. Our humorists are going too fast.

We can better spare some of our philosophers-they are easier replaced. "Jefferson's Bible" may be all right. Until it is printed, however, the King

Books are desirable companions; when they bore you it is an easy matter to shut them up without giving of-

James version will be found very help-

fense. Some people live in the vicinity of slumbering volcanoes. Others thaw out of the universe they are now concern- ure complications ensue, causing his frozen dynamite and get there just the

Some of the people in those other southern republics are probably surprised at the lengts of time Cuba has run along without a revolution.

Many a man has made the discovery too late that he misjudged his enemyespecially after attempting to lick him and getting beautifully licked himself.

If the recording angel takes note of the doings of nations, the United. States must have had a large sum put on the credit side of the ledger on

A man has been sentenced to six months in Jail for stealing a blevele. A man who would stoop so low as to steal a bicycle ought to get at teast six years.

The Massachusetts Legislature has voted a medal to every man who answered Lincoln's first call in 1861. Most of those veterans have answered another call and have gone to join that grand army in the great beyond,

The Eric Railroad issued an order a few weeks ago that henceforth bridat parties must refrain from throwing rice. As a result the bridal parties have been throwing pecks instead of quarts and the road is sorry it spoke.

Some things do not need to be said. A famous planist who played in this country last winter and cleared a hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars remarked as he sailed for home, "It is with great sorrow that I leave this made no predictions and who are not ever for his indorsement. If, however, country, and I wish to come back as soon as possible."

"Do you play football?" asked President Roosevert in a recent letter to a boy who had written to him for some for the establishment of proprietary rights if others besides football-players adopt the motto.

The Prussians are finding that the work of making good Germans of the Poles involves many difficulties. A number of children going home from school were singing Polish songs. They were arrested and tried in a police court. The prosecuting officer demanded that the children be imprisoned rather than fined. The judge had the good sense to discharge them. The extirpation of patriotism, especially as it expresses itself in music, is an unpromising undertaking.

Courches are commonly regarded as the mothers of Sunday schools, but the latest annual report of the Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society shows that the reverse is often the case. During the last year there has been a greater movement of emigrants to the Northwest than at any time since 1882. In the new settlements thus formed the first permanent religious institution is usually a Sunday school, which, being supplied with Bibles, Bible lessons and other reading matter, grows in time into a church Of one hundred and fourteen new churches reported last year, forty-five originated in this way.

Irrigation will seemingly be a good thing for the rivers as well as for the arid country which is primarily in view. Flood waters are always a serious menace to the lands along the lower stretches of a great stream, and any diversion of them into storage basins, no matter how slight, is to be welcomed. The levees now built for the protection of low country are not an unalloyed blessing. They tend, it is believed, to raise the level of the river-bed, so that in course of time both river and levee rise above the surrounding country. The river of the future must be put under a harness so that it may be held back at some seasons and hurried on at others.

It i currently stated that a committee representing a church body has experienced difficulty in securing a place to hold the sessions of the association under a pledge that the delegates will be entertained by the citizens. It seems the average church member has a disinclination to act as hostess to the visiting ministry and delegates. In these days of better salaries for ministers the church member who contrib- in it?

utes his share toward the expenses of the congregation is inclined to suggest that preachers and delegates should go to hotels or if entertained privately pay for their board and lodging. He notes that fraternal organizations pay their delegates per diem and mileage, thus providing for the expenses incident to such representation. Why should the church ask its delegates to represent it for nothing and in addition call upon other members of the church to enteriain these delegates without pay? Some questions naturally arise. Is the citurch getting upon a commercial basis in order to conform to a commer-In addition to his other manly accial age? Is the good old custom of hospitality declining? Has the church memi ership drawn the line at a money equivalent and discarde self sacrifice and the law of service? Is Christianity and unless the selection is made from resolving itself into a matter of dollars and cents?

In a recent article Prof. John Trowsolve the secrets of great things and the Probate Court cannot reject the were thinking of the large relations in person selected. the universe, but now they are generally taking "the path of human inquiry convey an injured employe to his home. the earth and seeking to fix the limits him, in consequence of which expostions of the infinitely small, the secent that the employer is liable. convulsions in the Caribbean Sea dave tered its first unmistakable warnings before the volcano was dealing out tices of unscrupulous men (who, howdeath and destruction on every hand, ever, are called "smart, shrewd busi-Meanwhile none of these scientists has havior. Some scientists are now busy explaining the reasons for its convuisions. One charges the disaster to the died by the lender. In other words, unusual stress upon the earth, because when you apply to the lender for a upon the 8th of May the moon and sun loap, he very politely tells you that he were at right angles to the earth with reference to the sun and earth. A government geologist has long known that to loan a certain amount, and that he the silt of the Mississippi and the Orinoco would cause this trouble by pressearth under the gulf. Then came the assures you that he knows where the plausible theory that there is a vast note can be cashed. If this is the real mass of fire under that section into which the waters of the gulf percolated and generated steam which caused although you may have your own idea the explosion. Another geologist says of the matter. In such case the lender that volcanoes do not throw out flaming gases. Mount Pelee did throw out such gases of the note will never exceed the legal are untrue, or that, if true, it is un- rate. In other words, he guarantees wise to speculate on the capabilities of a volcano. Other scientists who may receive any consideration whatspecially interested in its causes are you can show that it was his own laying out more or less startling programs for the future, some involving per, then the contract would be usurlthe disappearance of all the West india Islands. In view of the results it it would be a most difficult thing to would be wiser for the scientists to prove the subterfuge. advice. "If so, here is a motto for realize their limitations and be less you: 'Don't foul, don't flinch. Hit the line hard.'" There will be no suits onstrated that the wisest of them know onstrated that the wisest of them know

Embarrassing Accuracy.

A certain Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, who had a grown-up daughter, went to live in California, where they rented a small furnished house and engaged a Chinese man-of-all-work. The house was well situated and tastefully furnished, and Wing Lee proved to be a good cook, clean and respectful. As soon as the Andersons were settled the neighbors began to call, and it was then that the fact was discovered that Wing was absolutely devoid of any ideas as to the ushering in or out of guests. So one morning Mrs. Anderson and her daughter determined to instruct him. Providing him with a tray, Miss Ander son went out, rang the bell, was shown into the sitting-room, and waited while the Chinaman carried her card to Mrs. Anderson. This was repeated several times until they were quite satisfied that Wing was perfect in his role. That evening at half past 8 the bell rang. Wing stalked majestically to the door, while mother and daughter leaned over the banisters to watch the result of their teaching. They heard a gentletray and receive a card with an air other on the back, and then they saw him draw a card from his sleeve. "Mine!" gasped the daughted. "The compared the two carefully, and, returning the one which the caller had just handed him, he remarked bladly, "Tickee no good. No can come," and calmly shut the door in the face of the astonished guest!

Easily Interpreted.

Mrs. Hoon-I dreamed last night that you had given me an automobile. Mr. Hoon-H'm, yes! You had a horseless nightmare-and by the way. my dear, dreams usually go by contraries."-Smart Set.

After the honeymoon a woman never looks entirely satisfied with her husband again except when he gets his

at sea." Did you ever see a dramatic play that there wasn't some wronged woman

RECENT JUDICIAL DECISIONS.

A recovery of commissions by a real estate agent from both parties is held by the Supreme Court of North Carolina in the case of Lamb vs. Baxter (40 S. E. Rep., 850) to be justified where he informed them that he would charge them both, and they both agreed to pay him.

A series of garnishments instituted by a creditor to tie up the wages of a laboring man until the expiration of the time during which they are exempt and then appropriate them is held, in Rustad vs. Bishop (Minn.), 50 L. R. A. 168, to constitute a perversion of civil process which the courts cannot sanction.

A testator may select his executor, a class of persons which by common law or statute is excluded from appointment, the Supreme Court of Errors of Connecticut, in the case of bridge declared that forty years ago Farmers' Loan and Trust Company vs. the physical scientists were trying to Smith (51 Atl. Rep., 609), holds that

Where an employer undertakes to which leads into the world of the in- and in so doing neglects to take the finitely small." Instead of weighing proper precaution to cover and protect ed with atoms, electrons, cells and bac- death, the Supreme Court of Rhode illi. Whatever degree of success the Island, in the case of Bresnahan vs scientists may reach in their investiga- Sonsdale (Co. 51 Atl. Rep., 624), holds

It is not usurious to enter into an demonstrated that they have made a agreement for the payment of usury sad mess of it with regard to the in- after the loan has been made or the finitely large. When Mount Pelee ut original debt contracted. It is absolutely necessary that the payment of usury of trouble of some kind, some scient- must be a part of the agreement of the ists went through their calculations loan itself. There are a variety of and hypotheses and demonstrated that ways by which professional money there could be no trouble of any kind. lenders are enabled to avoid the stat-The announcement was hardly made utes of a State against usurious pracness men,") by entering into a contract taken the pains to explain why Mount with the borrower by which the lender Pelee acted in the way it did when indorses the negotiable instrument. In they had given bonds for its good be such case he becomes security on his own note, although at the time the money is supposed to be merely nanhasn't any of his own money to lend, but that he has a client who is anxious is willing to indorse the note provided you will pay him, say fifty dollars, for the ability and a brain full of ideas, is ing down too hard on the thin crust of his indorsement, and at the same time consideration then the bonus can never be construed as a usurious transaction, loans his name and credit for your con-Either the reports that sideration, and the interest on the face your paper, and the law says that ne money that actually discounted the pa-

Trials of a New Husband.

He was a very new husband, and he was boasting with ill-concealed pride archist." When Martin Irons started a little or nothing of what is going on of a piece of good fortune that had great railroad strike in 1885, Vrooman down in the bowels of the earth, cer- befallen his bride. Oddly enough, she joined him as an organizer of Knights tainly not enough for them to declare dido't seem to share his enthusiasm of Labor lodges. Several times he was what a volcano, active or extinct, can but eyed him nervously. Finally, when arrested and at Parsons, Kan., he do on a given day. It will be much be paused for sheer want of breath, started a riot. Next he became a Conwiser for them to let the great things she called him to an adjoining room gregational preacher, and was pastor on pretense of a troublesome gas jet, of a church in Kansas City, Kan. All Once there she led him swiftly to the table.

"Rap on it," she commanded.

please, before our absence becomes noticeable."

"How often must 1 rap?" "Three times." replied his wife.

So he gave three solemn raps, saving: 'I hope I don't look as foolish as I

"You would have felt foolish if, after all your boasting, my good luck departed, wouldn't you?" she asked. "That's why I made you rap on wood. Always, after one brags, he must rap on wood, or he will acquire a hoodoo. Now come back to the parlor."

As the husband sat down he asked himself softly if he was mistaken in supposing this to be the twentieth century.-New York Evening Star.

His Precaution.

the enthusiast for vaccination of the the rich. first friend he met after the operation man's voice ask if the ladies were at had been performed on himself. "No," Trenton, Mo., he has founded Ruskin home. They saw Wing present his said the friend, with some energy, "Go- College. It is a school which has selfing to be of course?" proceeded the en- help as its fundamental principle. It which made them mentally pat each thusiast aggressively. "No," said his gives a collegiate training, but exacts friend. sneered the enthusiast, "No," said his tion fee. Every student works. Adfriend. "Aren't you afraid of catching joining the college is a farm of 2,000 one we used for the lesson!" Wing small-pox?" cried the other. "No." still persisted his friend. The man was upset; but he made one more remark. "Then you mean to say you've taken | the trees cut down the students sawed no precautions against the epidemic?" lumber, which was used in the erection he said finally. "Oh, yes," replied his of a factory and other buildings. Ax friend, walking away; "I've had small-

Unique Landscapes.

A nouveau riche recently attended a picture sale. A friend who had noticed him at the sale asked him afterwards: "Did you pick up anything at that

picture sale, Hawkins?" "Oh, yes-a couple of landscapes!" was the reply. "One of 'em was a basket of fruit, and the other a storm

Flattery consists of having your secret opinion of yourself expressed in the language of others.

THOUSANDS DIE EACH YEAR IN AGONY.









HOW THOUSANDS ENDURE TERBIBLE AGONIES.

or claws of other animals; or 2,966 continent from animals alone may be put at 4,500 a year, of which number tigers are responsible for 1,500, wolves for 600, leopards for about 450. Wolves have a far wider range than leopards.

Lions account for some 600 lives yearly in Africa, other animals for 800, while the toll to jaguars in South America, panthers in North, wolves and other dangerous beasts all over the world may be calculated on a population basis at a further 1,800.

But this total of 7,700 is only the beginning of lives lost to the forest kings. Cobras and other colling death | nineteenth century.

Last year, in India, tigers killed 899 | dealers killed 24,621 human beings in people, wolves 338, leopards 327. One India last year, and that despite the thousand four hundred and two more fact that rewards were paid for the met their deaths by the teeth, horns, death of 108,000 reptiles. Snakes, principally cobras, account for a full 35,in all. Taking this average for the | 000 of Asia's yearly death roll. Africa, rest of Asia, the death rate on that the home of the vipers and hideous puff adder, adds 6,000 to this list.

South America comes next. The bush master, and many swamp snakes, besides the giant anaconda, claim their share of lives. Not less than 2,500 South Americans die yearly from snake bites, while rattlesnake, mocassin, and fer de lance account for another 1,500 in the northern half of the continent. Add a further 2,000 for the great Polynesian Islands, Australia and Europe, the total yearly loss of life by snakes amounts to 47,000. Wild beasts and snakes between them killed 5.470,000 persons during the

STIRRING UP THE WEST.

One Man's Socialistic Ideas Are Being Put Into Effect. A man of middle age, with not a lit-

causing omething of a stir in the western country. He



cantile captains to they are worrying about the effect which his scheming and doing are going to have on ite various lines of business. The fellow's

has set the mer-

name is Vrooman

-Walter Vrooman. He is a Missourian by birth, and comes of a family which has always been or-

this was before he was 20. His early teachings, his associations, his experiences all directed his mind along socialistic lines. He became "Rap on it?" he repeated stupidly, along socialistic lines. He became But why, dear? This is not a seance." the chum of Edward Bellamy. Then "I never said it was; rap on it, he went to England, and at Oxford established Ruskin Hall. It has the support of the federated labor unions, and 3,000 students are taking advantage of its university extension system. It teaches communistic principles. It is the basis of a co-operative movement in England and is working out Vrooman's ideas.

This, in brief, is a description of the man who is just now one of the conspicuous figures of the West. He is not a philanthropist, but believes that his own interests, as well as those of other people, are best served by a combination of effort and an equal division of financial results. He has money, and it is invested in the co-operative movement. He says that its investment after this fashion gives him more enjoyment than he could get in "Have you been 'done' yet?" asked squandering it in the usual excesses of

Now, what is this man doing? "Conscientious objector?" from its students labor rather than tulacres, on which he established a dairy, The farm was put under cultivation and timber land was cleared. From handles were manufactured. From some of the farm products canned goods were turned out. This still continues. The students of Ruskin do all are thus enabled to earn \$3 per week. which covers their expenses for board. lodging and tuition. So well did Ruskin College succeed that Vrooman

> The Western Co-operative Association was formed. It purchased a dry goods store, stocks of drugs, hardware, notions and a laundry in Trenton. Four ed. The raising of chickens and the tainty.

broadened his ideas.

manufacture of drugs and proprietary love of most children for the love medicines followed. Trenton is now in their teacher shows itself plaining the grasp of a co-operative trust. There is even a co-operative theatrical in the nature of peace offerings. When company, with Walter Jefferson, one a child has offended her teacher in of Joe Jefferson's sons, as manager. generally takes the first step town Members of the association can attend a reconciliation by timidly present performances free. At Gallatin, Mo., a little fistful of flowers the next any there is a grocery store. Negotiations thinking-in fact, are in progress for several stores at pupils bring them flowers, too. Back St. Joseph. At Independence the asso- lor buttons? Yes, and roses, also. ciation owns five stores and also 100 acres of land. In addition there is a dren's thoughtfulness." he concluded complete dairy, which will supply Independence and Kansas City with DEPENDS ON PLACE OF BIRTH milk. There is also a grocery store at Westport. In all the association con-

trols twenty-five stores. In the purchase of these establishments probably half a million dollars have been invested, of which Mr. Vrooman furnished something like \$200,000. iginal in its thinking. His father was Every member of the association finds a Free Thinker, and the rest of the employment, is a stockholder and family all have socialistic ideas. In shares in the profits. In many inhis youth Walter was known as an agi. stances the former owner holds a retator. They called him "The Boy An. sponsible position in the store. Storekeepers are beginning to see the possibilitles in the enterprise, and are offering their large stocks of goods, in some instances as much as \$50,000 worth, for shares in the association.

Just outside of Kansas City, the as sociation is about to build a model village. It has acquired 400 acres, and is negotiating for 600 more. Here it will erect new factories. It will also establish what it claims will be a children's paradise. The children will do shop work. They will learn to cook and to sew, will weave fabrics and study the arts and trades. Their instructions will be varied with wholesome amuse

With his campaign of industrial and mercantile reform well under way in Kansas and Missouri, Mr. Vrooman will go East. New York is to be invaded. The methods in use in the West will be explained at meetings to be held in Carnegie Hall. The city is to be flooded with literature, Mr. Vrooman says from 200 to 300 persons of great wealth, living in the metropolis, are interested in his plans and will make investments. He thinks that before long New York will have 400 cooperative stores.

Household Mechanism.

A curious piece of mechanical luxury has been set up in Sir James Blyth's home in Portland place, by means of which the dining-room can noiselessly double its size. One saunters down to drink a cup of coffee, and finds a spacious and well-proportioned room, papered in warm crimson and hung with handsomepictures. There is a door of communication with the adjoining room, on either side of which hangs a large picture in a heavy gold frame. The floor is polished, and a thick carpet comes within a yard of the wall all

The coffee is excellent, but one doubts its potency when, on turning round, one is confronted by the partioning wall. doors, pictures, and all half-way through the floor! Silently it sinks tolow, and no flaw in the polished and the work. They are paid 10 cents an even floor is perceptible. Only the crimhour for their labor, and most of them son walls are twice as long, and there are bordered carpets. It is the most perfect triumph of mechanical skill.

Kindly Tact.

"And you broke off the engagement?" "Yes-not brutally, you know, but I managed it." "How?" "I told her what my salary is!"

All the space between the cradle grocery stores were subsequently add- and the grave is filled with uncer-

FLOWERS FOR THE TEACHERS How the Schoolrooms Are Brighten by the Pupils,

The janitor of a public school bolls ing stood pointing to a young woman just quitting the building with a large cornucopia, made out of a newspape in one hand, "Do you know what the teacher is carrying home?" he asked "I haven't the least idea from h shape," replied the man who had stop ped for a chat.

"You'd be surprised if you saw every teacher in this school, and in beatly every other school in the city, leaving in the afternoon with a bundle of the same kind?"

"I would," said the other. "I my pose it has something to do with the work here."

"Not at all," said the janitor, "They's simply taking away the flowers the school children brought them the morning. From about this time of the year on to the close of the session year will see this thing repeated each day. But there's more in this little fact than you'd at first think. If you care to hilow it up you'll learn a good deal about the popularity of teachers with ther pupils. It is seldom that a teacher is not remembered at all by her scholar It would be a pretty unpopular teacher that didn't get at least a nosegay. The big-hearted, generous little tots eng hand the 'gruff old janitor' a pretty hesquet quite occasionally.

"Everything in the way of cut feeers and sometimes potted plants is brought here every morning. And & a teacher is well liked she can't best to carry home all the flowers she receives. Some of the classrooms los like florists' shops. There's hardly a woman teacher who doesn't keep to or two vases on her desk, and the are almost always filled up. It es tainly brightens up the plain school rooms with color. Roses, violet, daisies, carnations, peonies, sweet par sometimes wild flowers gathered after a trip to the fields and woods in the northern part of the city-they are al favorites with the children.

"It would do anybody good," comb ued the janitor, according to the New York Times, "to watch the beaming face of a child who intends to surprise her teacher with a gift. It's a bit d sunshine for the cloudiest day. The these floral gifts, which are frequen

"The men teachers? Oh, yes, the

"It's a pretty example of school chi

Just Because You Have Seen Snow In May Not Know Everything. When the young man from Florid

came to live in New York he welen one morning last winter and going the window, he looked out on what we to him a novel scene. It was a said storm, the first he had ever seen. Jumping into his clothes, he ran in

the street. He stooped and gathers handfuls of snow and threw then b the air; he jumped into a drift and it flying with his feet; he finally if down and rolled in it-all this time shouting and laughing at the top of it

One of the crowd which had gathered to watch his antics went up to his and told him how his mother used cure fits and volunteered to try # 6 him.

"I haven't any fit," the young sald. "What's the matter with you then "Why, don't you see the snow?"

"Yes, I see it. What of it? I has een it before." "Well, I haven't," said the Field

young man. "What! You never saw snow

fore?" asked the astonished question "Never. Seems strange to you dis

"It beats any sample of verdand ever ran across.' "Oh, I don't know." mused the ?"

ida cracker, according to the New I Mail and Express. "Did you ever an alligator eating a black boy? Well, you are not so many, after I have seen it many times." throwing a handful of snow down shirt collar, he pursued his joyous p

An Ingenious Excuse. General William T. Sherman fond of relating the following the "When I was with the army in gia, a slave-owner about Christi time missed a fine fat turkey. If pected a good-looking mulatto, and dered the man to be brought him. You have stolen my turkers eaten it!' said the irate planter. not gwine to say I didn't when says I did, massa.' 'lought to have flogged. What have you to say I should not punish you? Well sa, you hain't lost anything parties You see, you has a little less to and a good deal more nigger!" And

go unwhipped." The Hawkshaw. Towne-What profession does friend follow?

master was compelled to acknowled

the philosophy of the slave and in

Browne-That of the light-fit; gentry. Towne-You don't mean it? Browne-Yes; he's a detective

adelphia Press. They tell of a young man who

in twenty years ago to sweep of office and study law, and who sweeping out.