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#### ENTERPRISE. OREGON

J. Pierpont Morgan's \$10,250 Bible contains no more religion than the plain \$1.25 edition.

London is to have a theater in memory of Shakespeare. All theaters are memorials of Shakespeare.

It is significant that no coal dealers or ice men have joined the Cleveland movement to live as Christ would.

There are now 250,000 words in the English language, hence it is strange it takes the ladies so long to say goodbye to one another?

A California woman has been given a divorce because her husband would not speak to her. Probably he never had a fair chance.

Ten years for counterfeiting a \$5 bill is two years for each dollar. It is lucky for the crook that he did not dabble in had twenties.

A man is charged with stealing an otter cap on a train, which will, of course, induce every bright wit to point out that he otter reform.

A college professor thinks Americans of the future will have black eyes. If the habit of calling one another liars isn't stopped he may be right.

A New York woman demands \$50. 000 for the loss of her husband's affection. It seems to us that this is bulling the New York love market.

If man really is descended from the hog we expect some flendish misanthrope to take up the stockyards cry that "There's nothing lost but the squeal."

Prof. Percival Lowell has discovered water vapor on Mars. Many Americans whose wells were dry last summer and are staying dry under the snow will envy the Martians,

Forty magazines of general interest describe themselves as "total abstainers" as far as their advertising pages go. The dryness, fortunately, does not extend to the rest of the contents.

The United States is taking on a few governors these days who try to make themselves believe they are presidential size. They will know more about it when they have governed a while.

The naval board of construction has prepared plans for three 26,000-ton battle ships. Ten years ago 12,000-ton battie ships were considered enormous. What nation will be the first to launch the 50,000-ton floating fort?

It is explained that grand opera cannot be made to pay because the grand opera singers insist on having salaries that are too high. A sad feature of the case lies in the fact that the pauper grand opera singers of Europe demand even higher salaries than our native singers are able to draw.

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through the President's own private purse. The Senate finance committee has reported favorably a bill for increasing the salary to \$100,000, and it seems probable that the increase will be made in one of the regular appropriation bills at the present session of Congress, so that President-to-be Taft can get the benefit of it. There should be no opposition to legislation so manifestly just and desirable.

The editor of the Popular Science Monthly asserts that women teachers are the bane of the country's schools. Boys, he says, get but little good from the teaching of women and turn away from it when they can. The girls, although they "need men teachers even more than the boys," naturally remain longer under feminine tuition. "The ultimate result of letting the celibate fe male be the usual teacher." he continues, "has been such as to make it a question whether it would not be an advantage to the country if the whole school plant could be scraped." And he ungallantly refers to the woman teacher as "a spinster, devitalized and unsexed." The characterization of the teacher as "a spinster, devitalized and unsexed" is as far from accurate portraiture as anything can be. It is a gross caricature of a body of intelligent, patient, conscientious womanly women who are discharging a function for which they are eminently fitted. To be a spinster, it should hardly be neeessary to say, does not imply that a woman is devitalized or unsexed. We do not have to go to any magazine editor for light upon that point. The woman teacher is here and she will stay here. Her right to a place in the schools is based on the possession of special talent for the work. The proper education of children up to 14 or 15 years of age is a task requiring more than mere scholarship and theory. It requires a tact, a patience and a capacity to adapt oneself to the individual bent of the child that are as rare in men as common in women. These qualities make women pre-eminently fitted for the instruction of the younger grades. They will certainly not be found superfluous in the higher ones. Woman's place is further assured by the fact that men in sufficient numbers cannot be got to do the workparticularly with young children. They lack the maternal instinct which makes the task agreeable to women. The fact

that men avoid that particular work to so great an extent is as much a result of an instinctive recognition of their unfitness for it as of an objection to the smallness of the compensation. The country has nothing to fear from this recent bugaboo of the "feminization of the schools." "Half of life is conduct." and on the "conduct" side of education the woman's influence is invulnerable. On the strictly intellectual side her efforts and influence are judiclous and effective. Too many great men have proclaimed their lasting debt to the training of their mothers to permit us to believe that woman loses her characteristic mental aptitudes on merely crossing the threshold of a

# PRETTY WIDOW ACQUITTED.

school.

Her Diplomatic Answer Won the Jury at Once. Mrs ace West, a pretty little wid-



# fortable condition; they would fall steadily in the social

into pauperism or crime.

to be .- New York Times.

### NIGHT-RIDING MUST BE SUPPRESSED.

ENNESSEE jails are at present are populous with men arrested on charges of whitecapping and kukluxing. Besides the murder by night-riders a few

weeks ago of a lawyer who had bought a lake and proposed to enforce fishing privlieges which were his by reason of the purchase, there have been numerous minor outrages. One of these was the whipping of a farmer who sold his crop of peanuts at what other peanut growers considered too low a price.

It is well that the civil authorities in Tennessee are making what looks like a streauous effort in good faith to visit punishment upon bullying violators of the law. If the attempt of the civil authorities fails, the State militia should be freely used to prevent riotous outrages hereafter.

Should the arm of the State be not strong enough. the situation would call for help from the federal government. Night-riding, whitecapping, kukluxing-all terrorism and attempts at terrorism--must be put down 12 it takes the whole power of the standing army to do it. The United States must be a country of law and order .-Milwaukee Evening Wisconsin.

#### MARRYING ON \$6 A WEEK.

OCORDING to Justice Foster, women who marry men earning only \$6 a week should do so with a clear understanding that they must continue to work for a living, and he announces that, whatever other judges may 2. 2. do, he will never compel a husband with such an income to contribute any part of

separate support of a wife who chooses to it for the leave him because of discontent with the home his earnings make possible. This rather startling announcement is sure to revive the old controversy as to the amount of money that makes possible a happy, or even an endurable, wedded life, and doubtless many will criticise Justice Foster for laying down a principle that takes so little account of sentiment and the accepted platitudes about love as the sufficient foundation of matrimonial bliss. And yet his decision has its merits, and many of them.

All efforts to fix a definite sum, whether of capital or of income, which will justify a young man and woman in getting married are waste of time. The outcome of the venture depends almost entirely upon their own peculiarities of character and capacity, and, while some would get along if they began on nothing at all, no amount would be large enough for others. The one case, like the other, however, is highly exceptional, and for the common run of humanity there is an income point below which matrimony is folly little, if any, less than criminal. And \$6 a week, in this city at least, is not for two people a living wage in any true sense of the term. Probably they could escape starvation on it, but they would constantly be on the very verge of that uncom-



"Is it cold enough for you?" asked you?"

my feet over in the slush lee an' get superlative with altogether too much my feet over in the slush lee an get superlative with altogram. Everything, it is to look after things as they end the burning out o' them. Say, it's a freedom and abandon. Everything, it is to look after things as they end to be in the internal affairs of the superlative. the use of my arms when I come in best, the greatest, the sublimest, the here; I'd certainly have soaked you dearest, the darlingest, the worst, are one. Is it cold enough! Say, you didn't sure to be the adjectives every time. notice the icicles on my mustache, did Whatever the issue on the orator's

The shed shoeshiner, as the pollceman said the shed shoeshiner. "I was jest fact that another issue was the most formulated something unique

RAM'S HORN BLASTS.

Warning Note Calling the Wickes a

Nobody is sve kept awake by the preaching of a an who is bin-

self asleep.



It is a waste of time to pray for the conversion of sinners in the street while 20 preaching is being

in the church. done to the sinners Without great faith in something great character is impossible. The man who makes children's boxs

is the real leader of the nation.

When the heart sings the music is always good, no matter who makes it The Lord loves a cheerful works, about as much as He does a cheerful giver.

the one has been spending a large part of his or her in-Without the good mother there would never have been a good man in the under the new arrangement, to go without them. Twenty world. mum, and, at that, people who have never had to main-

The Bible declares that nabols an not made out of any better clay that other folks.

The Lord has made every sparrow a pledge that He will take care of Ha own children.

There are some preachers who are try to do anything for the Lord may the church bell rings.

The greatest trust ever formed is this world is the one that is formed at the mother's knee.

When you know what the deril h most against you know pretty with what God wants done.

If there is a heaven for fools its man who expects to be saved on his wife's church membership will be then

on a front seat.

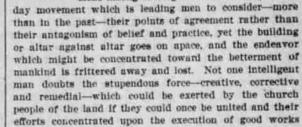
CURB FOR CHINESE EDITORS

All-Seeing Yamen in Pekin Main Misstatements and Gossip Perilan

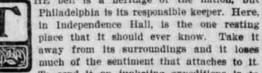
Not long ago some Chinese gent with horse tails depending from the official bonnets saw to it that an de fending editor was right properly flogged with bamboo rods-100 lane were the editor's portion, the New Yes Sun says. These gentlemen had no plvate grievance; they were simply pe-ting the new press laws of China hu operation.

Last year, when everything in China hummed with the news of a church order, when the old empress down announced from her dragon throat the she would have a constitution in China within ten years or know the rea why, and when the boycott against Jaanese manufactures was arranging is features of a national movement, se of the native papers played fast mi loose with ancient decorum. They en-criticised the government. That cald

for action from high sources. pire sent a taotal all the way to Es gland and Germany to study how the governments there handled obstrage ous newspapers and called in for st way of press laws. It was put inte operation last May and the tone of great many native papers has dropped about two octaves as a result. The publishers, printers and edited of newspapers for general circulati must be over 20 years of age accord to the existing press laws; they must be generally accepted as of sound mi and none of them may continue his cal ing if he has ever served a pris sentence for any crime. Each proprietor must deposit secon ty of his rectitude to the amount \$75 before issuing his first shelt and he can prove that his publication purely artistic, educational or statis cal. A copy of each issue must be said to the yamen that formulated the laws. "Corrections or protests against mit statements must be published in next issue." says this mandate. "B case the number of words used in the letter of correction forwarded to the editor is more than twice the nus of words used in the ordinary st ment a fee of half the ordinary adv tisement rates may be charged." Secret intelligence of state, critical of the throne or matter tending to b flame the public peace of mind or co odium upon long-accepted popular o tom if printed will render the edit publishers and printers of the pa containing such inhibited matter subject to fine or imprisonment for a less than six months nor more th two years. Papers may be suspe upon a repetition of any of the offens stipulated or confiscated altogether.



have to be overcome before such unity and concentration can be made possible .- Philadelphia Public Ledger LIBERTY BELL NO HOBO. HE bell is a heritage of the nation, but



To send it on junketing expeditions is to cheapen it. If the policy of exhibiting it as a traveling showman would exhibit a wild animal from Africa is continued, the time will certainly come when, in some raliroad crash, it will be scattered in fragments. It has had one or two pretty narrow escapes already. If anything should happen to it Philadelphia would never be forgiven .--- Philadelphia Inquirer.

and the prevention of evil, and there are few who do

not appreciate the difficulties and the obstacles which

and economic scale, and any trivial accident that dimin-

ished or cut off the wage would inevitably drive them

If ruin came from no other source, the first child prob-

ably, and the second certainly, would bring it. The no-

tion that two people, if only they be married, can live

as cheapy as either alone is an absurd delusion. Two

can live as cheaply as many a one does, but only when

come for other things than necessities, and is willing.

dollars is much nearer than six to the permissible mini-

tain a family on as little as the larger sum wonder how

it can possibly be done. It simply can't be accomplished

on \$6, if life is to be worthy of the name, and its ordi-

nary decencies are requisite for happiness, as they ought

ECONOMIC WASTE IN RELIGION.

OT alone is religion in the commission of

the economic crime of waste, but it every-

where furnishes one of the most conspicu-

ous examples of the tendency. It would be

bootless to philosophize over the causes

which have produced the infinite subdivi-

sions among theologians or over the present-

mind, it is the most important before "Of course I seen you was cold," mind. it is the most important before the country, without reference to the said the shed shoeshiner. "I was jest fact that another issue was the most entered, rubbing his stockinet-covered joshin' when I asked you if it was cold

On December 21 the exact moment when the sun turned north in its course was finshed over the wires from the United States Naval Observatory in Washington to all telegraph points in Alaska. Summer is so short in the far north that it doubtless comforts the people there to know that it is "a-comin' in" the moment the solar tide sets in their favor.

Perhaps there would be fewer assassinations if there were a stronger probability that a murderer would be hanged. It might even be sufficient to make a long term in the penitentiary sure. Whatever may be said about the death penalty, the certainty of severe punishment would probably discourage the taking of human life. At any rate, it would be worth while to make a thorough test of this.

Professor Ferrero, the Italian historian, who has been giving lectures on Rome in Boston, says that America is a truer heir of the Roman Republic than any European nation; that Rome taught the world the principles of commonwealth on a large scale, which only the United States is vast enough to realize. Dr. Ferrero is not pessimistic enough to press the parallel to uncomfortable conclusions, but be sees in our imperialism, our wealth and our power some resemblance to a grandeur that declined, although it sever died.

For a number of years an effort has been made from time to time to increase the President's salary from \$50,-000 to \$100,000. The salary has stood at its present figure since the '70s, and the generation that has passed has, as every one knows, witnessed such a change in the requirements for living that old incomes will no longer suffice. In official station, where there is no escaping to a simple life, the pressure is more serious than elsewhere. Of course the President's household is far from being confined to what \$50,000 a year will procure, even as the case now stands. In lien of increasing his pay many items of expenditure which might have been charged to him have been specially provided for by Congress. In part the Government pays for the presidential stables and to part for the upkeen of the White House. The \$50,-

ow, was acquitted in Mercer Court, in

Trenton, the other day after she had told an amusing love story in which the chief hero was Albert Wetzel, a crusty old widower, says the New York World. Mr. Wetzel told the Jury, which for the most part was composed of widowers and bachelors, that the widow had been entertaining the butcher, the grocer, the iceman and the coal man in her home, and that the entertainments resulted frequently in disorder.

When Mrs. West had her inning she told the jurors in a sweet, plaintive latch. "Stand to one side an' I'll put voice that Wetzel had tried to play Romeo to her Juliet. He would play a violin under her window late at night llceman. 'I didn't come in here on acand then in a loud voice would shout fiee with him. On several occasio: s smart questions." Mrs. West told him she had on experi-

ence in matrimony and that was enough. Wetzel insisted, and when the widow locked the front doors to keep man. "You'd naturally think a man him out, he bored a hole in the fence

over it. "Oh dear, won't you wed me? My ze?'s last proposal to her, Mra. West an' rest, do you?" said. During the trial she was asked just how handsome she thought Weizel was. She replied that she did not think him balf as bandsome as any of the men in the jury box. He: acquittal followed a few moments later.

# All Equipped.

"No, my daughter, I will not consent to your engagement to a book peddler who doesn't know what he is going to do for a success in life."

"Oh, father, you are mistaken. His career is all mapped out." "How do you know that?"

"Why, doesn't he sell school atlases?" -Baltimore American.

Disappointed.

"What's the matter with Brown? He shiner. looks disappointed."

"He is. After working for three years to land a political job he finally the policeman. "It gets so cold there succeeded. The disappointment is due it freezes the mercury solid. That's to the fact that connected with the where I'd like to be. I'd like to get a position is work he will be expected to job on the Medicine Hat force an' stand do."-Detroit Free Press.

A Plodder. "Did your daughter marry the gentus

to whom she was engaged?" "Nope, I made her shake him and marry a man that could earn a living 000 a year is merely what passes for her."-Houston Post.

Cars. "Cold enough !" echoed the policeman.

"I sh'd say not. What do you take me for-mutton gravy? You must think I'm easy chilled. Cold enough- Why, it ain't more'n eight or ten below an' I've been exercisin' hard, blowin' my whistle, all mornin'! Cold enough? Don't you see the sweat runnin' off me? What's the matter with you? You don't feel cool, do you?"

"Seems to me I can stand it with the door shut," said the shed shoeshiner, closing the door and pressing down the some more coal in."

"Don't on my account," said the pocount of the stove. I came because I'm his proposal to her to come down and fond of the society. You ask such hot."-Chicago Daily News,

> "You look frostbit, but I didn't know," said the shed shoeshiner.

"How should you?" said the policewould want ice inside his bat on a in the rear, being too old to climb balmy day like this is. It's the kind of day a feller wants to cuddle up

alongside of an electric fan, ain't it? life is a hell without you," was Wet- You don't mind if I take off my coat

"Go ahead," said the shed shoeshiner, hospitably. "Make yourself at home." "If we could only have a thunderstorm an' a good heavy shower it might get a little cooler," said the policeman. "A breath of air would help some. The wind ain't blowin' mor'n forty mile an hour at the outside. It's a pity we can't have one o' those good, old-fashloned winters they tell about when it would freeze water if you let it stand known country; the superlative, and for instance, if I think anybody's out all night. I'm just rubbin' my nose to get the bloom o' youth on it, not because it's froze stiff. Hot weather always makes my nose pale. Is it cold enough for me? Was you ever at Medi- pared is one which the best writers cine Hat?"

"Where's that?" asked the shoe

"It's where the cold weather starts from, 'cordin' to the papers," replied parative is found once, the superla-

on a crossin' all day with my vest unbuttoned makin' motions at the traffic. If I can't get relief no other way I'm goin' out for a boat ride on the lake bury is or is not accurate in his presto-night in a pair o' duck pants. I'd probably get good an' wet if the water's

enough for you."

"It's a great josh," said the police man. "I wish you'd get it patented an' I had the job of arrestin' every guy who infringed on it. I'd start in by Say, there's some jokes that's lokes, an' there's some that ain't. That one ain't. Not to me. If I was runnin' a furnace in an anartment buildin' a feller might make that crack an' get away with it. but I ain't doin' the right kind of stunt to enjoy it. It's too frequent, anyway."

"I won't do it again." promised the shed shoeshiner.

"See that you don't," said the policeman. "When a guy asks me if it's cold enough for me he always makes me

PLEA FOR THE COMPARATIVE.

Overdoing the Superlative in Our National Habit of Exaggeration. Prof. Thomas R. Lounsbury, of

Yale, who has as one of his chief delights in life the shocking of the grammarians, writes in a recent issue of Harper's Magazine in defense of the use of the superiative degree in comparing two objects. In this attitude Prof. Lounsbury will have the hearty concurrence of at least two classesschool girls of the caramel ages and with a scornful and sour air.

political stump speakers whose ambition is to fire the heart of the people. Neither of these have any comprehension of any other degree of speech but I thought fine words. People used to the superlative degree. The positive is too tame, the comparative is an un- say I can't write at all, because the superlative only, fits their excited house is on fire I only say, 'sir, your and exaited moods. Prof. Lounsbury house is on fire,' where I formerly alleges that the habit of using the superlative when two objects are com-

are unanimous in following. He allows that such writers employ both degrees in such cases; but he asserts that where with them the com-

tive is found at least twice. Of course the fact is one of mathematics, and probably no grammarian or critic of the grammarians has ever wasted his time in taking a census of the positive and superlative as used by the best writers. Whether Prof. Lounsentation of this matter as respects the

best writers, we are guite certain that be something. If it wasn't I could hang no rank at all as writers, use the favor.

aportant last night and still another will be the most important to-morrow night." And at the other extreme your effusively enthusiastic miss has always just had the "dandlest" time, or has recently escaped from the horclubbin' 'em to death, I tell you those. ridest people; while all the way between all sorts and conditions of men and women scatter superlatives about things of importance and things of no importance with lavish and undiscriminating lips. Whatever Prof. Lounsbury may have learned from the best writers, the comparative degree is a device of the language that ought to

have more consideration in a land which has yielded itself to the habit of exaggeration.

## Simplicity.

Flushed and smilling, the girl gradunte seated herself beside her father in the automobile and patted the pale, blue bow of ribbon on her essay, "Did you like my essay, father?" "Your commencement essay upon Life's Higher Calls," he said, "seemed to me to be too-too. But listen. here is an autograph letter of John Ruskin's that I bought this morning for \$17. Maybe, if you had read this letter before writing your essay it

would have been better. Then the father read the letter aloud, while the young girl listened

"I was obliged to write too young, when I knew only half truths, and was eager to set them forth by what call me a good writer then; now they used to say, 'sir, the abode in which

you probably passed the delightful days of youth is in a state of infiammation," and everybody used to like the effect of the two p's in 'probably passed,' and the two d's in 'delightful days.""

Nothing to Fear. Motorist's Friend-O, I say! Goodness gracious, we'll be smashed up in a minute!

Motorist-All right, my dear fellow, don't excite yourself. The firm I bought this motor from have agreed to keep it in repair for a year.

When a man tells his side of the rough, as it's apt to be, an' that would people who rank below them, or have He at least exaggerates in his own

#### How They Get It.

An interesting though not estin convincing example of municipal conpiece of property stated to be wo about \$\$0,000 was wanted by the up nicipal powers. The owners ass \$331,000, and the condemnation pronicipal powers. The owners a ceedings awarded them \$252,000, wh upon it is claimed the city "save \$79,000. At that rate if the owned had asked \$1,000,000,000 the city might have saved enough to pay off its ends debt.

#### We Wonder.

Yeast-Statistics show that, as rule, married men live seven real longer than bachelors, and wives in years longer than unmarried wood Crimsonbeak-Wonder if it is loop or if it only seems longer?-Yonka Statesman