The concentration of wealth in the hands of a few in this country is some thing astounding. According to Dr Chas, B. Spahr, Ph. C., a writer in The Outlook in his "Distribution of Wealth," the matter stands thus:

Half the people own practically noth-

One-eighth of the people own seveneighths of the wealth .

One per cent own more than 50 per cent of the wealth

1-200 per cent of one per cent own 20 per cent.

That is to say :

40,000 000 people own practically noth-

ing. 10,000,000 people own more than sev-

80),000 own more than half of all.

4,000 own more than one-lifth of every

800,000 or I per cent of our population own more than the other 79,200,000 or 99 per cent of our people, all put together:

Such an unequal distribution of wealth does not even exist among the monarchies of Europe.

In the pleasure of hunting England has invested it is estimated, \$56,000 000, and each year, following the chase, puts into circulation in that country over \$25, 000,000. The various English packs number about 400, of which 22 are of staghounds, 196 foxbounds, 127 barriers and 51 beagles. The Earl of Bathhurst has figured that the daily cost in the season of keeping foxhounds and hunting the country is \$3,250. The main food of hounds con-ists of oatmeal, dog bigcult and horse meat, and hundreds of tons of those components of the dog ration are bought and sold in Eagland each season for the support of the packs. Hunting, except in the case of hunting with beagles, means that the hunter must be mounted, and it is estimated that for this purpose 105,000 private hunters are kept throughout the country not including the borses of the servants of the bunt.

In fact, huntemen figure up that their diversion is a great national blessing;

Frederic Harrison in the North American Review says:

Fashion, as it is called, le now at the mercy of any millionaire gambler or any enterprising Monte Cristo from across the seas. During the reign of the Queen wanton extravagance in dress, in living, in gayeties, has never been so crazy as now, with such sordid devices to scrape together the means for such extravagauce, such open sale of rank and person by those who claim to lead society and dictate its taste.

Lord Charles Beresford, in North American Review says:

British rociety has been eaten into by t oney. From the top downward the tree is rotten. Beauty is the slave of gold, and intellect, led by Beauty, unknowingly dances to the strings which are pulled by Plutocracy. What shall we say of the new order of wealth, of the greed for gold which is its mainspring, of the way which those who by birth and education should be the sternest protectors of the race abandon all and fling tnemselves on the shrine of the golden rod?

The day that Senator Mark Hanna made a speech in the United States conste on the necessity of giving our merchant marine some "protection" -- as though every foreign-made article used in our shippards was not already admitted free of duty and no foreign built ship admitted to American registry-ex-President Harrison came out in a statement repudiating his alleged approval of Hanna's subsidy bill. Subsidy is not "protection," but something worse in the form of robbery of the many for the banefit of the few .- E. ().

men are at least not small politicians who have a reputation to make. They are undoubtedly men who will not be run by the American Book Concern. Not one of them can afford to do a thing that shall not be in the interest of the people.

As nearly all the representatives and senators have been to Salem and secured not, as they are made up of lands altheir scats the throttle might just as well be pulled Everything is ready.

Two years ago Gov. Geer vetoed the egalization board bill and since thea there has been a hit and miss mass of assessments all over the state that have been disgraces to Oregon. It is to be hoped the next legislature makes some kind of a provision for undoing the present system.

Albany will continue to be the creamery center of the state. Linn county cannot have any better ambilion than to be a great creamery center. It means prosperity.

Fee Naval oranges from 20cts a up. TheSugar Bowl, 2nd street.

Curious Facts.

Women who live in flats in London are finding it a most impossible to employ servants, because they are so completely isolated from the outside world.

At a dinner given by Count Boni de Caste-lane in Paris recently, dwarf cherry trees toaded with fruit were need for ornament and the cherries for desert. The cherries, it is said, cost \$; each. The trees had been forced in horbouses. One of the most frequent uses to which the telephone is put by French country aubscribers is that of an alarm to wake them in the morning. Those who wish to be aroused at a given hour have only to advise the telephone administration the night before of the hour at which

they wish to be rang up. The Land That Swings Like a Ham mock is the name given by Indians to the territory about Ban Salvador, Central America. That city was utterly destroyed by an earthquake on March 19, 1873. but the people had grown alarmed and had deserted it, so only five-hundred were killed. It flourishes today.

A recent careful count by a competen person places the whole number of faloes living today at only 1024. Dr. Wm. T. Hornaday says it would be as easy to count the leaves in the forest as to calculate the number of buffaloes living at a given time during the history of the species previous to 1870.

The "towers of tilenca" are two tall towers miPersia, so called by the Parenes. They never bury the dead, but leave the body exposed on the top of one of these towers until the sun and the rain and the fowls of the air have cleaned the bones of all flesh. Then the bones are collected and placed in the other towers.

There is no doubt the first idea of a suspension bridge was suggested to primitive man by the interlacing of 3 branches and parasitical plants across rivers. Probably monkeys used them before men did. In very mountainous countries, such as Thibet and Peru. they have apparently been used since the dawn of history, possibly earlier.

Hoboken, N. J., is the most densely populated city in the country, baving #1 inhabitants to the acre. At the opposite extreme, New Jersey has but two to the acre. Los Angeles, Cal, and Lynn, Mass., are oddly bracketed as having the most park space, an acre to every 28 inhabitants. Jersey City has but au acre to every 11,488 inhabitants.

Boston is the richest per capita city in the country and spends the most par capita. If her wealth was evenly tributed every mhabitant would have \$1942 worth of property. Of course, in aggregates New Yorkis far ahead of all the rest, having a valuation on a 100 per cent, basis of \$4,735,114,370, or enough to pay the national debt four times over. with a comfortable balance of \$300,000, 000. Tacoma has the largest per capita debt in the country \$115.74.

It is a well-known fact that the entire Atlantic seaboard is sinking at the rate of two feet a century from Cape Cod to Cape Hatterns. If it can sink that fast, it certainly has no very solid underpinning, and some day the props may let go all at once, and where will New York be? Vast tracts of Holland are already far below the surface of the sea, and the waves are kept out with the great diker, and science says that Holland, Belgium, Denmark and all the southern coast of the Baltic sea are sinking steadily.

Harrison's Anti-Imperialism

From the Springfield (Mass.) Republi-

Ex-President Harrison's opposition to the co'onial policy of the McKinley party has been of public knowledge for some time. His reasons, however, have now been given for the first time in a lecture at the Michigan university on the status of the newly annexed territory.

At the outset of his lecture General The text book commission as a whole will be endorsed by most of the people of the state, though different from what most men would have appointed. The most men would have appointed. The liken it to former annexations be treated with the scant respect it deserves by merely reciting the facts - that hithertofore the regions we have annexed have been contigious or, like Alaska, contiuental, and settlement by our people; while now we have taken tropical islands in another hemisphere and unsuitable for American settlers, even if they were ready occupied. "We have taken over people rather than lande," and these people are of other races and tongues.

General Harrison noted President Mc-Kinley's instructions to the Taft commission and referred to them as a grant of certain privileges to the Filipino people instead of a concession of inalienable rights. "The provisions our lathers fought for were for rights, not for privi-

leges." Continuing: No man can read that schedule of rights which the President gave to the Philip-With two first-class class creameries pine commission, in an inverse order without horror. Did you ever read one of the treaties made by the United States with an old world power? On one side they speak of the "subjects of her malesty." and on the other "the citizens of the United States." Now, if these provisions guaranteed to citizens of United

amend these treaties by adding, "and subjects," after the words "citizens of the United States,"

Mr. McKinley's idea of government by thrusts, "The man whose protection from wrong rests who'ly upon another map or of Congress is a slave" he exclaimed, with manifest feeling and emphasis.

ils went on to maintain that a "government of unlimited, absolute legislative or:judicial powers is un-American" and wholly foreign to the ideas of the founders of this government and for one General Harrison said he did not believe the framers of our fundamental law were careful only of their own rights and linerties. "Our fathers worshipped very profoundly their beliefs as to the rights of man . It was their faith, based upon a liberty derived from God. It was a divine gift to be claimed for our people only upon a liberty derived from God. It to quit the infamous practice of war. was a divine gift to be claimed for our It it is right for individuals to resolve at

Then to the question of the effect up Are the rights of the people upon the the world. mainland secure when we exercise arbitrary power over people from whom we demand entire obedience? Genera Marrison is evidently not one of those complacent persons who think the United States can do anything that any other government does without endangering its own peculiar institutions.

A Washington Man Says.

We have been expecting some new ex cuse by the administration for not sur. rendering the control of Cuba, as it is pledged to do, and are not surprised py class. He deserves mention even in the discovery of enormous foreign claims these Saturday night thoughts. The that will be pressed as soon as the island young man who excels in something is freed. If it hadn't been this, some thing else would have been dug up.

The New England papers are advising the negroes to immigate to the north, "where white and black are equal before the law". Negroes who accept this advice and 2go north will find that the mechanical trades that are open to them in the south are closed in the mit a negro to work in competition with t. This is a cold fact.

One of the chief reasons for the republicans trying to violate the Constitution in its colonial policy was the fear of immigration from the Philippines. Now, however, it has been demonstrated that natives of the tropics do not emigrate o the northerly countries. Immigration to the United States from the tropics in the last ten years has been less than one per cent of the total immigration.

Hope is presented that Boss Addicks will be defeated for the Senate, despite his warm endorsement by the administration and the republican national convention at Philadelphia last summer There are some decent republicans in Delaware who refuse to bow the knee and vote for such a man for Senator even at the behert of Mark Hanna.

It is surely a curious sort of logic that holds that Mr. Conger is 'not competent to form a just opinion on the Chinese

purpose of pleasing her.

Great Britain will not accept the amended treaty-not if anything that Mr. Hay can say to the correspondents of the London papers will prevent.

Chesnuts, Walnuts, Hickory Nute, Walnuts, Aimonds,
New Honey, Large Cranberries,
Malted Mush New Pickles,
Buckwheat, Mince Meat,
Choice Celery, Sweet Potatoes.
The best the market affords.
at C. E. Buownell's 2nd 8t.

One of the latest fade is "The Indian Basket." The collection now on sale at The Bazar are most of them, the work States do not apply to citizens of the of the Quinait tribe. Prices ranging Philippine islands, it is time for us to from 15 cents to \$5.

Seturday Night Thoughts.

This week congress resumed business after the holidays and is now grinding benevolence came in for further sharp away with the army and other bills. The ship subsidy steal has been shelled but there will be plenty of steals left to go round. It looks sometimes as if the law makers were in a race to see how much of the money of the people they could squander. They certainly are succeeding pretty well.

> Senator Simon, who is supposed to represent the people of Orekon in the opper house has just arrived in Wash ington a month behind time. If an employee of any but the government were to do business that way he would be discharged at double quick time.

... With all the new years resolutions nathing has been hea d of any resolution | millionaire's son. people only upon the condition of allowing it to apply to all men.

Then to the question of the effect upturn over a new leaf and do better in the on American institutions at home of the future. If there is a resolution needed imperial policy: "But don't you see that in any line it is in that of cresation of there is a graver peril hanging over us? war and the prevalence of peace in all

> Tacoma, Wash , has the distinction of owing the most per capita of any city in the United States. This is a distinction not to be proud of. There is nothing to shout about in the fact, nor to bring the shows over fifteen hundred during 1900 hand out. Daby rether than heing band out. Debt, rather than being courted should be avoided both by individuals and nations.

Edward E. Johnston, of this state, who stands at the head of the West Point besides foot ball is entitled to the biggest medal that can be secured.

For several weeks there has been in progress in Albany a big revival, during which a very large number have publicly confessed that they will lead a new life, and where they have been traveling in the broad way will hereafter walk only in north. No skilled trades union will per- the narrow path. This is something for general congratulations. No one should put a stone in the way of those who are endeavoring to reform their lives in this way but should rather seek to assist them in their new surroundings. Many have been surroundings. Many have locked and their windows nailed down. a way of saving at once, "oh he won't stick, he'll backelide in a few days or who need watching. weeks." Perhaps he will and perhaps he won't, but if a third "stick" the result is a great one. Some people in the world seem to think it is their mission to do all in their power to belp a man backslide from his resolution to lead a bette ife. Don't, Stand by him and help him along. The road is slippery enough aryway. Don't throw elime upon it.

RELIGIOUS.

M. E. Church South: Preaching a. B. Church South: Freaching 10:30 a. m. said 7:30 p. m. S. S. 11:45 a. m., Junior League 3:30 p. m. Ep-worth League 6:33 p. m. Revival ser-vices every day next week 7:30 p. m. All are invited to attend. W. B. SMITH, P. C.

the played out Dreytus sase.

We wonder whether Steyn and Dewet will quit while their records are good.

Work will be resumed this week on several undertakings that have been negative anyone would think that the Empress Dowager expected that the Chinese treaty had been drawn up for the express

Dowager and the services of the Church of the First Century a Model for the Church of the First Century and Delet for the Church of the Firs

Congregational church: Rev. R. H. Kennedy, pastor, will preach at 10:30 a. m. on "Dwelling in God," and 7:30 p. m. on "What is a Creed?" Sunday school at 11:45, Y PS C E at 6:30 p. m. The week of prayer will be held in the church each evening at 7:30. All are invited.

Evangelical church: Sunday morning at 11 a. m., "Forward." Sunday evening, "The Gospel." The week of prayer will be observed by regular services every night next week.

P. J. Gerra, Pastor.

It Pops.

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Minee Meat.

Choise home made in bulk at C. E. BROWNELL's

Everybody in Oregon shou'd fight for good roads.

The great question of the day is how to shut up ex-presidents.

The state of Oregon has about a million dollars lying idle, that is apparently

The Dalles Chronicle, one of the leading republican papers of Eastern Oregon, is on a hunt for mean enough things to say about Corbett,

Editor Hamesworth, who has a million subscribers, says bravity will be the motto of the coming newspaper. The Dracchar is already in style.

Some men spend their lives in o'scurity while a Pat Crowe jumps up and in a day becomes famous by kidnapping a

A big anti-kissing movement has been

Great is the age. The acting mayor of New York set going on New Years morning just as the clock I ad Anished striking 12, the presses of the San Francisco Examiner.

The DEMOCRAT composing room is a popular place. A registration of visitors pears a good many times, and more too

The King of Greece says: "May the It has often been observed that Oregon earth and good will among the nations."
men in eastern colleges almost universalling distinguish themselves. The latest is
Edward E. Johnston, of this state, who

> Judge Stephen A. Lowell, of Pend. ton, is a level-headed man. He tas resigned the position offered 1 im on the text book commission. He says a ma jority of the board should be educators. He is right, notwithstanding the excellent composition of the board as named

W. S. U'Ren has returned from South Africa, where he went to settle up the estate of his brother and reports in favor of the English because the style of the Boer government did not suit him. Wonder if the imperialistic style of the English government suits Mr. U'Ren.

Three burglaries were committed in Woodburn Wednesday night. There is

Gov. Geer has appointed his text book commission, only one of whom is an educator, President Campbell. The others are two lawyers, Oregon's leading editor and a Portland capitalist and millionaire. The teachers have been pretty will ignored. Otherwise the composition of the commission is good, though the selection of Colvig can only be accounted for on political resource. counted for on political grounds.

A Crowded Honse.

Last night standing room was at a premium at the Christian church while many turned away unable to get in to to form a just opinion on the Chinese situation because he has passed through an experience in that country with which none of his critics can be familiar except by hearzay.

The state department declares that it is no party to the payment of the Turkish indemoity by way of the Cramps. It will not officially recognize the transaction. However, it will withdraw its olaim for the money.

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Vices every day next week 7:30 p. m. All are invited to attend.

Vi. B. SMITH, P. C.

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United Presbyterian: Morning worship at the control of the pastor of the prothwest, and the past of the pastor will preach a sermon appropriate to New Year. All are invited to all our specific properties and the present and the service of the pastor of the period and many hearts were made glad as trong many hearts were made glad as trong many hearts were made played at many hearts were made played at 10:30, evening worship at 10:30, evening worship at 10:30, evening worsh hear Mr. Scoville speak. The great aud-

Mr. J. R. Cochran, of Plainview, to be the first carrier of the Shedd-Plainview free delivery route, was in the city today. the He expects to start on the route about the 15th of the month. Three fourths of

the 15th of the month. Three fourths of the people along the twenty-seven miles of the route have ordered boxes as required by law, and the other will no doubt join in the movement when they see the value of it by practical application.

The Knox Butte free delivery route will begin operation on January 15, Farmers along this route are enthusiastic for it to begin and will generally order boxes for it. Boxes cost \$1\$ and the cattier is not allowed to deliver mail except to parties having the government boxes.

THE NEW CHEAMERY.-The Albany Produce and Butter Co. E. J. Seeley, manager, will start up next Monday, when the first butter will be made. The cream will be brought here from the Plainview plant and farm separators distributed through the country. The output will be considerable. Serious Situation

Cape Tows, Jan. 2.—The British bat-tle-ship Monarch wil and guns tomor-row as a preclutionary measure. The situation is serious. It is true that the Dutch have not joined the invaders in any considerable numbers but a lack of arms is believed to be the true reason for abstention. In many places horses are freely offered and information readily supplied to the Boers.

The carty proclamation of martial law in the Cape T. wn division is expected.

Text Book Commissioners.

Sales, Jan. 2 — G vernor Geer today announced the appointment of H. W Scott of Postanut P. L. Campbell of Monmouth; Stephen A. Lowell of Pen-dieton; W. M. Laid of Portland and W. M. Colvig of Jacksonville, to compose the Origon textbook commission. The sinon cement has been awaited with intense interest here and apparently by the entire state.

Cold Colorado.

Walsenburg, Jan. 2—The weather in this vivinity is the coldest in recent years. This condition was preceded by a snowstorm lasting several days. The snow was line and the wind drove it right to the hide of exposed stock. This, followed by such severe cold will cause the loss of considerable stock on the range. Reports are coming in of heavy losses of sbeen. of speep.

A Big Storm.
Ashland, Jan. 2.—The worst snow storm since the winter of 1889 90 through out Southern Oregon and Northern Cali-jornio began at 7 o'clock last evening, and has continued during the last 24 hours Telegraph and telephone com-munication has been paralyzed north and south during the ray and tonight all wires are down south of Dunsmuir. The Southern Pacific railroad has been hav-ing a difficult task keeping its track clear between Ashland and Dunsmuir.

Too Much for Them.

New York, Jan. 2.—A dispatch to the Heraid from Pekin says:
The prompt acceptance by the Chinese government of the preliminary demands of the powers has taken away the breath of the Foreign Ministers who are not prepared to go on.

Cheap Bonds.

DALLAS, Or., Jan. 1.—At a meeting of the City Council recently, the bid of H. L. Fenton for \$2500 in city bonds was accepted. The bonds will draw 5 per cent interest, payable semi annually. The funds thus raised are to be used to refund an indebtedness of \$2500, which drew interest at 7 per cent per annum

A Month Behind Time.

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Washington, Jan. 3.—Senator Simon reached Washington last night, and was in his seat in the Senate today. He has not outlined his course for the session, but is much gratified at the provision in the river and harbor bilt for the mouth of the Columbia, It is his belief that the amount carried will be retained in the bill and if in the end it proves inadequate to complete the project, he thinks additional funds can them be secured.

Big Plow Trust. Chicago, Jan. 3.—The Chronicle to-morrow will say:

The combination of plow companies, of which there have been rumors for two or three days, twill be launched next week with a capitol of \$65,000,000. Chicago men, who have been prime movers in the negotiations, stated yesterday that all obstacles to the consummation of the deal have been removed.

The Proper Thing.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 —Without a murmur of dissent and without a word of comment, the Senate today distlaced the ship subsidy bill from its privilegel position as unfinished business and Substituted for it ohe Army reorganization bill Since the second day of the present season the shipping bill had been the unfinished business.

Rumored Death. PARIS, Jan-4.—Le Journal reports un-der reserve the death of Count von Wal-dersee, the rumor being that he was killed by an officer of the allied troops the circumstances not being related. It is said that the rumor is current in Berlin whese it is not confirmed. Berlin whese it is not confirmed.

Big Storm.

San Francisco, Jan. 3—A severe wind storm accompanied by a driving rain, broke over the city this evening. Although of short duration, it did considerable damage. None of the individual losses are large. Telegraph and telephone wires were demoralized and very little new was received here from the little news was received here from the east or points in the interior of state.

It Won't Go.

SEATTLE, Jan. 3.—It is in the range probabilities that the coming state leg lature will submit to the voters of it state a constitutional amendment chang-ing the seat of the state government from Olympia to Tacoma,

Probate Record.

In e-tate of Helen Spencer, 10th annual account filed. In estate of Hopkins Bros. and H J

Hopkine, personal property ordered sold and business continued by administrator. In estate of Hanna Brenner, report of

sale approved.
In cetate of Margaret Bodine perconal In estate of Margaret Bodine personal property ordered sold.
In estate of W. J. Philpot, J. M. Philpot was apointed administrator. Bond, \$3700.

Final settlement in estate of Solomon Bond, est for Feb. 2, 1900.
In estate of John Elliot, inventory filed. Real property, \$885.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.—The Ladies Aid Society wish to express their gratitude for the generous donations received for the Orphans Home. We especially thank Mr. Nutting for kindness in furniehing a place to receive donations. Mr. Skipton for gratuitors conveyance of visiting committee to the Home and we hope that all will leel their gifts appreciated. The Society herewith extend thanks to all. LADIES AID SOCIETY.

Both makers and circulators of counterfeits commit fraud. Honest men will not decaye you into buying worthless counterfeits of DeWitt's Harel Salve. The refrits of DeWitt's Harel Salve. The rig nal is infallible for curing piles, sores, eczema and all skin diseases. Foshay & Mason.