

The new woman has trials that her grandmother never knew. Mrs. Mary Ellen Lease has been ruined by her husband's willful extravagance, so the press dispatches say.

Roswell G. Horr, the great republican stump speaker, is dead. He was not a great man in the true sense of the word, but had considerable ability as a stump speaker, and political debater.

Secretary Morton says New Jersey carries more farm mortgages in proportion to area than any other state, and that the north Atlantic states have more farm mortgages than the same number of states in any other section.

If every county, town and precinct in the state which has a "strong probability" of securing a beet sugar factory, according to our exchanges, is successful, Oregon will supply the world with sugar. But these factories are only on paper.—Ex.

Last week's issue of the Eugene Register contained a lengthy article from the San Francisco Call, the article mentioned being devoted to "roasting" the Examiner. The Register's compositor made a happy mistake in setting the first line of the heading, which read: "The Gall Red Hot."

Tammany and the San Francisco Examiner are both censured by many papers. It is alleged that both are skilled in "ways that are dark, and tricks that are vain." However, this much can be said for both Tammany and the Examiner—they were friends of the laboring class during the late presidential campaign.

Senators Dubois, Pettigrew, Mantle, Squire and Teller, silver republicans, declined to participate in the republican senatorial caucus. They were invited to do so but they did not propose to compromise themselves by so doing. Our Senator Mitchell, however, forgot that he once stood with these senators for free coinage.—Portland Dispatch.

From a report of the county clerk of Clatsop county, it is figured out that each vote in that county was cast at cost of 60 cents. This would make elections come pretty high in the backwoods counties; and yet it is an open question whether those held in this county do not run those figures a close race. One thing is sure, every ballot cast in Multnomah county costs in the neighborhood of 20 cents for printing alone. Good price this, but they must be printed just the same.—Tomahawk.

The register, Col. R. A. Miller, has been receiving an unusually large number of letters from persons living throughout the east and south, inquiring about public lands and the state in general. Heretofore such letters were only received from people living in the middle west, but it is thought that these letters are the result of advertising by the board of trade and the immigration board. The land office could handle large quantities of statistical matter from the different counties if it was gotten up in pamphlet or book form. Lincoln county has sent in a few little printed books, neatly arranged with maps and tables showing the resources and advantages of that county. Whenever information is desired regarding Lincoln county these books are sent in. This gives a direct benefit to the county and is a material aid and time saver for the register. Counties wishing to spread advertising matter will find Col. Miller a valuable agent, as he only corresponds with persons interested and who are likely to be settlers.—Oregon City Press.

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WHO COMMANDS THE FRENCH?

Corps Commanders and Division Generals Hold Equal Rank.

According to the regulations the minister of war is commander in chief of the French army. But an act passed in 1888 provides that this high dignitary must remain in Paris if a war breaks out. The actual command will be assumed by a major general designated for that purpose by the ministry—at present Gen. Sausser. Well and good. But this officer has no right to prepare the army according to his ideas in time of peace. He receives the command over the different corps from another man, with whom, perhaps, he differs materially in opinion. The responsibility for the state of the army is thus divided and cannot be fastened upon any one person. Further, the highest rank in the French army is that of division general. There are some higher functions, such as the command of an army corps and the army inspection, but these functions are attended to by the division generals, who stand in the same rank with their inferiors in command. In times of peace this causes unpleasant jealousy, during war time it may lead to conflict and disorder. With regard to the commanders of army corps the matter is not so bad, as they are in touch with troops and leaders under their commands. But how is a general to command an army if the chiefs of four or five army corps and some 20 divisions all hold the same rank as himself? Will he be obeyed? The improbability of this state of things is well known to the French, but the conditions of the republic exclude the possibility of suitable reforms. If any general were given an extra feather for his hat or an extra star on the collar of his coat he might use his new authority against the republic. On the other hand, the hundred or so of division generals hold each other in check. Yet the responsible heads of the army fear that serious difficulties will arise in case of war, and the present minister of war has drawn up a bill for the mitigation of the evil. He suggests the appointment of a responsible council of war and the creation of a new rank, that of "army general." Twenty-five of the division generals are to be raised to it, and they must be chosen from the officers who already act as army commanders and army inspectors.

It is, however, doubtful that even this moderate reform will be allowed to pass the chambers. Already the radicals and socialists raise a row and declare that Billot is preparing for a coup d'état. On the other hand, the military press points out that it would be much better to give the future commanders of armies a higher hierarchic position and to enable them to exercise some power over the troops they are to lead in time of war. But the military authorities understand that, if 25 commanders are raised to a higher rank the present difficulty in the appointment of chiefs is at least narrowed down. More radical reforms would be likely to meet with still greater opposition than the proposition which Gen. Billot has formulated with the assistance of his civilian fellow ministers.—Berlin Rundschau.

ADVICE TO MEN.

Don't Wear Long Hair and an Air o' Dishabille.

In seeking to win the affection and friendship of women, dear boys, you will find dress an important thing to be considered, says a woman writer. Although I will not go so far as to say that a woman's heart has ever been broken by a badly-brushed hat, I have known a woman to look at a bulging shirt bosom and decide that even if she could ever consent to pillow her head upon such an uncomfortable-looking spot the loud vivacity of the waistcoat beneath would make rest there quite impossible. I am not going to tell you what to wear. That is the work of mightier intellects than mine. And there are the young lady male impersonators of the variety stage to copy. These represent the woman's ideal of man's clothing. I may, however, prove myself useful in telling you what not to wear. To begin with, there is one rule you should have written on your mirrors. It is this: Do not dress like a genius, even if you are one.

The average woman has a strong aversion to go out with a gentleman who—because laurel wreaths have gone out of fashion—substitutes for them long hair, short trousers, decollete shirts and a generally carefully arranged dishabille.

The average woman is a silly little thing, you know, and she would rather that you looked commonplace and well groomed than that every newshy should be able to tell that she is walking with an intellectual giant.

As for the woman above the average—well, she knows that you're not a genius, anyhow. You can't fool her with freak neckties and doorknob studs!

Remember that I am directing your doings to meet the tastes of the majority of women. There are ladies who go riding on tandem bicycles with gentlemen who wear red suits, and some women love the society of a necktie or vest that almost burles.

The ring, watchchain and bracelet habit is popular with young ladies who stand on the other side of the footlights and have a taste for anything that glitters even if it isn't 18 carat.

By this class of lady you may be loved for your scarf-pin, but a large percentage of the weaker sex prefer to do all the glittering that is to be done themselves.—N. Y. World.

Queer Concert Receipts.

While once making a professional tour round the world, Mme. Trebelli agreed to sing at a concert at the Society's club for a third of the evening's receipts. She was rather surprised, though not displeased, with her share. When counted over it consisted of 20 pigs, 40 turkeys, 25 chickens, 3,000 coconuts and an immense quantity of bananas, oranges and lemons.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Iron Ores. Very interesting notes, not generally known, about the iron mines of Spain were discussed at a recent meeting of the iron and steel institute of Great Britain. It is from northern Spain, in the neighborhood of Bilbao, that the greater part of the iron ore imported for the use of the British steel makers is obtained. Steel is made by the blast process from iron ore containing phosphorus; but for the best qualities of steel, which is made by the open hearth process, a purer ore must be used, and it is that which England imports from Spain. "Nature seems to have designated the hills of northern Spain especially for the use of the steel makers." Until recently practically no effort has been made to manufacture steel in Spain, and most of the ore has been exported to England. The iron mines of northern Spain are described as being rather quarries than mines in the ordinary sense of the word. "The mountains themselves are just heaps of iron ore covered naturally with but a thin layer of earth. This is removed, and it only remains to break up the ore and load it into fitting receptacles, when it is conveyed down to the water's edge by its own gravity."—Youth's Companion.

Human Cost.

An English authority in forms us that an audience of 2,000 people, listening for two hours to a concert, are not only cultivating and indulging their musical taste, but are engaged in the somewhat prosaic occupation of producing no less than 100 weight of coal and 17 gallons of water from the impurities and moisture of their own breath, and that if they were all performing themselves, instead of listening, this quantity would be nearly doubled. It is far more wholesome to drink the undiluted water of the Thames at Blackwall than to breathe the air of a crowded and unventilated room, and how cleanly people can be content to do so is only explicable on the principle that what the eye does not see the heart does not grieve over.—Brooklyn Eagle.

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