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Zoet's Corner.

ORIGINAL. The Funr Year Old.

Did 'on see my 'ittle stottings, I did dit lots o' nice sings in um, But I dunno when I'll begin 'um.

Ldot a putty ittle trumpet, And such a heap of sings, so many I put them all away; an' I dot tandy too, But I sin't a goin' to dib on any.

Did 'ou see my nice new slate. I boke de old un, so I dot anuder, I put my 'ittle feet right troo it While I was runnin' after mudder

Do 'ou see how nice dat I tan draw My big round O's and sings, see um; I can make um look so nice, But den I tannot ever spell um.

I tan make elephants with great big nosts, A house too with mices running round it A great big heart, but mamma says A beart's a picture-no one ever found it

Where are the Friends of my Youth. In moods sentimental we're apt to ask questions That were best left unasked, if I must tell the truth:

I scribbled a poem on "Friends of my Youth."

" O, where are the Friends of my Youth," was Of lines I thought tender, and touching,

Twas all very well, but I rather regret it-That bursting into interrogative verse.

You'll see what I mean if you listen a moment; A nice sort of creatures they turned, out for-The next time I gush out in poetic rapture.

They seemed to pour in from earth's distant

Conveying the tidings Pd rashly requested-The doing of early and intimate friends.

John Smith wrote to say he was just then

(I couldn't see him at that moment 'twas plain) And Jones, who in youth had a turn for the Was gallery " checker" at old Drury Lane.

And Brown, who in boyhood was such a wild (I often had trouble to keep him in bounds). He dropped me a line, with apologies many,

To know if I'd lend him a couple of pounds. Young Aaron, who had a bend in his probocis, We hide looked him up when a trifle was lent Down Whitecapel way is a flaring pawnbroker

And lends out his money at sixty per cent. And young Thomas Tompkins had turned ou quite horsey.

I mind me he talked of the turf and its ways ; And Green, who we thought would grow up to

As clown in a circus was passing his life : And big Billy Bowles, whom we used to cal

Had bolted last summer with somebody's wife.

But why go on further !- 'tis but an affliction Each name as it turned up presented a blot. I think on the whole you'll join in the conviction The "Friends of my Youth" were a rather bad lot !

BREVITTES.

-Frontier settlers are much annoved by hoss-steal Indians.

may be crowded, it is always a loan-som -Why is love always represented as a

child?-because he never reaches the age of discretion. -Au old maid speaking of marriage, says its like any other disease; while

there is life there's hope. -A model surgical operation : To take the cheek out of a young man and the

-Is it likely that Horace Greelev or any other man could steer the ship of

State by means of the tillers of the soil? -Save Josh Billings: "I don't advise enny boddy to cultivate coons; they want as much waiting on as a blind mule on a

tow path, and there aint enny profit in

them more than in a stock dividend of the Erie Railway. -They are fond of titles in the East; among his other high sounding titles the King of Ava has that of "Lord of twenty four Umbrellas." This looks as if h had prepared for a long reign.

-Some clever fellow has manufactured hardkerchieft upon which the seat of war in Europe is stamped. They have proved an immense success, everybody wish poke his nose into the scene of conflict without danger.

-A colored inebriate was lying on a benck the other evening in his cell at the Central Station at Providence, when the officer made the round of inspection. Unable by the fitful gaslight to discover the prisoner's features, the officer asked "are you colored?" "No," answered the en-

franchised, drowsily, "I was born so." The proprietor of a hotel was bustling about the other morning at 10 o'cleck with twenty things to do, when juys of others. Indeed, several times she nome one asked him why he didn't call was shocked, almost horrified, at finding up his clerk. "I shan't call him as long a merry peal of laughter, as in olden days,

Miscellancous.

WIDOW'S WEEDS.

"MY DEAR FRIEND: I shall be very glad to accept your kind invitation to pass the summer with you, on your granting me one condition. You know something of my sad history; how at the age of nineteen, after six months of bliss, my idolized husband was ruthlessly torn from me by the destroyer—death. During nearly three years I have lived a secluded life, that has been sacred to the memory of my sainted James. I feel that I am yet wedded to him in everything-must be through life; and that I must not be

brought into contact with any frivolons company. It would be sacrilege to his memory, and I have no desire but to be left alone with my life-weight of sorrow, and remain as far removed from the thoughtless world as possible. If I can find any seclusion in your home, and if, during the period of my stay, you will socede to what may seem to you my selfish demands, and forbid your young and hap-py friends to visit you, or ut least to see me, I will gladly seek your home as a place of rest, and your heart as a twin ster in sympathy and consolation with this blighting grief of a life, and we will

monra togethei Your true friend, "MABEL ATHERTON."

Now, the lively little gray-haired womissive, puzzled over it a long time to purposes."

Now what to think of the writer, and at "Your insinuation is awful, aunt," re-

into supposing that this little woman, who had years enough to know better, was laughing through shear heartlessness at the imagined grief of the young Mra. Mabel Atherton, which found expression u her letter, within deep fringe of mourn-

Ay, that was it-"imagined grief," for the lively gray-haired woman of fifty. Mrs. Jane Fleming, had seen enough of the world in all its phases, and had withone or two, when of more than three or

reference only to those griefs which seek consness always."

"But no one was ever called upon to are griefs which lay their tender touch over all the elements of the heart and She did not perceive the pained, reut'erance—too pure for contact with the one who can cling to one object through life, and never seek another."

In a support was a copped, and we whispering of their own memory, and too full of heaven's mercies to prevert a life from its heaven endowed purposes of life and never need life, and never need unit my life, to prove that there is one who can cling to one object through life, and never need unother."

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in her face by those who were curious ly. with all the truth and devotion of a faith- of these visits to her retreat, leaning ness. ful heart was taken from her. That was heavenly on the arm of a young man.

years ago; and she, too, might have sit It was evident that something had befuldown in idleness, and frittered years away in selfish repining, but for the needs that speechless, and the old lady hastened to "W forced her to forget her griefs in severe relieve the young man of his burden and ward? struggles with the world; but even now, lead her to a conch. she sat in the twilight, with a

wandered with her. Sports for the nursery—bat and that Mabel Atherton had such a quiet had made its appearance from some dead think she was too much in company with it is his team, and he will bear the exwas laughing; but at the false grief, the mass rendered so powerless by her alarm deed, unwelcome thoughts, to the effect imagined duty to mourn loudly and to that she needed his assistance to reach that she really was forgetting him, somewear her sorrow on "her sleeve for daws the house." -However much a pawnbroker's shop wear her sorrow on "her sleeve for daws the house. to neck at."

duely found herself on her arrival at Mrs. Fleming's, clasped in the lady's arms, and proceed with a warm kiss, which made displayed in saving her from what the precious to her than ever before. her reciprocate these friendly advances

widow Fleming had been the dearest triend of Mabel Atherton's mother. This bond at once made them fast friends, Mabel was made to feel she was sincerely welcome at this country home.

During the first days of her stay with Mrs. Fleming the sweet, sad faced little form, wrapped in sable habiliments of tabooed, and Mabel favored the patient take cold if it were removed, I suppose, mourning, with not a vestige of white to old lady with repeated thrilling accounts of the young doctor's terrific combat with satisfied with this bold proceeding on the chronic melancholy, and sat during the long days and evenings in a lethargy of hopefulness, looking with expressionless life."

eyes and face into the future, or, if "A speaking, sending a grave-like chill with served her warmest thanks." every word, and wandering off as soon as possible into panegyrics over the dead, or taking joyless views of the future, with much the same zest that one idulges in a good dinner with indigestion lurking be-

You have seen such people, my friends and no doubt have thought, as I do, that it is the most extreme selfishness, to humanity and thanklessness to heaven thus to wrap one's self in the shroud of one's own griefs, and expect all the world to

abandon their duties and mourn also. Mabel Atherton did not realize this; somehow Mrs. Fleming had a way of dropping in at the moment when she st despairing, and exercising these sable spirits by drawing her thoughts away into pleasanter channels, and making her forget self in the cares, hopes and as I can help it. replied he; "for when be is in hed I know where he is, but after ere she could control it; after which cohe is up, I don't know where to find him. currence she would do pennance by re-

not so gloomy, and her heart was lighter; while the world did not seem so bad a world as before she came to this lively old lady, whose thoughts always wandered in-

to pleasanter places.
"Mubel," Mrs. Fleming said to the young widow, one day, "you must find the constant company of an old woman like me very tiresome. A number of my

"O auntie! (for she had learned to call the old lady thus) the bare mention of such a purpose is perfectly shocking, and for me to consent to it would be a sacrilege to the dear memory of my lost treasure."

"But you must have some enjoyment,

my ear. There is no enjoyment for me in this world, for my life is buried in the grave with my sainted James, and I beg the world to forget me, as all in it but me now."

Inps, might, I suppose, be also attributed to the young doctor's visits.

"Mabel, darling," said the old lady, one day, "where are you wandering to now." have forgotten him. I want no consolution but his memory, and I shall find no wild flowers." happiness until I am laid by his side."
"So you think now."

of several months, when they commence over with life that I cannot remain a new existence, with other feeling and in." man who was the recipient of the above a new existence, with other feeling and

during these three years."
"The more need you should change at once," dryly responded the old lady." "Your words terrify me. I can never forget my lost one."
"Neither should you. But while we

should remember that our lives are not from any one else, and I am sure that if neck a little," shouted Nash as he passed posited. We have our duties in life as well as they had, and their removal does not absolve us from them, but rather raises up new obligations to their fulfill.

Then he would be very generous. Then he would be very generous. They one can live within himself one!"

The young man's visits are very frefamily to the show but I'll see thee and should ever force upon all who come in contact with us the sense of our hereave-

and head, breathing a gentler hush over proachful look that came to her from the the spirit, and tinging with a golden old lady's eyes, and she continued: glow of quiet, peaceful submission, every "And I will wear deepest mourning

The young man was already known to for that." peaceful calm in her face, her eyes were Mrs. Fleming as Ernest M'Clelland, the looking through the shadows, and her physician, and in reply to her look of inphysician, and in reply to her look of in-quiry he explained the cause of Mabel's the dear old auntic did realize how good, home spun appearance to be nothing but thoughts were wondering down cob-web quiry he explained the cause of Mabel's bed and dust-begrimmed vistas, to that helplessness. It seemed that while passgolden period of her existence when he ing along the road he had been attracted by her screums, and going to her assist-She has never married since. She be- ance, had found that the alarm had been She has never married since. She because, had found that the alarm had been casm in that last utterance of hers. She lieved, too, in her good, generous heart occasioned by a harmless snake, which had been afraid that the old lady might sense of loss in her heart as we have de- leaves near which she was seated. After the young man, and that she was forgetscribed above, and it was not at it she dispatching the snake, he saw that she ting the one whom she mourned for ; in-

and when he ventured to beg the privilege These two never met before, but the of calling the following day, to learn if

pleasant alarm, the request was readily granted by Mabel and acquiesced in by Mrs. Fleming, with a smile which might have meant nothing-or a great deal.

" She felt that he was the savior of her

"And." the old lady remarked, "de-"Yes, her eternal gratitude."
"A noble man," Mabel thought.

"Worthy to be received as a friend." Mrs. Fleming continued. "He was a genuine hero," Mabel "A highly respected gentleman," the

old lady knew. "So self-possessed, so brave, so regardless of personal risk!" "A pleasant talker."

"Handsome, dignified, noble in his "And an agreeable companion." With such expressive eyes, and grand ntellectual face, and delightful waving

nair, and musical voice, and deferential her enthusiasm, for want of breath to continue.

"He was considered the best catch in the neighborhood," the old lady assured

Hare the young widow was silent.
"And," pursued the old hady, "though to wear mourning all the time."

lapsing into a deeper shade of sadness, the snake was perfectly harmless, and any and talking more frequently of her eight-year old boy would have done as mourned idol. Yet, withal, her face was much as this doctor who was suddenly

the following morning, and every day thereafter. In the time consumed dur-ing these visits, Mabel had little leisure to think of the sainted dead; and the notable change in her appearance, the ripened color in her cheeks, the happy light in ed Nash.

"Dr. M'Clelland will accompany me, So I think! O, auntie! do you know you know, and I am never afraid when that I shall think so all my life?"

"Yes, as girls' lives go, which are spans of enjoyment, and I am so brimming

"Is that right, Mabel?" said the old last her conclusion on this point was made evident by the hearty, good-natured laugh she indulged in.

Don't be shocked, my sensitive readers,

"Your insinuation is awful aunt," replied Mabel; "but my own life proves its incorrectness. I have not changed during these three years."

"The more need you should change at laugh she indulged in the grave of your life is buried in the grave of your laugh she indulged in the grave of your laugh she would be a sensitive readers." joyment for you in this world, and that his march, gave his trunk a sweep, taking pedient.

your life is buried in the grave of your the bull on the side, crushing in his ribs

As firs lost treasure?"

"Now, auntie, your insinuation is very cruel," murmared the widow, in a hurt striking on his head as he came down, tone and with tears in her eyes. "I have breaking his neck and killing him in-"Neither should you. But while we never ceased to mouru for my great stantly.

grieve tenderly over the departed we bereavement. Dr. M'Clelland is different should remember that our lives are not from any one else, and I am sure that if neck a little," should Nash as he passed

four months', or we'll say at the utmost, coutact with us the sense of our hereavea year's duration, are but the preverted ment by word, look or dress. Bethink foibles of a silly brain, or monomania of a disordered intellect.

Remember, this wise little woman had to all, that they might see it in its hidRemember, this wise little woman had to all, that they might see it in its hidRemember than once in two words all ways more than once in two (Now don't forget the date.) In less than

been very ill after that terrible fright, so he ventured to accost her, (not think-"I agree, darling, that his course of sued: treatment has been very beneficial to

ber retreat down by a wooded stream, and She had such a grief, hidden from the world's view, and it was never perceived solitude indulged in her pet melaucho-every day to accompany me in my walka danghter? Just think, I should not dare to go out One day Mrs. Fleming was suprised of the house for fear of those dreadful years, her husband, whom she had loved and alarmed to see her return from one snakes if it were not for his thoughtful-

"No doubt he is very disinterested." "And I shall never be able to repay "Why, can he be looking for a re-

" Of course."

was, though, for the moment, and the ugined there was a slight tinge of sarthem.

"Well, Dick," said the younger, aside "Well, Dick," said the younger, and Mabel had by the time this recital was often now as formerly. She was silencing At any rate the young widow received made recovered from her fright sufficientthe desired assurance of seculsion, and ly to make an effort to convince Mrs. land would never, never presume to be Fleming that Dr. M'Clelland had done more to her than her dearest living friend,

And thus having satisfied the old lady with more animation than she had ex- in a dreadful death. Her expressions of and quieted her own conscience, she pressed in any act for a long time pre- gratitude to him were warm and sincere, thought it was only right to make amends for her miserable doubts about the doctor of calling the following day, to learn if by leaning more heavily on his arm and she had entirely recovered from the un- looking more confidingly into his eyes, that shown down on her with such a warm light. It was natural that he should pass his arm around her to help her over the murshy places, and as natur-During the remainder of the day and al that he should retain it there, only evening the memory of the dead was with a closer pressure-lest she might arise from the grave to forbid it; and. of course, after this proof of her dead idol's acquiescence, Mabel could not find

it in her her heart to object
The following morning Mabel manifested a good deal of trepidation about something, the nature of which Mrs. Fleming could not divine for a moment.

' Auntie!" "I am listening, darling."
"Do you think there would be any harm in my wearing with cuffs and col-

"None in the least child; nor if you went farther and discarded mourning altog-ther."
"Gracious! auntie, you shock me fear-

fully. "As I did a number of weeks when I proposed that you should put on a white collar. But Mabel, I amy dying with curiosity to know what good influ-Mabel was stopped in the full flow of ence has been at work to occasion this query of yours."
"I—I look so fearfully horrid in deep mourning, with nothing to relieve it."
"And has it taken you three years to

find that out ?" "And-and Ernest thinks I ought not The Bull and the Elephant.

Shavy was a quarrelsome old fellow much as this doctor who was suddenly metamorphosed into a hero of wonderful proportions, it was due to him that he should be received as a friend."

Mabel bridled up at this insinuntion against the great during of her new found hero. She could not be convinced that this particular snake was anght else than the most venomous of reptiles, that would literally have devoured her, but for the opportune appearance of the physician. The story is told in his mapner:

young friends are anxious to manifest their sympathy for you and to lend some little enjoyment to your stay among us; and I have decided upon baving a quiet social gathering of them here, some afternoon. It is point, that is appearance of the physician. The story is told in this manner:

A short time since Van Amburg's menus assertions and I have decided upon baving a was permitted to retire unshaken in her belief.

The young doctor made his appearance of the physician. A short time since Van Amburg's menus assertions as a lesson. The story is told in this manner:

A short time since Van Amburg's menus assertions as a lesson. The young doctor made his appearance of the physician. The story is told in this manner:

A short time since Van Amburg's menus consistency of the elephant, Tippoo Saib, as he was passing over the road with his alarbhear. discovered Shavy, scated upon a fence, watching a bull which he had turned on the road. It was pawing and bellowing and throwing up a dust generally.
"Take that bull out of the way," shout-

the prospect of a scrimmage—the old felthe prospect of a straining the inshould be directed to a careful review of twincibility of his bull, which was really all the most important and essential inshould be directed to a careful review of twincibility of his bull, which was really

with his enormous tusks, and then raised

in her own life enough of its experiences, ment. No one can live within himself quet."

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That is because our residence is on lady's words, my dear friends) of twenty- and heaven. Neither is it best that we his way from visiting his patients in the phant. phant

or three weeks."

(Now don't forget the date.) In less than
"It is very compassionate in him to two years he dried his tears, but refusing call so frequently to learn if we are all to mingle, he remained single. In 1862 well, when his time must be so precious he concluded to go down and visit the old "That he can devote the half of every proached he met a damsel aged fifteen. day to our humble selves," dryly put in There was something in her features he glow of quiet, peaceful submission, every "And I will wear accepts mounting the old lady. "Now, auntie, I am sure I should have her daughter," he hastened to conclude "Now, auntie, I am sure I should have her daughter," he hastened to conclude an he ventured to accost her, (not think remembered to have seen. "It must be

"Smith (who lisped a little)-Ain't your name Jonesth Smith-Ain't you Mrs. Tham Jonesth

Miss Jones - Yes, sir. Smith-Well, Miss Jonesth. plaguey near being father wonth.

FILIAL LOVE.-A plain old gentleman went with his team to bring home his sons, two young sprigs who were soon'expecting to graduate. While returning they stopped at a hotel in a country "Oh! no, auntie; he is too unselfish town for dinner. The landlord, struck with the dashing appearance of the two gentlemen, made himself very officious, while he took the old gentleman from his the driver to sit at the same table with

pensus, I think we had better let him eat

"Yes, I think so too, under the circum-stances," Dick replied; "Landlord, give him a place at the table."

A waggish journalist who is often merry over his personal plainness, tells this story on himself: "I went to a chemist's the other day

for a dose of morphine for a sick friend, The assistant objected to giving it to me vithout a prescription, evidently fearing should be regarded as unnecessarily rapid that I intended to commit suicide, and oppressive, then a movement to re"Pshaw!" said I "do I look like a man vise and modify taxation may meet with who would kill himself?"

Gazing steadily at me a moment he re-"I don't know. It seems to me if I looked like you I should be greatly tempted to kill myself."

A Yankee wagered a Dutchman hat he could swallow him. The Dutch-'ye don't tuink I am going to swallow e whole do ye?"

across the Chicago river. He pitched him some ten or fifteen feet into the water, and he swam to the shore and claimed the

"No ye don't," said the Yankee, resolutely: "do you thick I'm going to give up so? No, slr; I'll do it, if I try all

Governor's Message.

To the Senate and House of Representatives Gentlemen :- An All-wise Providence has permitted you to assemble under circumstances demanding profound grati-tude to the great Lawgiver of the Uni-verse. Onr acknowledgments are first due to Him whese band has not grown

estimable privileges we enjoy, and the happy and prosperous condition of our great and growing Commonwealth.

this word the dear memory of my lost treasure."

"But you must have some enjoyment, or "But you must have some enjoyment, ove."

"Enjoyment! the word is dreadful to my ear. There is no enjoyment for me in this world, for my life is buried in the young doctor's visita. "Madel, darling," said the old lady, the world to forget me, as all in it but me to the world to forget me, as all in it but me to mave forgotten him. I want no consolution but his memory, and I shall find no may piness until I am laid by his side."

"But you must have some enjoyment, the word is dreadful to make for me in her epesa, and the smiles wreathing her lips, might, I suppose, be also attributed to the young doctor's visita. "Madel, darling," said the old lady, one day, "where are you wandering to mave forgotten him. I want no consolution but his memory, and I shall find no may piness until I am laid by his side."

"For a ramble over the pastures after monophiness until I am laid by his side."

"But are you not afraid of the sanke?" "Dr. M'Clelland will accompany me," the prospect of a scrimmage—the old fel
"Take that bull out of the way, "shout-to de Nash.

"Proceed with thy elephant," was the people, and perhaps uever more so than now, when an unusual amount of necessisty greeneral legislation will occupy your attention, and questions of the highest importance will be discussed and acted on. I sincerely trust your industry and faith-tion the reves, and the smiles wreathing her lips, might, I suppose, be also attributed to the way," shout-to way, "all ways a matter of deep interest to the people, and perhaps uever more so than now, when an unusual amount of necessistation will occupy your attention, and questions of the highest importance will be discussed and acted on. I sincerely trust your industry and faith-the geople, and a life expensation.

"Don't trouble thyself about the bull. Shavy, rubbing his hands with delight at the provided in the econd the way," and instituted to the unit attention, and questions of the highest in the c

Amid such circumstances our attention baving great confidence in the invincibility of his bull, which was really the terror of the whole contry around.

Tippoo Siab came on with his uncouth shambling gait. The bull lowered his head and make a charge directly at the elephant.

Old Tippoo, without even pausing in elephant.
Old Tippoo, without even pausing in measures as are deemed necessary and ex-

As first and most important, I will present a carefully prepared and precise statement of the financial condition of the Common wealth.

PINANCER the people upon the satisfactory condition of the Treasury.

Every demand upon it for ordinary and other expenses has been promptly paid, and the public debt materially reduced, which has inspired such public confiidence in the securities of the Common wealth as to cause them to command the

Ordinary receipts, Balance in Treasury Nov 30, 1869,

Total in Treasury, Nov. 30, 1870, Ordinary expenses paid during the year, ending Nov. 30, 1870,

Loans, &c. redcemed. Interest on loans. Total.

Balance in Treasury Nov. 30, 1870, PUBLIC DERT. The public debt, Nov. 30, 1870, was

\$31.111.661.90. On the 15th day of Jan. 1867, the total State debt was 307,102,203,11.

Since then and up to Nov. 30, 1870,the sum of \$5,592,737.87 has been paid. The boroughs, on subjects which ought to be reduction during the year ending Nov. 30, 1870 is \$1,702,879.05.

The average reduction per annum, for the last four years, is \$1,548,187. In view of the fact that prior to 1st of July, 1872, nearly eight million dollars of the public debt will be due, and in order that the Commonwealth may continue to meet all its obligations promptly at maturity, I recommend that such made by the Legislature as will author ize the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to sell all the assets that may be in their possession, and apply the proceeds to the extinguishment of the debt; or at the option of the holders, to exchange them for the outstanding bonds of the

Common wealth. The indebtedness of the State might be paid in the following manner:
As already shown, it was on Nov. 30, 1870, about \$31,000,000, from which am't if the said assets, \$9,500.000, be deducted. there would remain unnaid \$21,500,000 After which, estimating the revenues and expenditures to continue as at present.

the entire liabilities of the State would be liquidated in about eight years. If this method of paying the State deb and oppressive, then a movement to remuch more general favor.

Our debt is now held firmly by those to whom it is a great benefit to have so secure an investment. A certain reduction of one million dollars per annum on it would perhaps be more satisfactory them and to the people, than to strive to pay it off so hastily. In an endeavor to force things under the present mode of man lay down upon a board and the taxation, there is great danger of driving Yankee bit his toe severely. The victim capital away from our manufacturing screamed with pain and told him to stop centres. The landholder has been exemp "Why, ye 'tarnel fool," cried Jonathan, ted from taxes on his land for State pur entrea. The landholder has been exempposes, and the burden shifted upon the active, energetic and enterprising por-The same fellow waggered another tions of the community, who have always Duichman that he could throw him had their full share to bear.

The farmer is at case and runs no risk, while the business man, merchant and manufacturers are the motive power of the community, upon which the himself must in a great measure depend for a realization of his industry. A more liberal policy toward those engaged in mercantile, mannfacturing, railroad and mining pursuits should be adopted. Un-They tell a good story in Milwaukie lest these interests are fostered and kept of a hawyer who came back, after some in full operation all classes of the people years' absence from the city, and went will suffer. They are the very life-blood almost immediately into the trial of a ju-ry case. "I believe," said he to his op- be chilled or impeded by overburdening ponent, as he glanced at the occupants of them with taxation for the immediate

dens of any more taxation than shall be dens of any more taration than shall be necessary for the gradual payment of the debt, as is last above indicated, and to defend the frugal expenses of the administration of the government. Renouncy and reform should no longer be advocated as glittering generalities, or there abstractions, without meaning or intent, but as vital, living realities.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

due to Him whese band has not grown weary in showering blessings in profusion upon the people in every department of industry, and crowning their toil with richest rewards.

The circumstances under which you commence the duties of the present session are indeed auspicious; and at no former period in our history has there been greater cause for felicitation upon the ingreater cause for felicitation upon the people in every department of officer has given me abundant opportunities of our fundamental law, and the legislation of the State. This experience as an executive officer has given me abundant opportunities of our fundamental law, and the legislation of the State. This experience as an executive officer has given me abundant opportunities of our fundamental law, and the legislation of the State. This experience as an executive officer has given me abundant opportunities of our fundamental law, and the legislation of the State. This experience as an executive officer has given me abundant opportunities of our fundamental law, and the legislation of the State. This experience as an executive officer has given me abundant opportunities of our fundamental law, and the legislation of the State. This experience has at recent law of our fundamental law, and the legislation of the State. This experience has a trongly impressed me that there should be a thorough revision of the State.

Amid such circumstances our attention ernment, in such manner as they may

Constitution were approved and ratified by a majority of the qualified voters of

The most important were those of 1850 making the judges of the courts elective; of 1857 creating a sinking fund, regulating the public debt and legislative districts; and that of 1854 conferring the right of suffern properties. It affords me pleasure to congratulate right of suffrage upon those engaged in the mili ary service of the State or action, and imposing sundry restraints apon the Legislature.

These amendments, though important and valuable, give an incongruous and sort of patch-work character to the Constitution, and are not consonant with the requirements of the times.

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many wholesome restrictions on the power and jurisdiction of the Legislature;
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> regulated by general laws, operating uniformly apon all. Second.—It is impossible for the citizens, judges of the courts, or members of tricts; and frequently on removal from one county to another, our people find themselves under almost entirely different

> codes. Third.- Practically, the wholy theory of our Constitution and government is subverted and destroyed by the present system of local enactments. Representa-tive government is based on the idea that the laws shall be framed by, and be the result of, the collective wisdom of the people's representatives. But what are the actual facts? The minds and efforts of the members are so wholly absorbed by private and local bills that it is almost impossible to get a general or public act considered or passed. The special and local bills are usually drawn by the memher representing the locality, or by some one from the district interested in the proposed law. By what is called courtesy, t is considered a breach of etiquette fo any member of the Senate or House to interfere with or oppose a merely private or local bill of any other member. The result is, the bills are passed as originally prepared, examination or comparison of views,—often crude and ill-digested, and without regard to constitutional requirements, or sound public policy. Some of the worst of these hasty and hadly considered enactments are arrested every year by Executive interposition; but in the nature of the case, the veto at best can only be made a partial restraint upon the evil; and nothing can eradicate it short of constitutional prohibition.

Fourth.-Special legislation is the great and impure fountain of corruption, private speculations and public wrongs. has become a repreach to republican gov-ergment, and is one of the most alarming evils of the times. Judicious amendments to the Constitution would arrest and destroy the growing evil; and it is the duty of every patriotic citizen to co-operate in all lawful measures to effect so desirables change as demanded. Every bill presented for adoption should be read, at least once in full, and the year and nays be recorded on its final passage.

Fifth.—It is important that the State

Constitution should be made to conform
to the Constitution of the United States

as recently amended. Sixth.—The subject of minority repre the jury box, "I know more than half of these fellows, if I have been away so long."
"Undoubtedly," was the reply, "you do know all of them."

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