Commercial and Financial Happenings of Interest in the Growing Western States.

Alaska Criminal Code. A bill has been framed by Senator Perkins to amend the criminal code which was adopted for Alaska at the last session of congress. In this bill, Senator Perkins prohibits the construction of barricades in streams for the purpose or with the end of preventing fish ascending the streams or rivers of Alaska. It is provided that it shall be unlawful to fish for salmon except with rod or spear, above the tide waters of any creek or river of less than 500 feet width, except for purposes of propagation. Seining or catching fish in these streams for a distance of more than a third of the width of the stream is prohibited, and no seine or other net shall be laid within 100 yards of another. Fishing for salmon in the waters of Alaska from 6 p. m. Saturday until 6 a. m. on the following Monday is also prohibited, except in Behring sea and its tributaries. The secretary of the treasury is authorized to set aside whatever streams he may desire as spawning grounds, when he may consider that fishing operations on such streams are being conducted so that the number of salmon taken is larger than the capacity of the stream to produce, or if the fishing operations prevent a sufficient ingress of salmon to the spawning grounds, he may establish weekly closed seasons, to limit the duration of the fishing season, prescribe the volume of the catch at such places, or prohibit it entirely; provided this action is taken after the persons interested have been given a fair hearing in their own behalf. The secretary of the treasury is also

authorized to require the erection of salmon hatcheries of suitable capacity at any fisheries or fish establishments in Alaska, which are to be maintained by the persons operating the fishery, cannery or saltery.

Money to Push Railroad Building. The Bellingham Bay & British Columbia railroad has given a trust deed to its property in Whatcom county to the Bank of California to secure the payment of \$1,000,000 in first mortgage bonds. The deed was executed in San Francisco on December 1, and was filed for record in the auditor's office in Whatcom county on January 23. The document is the most voluminous of any ever filed there, and it required \$499.50 in revenue stamps. It is the purpose of the company to pay off an indebtedness of about \$60,000 on the road, and the balance realized from the sale of the bonds to the Bank of California will be used in construction work. The instrument calls for the completion of 24 miles of additional road this year, on which will be issued in bonds \$17,000 per mile. This extension is the one now under survey from Sumas to Boulder Creek.

Transfer of a Sawmill. The Copping sawmill, at Tenino, Wash., was sold to the Douglas Lumber Company of Chehalis, the members of the company consisting of L. H. Miller and Mrs. H. J. Miller. The firm recently purchased the timber on the Hogdgen donation claim, a mile from Tenino, and the mill will be immedlately moved to the new site and put in operation. It has a capacity of about 18,000 feet per day.

Parific Coast Chat. Canemah levies a 11-mill school tax. Reedville school district votes a 2milt tax this year.

Nine workhorses, at Elgin, have brought \$85 to \$100 a head. Hon. M. Baker, pioner of La Grande

has been quite ill with bronchitis. At Stafford, Clackamas county, the mercury recently went down to 26 de-

R. Hull has sold his farm near Lebanon to an Albany man.

A dog-poisoner is at work at Glencoe. One man, a physician, has suf-

fered the loss of five dogs. George Childer's 200-acre farm, four

to John Blochland for \$8,600-all cash but \$2,600. The discovery of two cases of scarlet fever at Weston brought attention to the fact that the town had no quaran-

tine ordinance. At Lower Cove, a disturbance in s chicken house caused a boy to go out,

close the door, and fasten it with a string "button." Next morning the door was open, with a hole in it large enough to admit a man's arm. T boy had locked in a chicken thief, was had to cut through the door to reach and turn the "button."

A logging railroad, projected along the Clatskanie, will not be built be cause one or two ranchers unwisely asked much larger sums for right of way over their lands than the enterprise would warrant.

The people of Tillamook county are urging the extension of the Astoria & Columbia River railroad from Seaside to their county, but President Hammond has stated that work will not be commenced until 1902, when it is his purpose to extend the line down the coast and connect with the Corvallis & Eastern at Yaquina bay.

In the year 1899, 23 divorces were granted in Walla Walla county, none being denied.

The United States pays \$65.36 a year

for rent in Spokane. Tacoma's receipts in January were \$24,887; its expenditures, \$38,574, and

the cash balance on February 1 was \$205,287. About 50 Coeur d'Alene Indians were entertained at a feast at Tekoa the day after the close of the recent farmer's

Europe's national debt is \$23,000,

Of Walla Walls county's total tax of \$162,892.27 for 1898, all but \$4,955 30

will be due soon. The United States secret service department has undertaken to ferret out a gang of counterfeiters who are making life a burden for the owners of 5.00; California lemons 75c@\$1.50; slot machines throughout Seattle. The | do choice \$1.75@2.00 per box. town is becoming flooded with spurious 5-cent pieces, which go into circula- 2.50

the-slot machines.

STRENGTH OF STAPLES.

Leading Feature of the Trade Situation This Week.

Bradstreet's says: The strength of staples, and particularly those of agricultural origin, is the leading feature this week, at least. In general trade, weather conditions have not favored a big distribution, but, compared with a year ago, are still quite favorable. Enlarged speculation is reflected in increased bank clearings, and comparisons with last year are again encouraging, while gains over years previous to organization and efficiency been more efficient is the apparatus and so reliable 1899 are very marked. In strength of highly developed than in the railroads the service, that it has been found to demand, and size of advance, cottons of the United States.

The strength of the raw sugar posireceipts of cane sugars are apt to be light in the future.

there is still an urgent demand for me-

yearly, and some increase of stocks is shown. Wheat (including flour) shipments for the week aggregate 2,902,857 bushels, against 2,724,937 bushels last

sponding week of 1899. Business failures in the United States for the week number 281, as compared with 171 last week, 193 in this week a year ago, 278 in 1898, 301 in 1897, and 381 in 1896.

week, 5,580,500 bushels in the corre-

PACIFIC COAST TRADE.

Seattle Markets. Onions, new, \$2.5@2.50 per sack. Lettuce, hot house, 40c per doz. Potatoes, new, \$18@20. Beets, per sack, 75@85c. Turnips, per sack, 60c. Carrots, per sack, 50c. Parsnips, per sack, 75@85c. Cauliflower, 75c@\$1 per dozen. Cabbage, native and California, \$1.00@1.25 per 100 pounds.

Apples, \$1.25@1.50 per box. Pears, \$1.00@1.25 per box. Prunes, 60c per box. Butter-Creamery, 31c per pound; dairy, 17@22e; ranch, 20c per pound.

Eggs-20c. Cheese-Native, 16c. Poultry-13@14c; dressed, 14@15c. Hay-Puget Sound timothy, \$12.00; choice Eastern Washington timothy, \$18.00@19.00

Corn-Whole, \$23.00; cracked, \$28; feed meal, \$23. Barley-Rolled or ground, per ton, \$21; whole, \$22.

Flour-Patent, per barrel, \$3.25; blended straights, \$3.00; California, \$8.25; buckwheat flour, \$6.00; gra- block before another was permitted to nals and opera ors will continue as now, flour, \$3.00; rye flour, \$3.80@4.00. shorts, per ton, \$16.00.

middlings, per ton, \$20; oil cake meal, per ton, \$30.00.

steers, 41/2 @5c; cows, 4@41/4c; pork, 4 %0; trimmed, 6 %c; veal, small, 6c; large, 4c. Hams—Large, 13c; small, 13½; breakfast bacon, 12½c; dry salt sides,

Portland Market. Wheat - Walla Walla, 53@54c; Valley, 53c; Bluestem, 54c per bushel. Flour-Best grades, \$2.90; graham, \$2.25; superfine, \$2.15 per barrel. Oats-Choice white, 35@36c; choice

gray, 34c per bushel. Barley-Feed barley, \$14@15.00; brewing, \$17.50@18.50 per ton. Millstuffs-Bran, \$13 per ton; middlings, \$19; shorts, \$15; chop, \$14 per

Hay-Timothy, \$10@11; clover, \$7@8; Oregon wild hay, \$6@7 per ton. Butter—Fancy creamery, 50@55c; seconds, 42%@45c; dairy, 80@87%c; miles from Island City, has been sold store, 22 % @ 27 %c. Eggs-14@15c per dozen.

Cheese-Oregon full cream, 13c; Young America, 14c; new cheese 10c per pound.

Poultry-Chickens, mixed, \$3.00@ 4.00 per dozen; hens, \$4.50; springs, \$2.50@3.50; geese, \$7.00@8.00 for old; \$4.50@6.50; ducks, \$6.00@7.00 per turkeys. live, 12 % o per dozen; pound. Potatoes-55@80c per sack; sweets,

2@21/c per pound. Vegetables-Beets, \$1; turnips, 90c;

per sack; garlie, 7c per pound; cabbage, 1 %c per pound; parsnips, \$1; onions, \$1.50@2.00; carrots, \$1. Hops—7@10c; 1898 crop, 5@6c. Wool—Valley, 12@18c per pound;

Eastern Oregon, 8@14c; mohair, 27@ 80c per pound. Mutton-Gross, best sheep, wethers

and ewes, 41/4c; dressed mutton, 7@ 71/20 per pound; lambs, 71/20 per pound. Hogs-Gross, choice heavy, \$5.00; light and feeders, \$4.50; dressed, \$5.50@6.00 per 100 pounds.

Beef-Gross, top steers, \$4.00@4.50; cows, \$3.50@4.00; dressed beef, 6 %@ 7% e per pound. Veal-Large, 7@8c; small, 816@

9 % e per pound.

San Francisco Market. Wool-Spring-Nevada, 12@15c per ound; Eastern Oregon, 12@16c; Valley, 20@22c; Northern, 10@12c. Hops-1899 crop, 11@18c

Butter-Fancy creamery 27@28c do seconds, 25@26e; fancy dairy, 22 @26c; do seconds, 18@21c per pound. Eggs-Store, 15@16c; fancy ranch,

Millstuffs - Middlings, \$18.00 @ 21.00; bran, \$14.50@15.00.

Hay-Wheat \$6.50@9.50; wheat and oat \$8.50@9.00; best barley \$5.00@ 7.00; alfalfa, \$6.00@7.50 per ton; straw, 80@45c per bale. Potatoes-Early Rose, 90c@\$1; Orehas been collected. The tax for 1899

gon Burbanks, 75c@1.10; river Burbanks, 50@75c; Salinas Burbanks, 80c@1.10 per sack. Citrus Fruit-Oranges, Valencia, \$2.75@3.25; Mexican limes, \$4.00@

Tropical Fruits-Bananas, \$1.50@ per bunch; pineapples, tion through the medium of nickle-in- inal; Persian dates, 6@6%c

WONDERFUL SYSTEM.

RAZWAY ACCIDENTS PREVENT-ED BY SEMAPHORES.

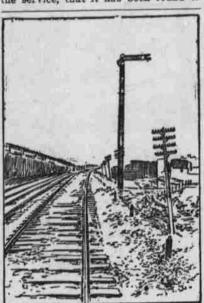
Three Types of Signals-When Third Rail Is Used the Running of Trains Will Be an Easy Affair and Safety Will Be Assured.

are still easily first. Although the crop | The most perfect illustration of this movement has noticeably enlarged so is the enormous amount of passenger active has been the demand for foreign traffic which is safely handled every spinners that fully 38 cents advance is year over the thousands of miles of railgirded country. This has become possible only by the development of a systion has been further increased this tem whereby accountability is clearly week by bullish reports from European and accurately defined, says the Scienbeet markets, and the expectation that tific American. Presiding over the great army employed are men of the highest order of ability-men competent Fine grades of wool are quiet, but to deal intelligently with the varied conditions incident to the smooth and dinm grades, and quarter-bloods sell safe movement of trains. The recent better, considerable imported wools establishment of a schedule of milehaving changed hands in Eastern mar- a-minute trains between the Atlantic seaboard and the Rocky Mountains A further gain in blast furnace ca- certainly indicates the utmost confipacity is noted. Current production dence by both rallway officials and the s now little below 16,000,000 tons traveling public in the devices employed to safeguard traffic.

These consist, so far as the public sees, of what is known as the "block system." That is, the entire road is divided into short lengths or blocks marked by towers, each under the immediate effect a great saving against the controlled, the primary purpose of each | the consideration of human life. being the same-namely, the protection

trains, is stationed, are a number of levers attached to the signals by means of long pipes, a lever and a pipe for and Harbors to see Representative Bureach semaphore. But none of the sigton pulled the knob off the door, says nals can be set until unlocked electrically from the next block by the passing the Cleveland Plain Dealer. train. It will thus be seen that a clear signal can not be shown unless all switches are properly set and the train carpenter or the locksmith?" has entered the next block shead. A collision is, therefore, impossible if the engineers obey the signals.

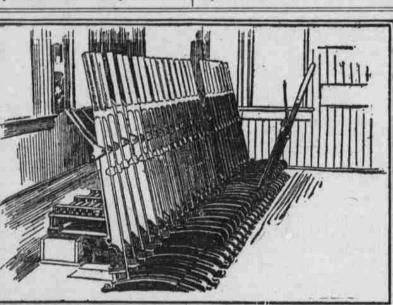
The installation of the system repre-In no other corporate industry have sents a large invested capital, but so



"DISTANT" SIGNAL SET AT DANGER.

charge of a signal operator. Three dis- amount yearly spent in fighting suits tinct types of signals are recognized- for damages incurred by reason of 1. e., telegraphic, automatic and manual faulty apparatus. This, too, aside from

When the third-rail system of power of trains from derailment and collision. distribution has become universal, as it The earliest and now obsolete form was most assuredly will, the running of each the "time block," in the operation of train will be under the direct superviswhich a certain interval of time had to | ion and immediate control of the train elapse after a train had passed into a dispatcher himself. The towers, sig-



INTERIOR OF THE TOWER.

obviously it didn't protect.

In the telegraphic block syst operator is supposed to keep his signal diction. On each track is a miniature set at "danger" until notified that the duplicate of each train speeding across Fresh Meats-Choice dressed beef train had passed into a block ahead. the country. These miniatures start, But there is nothing to prevent a run and stop in exact synchronism with "clear" signal being shown through the trains on the big tracks, so that the or less overcome in the "automatic" of every train on the division is known signal at clear. It is necessary, howdanger signal; for it is impossible to know whether the signal indicates danger because a train remains in the block or because of the failure of the

apparatus to work properly. The latest and by far the best system in use is a combination of the manual and automatic. In this system the signals are set by hand, but are locked and released electrically by the opera-

HOME" SIGNALS-TOP BLADES FOR PAS-

a signal to be improperly displayed.

About the Semaphores.

The signals or semaphores are pad-

nals. The home blade is square ended.

and, like the pointed advance blade, is

painted red with a white band. The

listant blade is a "fish-tall" and paint-

each is painted white with a black

band. The opposite end of the blade

has a little glass window which shows

means "caution." The signals are coun-

nechanism. All the signals are inter-

ing with each other, but they also inter-

lock with the switches of all crossovers

FREIGHT TRACKS.

ham, per barrel, \$3.80; whole wheat enter the same block. But as a time in- but the train dispatcher will know from anything, or for that matter, nothing, terval and not a space interval was the personal observation the exact location will hurt. He will sulk, or make un-Millstuffs-Bran, per ton, \$14.00; unit of safety between running trains, of each train. Thus, in the train dispatcher's office will be a working model of the division over which he has jurismistake or carelessness. This is more speed, location, progress and condition system, by which the passing of the to the dispatcher at a glance. On the train itself into the next block sets the table in front of him are a number of "keys." If a train passes a tower ever, to allow the following train to against a signal he is able to bring it proceed after a time even against a to a standstill simply by pressing the proper key, thus cutting off the current from the offending train and preventing collision. It is only another means whereby the controlling mind is more effectually employed to still further reduce the number of accidents, which are now but one passenger killed to 100,000 safely carried.

Experience Under Fire.

One of the ladies who went out to see the fighting at Ladysmith has described that experience in a lively letter. A shell landed not many hundred yards away, and she ran to get a piece

of It. "Off I scampered. Spoke to the first soldier I came to. He said: 'Come with me; I can warn you in time to clear before another comes.' So I went gayly, talking away. Another soldier said: 'Here comes another,' and before we had time to think the awful booming and shricking came-and I wish you could have seen your younger sister. I just shut my eyes tight and clung to a barbed-wire fence, and whispered: 'Good God!' It exploded about twenty feet away; perhaps not so much; the earth shook under me, and my legs felt hot all over."

The Wily Native.

"Nothing," says a man who spent many years in South Africa, "gives a SENGER AND BOTTOM BLADES FOR native greater pleasure than to read the countenance of a white man when he knows the latter wants information. tor in the next tower as well as by the For a plece of tobacco he will trump passing of the train itself, the track beup an exciting story, and for an extra selfish spollsmen in office who figure as ing divided into electrically insulated quarter he will lay it on thickly. I have prominent citizens, sections for the purpose. Thus, it will often seen them at this game, their eyes be seen that it is almost impossible for twinkling with delight while they have been imparting some confidential statequite clear that they are making wild dies normally standing out at right anstatements as to these supposed battles 000,000. The yards contain twenty gles to the supporting pole, indicating and the terrible loss of life which has danger, and variously known as been inflicted upon the enemy." 'home," "advance" and "distant" sig-

A large amount of the small-arms ammunition used by the Boers against daily 20,000 cattle, 20,000 sheep and the English troops is of British manued yellow and black. The reverse of facture. As late as 1896 a large English cartridge firm, the President of which is Arthur Chamberlain, the Colonial Secretary's brother-supplied the red at night. When the outer end is Boer government with some millions dropped it indicates clear track, and of rounds of ammunition. This transfor the same purpose the light shows action was, of course, well known to white at night. The light behind the the British at the time. distant blade is normally green, and

terbalanced, so that they always return she seems to think that her friends to danger position, horizontal, if anywant a likeness of her ribs and collar thing goes wrong with the controlling bone, and has her dress cut low for the occasion. locking, so that it is impossible to clear one without clearing the other two. When the women refer to the life of And not only are the signals interlock-

ing," it means that the woman is unhappily married. In the tower, where the operator, who The automobile driver should be a is responsible for the safety of the person of horseless sense,

a married woman as being "interest-

architect of the capitol. He has no authority to fix doorknobs. Doorknobs are permanent fixtures and are solely within the jurisdiction of the architect of the capitol." "Do you see that bookcase there?" sald Secretary Eills. "I caused the carpenter to paste some cloth on the inside of the glass doors in order that the books might not show. He did the work, but whe the had finished I noted that he had no cleaned the glass before he put the c' th on. The thing looked so disreputs de that I asked him why he had not conned the glass.

Red Tape in Washington.

A correspondent passing hurriedly in-

to the room of the Committee on Rivers

"How can I get that fixed, do you

"No, sir. Were I to send for the lock-

smith he would tell me to consult the

think?" asked Burton. "Shall I get the

"The locksmith, I suppose."

"He told e that the glass was a permanent fix ere and that he had no authority to touch it, but that the placing of the cloth upon it was a temporary matter and was entirely within the province of his labors. The whole thing's got to be done all over again."

Natural Soaps.

From time immemorial the Egyptian soaproot and the Spanish soaproot have been employed for washing in Southern Europe and Egypt, and are, to some extent, exported for use in cleansing fine articles. In the West Indies and South America a pulpy fruit, which grows on a tree known as the soap tree, is said to have such cleansing properties that it will clean as much linen as sixty times its weight of manufactured soap. There is also a tree in Peru, Quillaja Saponaria, whose bark, in infusion, yields a soapy liquid much valued for washing woolens, and is largely imported to England and other countries for this purpose. The juice of the soapwort, or, as it is commonly called in the United States and Great Britain, the "Bouncing Bet," strongly possesses the saponaceous qualities. In California the roots of the Phelangium Pomardianum, which grows there abundantly, are much used for washing. This plant has a strong odor of brown soap in its leaves and stems, as well as the roots. The South Sea Islands and the Islands of the Carribean Sea also produce plants which are used as soap substi-

Warring in the Choir.

"Rumors reach one's ears that the power of quarreling within certain church choirs can only be exceeded by the high spirit of a body of Irish patriots, and that there is almost nothing so trivial and invisible but that it will set a choir by the ears," writes Ian Maclaren in the Ladies' Home Journal.

"It may be the place in the stall, or the singing of a particular part, or a correction of the choirmaster, or a word of approval to another chorister, or a remark dropped by one of the choir-so tender are the feelings of a choristerpleasant remarks, or resign, or drive some other persons out, and then on ie great occasion all the members of the choir will resign and take themselves so seriously that the event will be considered equal in interest to a war.

"Upon the whole, the choir rather enjoys a crisis of this kind, for it gives stimulus to the artistic temperament. But there are some who do not enter wholly into the enjoyment."

Startling.

A Kansas exchange reports the following incident as having taken place in one of the villages near Topeka: A woman, in making her usual preparations for supper, took a teakettle to the cistern and pumped it full of water. Then she carried it to the kitchen and set it on the stove. In a few minutes she heard a most remarkable splashing in the kettle and turned from her work to examine into the cause. Just as she was about to raise the kettle, a snake stuck its head out of the

With an excusable scream the woman seized the kettle, ran out into the yard. raised the lid and poured out the water, and with it the scalded snake. The reptile writhed slowly away, but whether it survived its hot bath is not known If it did, and if it knows anything, it will stay out of cisterns in future.

Take This Man's Measure. "Let's see whether there are any people to be saved," cried plucky Capt, Watt, of the Jersey City fire depart-

ment, as he led the way into a burning building. When he staggered out of the smoke and flame again it was to fall into the

arms of his men, overcome. "I'm sure, boys," were his last words, as they carried him to the hospital. "that nobody's been lost in this fire." That was the message of a dying

hero to every one of us. One man with so high and noble a sense of duty as that, is worth more to his country and race than a thousand millionaires who grovel after gold, or

World's Greatest Stockyards. The largest stock yards in the world ment to myself and others; and it is are in Chicago. The combined plants represent an investment of over \$10,miles of street, twenty miles of water troughs, fifty miles of feeding troughs, and seventy-five miles of water and drainage troughs. The yards are capable of receiving and accommodating 120,000 hogs.

> French Savings Banks. The rate of interest in the savings

banks of France is 31/4 per cent and the last statistics published show an aggregate deposit of \$680,000,000. More than half the depositors are women, mostly belonging to the working classes, and of all the adult inhabitants of France one in four is a depositor. Good Reason.

Jimson-"There, sir, is a woman to

whom I never speak as we pass by." Whimson-"And why not, pray?" Jimson-"Because we have never been introduced. - Judy.

Improvements on Nature. Celery is derived from smallage. Fit berts, etc., are improvements of



ular?"

real-estate transfers."

delphia North American.

"What is the price of this lovely an tique chair?" asked the shopper. "Thirty-seven dollars, madam," an-

swered the dealer. "Thirty-seven dollars!" exclaimed the children." lady in astonishment. "Why, I didn't suppose it worth half that much."

'You didn't ask what it was worth, madam," replied the conscientious dealer. "You asked the price." Easily Explained. She-It is said that one woman and a

sewing machine will do the work of a dozen women. He-I can readily understand why that is possible.

She-Why is it? He-A woman doesn't waste any time talking to a sewing machine.

A Parting Shot. She had presented him with the marble heart, and as he was about to remove his hat from the hall rack for the last time he said:

"Perhaps it is better so, and but for one thing I should not regret your decision."

"Indeed!" she exclaimed in surprise, and what is that one thing, pray?" "Listen, cruel one, and I will tell you," he answered. "Had we married and gone to housekeeping I should have been spared the expense of buying a refrigerator."

A Favorable Sign. "Has my daughter encouraged your suit?" asked the father. "Well," replied the young man, I can

only point to circumstantial evidence, and the dog is always locked in the cellar on nights that I call."-Philadelphia North American. Lucrative Positions. Pellucid Pete-Yep, lady, me profession is of de highest order. I am sur-

short time each year. Lady-And what is your profession?

Ward politician-I know, but can't y send the pay up to me?

Ward politician-I don't loik the joi

Boss-Why, ye don't do a thing bu

walk down and draw yer pay eac

"Sunday ought to be a day of rest."

"Yes; on weekdays, however, I cate

trains for myself, while on Sundays

catch them for myself, wife and thre

In Jagged Lines.

"It looks so much like a column

The Worm Turns.

The Tramp-Say, do you tink I'v

discovered perpetual motion?-Phili

Save Him a Walk.

Policeman-Come, move on, now.

"What makes Stubbs' poetry so pop

After she had selected an imposin column of marble she handed him th epitaph manuscript. rounded by sweet odors, and fair wom-"But, madam," he gasped, "that col umn won't hold half of that withou en lavish der smiles on me Greek pro-

Too Realistic.

Ida-I think Walter is awful mean.

Ida-He wears those horrid mouse

colored mocha gloves. He dropped one

on the floor and it looked so natural I

Let the Omission Be Supplied.

heart, but a little more of politeness

Jersey Jim-Chicago has a warm

Baltimore Bill-On what do yer base

Jersey-Why, yesterday I reads a

sign on de police station dat sez: "Lodg-

ers will call at rear." Why cudn't dey

say: "Lodgers will please call at rear?"

High Rollers.

Rowland Rantts-So our audience to-

night will be composed of ultra swells?

Roxey-Yes, me lord! Why, if we re-

elve any eggs rest assured they will

Her Face.

"Ah," the man said, "she has an art-

"Yes," the woman sneered, "and she

uses It instead of a canvas."-Chicago

Then She Wouldn't Tell Him.

She-I would tell you a little piece

of news if I were sure it wouldn't go

He-You're safe in telling me. There

never was a man who could make a lit-

tle plece of news go further than a

woman .- Philadelphia Bulletin.

be \$1,500 great auk eggs.

st's face."

Times-Herald.

any further.

May-Why, dear?

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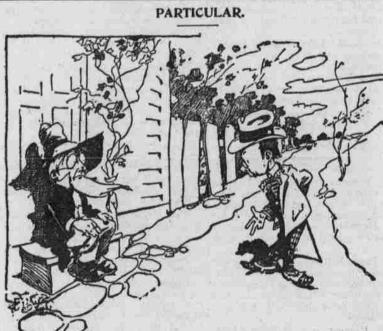
wud be better.

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file. But, alas! I am busy only a "Don't mind the column being crowd ed," responded the widow. "My hus Pellucid Pete-Soda water clerk. band was an editor."

crowding."

month.



The tourist-You are a centenarian, I believe? The oldest inhabitant-Naw, sir; I'm a Methodist.

Satisfied H erself Miss Wanterno-I have brought this book back. Mamma says it is not fit for me to read. Librarian-I think your mother must

be mistaken Miss Wanterno-Oh, no, she isn't. 've read it al through.

How Time Does Fly. "Well, well! Is that you, Jones? Glad to see you. Let's see; we haven't met since last year, have we?" "Right! and come to think of it, not since back in eighteen hundred."-Philadelphia North American.

Easily Guessed.



Erastus (seeing snow-shoe prints)-Well, dem looks laik Miss Lillie's feetsteps, sho'. Guess she mus' pass dis

His Experience. Briggs-You don't know what you are talking about when you call me a donkey. Diggs-I'd like to know why I don't. once owned a donkey for three

months.-Chicago News.

Nothing Extraordinary. Mack O'Rell-I just met a full-grown man that sleeps every night in a crib. Luke Warme-Remarkable Mack O'Rell-Not at all. You see, It

Just the Thing. Lulu-What do you think would har- said: monize nicely with a straw-colored

Irene-Why, I would suggest newmown hair.-Philadelphia Bulletin.

She Liked It. "Apsley's been caught more than once kissing the cook." "And didn't his wife interfere?" "Oh, no; she's the cook,"-Philadel-

phia Bulletin.

His Hint for a Raise. I could not help listening to the stories told by a group of commercial men in the reading room of one of the local hotels. One story in particular I noted, told by a young hardware drummer.

"There is in the employ of our house," he said, "a young man who is assistant bookkeeper. He's a steady chap, minds his own business, and as shrewd as they make them. The other day the senior partner of the firm, who seldom comes around, made a tour of inspection, and is a water crib out in Lake Michigan. as he approached the assistant bookkeeper he noticed the solemn expression on his face. Desiring to be congenial he

> "How are you, young man? I see you are at your work. That is good. Close attention to business will always bring its own reward. Tell me, what are yes earning now per week?"

The young man, without a moment's hesitation, answered: "Twenty dollars, sir, but I only get half of that."-Philadelphia Call.

Although the bass drum is frequently tapped its notes are never liquid.