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NO CONCLUSION IN SIGHT.

Those who fondly imagine that President Wilson's policy of watchful wafting is leading to any definite conclusion in Mexico may be enlightened scribes a corrupt, bankrupt government, headed by a drunken dictator, who boasts that he is "just a common Indian"; a people indifferent to the fate of the nation and given over to pleasure, while rapine and murder are on all sides; concessions hawked ing her rake-off; armies of peons dragged from the fields and sent like prisoners to fight for a cause in which they have no interest. The white men 65 per cent pure Indian and 20 per cent half Indian is "uninterested in the war or the future of their coun-He sums up the situation thus:

The rober truth is that nearly all the splest men of Mexico have selfishly left Bloodthirsty, dissolute, corrupt, "supreme and only master of everything," Huerta is as incapable of es-

tablishing constitutional government as the people are of maintaining it, are no more so. After a year of warfare since the death of Madero, they have obtained control of the thinlybeen able to take no fortified towns. without hindrance, they halt before the walls of Torreon, and the muchbut a bandit, who scoffs at law and levies. Great Britain in the Benton affair. hoping thereby to bolster up his pop-Thus, ere the final victory is

plunder, has enabled the rebels to accomplish so little, how much longer will it be before they can conquer the rest of the country, which the richest and contains four-fifths. of the population? As they advance southward, they will move farther from their base, while Huerta will concentrate his forces nearer his base and will gradually, if beaten, draw into the capital, which is well supplied with artillery and garrisoned by veteran troops, most faithful to him, The struggle appears to have just be-

Would not a rebellion against Car- no authority to make reduction, ranga and Villa follow that against Huerta and the whole bloody drama derstand the term?

ders as that of Benton, and the Brit- must needs be maintained. ish investor, enraged at the destruc-

Mexico wants. Then why not recogthe Mexican kaleidoscope a man of Three years ago in the tax-paying promising modern writer, the author as high type as Madero came to the period The Oregonian said: top, he would not long remain there

The task Mr. Wilson has undermeans which give hope of success are every taxpayer. armed conquest and prolonged occu- In the two years from 1911 to 1913 accomplishes more or less good. But pation, which the American people the number of men in the police deare strongly averse to using. But partment of Portland increased 38 per

most cherished principle of foreign policy.

THE LITTLE FELLOW'S CRIME.

The gentlemen who are organizing campaign for a referendum upon the Daly water meter imposition are obviously in earnest. They are preparing their plans in the open. They are supported by an overwhelming public sentiment. They are making a direct appeal from the three-to-two of the City Commission to the rate paying public. They are strictly within their rights. They are performing what they conceive to be a public duty. There is no hypocrisy or hugger-mugger or humbug about it.

Now the members of the committee are being attacked by the Daly newspaper for the helnous crime of being small water-rate payers. Two pay 75 cents per month, one 75 cents to 85 cents, one 90 cents and one 95 cents to \$2. How much taxes, water or property, shall a man pay to qualify him to declare and maintain his rights s a citizen under our popular system

of government? Yet we have been told-loudly, belligerently, tearfully-that the opposition to the costly and foolish watermeter venture was the "big interests. The "big interests" were good Daly in his innocent and unobjectionable plan of spending off-hand by reading an article which James a half million dollars of public mon-Creelman has written from Mexico eys, all for the benefit of the little City for the New York Mail. He de- fellow, represented by the consumer who pays the minimum rate of 75 Now the little fellow is being lampooned and maligned because he has the temerity to say something the self-constituted guardians of his in-

terests do not want him to say. There is no exclusive right of proprietorship in the referendum. It was about the city and Huerta's wife tak- not devised for the use or enjoyment of any class or creed. It is no jughandled device to be employed by one group of citizens to embarrass and cripple any other class. If it is not proper to appeal to the referendum to own practically everything except the proper to appeal to the referendum to government; the population, which is prevent waste and correct incompetence in public administration it is a crime ever to use it.

It is no crime to be a little fellow, otherwise a 75-cent water-rate con-

President Wilson's theory that the masses of Mexico are yearning for constitutional government would be laughable were the consequences of his blunder not so terrible. His idea that when the Huerta government is crushed the leading men of Mexico car, be got together to secure constitutional liberty, order and peace is absolutely baseless in fact.

The rebel forces are inspired to fight by their fierce love of looting, burning and violating women. The federal forces serve through fear of their removaeless master.

The rober truth is that nearly all the splest mas of Mexico to the people's. It happens the changing Seattle fashions. its forgiving arms. Seattle is assured that in the changing Seattle fashions as to Mayors Hi Gill suits the present humor of that volatile city.

It is not hard to understand and explain Seattle's apparent change of front as to Hi Gill. Elected Mayor on an open-town platform, Seattle rebut the so-called Constitutionalists called him and has had ever since what passed for a closed town. A purity police squad and an impeccable purpose to live down the unsavory peopled northern states, which have record of the red-light reign, were but a fifth of the population, but have the principal characteristics of succeeding regimes. The people of Se-Though now able to import arms attle got tired of police intrusion into their personal concerns and were diverted again to a thoughtful considheralded march on Mexico City is eration of the high cost of living as not begun. Their General, Villa, is emphasized by the increased tax

But it would be unjust to say that ranza, seeing his power slipping into the hands of the victorious General, of Gillism. It is in fact a repudiation the hands of the victorious General, plays upon the anti-foreign prejudices of the rebel army by vetoing Villa's concessions to the United Section of Gillism. It is in fact a repudication of the attempted domination of Section of the attempted domination of Section of the Initial Section of Gillism. It is in fact a repudication of the attempted domination of Section of Gillism. It is in fact a repudication of the attempted domination of the attempted domination of the attempted domination of the section of Gillism. It is in fact a repudication of the attempted domination of the attem concessions to the United States and Great Britain in the Benton affair, mental reservations, the professions of Gill that he would sin no more; but he offered the best way out from the won, dissension breaks out among the things his opponent, Mr. Trenholme, rebel leaders. paniments of wholesale bloodshed, acknowledged sponsors of Mr. Trenholme. Seattle would have none of them in legislation.

be assumed that, out of the stern rectitude of his new-found conscience, he will make Seattle a desiceated Sahara of laundered purity.

HOW CAN TAXES BE LOWERED?

land with intent to reduce taxes? We drug addictions, among the taxpayers today would be sively. puzzled to answer the question were If the rebels should succeed, what he placed at the head of the munici- boy living in Bridgeport, Connecticut, improvement would the murderous pal government with autocratic pow- who became a drug flend himself and bandit, Villa, be upon the murderous ers. In 1913 the tax rate levied for who led a hundred of his companions drunkard, Huerta? What possibility city purposes produces \$2,418,614. into the same evil courses. The story would there be that Carranza, even if But Portland was assessed \$6,000,000 is instructive from many points of Villa remained faithful to him and more than that for Port, School Dis- view. The depraved youth obtained even if he made an honest attempt, would succeed in establishing constl- as to three-fourths of the taxes the sician, whose automobile he cared for. tutional rule with such material? imaginary city autocrat would have His work was paid for by prescrip-

be re-enacted? Can such schooling himself confronted by certain necessi- boy it was passed on to his companqualify the indifferent, loot-loving In- ties which he would be powerless to lons. What shall we think of a phydians to found a democracy as we un- contract. The item of bonded indebt- sician who would be guilty of such a We cannot expect that Europe will \$400,000 annually in interest. These of him at all, but to bear in mind continue indefinitely to endure our bonds, totalling more than \$14,000,000, the lesson that people of his kind are policy of watchful waiting. While the are obligations imposed on the city likely to thwart every law, no matcanal tolls dispute is pending, England by the people themselves. The pro- ter how strict it may be. may restrain her impatience, but only ceeds have gone for conveniences like in the hope that we shall the more bridges, docks, parks, boulevards, cre- drug addictions in all parts of the readily yield on that point. We may materies, a police station and an au- world and written most instructively pay this high price for British tolera- ditorium, all of which call for maintion of delay, but how long will the tenance and repairs. Other municirespite be permitted to extend? Sure-ly a time will come when British na-cost of which is not represented in model. It hampers drug sales by tional pride, outraged by such mur- general bond obligations of the city, druggists and manufacturers in al-

Probably after one had analyzed tion of his capital, will insist that the whole cost of city government he the names of the doctors who granted their government do semething. If would find that the only way toward them and the patients who used them. Britain should hang back, other na- economy is in cessation of certain No prescription may be used twice. tions, having less reason for consider- civic activities and a relentless and All files and records are to be open to ing our susceptibilities, may prod her courageous reduction of the number the Board of Health for inspection.

on with hints that if she does not act of employes on the city payroll.

they will. Must we then throw another sop to the hungry Cerberus?

Judging by the fact that Mexicans choose to follow such men as Huerta debtedness, an equally earnest spirit demonstrate it. But all the time while and Villa, between whom there is of economy has not been indicated in one is perusing legislation of this ifftie choice, that is the kind of ruler the establishment of new public en- sort the mind is haunted by ominous terprises for which bonds are not nec- doubts. The method is fascinatingly nize as agent for Mexico in its deal- essary nor in the taking on of em- thorough to ings with us the man who exercises ployes. In 1911 The Oregonian issued after all, is it the right method? Can the powers of government? If that a warning against city extravagance, we reform sinners by fixing taboos man be not Huerta, he will be Car- Portland was then growing rapidly, upon their sins? This question has ranza or Villa. If hy some turn of Times were unusually prosperous, been powerfully put by a young and

and the old scenes of civil war would be repeated.

If the flush of presperity are forts to pursue and capture the mon-more than generous. Extravagance sters of victous habit? Dr. Towns' retaken of securing for Mexico orderly, pinch comes, and the pinch is sure upon an errant psychology will constitutional rule is hopeless of ac-complishment by the means to which

ternative to abandonment of their lice, street-cleaning and engineering, 236 men were added to the payrolls and the increase in salaries was \$217,- not seem to have been discovered. 049. In these four departments is rep resented an added cost in salaries equivalent to one-half the entire in-

1913 over 1911. It is not the intent to imply that oaded. They are given as examples of the results of the growing conception of public officials as to the ger eral needs of the city. Along with new positions in established departments, new departments have been branched out into new work. The establishment of new departments requires the creation of new positions. Portland thus has an army of em loyes that increases year by year, but only part of that increase is an outme of growth in population.

Plainly, however, there is not a sigopportunity to reduce taxes by economy in municipal affairs alone Economy, to make a respectable showing in the tax receipts, must extend to school, district, county and state as well as city.

BUILDING UP AN ALASKA LINE.

The Alaska steamship line which vas started from Portland yesterday their own wicked way to defeat the is the result of earnest work by enterprising, public - spirited citizens, who have brought about commercial relations with the canners of Alaska They have secured traffic for the steamship and business for Portland merchants by representing to the can ners that they can not only buy their supplies here to as good advantage as in other cities, but can obtain banking accommodations here,

Their efforts have been so successis owned in Portland has severed its with Seattle and bought its supplies here on the assurance that it can make financial arrangements here. It needs \$30,000 to \$40,000 to do its season's business, has ample assets and is rated A-1 by commercial agencies. It should be able to obtain the money in Portland as a matter of pure business; it should obtain the loan all the more readily because thereby a public enterprise which will redound to the advantage of the city will be materially helped.

The way to sustain a transportation

DRUG HABITS AND THE LAW.

The spread of the addiction to habit-forming drugs in the United States is said by physicians who have investigated the subject to be a men-ace to our National life. They tell us facts of the most ominous description. For instance we are assured by Dr. Charles B. Towns, a great authority, that in the United States we consume more opium per capita than the Chinese at home. Again it is said that we consume more habit-forming drugs than all Europe each year Facts of this kind ought to give pause even to the most blinded optimists. Here is an evil of frightful propor-

Dr. Towns remarks incidentally that our headlong addiction to drugs grows out of a peculiar National psychology. Evidently it must. But who has studied this unfortunate psychology? Who knows precisely what traits of it account for drug addiction? Nobody has as yet thought it worth while to pay much attention to this aspect of the matter. It is another peculiarity of ours that we trust to law to do almost everything for us Although drug habits are rooted in psychology and the inner life, the only The "rich men" of Seattle were the

tions. What are we going to do about

us hope so as long as hope is possible. tory and deserved the eternal gratiattle a closed town. But it is not to But it is just as well to bear in mind tude of his fellow men. Deeds like that men like Brand Whitlock, who his are their own reward. It is meet matters, say that restrictive laws are press their appreciation, but his fame There is no doubt what- is secure without them. of no use. ever that the general trend of modern social thought lies in the same direction. We must probably do some-Where is the best place to begin thing more effective than passing laws pruning cost of government in Portand paid when others go penniless. fancy that the strongest objector rible the facts prove only too conclu-

There is a typical account of one tions for this drug, which is a prepa-As to the two million odd dollars ration of opium very seductive in its collected for city purposes he would find effects and pleasant to take. From this edness alone costs Portland about crime? Perhaps it is best not to think

Dr. Towns, who has investigated upon the subject, has drawn up a law for New York, which he thinks may \$640,000. most every imaginable way. Prescrip tions must be filed and preserved with

of "A Preface to Politics." Have we "The people and the Legislative not taken the wrong road in our efnow will augment hard times if the mark that all such habits depend has limited himself. The only this prediction is now apparent to pile. Law skims the surface and as it slips along over the waves no doubt

To all our legislation, no matter rather than see a European army cent. Had the population grown in how well intended, the depths of hu- nursery! landed on independent American soil, the same proportion there would have man nature, where the sources of evil they will resort to these means. They been more than 300,000 persons in lie, remain forever inaccessible. What will approach the work with much Portland in 1913. The engineering de- we really need is some force that can grumbling and will not forgive the partment increased its force 32 per penetrate the man to his innermost man who forced upon them this al- cent. In four departments, fire, po- and transform him. Is there any such

force in the world? We dare say there ON A VOYAGE WITH STEVENSON WHERE TAXES ARE FAR TOO HIGH is, but the secret of utilizing it does

Now that we understand the true cause of the divorce evil we shall rease in tax revenues of Portland in abandon the vain endeavor to remedy it by preaching and legislation and trip from Hawaii to Samoa which he betake ourselves to dress reform. Cor- and his wife took on the S. S. Mariposa, these departments alone are over- sets it is that play the mischief with the year of the Chicago World's Fair. matrimonial happiness. So says Dr. How well I remember the first impres-Maude L. Dunne, of Boston, and she sion on seeing them take their seats ought to know, for she doesn't wear opposite me at the captain's table, corsets and she is not married. Her The slim, kindly man and the robust, argument is convincingly lucid. Cor- short-haired wife. sets set up dyspepsia. Dyspepsia hair, his finely chiseled features, the created or old departments have sours the temper. Whence wrangles and ultimately the divorce court. What we really need evidently is an anti-corset law.

> The suspicion grows that Andrew Carnegle, in a last desperate effort to die poor, is financing the Federal League.—Boston

If the star-spangled Scotchman were to run the Federal League. he would secure control of all sources of supply of players and force the old leagues to buy him out-as the steel trust did-at a fancy price. would make no progress towards poverty by going into the baseball business. He would increase the incumbrance of wealth and render hopeless the task of giving it away judiciously before he died.

New York's deposed Governor, Mr. Mother Hubbard.

Mother Hubbard.

Among the many kodak pictures I Sulzer, expresses wonderful zeal for a all he likes and he seems to be living up to his opportunities. We wonder which he wants most, a direct prior to get even with ful that one cannery company which predominates in New York politics, commercial and financial relations The solemnly virtuous city, the vociferous Legislature, the incompetence everywhere-what a jest it all is,

The Yankee retains to this day good deal of the disposition that prompted him to sell wooden nutmegs in Colonial times. A \$2,000,000 corporation in the saintly and aristocratic town of Brookline has just been hauled over the coals for swindling. Its particular trick was to make linen thread out of straw. Stock was sold to the tune of \$1,200,000 and now the victims are gnawing their nails while line to Alaska is to do business with the Government prosecutes the swin-Alaska and for Alaskans. Law is a good thing, but it

Once in about fifteen years Oregon enjoys an early Spring. Crocuses expand on the lawns toward the end of February. Peach trees and daffodils blossom early in March and the dairymen find pasture for their cows by These blessings the first of April. seem destined for us this Spring. Nay some of them we actually have. Such seasons are all the more valued for but they are no gulde to her ordinary habits.

Mayor Gill, of Seattle, can now popular passion. Yesterday the fickle many cast him despiteously out of office. Today they exalt him. And man. Just now he is the happy beneficiary of personal politics, as not long ago he was its victim. We wonder what in his heart he thinks of a system that drifts without a chart from one furious mood to another.

Mr. Goethals must smile quietly over the efforts of the politicians to Perhaps we shall find it there. Let ness that he has won a place in hishave meditated profoundly upon these for Congress and the President to ex-

> Attorney - General Crawford has rendered a sensible opinion in saying poverty is not sufficient reason for taking children from parents while Zeal often leads to injustice in breaking up families. It is well to remember that many great men of this Nation retary of State February 25, 1913, and were mighty poor in childhood.

stracting confiscated whisky fell be- is sought a certificate from a physician independence and then allow them to

denies having a salary of \$100,000 a year. In ante-income tax days he might have smilingly suggested that

A Peorla express agent reports the loss of \$6400. If it were a press agent rather than an express agent sum would be announced as

such a figure was not far off.

financial sense.

One year of Wilson has been full of changes, yet hardly full of change, using that gentle word purely in its

Meat and butter are coming from Siberia. We'll be eating those luxuries again one of these days.

lulged in by suffragists before Congress. Only bombs were lacking. Britain will let us have our own way with Mexico and all we need do

Cheers, jeers and hisses were in-

in return is eliminate free tolls. Saloons in Alaska must close Sundays. The moral wave is making it-

self felt in the far corners

Sir Lionel now thinks Huerta will quit. Seems as if we saw that suggestion before some place.

Actor Hackett is reported to have fallen heir to over \$2,000,000. Stage, Do not overlook the fact that Act-

ng Governor Olcott is sitting in the

Women as policemen are declared, By failure in Chicago. Back to the

John Bassett Moore probably go his fill of spineless diplomacy.

Famous Poet Is Vividly Recalled by Mr. Hartog.

PORTLAND, March 4 .- (To the Editor.)-Your editorial on "Robert Louis Stevenson" brings back to mind the His long black black mustache and goatee all be-spoke the poet and what more natural than my question if he was Mr. Stevenson. Acquaintance sprang into friendship with this gentle, lovable fellow. I can still see him on deck with a I can still see him on deck with a bevy of friends coaxing for a remin-

Mrs. Stevenson on board ship was onspicuous for her lack of conventionality, appearing as a rule in a Mother Hubbard and her curly, short locks hanging loose on her shoulders. One of her hobbies was odd jewels. happened to wear a red Mexican opal, which took her eye from the very first meal, and—well, nothing would do but she must have that opal and we made an exchange, I consoling myself that I had a souvenir of the wife of a that I had a souvenir of the will beloved world-famous character, bis wife carried her jew the way, his wife carried her jewels in a Swedish-match box. No satin-lined bijouterie case for her, nay, nay,

genuine primary law in his current took of Stevenson was the one where speeches. As an Assemblyman he en- his men came with his boat to take joys the precious privilege of talking him from the steamer to shore, for we anchored a long distance from the Samoan shore. The natives in their striking uniform, raising their oars in salute to their beloved master, cormary law or to get even with Murphy? The farcical element always predominates in New York politics, Eastman people had great trouble with but just now there is nothing else. their films, the year before they startputting the dates on the films and all my pictures on the trip around the world were spoiled. Those of Robert Louis would have been the most dear to me.

Friend Stevenson was very particular to warn me, as he gave me some of his books to read, that, not being a native American, I probably would have some trouble understanding the many Scotch words he used in his writing. He was quite surprised, I remember, when I showed him that as a Hollander, the Scotch words were much easier to me than they were to an American, inasmuch as they greatly resembled the Dutch words.

As Hawaii surpasses Florida in beauty, so does Samoa outshine Hawaii, makes a poor substitute for common by that wonderful gem—Ceylon. But sense. delicate Robert Louis, Apia and Samoa were certainly as if made to order. The sweetness of the Samoan people seemed to harmonize with the very look in those kindly eyes of Stevenson To have known him was to love him and to love his memory

JOHN H. HARTOG.

Law of Descent.

PORTLAND, March 4.—(To the Edi-or.)—(1) A. and B. are married. A. their rarity. They show us what Nature can do in her very best moods, has no children. B. had some means of has no children. B. had some means of her own before marrying A. In case of B.'s death, can A. and his children claim B.'s property by law in Oregon?
(2) Can B. make a will leaving her property to other relatives, disinheritcheerfully philosophize on the fickle-ness of fortune and the vicissitudes of popular passion. Yesterday the fickle legal? A READER.

Under the statement of facts given, A. is entitled to his courtesy right through it all he is probably the same in his wife's property, a life interest in the income from one-half of her real property. A.'s children can take none of the property of their stepmother. (2) B. may make a will leaving her property to relatives other than her husband, A., but he still has lowed before the beneficiaries take under the will. After the death of A. the terms of the will may be carried out, (3) B. does not have to leave anything to A. to make her will legal, but A. has his courtesy in her estate. notwithstanding the will.

New Marriage Law

PORTLAND, March 3 .- (To the Editor.)—Kindly tell me where 1 may find out about the law requiring persons to pass a physical examination before L. W. marriage.

The law providing for a medical examination before a marriage license ran in the millions of pesos. provide the actual necessities. shall issue is found in chapter 187, general laws of Oregon, at page 350. The law was filed in the office of the Secvides "that before any County Clerk in this state shall issue a marriage liresist temptation in a "dry" town and cense the applicant therefor shall file the Eugene officer charged with abwas human nature to do so. duly authorized to practice medicine within the state, made under oath, Huerta demands that Uncle Sam within ten days from the date of filing induce the Japanese to desist in their surrender those 5000 Mexican refu- the same, showing that the male per- plan to get a foothold in Mexico.

Petition Pests By Dean Collins.

The Spring is the season when everything
From seeds into stalks, buds and blossoms doth spring,
And poets are wont, almost every day,

To tune up their lyres and uncork new lay, And sweetly to sing Of this or that thing That blossoms and burgeons and bursts in the Spring;

My spirit agrees With songs such as these, But 'mid all the flower song stunts, if you please, have fling At the crop of petitions that blooms in

While earth is a-spreading her blanket And April's light underwear's still on the loom, In highway or byway, wherever you tell.

You find nomination or else the recall. While field, wood and fell And eke bosky dell Is doing the bloom stunt and doing it well.
Upspringing and brave

On curbstone and pave The leaves of petitions do bud forth eral instances, and wave,

And swift circulators are ever awing to serve, they At boosting petitions that bloom in the

'Tis vain in vexation to splutter and stamp. Decline the petition or plead writer's And trip o'er the next as you're cross-

ing the street. You're harried and pressed, And seized by the vest y recall or long nomination list pest; They argue and squawk And block up the walk.

You can't run 'em off, although rudely talk: you talk; And that's why I burble and bellow and "Oh, hang the petitions that bloom in the Spring!"

reflect a moment and to consider the nsequences that may follow such a Are the people or are the officials at fault for the success of measures authorizing such needless expendi-tures? It may truthfully be said that both the people and the officials should

Portland and Scattle Held as Paying

Too Much for Operation.

Editor.)-The Oregonian and the Se

attle Times recently published editoria

comments on the comparative high

taxes in Seattle and Portland.
It was very nice of The Oregonian to

concerning Seattle taxes that pleased

aid the Times in reaching a conclusion

These editorials have raised in

mind a question: What constitutes bur-densome taxation? The correct answer

ceived for the taxes levied.

When these considerations represent
the reasonable needs and necessities

of organized society, taxes will not be

things not needed and not necessary

for its rational management that makes taxes a burden.

The considerations needed and neces

sary may be enumerated as follows

Police and fire protection, schools courts, executive and legislative of-

fices, streets, roads, parks, docks, etc.
When the people vote for bonds to
buy more jark and dock sites than are

required, and for resolutions authoriz-

ing double the usual number of fire-men, and more than double the number

of firehouses needed, is it not time to

It is the indulgence by society in the

densome taxation? The correct answer must be found in the consideration re

Times

SEATTLE, Wash., March 4 .- (To the

mitting questions of financial importance only to some small but organized party, or locality, that will campaign in their favor, and the people for neg-lect to register and to organize and yote against the measures proposed. The taxpayer has been attending to his daily business and has neglected to give any time and little consideration to his yearly duty of paying taxes. The remedy is clear—the taxpayers should organize and faithfully follow the ad-

share the blame, the officials for sub-

would ald in an effort to reduce taxes. It is commendable public spirit that would compare Portland with Seattle to the latter city's apparent advantage It did not seem to occur to those makng the tax comparison with Portland that the people and the officials of your city might have been more ex-

given them by the organization

travagant than the people and officials of Senttle. Waste of public funds in Portland should not excuse like waste in Seattle and it should not be creditable to either city to be less extravagant than the other

Comparison of tax rates, if useful at all, should be made between a city with a low and a city with a high tax rate, the property in each municipality being equalized in assessment, and both places giving like consideration to the people in return for the taxes

Let us compare a one thousand dollar property assessed in Portland, Seattle and San Francisco, respectively Portland assesses property at 75 per cent of its value, its tax rate being .027, an increase of .005 over its tax rate the previous year. Seattle as-sesses property at 50 per cent of its value, its tax rate being .04287. San Francisco assesses property at 50 per cent of its value, its tax rate being 02242

The people receive like consideration in each city for their taxes. Value Assessed Rate, \$1000 \$750 02790 Seattle 1006 500 01187 San Francisco 1000 500 02242 21.30 11.21

The same property in 1912 would Portland and Seattle are thus shown

to be extravagantly managed cities when compared with San Francisco. C. I. LOOMIS.

his courtesy right, which must be al- BUSINESS DEPRESSED BY POLICY. Democratic Rule in Philippines Disastrous to Welfare, Says Traveler.

PORTLAND, March 4 .- (To the Edi-

in the Islands. While I was in the islands I came in contact with some of the largest business interests. The stories they told me of the depreciation in value of real estate in Manila alone Property values dropped 50 per cent after Gover-nor-General Harrison arrived. While in the Orient, I visited large firms in law was filed in the office of the Sec-canton, Pekin, Hongkong, Shanghai, retary of State February 25, 1913, and Nankin and other cities, and was in all went into effect June 3, 1913. It pro-the foreign colonies. Of course the conversation always turned to the Philippine situation. It was common talk all through the Far East that the policy laid down by the present Adminisgive the islands their have revolution and get mixed up with Japan, which would be allowed to seize surrender those 5000 Mexican returning that the marriage diplomatic trade was common gossip all the support them in the style to which they have become accustomed?

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PRAIRIE CITY, Or., March 2.—(To he Editor.)—1. Under woman suffrage the Editor.)—1. Under woman suffrage in the State of Oregon, can women be drawn on the jury the same as men?
2. Will they be compelled to serve if drawn? Do women have the same rights

in all laws as men? A SUBSCRIBER.

1. The legality of woman's service on a jury is questioned by some lawyers, but women have served in sev

2. If women are legally competent to serve, they can be compelled to do so if drawn. 2 .- Yes.

How to Get Patent.

PORTLAND, March 3 .- (To the Edicramp;
From one circulator you beat a retreat, the cost, etc., to obtain a patent through the Patent Office at Washington A SUBSCRIBER.

> registered patent attorney be secured. Tommy Is Late at School.

It is advisable that the services of a

Harper's Bazar, Teacher—Tommy Slimson, have you any good excuse for being late? Tommy Tommy (beaming) — Yes, ma'am. That is it? Tommy—Waffles. Teacher-

Twenty-five Years Ago

From The Oregonian of March 5, 1889. Charleston, W. Va., March 4.—Three rival claimants today took the eath of office as Governor—Nathan B. Geff, W. M. Wilson and President Carr. of he Senate.

Washington, March 4.-With simple. solemn ceremony Benjamin Harrison was today inducted into the highest ofwithin the gift of the American people.

Seattle, March 4 .- Articles of incorporation of the Portland, Seattle & Northern Railway Company will be filed tomorrow by H. W. McNeill, Fred E. Sander and Thomas J. Wilson. It is proposed to build a railroad from Portland to Seattle and thence to Blaine.

Salem, March 4.-The two rival railsalem, March 1.—The two fival rain-road commissions met at the Capitol today. The one chosen by the Legis-lature is composed of J. H. Faull, of Baker; G. W. Colvig, of Douglas, and Robert Clow, of Polk County, with George M. Waggoner, of Bento The railroads have recognized it, The ther commission is composed of Gov-rnor Pennoyer and W. H. Biggs, the ther member appointed by the Governor, C. P. Church, having declined to

The Superintendent of Streets, W. Chapman, has reported to the City Council that in 1888 the city did in linear feet, the following new Sifewalks, 51,763; crosswalks, 8706; macadam, 15,278; bridging, 1447; grad-ing, 24,880; sewers, 16,985; bituminous rock pavement, 200.

Bids for the erection of the Palmen Garten Theater, to be built for Otio Nussler at the southeast corner of Washington and Ninth streets, were opened at the office of Otto Kleemann yesterday. Jacob Krimbel was awarded was awarded the carpenter work at \$31,350

The contract for setting the poles and stringing the wires for the Willamette Falls Electric Company from this city to the company's station at Willamette Falls, has been let to John S. Stronach, of the Postal Telegraph Company.

A. R. Campbell will lecture this evening at Masonic hall on "Alaska."

It is quite probable that the late Ma rion F. Mulkey left no will, at least, none has been found. Mr. Mulkey often said that a man free from debt had no occasion to make a will, as the law would draw just as good a one as he could.

At the annual school meeting last Evening the directors were directed to purchase a site for a school on Portland Heights.

Yesterday the Portland Social Turnverein celebrated their annual mardi gras carnival with an imposing parade in the afternoon and a grand rade dance in the Mechanics' Pavilion at night.

J. K. (Fritz) Emmet made his first appearance at the New Park Theater last evening.

Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian of March 5, 1864. The Washington correspondent of the Sacramento Union says Mr. Chase has approved the plan for a new mint at San Francisco. Oregon needs and must have a branch mint, a bill giving her one being now before Congress.

Robert J. Walker, writing to a friend at Washington, says that the reve tion in European sentiment, especially in England and France, in favor of the North is astounding. Since the victory of Grant at Chattanoga and the suc-cess of Banks in Texas the trans-Atlantic rebels have become thoroughly cowed and unwillingly admit the Confederacy is in its last gasp.

Corvallis, Feb. 29 .- Rev. T. H. Pearne addressed the citizens of this the 25th on the "Greatness of the Amer

The storm of night before last raised several sidewalks and swamped several buildings in the city. Main street tor.)—I have just returned from the is in a wretched condition from the Philippines, and wish to say that Mr. flowing of a stream through the centre Butler's disclosure of affairs in ter of it, which has washed out quite the islands is absolutely correct, if not a gully. The inhabitants on the west the islands is absolutely correct, if not understated.

The speech of Governor-General Har. Tison on his arrival at Manila was a inroads of the elements from 3 o'clock repudiation of the Americans in office in the morning till late in the day yes-

R. R. Thompson yesterday showed un the first brick from the Owyhee mines.

The Owyhee and its ledges are plainly marked out in a map of this new re-gion on exhibition at the O. S. N. Company's office.

These dark nights a lantern in a very acceptable article to have on the streets. We know from experience they are a very necessary article, and Crandall & Towle, 89

Washington, have the finest kind. The steamer Wilson G. Hunt has been loaded to her utmost for rips with passengers and freight for

the mining regions

Personal Attack Rebuked. PORTLAND, Or., March 4.—(To the Editor.) — The following is a letter which shows that the statements in the Oregon Journal March 3 have grossly misstated facts with what appears to

be a malicious intent to injure: Portland, March 4, 1914 .- To Whom it May Concern:
Mr. George Rae was employed by us at

Mr. George Rae was employed by us at structural engineer on our larger buildings, the last date being in 1909. He proved himself to be thoroughly reliable and entirely competent. He is a graduate of Cornell University of New York and has had a variety of experience along eagineering lines. The information published in the Oregon Journal of March 3 was neither authorized nor furnished by this office, and is not correct, (Signed) EMIL SCHACHT & SON, By Emil Schacht.

In the name of fair play and decency in newspaper work, it is asked that ou publish this to refute the misstatemade by the Journal, which has ed to personalities instead of resorted fairly and honestly discussing the meter GEORGE RAE.

Answers All

Your Wants

so general that there is hardly a business or a profession that does not keep itself before the people by means of advertising. Such newspapers as The Ore-gonian are a handbook of informa-tion on all questions of buying and

Newspaper advertising has become

selling, whether it be merchandise o professional services. You are giving a dinner and wish

flowers for the table. Where shall you get them? Look in the news-paper. You want to rent a new house What houses are available?

in the newspaper,
Your feet hurt. Where is a
chiropodist? Look in the newspaper Practically every time you say "Where shall I get it?" you will find the answer in The Oregonian or any

other reliable newspaper Form the habit of referring con-tinually to the advertisements in your newspaper—and the longer and tighter the habit clings to you, the easier will be your solution of all the every-day questions that might otherwise be troublesome to you