

THE USELESS COMMISSION.

sergeant-at-arms, or a livery rig to The state board of equalization which is now composed of seven members will in future be composed of nine members, as there are two lucky young gentlemen pockets \$90 for new judicial districts created. But his 26 days' work while dancing the whole thing is a humbug and attendance on the board. We denounce should be abolished. Editor Fletcher this as an outrage on the taxpayers of a policy which promoted Wall street's of the Salem Post has served in the the country. The town and country schemes and interests, Mr. Clevelegislature, as president of the senate is filled with poor, deserving boys land was in the opinion of the Wall and as governor of both Dakotas. His who would have gladly done all that experience with this subject qualifies Paul Van Dersol did for \$25, and him to speak, and we copy what he many for less money. But they did of its honor which was counter to the says in an editorial Saturday:

equalizing the taxation of the state board could have used some discretion, is a base imposition on the public, and or judgment. that "must go" on the first oppore found a place among the laws of the ber. Their labors ended on January policy. state, it is difficult to conjecture. In 2. That gave them exactly 30 days. other states, the business of equaliz- But out of these 30 days, there should ing the taxes costs little-here it be deducted four Sundays, which just \$3,000 per annum.

of equalization for one month's ser- for, amounting in all to 36 days, an and those of plain people whom he vices, shows most clearly the need of over change of \$360. reform in every branch of the public sarvice in the state of Oregon. It shows that in times past there must have been a systematic and well de- the Congregational organ of the Pavised scheme adopted by the different cific coast, and a member of Dr. legislatures to loot the treasury and Brown's church, says in an editorial rob the taxpayers of their hard earned money. Turn in whatever direction plane; that our principle objects of we may, examine whatever depart- sympathy were different from the ment we will, it is the same thing present one. Is not this a time for throughout-big pay for little work, prayer and humiliation and repenta few enriching themselves at the ex- ance among the members of our pense of many. When times were churches in this the metropolis of our good and money plentiful, the people coast? We are in deep trouble. GOh, did not notice so closely the exorbi- God, come to our relief. Raise us to tant charges that were made for the higher things. Take away every root transaction of public business. But of bitterness. Give us new consecra-

now when every farmer and laboring tion. Oh, for more spirituality in the man has to bend every muscle and pulpit and in the pews, that in all of devise every scheme to provide bread us it may be seen that we have been and clothing for his family, such bills with Jesus and learned of him.

WHAT AILED BROWN.

Rev. Kimball, editor of the Pacific,

as that presented by the board of O Poverty, unpoplarity and friendlessequalization for twenty-six days' ness are welcome when they shield us work, startles the taxpayer and com- from the coils of the blackmail ana

PATRIOTS AND PATRIOTS. When we began this article we said

that we were not inclined to attach The St. Louis Post-Dispatch has any blame to the members of the the following pertinent comment on board. So far as taking their \$10 per Mr. Cleveland's Wall street friends. day is concerned, we will concede The president is reported to be they did no wrong. The law allowed angry with Wall street on account of and that the Spanish forces were them to do so. But when they em- its reception of his Venezuela message. He finds that because the asployed a page-and they needed a sertion of the Monroe doctrine threatpage about as much as they needed a ens to disturb Wall street's amicable arrangements with British financiers any moment as the news of the day. ride to and from the capitol-there can and to cut it all out of profits on be no excuse for their conduct. This deals with British money the men of the street condemn him unsparingly and are trying to obstruct his plans to

uphold the national honor. As long as Mr. Cleveland adhered to triumphs over monarchy since the street a great and patriotic president, but as soon as he made a step in the British surrendered to our revolution-

interest of his country and in support ary forefathers at Yorktown. not belong to the class on whom favors interests of Wall street's pocket book The bill just paid for the work of matter on which the members of the gogue and Wall street has no further the West Indies, the question will be, he is denounced as a dangerous dema-

On the other hand, the men who furnishes another proof that we have but they used it in a way that reflects have responded to Mr. Cleveland's another law on our statute book that no credit on either their patriotism appeal to patriotism and have rallied

earnestly to the support of his Ameri-There is still another thing that can policy regardless of the consequences to their private interests are they are beroes. Will Spain attempt I nity that precents itself. Why such demands explanation. It is this: The the men of the west and south who to restore her power over Cuba? a stupid and expensive a law ever board first sat on the 3d day of Decem- have vigorously opposed his financial What monarchies will assist her If the situation enables Mr. Cleve land to discover the motives which actuate his erstwhile advisors and ad-

mirers of Wall street and to recognize cinches the laxpayers to the tune of leaves 25 working days. And yet the the kind of patriotism that flourishes bill went in for 30 days, four days there; if it enables him to see the dif. The bill just presented by the board more than should have been charged ference between their motives and

> has condemned as enemies of the country, his message will do good services in home politcs.

Wall street has one inspiring motive and only one, and that is money.

hands of Wall street is a patriot and any public official who refuses to do so is a demagogue. This is the only "Oh, that we were on a different from Monday. It is thought that defination that Wall street ever has

perhaps a subscription school will be been or ever will be sure of. started for the remainder of the The fact that the silver men have term. with absolute unamity supported the president's message on the Monroe with relatives in Aumsville for the doctrine, and the further fact that the past week. capitalist class only is willing to pur-Miss Alice Baesley left last Wednesday for Salem to resume her studies chase peace by a surrendered national at the old Willamette. Alice is honor and security, ought to have some influence upon Mr. Cleveland, but his second message calling for gold bonds shows that he is still saw her leave us again. joined to his idols.

It will take a couple of mills or se

"Cuba shall be free!"

VALLEY LOCAL NEWS.

Stayton.

school and excellent results being acof the coming state levy to pay the complished by the students. salaries of the commissions and other Robert Shaw, of Mill City, things that should have been abolished former resident of Stayton were visitby the legislature-Salem Statesman, ing friends in town New Year's eve, tleman. I bespeak for him a very and "Bobby's" smiling countenance That's what's the matter; and the was a welcome sight to all his old Statesman could very appropriately time associates.

THE CUBAN PATRIOTS. cups for a Christmas baby.

THE JOURNAL Monday evening had good work horse for e frash milch cow. specials from Cuba, showing that the V. W. Harshbarger, recorder of revolutionists had arrived in front of Springfield, marrisd Harlin McPher-Havana, the fortified capital of Cuba, son and Mrs. Nina Hutchins.on Christ-

Roseburg Plaindealer.

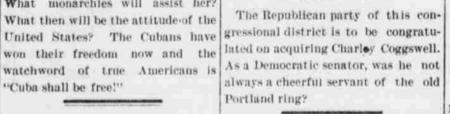
Fred Wright and David Gelwick

months ago on the farthest eastern shore of the Island, and their progress westward has been crowned with unbroken victories. If they shall sucdeputy.

ceed in freeing Cuba of the Spanish yoke it will be one of the greatest

The public school begins again Monday and the army of boys and girls will be wending their way, happy as a lark, to the temple of learning. "Tis well; the public school is the hope of America, the paladium of liberty.

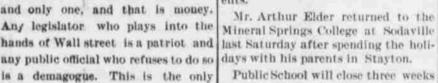
Statesmen of easy virtue are not particular to what party they belong United States towards the successful There is not an lota of difference revolutionists? If they had failed, whether he is a Republican or Demothe leaders would hang by the necks; crat. His principles are never a bur-If they win, the world will declare den to his conscience under any circumstances.



Agent, Columbus, Ohio, certifies that Dr. ng's New Discovery has no equal as a he was cured of a Cough of two years standt and never knew it to fail and would rather have it than any doctor, because it alway sures. Mr Hemming, 222 E. 25th St., Chicago, always keeps it at hand and has no fear of Croup, because it instantly relieves,

President Geddis, of the Mineral friend, Dr. C. H. Mack, who will con Springs College at Sodaville, was in tinue practice at the same officetown last week. He reports a full





pels him to denounce such an infernal conda. law as called the board into existence. "Oh, for more spirituality in the

We do not contend that the mem- pulpits and the pews !" That is the bers of the board can be blamed for bitter cry that comes from the pen of taking what the law allows them. the Congregational editor as he views But the law itself is one of the most the wreck and ruin wrought by Dr. shameless and senseless statutes that Brown's downfall. He has hit the even disgraced a state or robbed a keynote to the situation.

people. It is so manifestly unjust Given a man talented, attractive that we sometimes wonder how a fascinating, but not spiritually-mindpeople can be law abiding while hav- ed, not of "the spirit which is in ing to submit to its provisions. The Christ." There are men in the pullaw, as we understand it, allows each pits and pews who are not even Christmember \$10 a day and mileage for one jans, but the teachings of Christ nor round trip from his home to the the church are to blame for that. capital and return, so that Mr. Auldon

of Lakeview, gets \$399.60 for a part of The Oregonian has been reading the a month spent at Salem. Our com- silver men out of the Republican party. plaint, therefore, is not with the Now it is reading John Sherman out members of the board for taking \$10 of the party. A Republican must be a day, but rather with the unjust law a Cleveland single gold standard man which permits such charges, and with or he cannot belong to the Oregonian's the legislature which allows it to Republican party. We would like to exist. Here is the bill as it was paid. ask how many Republicans there are

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300 no money question cannot be made a

party question. If it is, there will be

In the first district the congress-

manship seems to lie between Binger |

Hermann and the eloquent man from

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ERIE MEDICAL CO., Buffalo, N. Y. | Plenher's Castoria.

Washington county.

A. C. Auldon, Lakeview 3 399 60 if that is to be the party test. The Woodcock, Eugene D. Gibson, Salem E. Watkins, Portland ... Wingate, Astoria G. Hunter, Island City... C. Willis, Hay Creek. W. Coolidge, sec., Eugene. 440 00 Frank Davey, clerk, Salem... Paul Vandersol, page.....

Well, so far as the wages of the list, if there is such a thing. But he clerk and secretary are concerned, we is not a goldbug enough to suit the understand the law says their pay extreme gold-standard men. "shall not exceed \$10 per day." Why was the very limit allowed these hard times when the people are threatened with a seven mill state tax for the year? While we have nothing but the kindliest feeling for Mr. Coolidge and Mr. Davey, yet we are quite sure that either gentleman would be glad to work for \$5 per day or less, and we are equally certain that just as competent men could be found to do the work at 88 per day. But they could pay 810 under the law, so there is no use in complaining of the men while the law remains in force.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Oastoria.

have added to this "the thousands of J. M. Dunivin made his usual Mondollars uselessly thrown away on day trip to Albany Monday in the innormal schools." There is no use of terest of the Stayton mill and will re talking, there has got to be some turn the last of the week.

Born-To the wife of Burnett "lopping off" done .--- McMinnville Transcript.

Thomas New Year's eve a boy Mother and child doing nicely. Miss Minnie Magers after a two

A 5-cent magazine! Fifty pages of week's visit at her home in Stayton reading matter and 74 half-tone illusreturned to Gates to continue her trations-that is the January "Roschool work at that place. Gates is mance," as now published by Current very fortunate in securing Miss Magers for their teacher in the public Literature company, 52 Lafayette sshool for she is not only a thorouh Place, New York. There are full-page teacher but is also a charming and acpletures by great painters and amateur complished young lady who is an orphotographers, scores of news and nament to any society in which she topical illustrations of men, women may move.

and events of the day. Gibson Willets continues his racy work as "The Interviewer."

E. M. Warren and G. W. Kutch now own the city baths and barbershop.

McMinnville Transcript.

Under the Harrison administration Deputy Grand Patriarch J. E. the national debt was reduced from Brooks went to Dayton Monday to in-\$830,000,000 to \$585,000,000. Under stall the officers of the L.O. O. F. Cleveland it was increased from \$585, encampment

and to a very slim following of Harvey Scott Mayor Chrisman and wife are home 000,000 to \$717,000,000. Now another 349 40 and Grover Cleveland, John Sherman \$100,000,000 is to be added, and if the from a tour of California. was never with that crowd. But he Miss Jennie Norwood, of Salem, has bond speculators have good luck, the is hardly to be considered as a bimetal-

debt the Republicans wiped out will C. Apperson. been visiting here sister here, Mrs. E. be fully incurred again by March,

Children Cry for

J. E. Todd has moved here from 1897, when Grover will retire. North Yamhill.

Miss Neva Nicklin has suffered Senator Coggswell has trained with

from a very sore hand. Jo. Simon so long he now threatens Ivan Daniels of the Star mills drew to join the Republican party. He the silver set at W.F.Diehlschneiders. says: "The reasons for my making Following are the newly elected the change I now contemplate are of officers of Foresters of America: A. no interest to the public." Politics H. C. Burns, Fin. Sec.; E. Hoff, Treas. M. Dee, C. R.; Wm. Schmidt, S. C. R.; with all such is a private matter .- J. H. Jordan, Rec. Sec.; A. Ford, S how best to serve their own pockets. W.; Wm. Poole, J. W.; J. Brower, S. Thank God, there are American citi- B.; A. Peterson, J. B.; Dr. A. J. Vial zens still left who do not put politics chosen court physician, and S. Wil-f son and H. Neal trustees. on so low a plane.

Eugene Journal.

Mrs. Davidson is a bad woman, P. W. Davis is now a professor o Mattie Overman was shakey, but is music in Philomath college. Dr. Brown, of 'Frisco, exactly a saint?

Rev. H. Hagist, of Salem, conducted German Lutheran services Sunday at the residence of F. L. Du-