ASTORIA, OREGON:

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The national prohibition committee have decided to hold a convention at Indianapolis, Ind., and nominate a candidate for president, the first Wednesday in June, '83.

Norwithstanding denials, it is reiterated in New York that Gould is looking for an extension for his railroad system to the Pacific coast. Wednesday's Herald says positively: "Gould is now surveying a line west from Salt Lake to the Pacific coast."

Bassaurs is making a big fass over the "discovery" that Dr. Parker, the famous London preacher, charged and received \$700 for his recent culogy in Plymouth church on Beecher. If "the laborer is worthy of his hire," the eloquent gentleman got none too much. Talk is cheap, but it costs money to travel.

Ir is getting to be the fashion now in the upper circles of Chicago socie ty to name children before they are born. Engraved cards are sent to friends the instant the baby makes its advect into the world, and to guard against any mistake in prognostica tion two sets of cards are printed, one bearing a masculine, the other a feminine, name,

THE official report of the agent of the Colombian government on the Panama canal shows that it will require \$508,299,000 more to complete the canal, and that when completed the business through it will be much greater than has been estimated. We doubt whether it ever will be completed. The sum of money yet re quired is so enormous that it is impossible for it to be raised by a private speculation; and it is quite certain that the United States will never allow France or any foreign government to take it up and push it to completion.

THE French republic, though in existence nearly seventeen years, seems to have thus far failed to insure proper understanding of the true principles of a democratic republican form of government. Now that president Grevy has by force of popular feeling been set aside, the disturbing elements of Paris declare that there will be a revolution if Ferry is elected president. The mistake seems to be in supposing that Paris is France. France has more than once been injured by the concession that the extravagancies of Paris malcontents represent the intelligence and common scuse of the French people. Her last severe lesson in this regard was the war with Germany in 1870, which faw Frenchmen outside of Paris really wanted.

THE Fiftieth congress meets next Manday We of Oregon elected ou solitary delegate to that congres eighteen months ago. This is a good example of what is usually known as being "too previous." The first session of the congress which convenes Monday will be, probably, principally devoted to political manipulation and playing for points in the great national struggle of '88. The usual fight on the tariff will come up, and in the later days of the winter session will come a question of paramount importance to Oregon and the northwest-river and harbor improvements. It is to be boped that whatever appropriation is made this time will be passed in time to give the president ample opportunity to examine it and sign the bill and not put it in his pocket as he did last time.

They conduct their religion on buslucis principles in Chiengo, according to this story of a parson there: I was in the office of one of my parishion ers," said he. "He was a fair type of the Chicago Christian, and I broached to him the subject of a revival. He ran over his calendar with his penci. for several weeks shead, and then answered that I couldn't count on him until after December 1st. He said he had to have his stoves put up in about a week. Then he had to have a new winter overcoat, and about the middle of November he had to go to the opera. He said all this in a cool, businesslike way, and with no intention of being funny, for he has no humor in him. I thought it was time for me to appear in the role of missionary, and I said to him: 'But the spirit says now.' 'I can't help it,' he replied, pet- there, but his monument still stande ulantly. 'The spirit must understand the rules of commercial comity, and give me at least three days of grace.' I don't think he meant any levity or play on the word, but I must confess that I was stumped."

The Only Hitch in the Ceremony.

"Did the wedding go off smoothly?" "About as smoothly as such affairs usually go off. The only hitch that occurred was when the pair stood up to be united."-Courier.

TWO NERVY MEX.

A Thrilling Story Told by a Secret Service Detective.

Soon after the war our bureau was no Soon after the war our bureau was no-tified that counterfeit \$1 and \$2 bills were being extensively circulated in the region about Reading, Pa. I was de-tailed, together with a companion named William Madden, to proceed to Scranton and work up the case. We soon found that the money was being floated by a gang of six or seven, of whom the ma-jority were as touch cases as Abe Buzgang of six or seven, of whom the majority were as tough cases as Abe Buzzard, of modern fame. We struck two leads at the same time, and while mited to Harissburg, his led into the mountainous country around Pottsville, which at that time contained some of the most lawless miners who ever handled a pick.

At Harri-sburg I ensarthed an old bird known as "Greenb ok Charley," and sanded him temporarily behind the bars in three or four days I was satisfied that he was the only one of the lot in that neighbood, and I set out to find Madden, from whom I had not yet heard a word. I met him in Reading, and he also had as prisoner a man known as "Sly Jim," but whose real name was Isaac Watson, ide had been brought from Pottsville, and he was the head and front of the "shovers." No sooner had Madden located Jim, who was the ostensible owner of a saloon in town, than the fellow ellowed out and words him the same time, and while many intwitts and to many; notwithstanding all, the sweep do the swythe goes on—ranks are mowed down, you are reached at last. He calls "Next." and passes on to ranks of the word. We may know that be such that the word in t of a saloon in town, than the fellow slipped out and made his way up the stipped out and made his way up the mountains, and took quarters in a cabin occapied by an aged woman, a widow. Madden hung to the scent until he relocated his game, and at a out 4 o'clock in the afternoon he drew near the house. Forty rods away he was met by the old woman, who stated that Jim was in the house and willing to surrender. Madden should have stopped to reflect that some sort of trap was being haid for him. If Jim was willing to surrender, why hadn't ne o me out and shown himself? What seed of a go-between between him and he officer?

The celective thought of nothing but seeding his man at once, and he pashed on without even drawing his revolver. The outer door was partly open, and as he entered the house it was shut behind him and he was covered by a revolver in with rheumatism; he was unable to stand in part of the time and attended to his

nim and he was covered by a revolver in the hands of the counterfeiter. Sly Jim and served five years for a previous offense. He reasoned that the officer had him dead to rights on the new case, and that he would probably be "seatiled" for ten or fifteen years. This prospect had made him desperate, and he had determined on a desperate thing.

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"Sit down over there!" he commanded, and the helpiess officer obeyed.
"Now then," continued Jim, "what do you want of me?"
"To arrest you for uttering counterfeit

"Got any proofs?"

'Pienty."
'Well, that settles it. I'd rather die than go back to prison, but you shall die NOM!NATING CONVENTION. I'd be run down and hung. We'll go to-

On a table in the room was a fiftypound keg of powder, and leading into it was a four-minute fuse. Jim walked across to the table, covered the officer anew and lighted the end of the fuse with "In four minutes we'll be in b-l! If

you make a move from that chair I'll have to send you on ahead a little

and out came the watch and the detec-

"Ten seconds! Fifteen! Twenty! Thir ty" and so on. "Nobody will ever know what happened to us," remarked Jim as the first minute

was nearly gone.

"But they'll mix up the scraps and probably bury a portion of me along with you. That's the only thing I care

ibout."
"Well, I always was fond of good company," retorted Jim.

When two minutes had passed the detective began to softly whistle to him-

"It will come mighty sadden when it omes," observed Jim as he crossed his

gs.
"Yes, we won't know what hurt us." "What's the time now?" "Oh, we've got over a minute yet." "Don't you wish you hadn't come?

"No, sir! I was bound to have you or lie with you."
"That's the sort! It's some bonor to lie with such a man as you. The fuse is cetting pretty short."

"We've got lifteen seconds more."

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Mudden leaned back in his chair, and
lim held the revolver full on his breast.
Ie hadn't been playing a bluff game, and
the detective had made up his mind that
there was no escape from death. From
the corner of his eye he watched the fire reep nearer and nearer, but he did not nove a finger. The spark finally touched the staves of the keg, and Madden felt that his last minute of life had come. He dropped his eyes to his watch and

the dropped his eyes to his watch and saw the seconds fly past—two—four—five—ten, and he felt that there had been some miscarriage. When fifteen seconds had passed Jim growled out:

"The durn thing has gone back on me."
He rose up, as if to go over and examine it, and the instant the muzzle of his revolver was depressed Madden sprang for him and struck him a blow between the eyes which folled him like sprang for him and struck him a blow between the eyes which felled him like an ox. The rovolver was discharged, but the bullet entered the floor. In another minute Jim was handcuffed and dragred at. He wilted as soon as the irons were in him, and no trouble was experienced in getting him to Reading. He was dient and sulky with bladden, but to me as side.

silent and salky with Madden, but to me be said:
"Say, old man, you've got a partner to be proud of! He's got more nerve than any other man that fives!"
"Excepting you," I replied, and he strosed his long whiskers and seemed pleased with the compilment.—Press.

The Center of the United States.

An army officer now in Chinage asked the other day: "Do you know where the exact geographical center of the United States is? Never thought anything about it, probably? Well, its marked by a grave—that of Major Ogden, of the United States army, who died at Fort Riley, in Kansas, in 1855, during the cholera epidemic of that year. Major Ogden's remains were afterwards removed to Fort Leavenworth and barried in the National cemeters. buried in the National cemetery on a knoll a little to the northeast of the post-Fort Riley-and it lifts its head towards the clouds in the exact geographical center of the Unit-ed States. This isn't a conceit; it's a fact, though probably of the hnn-dreds of men now at the fort not one n a hundred ever stops to think about it. Fort Riley is a few miles east of Junction City, Kansas, and is one of the most important cavalry

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posts in the country."

YOU, SIR! NEXT!

Isn't there something very suggestive in this salutation of the barber? There stands Old Father Time, for instance, with his scythe. What of his harvest? Do what we will we can't avoid the inevitable. Life may be saved, prolonged, made harves by thysical comfort, he inevitable. Life may be saved, prolonged, made happy by physical comfort, be blessed by spiritual guidance, be honored by good works, but it has its limit ordained by fate. The Old Reaper may be fongiving, he may be lenient and partial to many; notwithstanding all, the sweep of the scythe goes on—ranks are mowed down, you are reached at last. He calls "Next," and passes on to ranks of other victims. How near he is we never know. We may know that he's about, that's all, by many signals. Even a minor ache or pain may be the forerunner of his swift approach, or chronic agony of his slow but certain coming. Neglect of either only welcomes his advance; precaution and care ward



of this village, suffered several months with rheumatism; he was unable to stand up part of the time and attended to his customers with difficulty. Having been myself greatly relieved by the great remedy for pain, I advised him to try it. He was rubbed three or four times before dinner. When he left his shop he was as spry as ever in his life. He says he danced a jig. St. Jacobs Oil cured him as it cured me, and he is the happiest man in the town."

NEW TO-DAY.

DEMOCRATIC

At a meeting of Democrats held in the county court room, Nov 19th, for the consideration of the coming city el ction, the County Democratic Central Commit see were authorized to make the following cell tor a City Democratic Nominating Convention:

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r munder of the property can be seen as Main sire t wharf B. S. WORSLEY.

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THE REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING OF the 8 o schold re of the Pythan Land and Bullaling Association with the he d at the association had, Saturday, Dec. 31, 182, at 2 r. M., for the purpose of escring a board of five directors for the ensuing year, and transacting such other business as may come before the meeting. E. A. NOVES,

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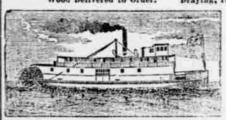
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