even if the latter are actually more

A number of circumstances

numbers mean power and power

means good work for mankind. All

President Foster nobly proclaims

his faith in leadership and leaders. "A

thousand petty lawyers, seeking what

trouble they may make, cannot take

the place of a Charles Hughest a

outruns the public. We do not avail

ourselves of half its possibilities to

A Floridan died at 114 vesterday

and a Missourian at 115. The former

attributed his age to his system of

shave the bristly cost of living.

bott."

who can join ought to join.

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PORTLAND, TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 1914.

ANOTHER PENSION BILL.

'Approach of a Congressional elecsuffering taxpayers is portentous. tion is foreshadowed by the introduction of a new pension bill. Its aim is ters will cost \$500,000 of the public to pension widows and orphans of moneys. When Commissioner Daly veterans of the Spanish War and the devises a plan to put \$500,000 in the Philippine rebellion. It grants a pension taxpayers' pockets instead of a wasteof \$12 a month to all widows of honful scheme to take \$500,000 out of their pockets, he may look for more orably discharged soldiers, sailors or appreciation and less criticism. marines, either regular or volunteers,

who served ninety days or more during these wars between April 21, 1898, on a flat rate and finds that his and July 4, 1902, the widow being neighbor is paying 75 cents is often without means of support other than for meters. Naturally. But the meher daily labor, and an actual net income not exceeding \$250 per year.' For each child under 16 years of age tered, how can one pay less than anthe widow will receive \$2 a month. provided she shall have married the soldier prior to the passage of the act.

This bill was introduced by Repre will be heavily increased. The avsentative Key, of Ohio, and is on the erage rate for the ordinary consumer House calendar, backed by the United will not be less; it must then be more. Spanish War Veterans. In its favor it is contended that the allowance is the same as has been made to widows with figures on water. So is Com-

and orphans of veterans of other missioner Daly. The water depart-The total number who served ment has figures to bestow when a WRITS. Commissioner is to use them. during the Spanish War was about 434,000. Destitute widows and orwhen Chairman Conway, of the referendum committee, asked Commisphans are generally cared for by the veterans' organization, who, in their sioner Daly for an estimate of the own words, "ask absolutely nothing cost of a certain phase of water servfor themselves, but only provision for ice he was put off with the excuse that it would take six weeks to get helpless widow and orphan."

Widows can secure pensions under the figures ready. present law, if they can show their husbands' deaths to have been caused Mayor Rushlight asked a competent engineer to make an estimate of the by disabilities incurred in the service, but this is rarely practicable. The bill is said merely to continue the extra cost to install reinforcing mains well-recognized policy of the Governto supply the sections now not adement. Failure to provide for depend- quately furnished with water during all seasons. The figure was \$60,000. ents of Spanish War veterans is pro-Yet the experts of the water departnounced unjust discrimination. The burden of public debt is now much ment-in the city's employ-seek alarm the public with the talk about lighter than when Union veterans

were pensioned. millions. Against the bill it is argued that it grants pensions regardless of whethwidowhood and dependence are due to the husband and father's service. Where dependence is due to disa-Drama League will probably underincurred in the service, the bility take a campaign to make "The Bluepresent law makes provision, and pen-Sions should be given only where the bird" a notable success in Portland. United States has caused death. The The play is one of the most beautiful bill grants pensions from date of en- in the world. Not only is it permelistment to discharge, regardless of ated by a profound philosophy, but actual field service, though the sol- the action is charming throughout dier may never have smelled gunpow- and the spectacles it exhibits are vader and may have run no risk and in-curred no disability. The fact that Even those who pa

dearly. To the modern keeper of a commission, and the broad powers a high-priced meter service to restrict book store, say these disgruntled pub- which it would exercise require that an adequate, legitimate use of water ishers, a book is like a lump of coal. It be composed of men of the highest is far less preferable than new mains, Without adopting to the full their type, free from partisan bias and from scandalous opinion, we may admit any business entanglements and above costly. that there is something in it. (the insidious influences which would

WHAT IT ALL MEANS.

Clearly the city is stirred over this

neter agitation as it has not been for

um is a protest against high taxes

colossal waste and demonstrated in-

efficiency and a demand for econ-

omy. The tax-eaters would better

The tax-ridden public sees that me-

Commissioner Brewster is handy

The Oregonian has information that

THE BLUEBIRD.

take heed. The uprising of the long-

/ears. In a definite way the referen-

hat there is something in it. (the insidious influences which would There is also substance in the com- doubtless be used with it. A board plaint that readers who would like of this character, well paid, with long problem of divorces is largely individto buy a new book oftentimes cannot tenure and above party influence get it at the store. They see something fascinating advertised in the magazines, a thrilling thought pro-voker, it may be, like Walter Lip-sion of monopoly. mann's "Preface to Politics," and run

to the book store in hot haste to buy AN EXAMPLE IN CO-OPERATION. it, only to be met with the answer An interview in The Oregonian that it is not in stock. By the time March 15, with Mr. Haberlach, secrethe book has been sent for and procured the prospective buyer has his tary of the Tillamook Creamery Asmind on something else, perhaps on sociation, a corporation which is coma picture show, and the opportunity posed of eighteen of the twenty-two

cheese factories in Tillamook County, is fraught with much food for thought

that the cheese manufacturers of the Northwest, as well as those of all other sections of our country, may see at least a small slump in prices when

the new tariff law hits us with its full force. Thus far there has been but little cheese imported under the new conditions, but Australia will likely undertake to compete with us to our disadvantage as soon as the cheese-shipping season opens. The Tillamook manufacturers have

ter business is intended to include everybody. When all houses are meother, conditions being equal? The water department must have revenue. When all places are metered the cost

> of 3,505,516 pounds of cheese, which brought the sum of \$541,748.46, marketed the entire product through the selling agency conducted for them by Mr. Haberlach. The other four creameries, with an output valued at \$85, 000, sold through various other channels; but the Haberlach system dominates the business of the county. for the cheese business in his section,

for land-clearing operations that more

time the business would show won-derful increases year by year. One who goes to that section and sees the large areas of logged-off lands now ying idle will feel the force of Mr.

canneries already formed and now forming for handling fruits and vegetables and turning into cash the by products now going to waste in many ections. There is no better evidence to be gained in the West of the benefits of intelligent co-operation than

graph expresses a doubt that installathe bill continues the present policy is held to be an argument against it. bacco used by the latter. not in its favor. As to the reduction power and the marvels of the action. shortage is due wholly to inadequacy of the National debt, if pensions are To some spectators the climax of the of distributive system. In another keep out of Scotland. In knocking justified, they should be given with-fairy play is in the scene with Queen out regard to the Government's abil-Night where Tyltyl, in spite of her same opinion but added the qualifica-Dr. Devon, at Glasgow, gave her a threats, ventures to open the door into tion that rates might be high enough taste of what will follow. The Scot the garden of happiness, where the on measured water to promote such entering wedge for wholesale pen- air is full of bluebirds, though uneconomy that the shortage would be sioning of Spanish War veterans, the happily the boy does not manage to lessened. growth of the Civil War pension roll catch any genuine specimens. Those In a certain section of South Portis cited. Pensions in the '70s totalled that he does capture here and there about \$30,000,000, but reached a in the course of the play all turn some land three-fourths of a water shortage due wholly to small mains has, acmaximum of nearly \$180,000,000 in other color in the sunlight and it is cording to Mr. Brewster, been cured the present fiscal year and for the only at home, returned from his wanby installation of meters in part of year 1915 the estimates are \$169,150,- derings in fairyland, that he finally the district. His figures on compara-The increase in amount has con- wins the mysterious object of his tive cost of these meters and the new main that otherwise would have been This reached its required show a saving in five years in interest and other charges of more HARD TO DRAW THE LINE. The than \$10,000. Democratic leaders find that legis-We are not wholly satisfied with lation supplementary to the anti-Mr. Brewster's figures. The new main trust law is not so easy to draft as they have imagined. Already, as a would have relieved the entire shortresult of conferences between Presiage. The installation of meters did dent Wilson and Chairman Clayton, not. If installation of meters in part cured but three-fourths the difficulty of the House judiciary committee, it the \$6525 charged up to meters ought has been decided to rewrite three of to be \$\$684. Then meters make nec the "five brothers." These are the essary a useless billing system, which bills defining offenses against the it is estimated costs a dollar a year Sherman law; the bill regulating trade per meter. It would require 993 merelations by supplementing the Sherman law, and the bill forbidding inters to measure the water on the terlocking directorates. premises of every consumer in the The great difficulty evidently is to district and in five years the overhead charge for billing would be nearly state in general terms what is forbidden as hurtful without including \$5000. As a matter of fact the money saved is about \$3500 or \$700 a year that which is beneficial to the public or is a reasonable exercise of freedom To save this \$700 nearly 1000 families would have to be restricted in the use in business. Yet in an effort to preserve what is beneficial and not to of water when there is an ample impair reasonable liberty, Congress quantity to be had within a distance might leave a loophole for harmful of two miles. The district cited is occupied large combinations. How can combinations similar to the oil and tobacco trusts by workingmen's homes. If these water consumers have been be forbidden to fix an excessive unidis form price without by the same law couraged in ornamentation of their forbidding fruitgrowers to combine yards the saving is not cause for great for the purpose of marketing their exultation. We have gone to great crops at a price which, while higher expense to bring water from a mounfor them, is lower for the consumer tain stream to the City of Portland The supply of pure water is more than than would be the price made by middlemen to whom individual growwe can use. The reservoirs are full een formed in the East to foster ers in competition with each and overflowing. Yet the distributive other the reading habit. They say it has would sell; or without forbidding system is such that in certain portions been decaying of late for many rea- workingmen and women to combine of the city householders are compelled One reason, and a strange one, in securing living wages? That is the to economize, when they should be is the modern method of living in puzzle before Congress. encouraged to freer use of water. Criticism of the interlocking direc-It is shown by the statistics furno room for books, which, small as torates bill has made such an impresnished by Mr. Brewster that the avthey often are, still take up space and sion on the House committee that the erage daily consumption per capita where the water supply is metered is conclusion is that the bill is too broad and goes too far. The bill forbids any 52 gallons. Fifty-two gallons used person to be a director in two or more daily by each of a family of five will cost about \$18 a year at the present banks, or in two or more corporations engaged in interstate commerce, or in rates. Under the flat rate the same a corporation supplying material to family, if water is used by them for If a railroad and in the railroad also. In sprinkling purposes, pays \$13. The many towns there is some one leader flat-rate consumer uses on an average 112 gallons daily. It thus appears in business whose services are of great value to several institutions in which that the meter rate is more than double the flat rate. No wonder the he holds stock, but this bill would deworkingmen in South Portland econoprive them of his services and compel them to fall back on men of a lower mized when the meters were put in The Oregonian is opposed to th grade. meter plan chiefly as a matter of The test to be applied in each case principle. It seems absurd to expend \$500,000 to restrict the use of water should be the effect of each act or fact on public interest in preserving competition. A combination in its when we have three times as much very nature monopolistic should be water as we use. The Oregonian opposes wanton waste, but believes that condemned as injurious, but one which results only in good to the the use of water should be encouraged the city public should be permitted, so long when it goes to beautify is its effects are beneficial not only and maintain its reputation through-The publishers complain justly that to its members, but to the consumers, out the country for wealth Waste by law; it can only be made by an can be curbed where there is waste is over head and ears in love with administrative body vested with pow- by an inspection that will cost pracbooks, nor is the proprietor often of er to judge of each case according to tically nothing. Where there is a that rare old stamp who hated to sell its peculiar circumstances. Such a shortage that cannot be ascribed to pan?

a book because he cherished it so body would be the proposed trade, waste, but wholly to insufficient mains, USE IS RESTRICTED BY METERS COST OF METERS IS FORMIDABLE Water Consumption Falls Off in One Writers Figures Up Annual Charge at District, Says Commissioner. More Than \$100,000.

PORTLAND, March 16.-(1) itor.)-In an editorial March 13 you say: itor.)-In an editorial March 13 you say: itor.)-In an editorial March 13 you say: travagance, because the meters actually promise no relief. It is not a question of how much water the consumer uses, but a question of when he uses it. If we buy meters we shall still have to enlarge the mains or regulate the heurs of sprinkling by law. The Oregonian, seven operation and maintenance or meters and deduced from this that the expense for these items would be the same in Portland, I have noticed repeated assertions that "water meters will cost Portland only 30 cents a year each." Although this is obviously absurd. Kansas City has discovered that the ual. Finding that its judges were could secure to the people all the ad- granting one divorce for every three marriages, the people raised a fund to by law hire a divorce proctor, who, the first

year, cut down the number of divorces definite case of relief afforded by meters without enlarging mains. For it is bound to make many people be-about 20 years there has been a ten-40 per cent and the second year prevented an increase, though the population increased. He found the ininch main from the upper reservoir in rease to be principally in uncontested the City Park running out Corbett divorces, where the parties agree to street. The elevation of the reservoir separate, and behind the scenes in is 300 feet, and the water in the is 300 feet, and the water in the mains should go to 250 feet or better. these cases he found "the unscrupul-Up to five years ago there was a great shortage each Summer along and near Corbett street and extending from Whittaker street to Hamilton avenue. In ordinary Summer weather there was no pressure at 150 feet, and a general shortage throughout the district. About five years ago more than 700 meters ous lawyer, the meddling neighbor and the too obtrusive relative." He made it his business to bring the couple together and owes his success chiefly to his work as peacemaker. divorce on any but serious grounds is against public policy, the public should be represented at di-vorce hearings. feet, except after an unusually long, how

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dry spell. More than 75 per cent of the trouble has been eliminated. If the meters had not been installed it would The great Louis Agassiz "had no and died comparatively poor, but with have been necessary to lay a 20-incl main for a distance of two miles at a cost of \$52,800, reckoned at \$5 per foot. world-wide fame. His son, Alexander, developed the Calumet mining propsuch a plan would today have cost the His city as follows: grandson, Rodolphe, draws a princely

Interest 5 years at 4½ per cent....\$11,880 Depreciation 5 years at 2 per cent... 5,280 Total The family has changed its view on

The original cost for meters was ap-proximately \$9000, reckoning 750 meters

The water office recommends the pur-chase of 250 meters for the South Port-land district in the belief that the re-maining shortage will be entirely overformer prestige. For the Y. M. C. A.

come. In the southeastern district there are 5500 houses on the water service. There billing system, or a total cost of \$105,can be no question about the responsi-bility of the city to provide sufficient 209 annually for the 42,504 services Portland that are now unmetered. O course this is far too low, for the item water for house use and fire protection. and so far we have not met the re-sponsibility for this locality. The cause of the trouble is from the small pipes ing, reading, inspection and additiona clerk hire-will by no means be elim taken over by the city from the pri-vate companies, which must ultimately be replaced with larger sizes at an estimated cost of \$584,200. Mr. Clarke has recommended the purchase of meters for the district, which will postnated in the final showing. Mr. Clarke suggests that we may alle something of a saving by a quar-ery billing system. So it is intended b tack that on as a rider for universal meters. pone the laying of mains costing \$282,-000 for five years beyond the period when they would otherwise be required. Mr. Daly, we must give him credit for permistency. After the people had overwhelmingly defeated the quarterly

Let it be assumed that it is neces-sary to extend \$252,200 in any event billing system, on his own referendum, he tried to shove it through as a rider on his landlord-pay-the-water-rent and that the only question is concern ing the sum of \$232,000 which must be spent for mains if meters are not in-stalled, but which may be held back for measure. Now Mr. Daly, through his engineer, says quarterly billing is to be a phase of the universal meter plan. Does any one for a moment believe that water rates can be lowered when five years if meters are installed.

thousand reporters of idle gossip car Invested in mains, \$232,000---nterest for 5 years at 4% per cent. \$52,200 Depreciation for 5 years at 2 per cent 23,200 not take the place of one Lyman Ab-Such words as these, taken properly to heart by the Reed stu-

6 per cent. \$52,200 if 2 per cent 23,200 (acch consumer must meet an added ex-pense of more than \$2.48 a year for meters. If they can be, what would be a reasonable water rate, without meters and with the city back again where the billing system is confined to the comparatively few large con-sumers who, everyone admits, should be a meter a. Total dents, are worth more than all their Invested in meters, \$64,620, interest for 5 years at 4% per cent..\$14,539 Depreciation for 5 years at 8 1-3 per Muintenance, 20 cents per meter per 338 annum.

be on meters. . \$46,84 Total RECOGNIZED AFTER MANY YEARS Mr. Clarke is not responsible for the above calculations, but he must have gone through something like the same Value of Alaska, Taken to Oblige Rus-

sin, Renlized at Last. process before he advised Mr. Daly to install meters in the southeastern dis-trict. According to his critics, Mr. Daly PORTLAND, March 16 .- (To the Ed itor.)—The Congress of the United States has authorized the building of a Government rallway from a coast point on Prince William Sound should have brushed aside his engl neer's advice and recommended to the Council the expenditure for this one locality not only of \$352,200 for mains, but an additional \$232,000 for the same point on Prince William Sound Alaska, to the Yukon Valley, appropri ating \$35,000,000 therefor; the Presi dent has signed the measure, and it i urpose, although by so doing he ould lose to the city almost \$30,000. he safe to assume the road will be speed-ily built. Taking a retrospective view it has taken this country 47 years (c The effect of meters on consump tion is shown by figures for the year ending October 31, 1912. The average daily consumption in Portland for the unmetered residence service was 112 the Far North acquired from Russia in gallons per capita; for metered resi-

dence service (12,240 meters) was 52 parted with that territory because she gallons per capita. The general attitude toward meter-saw fit to take it; and our Govern-

Twenty-five Years Ago

From The Oregonian of March 17, 1880. Port Townsend, March 17. -- The teamer Walla Walla was seized by the ustoms officers for smuggling \$10,000 worth of opium

Salem, March 16 .- There is a great deal of feeling in Polk County over the killing of Thomas .F. Perryman by O. F. Beardsley at Eola. Beardsley is in the jail at Dallas, which is guarded by five men.

Salom, March 16 .- General Beadle. the new superintendent, and other officers of the Chemawa Indian School, met with citizens today to endeavor to enlist Government aid in draining Lake Labish.

an added expense of only 30 cents a year to each family. I think it ought to be made plain what the real cost

In the first place "operation and

In the first place operation and maintenance" does not, of course, in-clude interest. If we are fortunate enough to sell the proposed 4 per cant meter bonds at par, which is extremely unlikely, we would pay at least 48

cents per year interest on the invest

ment represented in the cost and in stallation of each meter, which at the

years, so we must chalk up \$1 a year

have eliminated-namely, repair

each consumer must meet an added

Whatever we may say about

United

freight.

the

counter move on the part of the Czar

England and contributed power-

A SUBSCRIBER.

a fence or prohibiting its erection

There is a law prohibiting all barbed

wire fences in Portland excepting that

a board or picket fence four feet high

have one strand of barbed

Securities for Bank Notes.

esides United States bonds are ac

cepted by the Government as security for National bank notes? (2) What is the legal time a check

An answer to the above quesions will

be held and the drawer still be

lowest figure is placed at \$12

will be.

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Salem, March 16.—Articles of incor-poration were filed by the Roseburg Water Company; R. R. Sheridan, D. S. Bulck, W. S. Hamilton, W. F. Benja-min and O. L. Willis, incorporators.

Then there is the charge for depre-ciation. It is conceded that the life of a meter averages not more than 12 Seattle, Mach 16 .- The trustees of the Denny Hotel decided to begin immediately work on the building.

per meter for depreciation. Next we must not forget the billing system. If we do not install meters H. K. Hines, D. D., who has been absont three months in Idaho, has been there is no reason that we may not discontinue the extravagant practice of sending out bills. The billing system spending about a week with his family in Portland.

Mrs. Deacon Hall and Mrs. Walter Smith start East in April.

sending out bills. The billing system annually costs the city 24 cents por meter for stamps alone, but the total cost of the system is about \$50,000, or Phil Friedlander, a well known to-bacco dealer, was walking along Front street on Wednesday when a saw fell from the hands of a man on the top of an electric light pole and ruined Phil's hat. Two inches more and Phil which have hear fortilizing the ground approximately \$1 per meter, as has been pointed out by The Oregonian from the water bureau records. Now if we add Mr. Clarke's estimate night have been fertilizing the ground somewhere by this time.

> Joe Morin, a porter at the Holton House, last night fired five shots at Al Cody, a hotel runner, and wounded F. J. Goodenough, the night clerk, near the right shoulder blade.

Mrs. S. M. Brown, of Vancouver, died a Friday.

Captain U. Sebree, United States Lighthouse Inspector, is expected to return from the Sound today.

Blds were opened yesterday by the ounty Commissioners for building the foundation of the south wing of the Courthouse, which is estimated to Courthouse, cost \$48,000.

Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian of March 17, 1864. Francis Ely, sentenced to die for desertion, was shot at Fort Walla Walla on the 11th inst. If the telegraph had reached the post, it is probable that his life would have been saved, as the President last week commuted the punishment of all deserters under senence and ordered them to be confined at Tortugas during the war.

London, March 4 .- Military operations in Schleswig are suspended.

Washington, March 14.--A guard yes-terday took possession of the Naval stores at Washington by order of Secretary Welles and arrested several clerks and Navy agents to serve as wilnesses against Savage and parties in New York and Philadelphia charged swindling the Government Naval contracts.

Cairo, March 15 .--- Porter's fleet bombarded Trinity, Tex., drove out the enemy and occupied the town. The fleet proceeded up the Wachita to Harrisonburg, drove the enemy from their batteries and burned the town.

Washington, March 15 .- A general vention - Umatilla County, W. H. Barnhardt and Thomas R. McCoy; Baker County, A. Witherell, A. F. Johnston and E. M. Wade. The con-ventions of both counties favor the nomination of J. G. Wilson for Circuit Judge.

The steamers of the Willamette come

and go from its source to this place well loaded with passengers and

Several of our citizens interested in mining companies have formed a stock board consisting of the following mem-

bers: R. R. Thompson, president; John

McCraken, secretary: H. D. Green, J. C. Ainsworth, E. W. Tracy, P. C. Schuy-ler, Jr., D. F. Bradford, T. A. Davis,

The fire in the woods is spreading.

We were informed last evening by Mr. Cram, purser of the Julia, that a large amount of property has been destroyed

in the vicinity of Stites' Landing. Mr

Stites lost his barns and their con-tents; Mrs. Osman has lost her house

stables and fencing, and Richard How-

Ships that pass in the night need no longer be quite so mysterious to one another as Sarah Grand found them. They can now converse by wireless telephone and learn each other's secrets as each flits on its way. The Duke of the Abruzzi has reported a wireless conversation over forty-five mlles of water. This is a good begin-Mr. Haberlach sees a bright future ning. Chats across the Atlantic will follow soon. but points to the need of cheap money

pasturage may be had. He thinks if

Haberlach's statement.

As it has done in Boston and Chicago, not to mention other places, the

WATER A GOOD THING TO USE.

regular habits. The dispatches fail to state the brands of liquor and to Even those who pay no attention to

per cent money could be had by the andowners of that section on long

It might be well to point to the

textbooks. Tillamook co-operative operations among the dairymen for the benefit of The usefulness of the parcel post steadily improves. By a new regula-tion soon to be in force farm produce

may be shipped in any convenient packages just as by express, at least within the first two zones. veloping the parcel post Mr. Burleson

that of the Tillamook dairymen.

In his letter published today Commissioner Brewster quotes a paragraph from an article heretofore printed in The Oregonian. The para-

for all interested in the upbuilding of Oregon. It also gives the intimation Since

vorce hearings. time to waste making money"

erty and died a millionaire. salary as one of the Calumet officials besides owning a huge block of stock.

accomplished wonders for their section, but we must remember that the money question since grandfather dairying conditions there are practidied. cally ideal. With a few exceptions,

The citizen who pays \$1 for water and those along the Pacific Coast in Oregon, are there any spots in Uncle Sam's domains where the dairy cow does as well as in Tillamook. But even under those conditions the cheese business of that section would not have prospered as it has except for the rare intelligence of the manu facturers displayed in their co-opera-

tive manufacturing and selling operaof administration and of maintenance tions. The eighteen large plants men-

with a total output last year tioned.

conspired to place the lead elsewhere last year, but the association is now making a grand effort to regain

There was a time not long ago when the Portland Y. M. C. A. had more members than any other on the Coast.

ity to pay. As proof that the bill is only the

tinued in spite of a decrease in num- quest. ber of pensioners. highest point-999,446-in 1903 and in 1913 had fallen to \$20,200.

pension committee can only guess at the expense the bill will involve, but estimates the first cost at about \$1,500,000 a year, with a slight increase each year. The Pension Office places the initial expenditure at \$2,-500,000 "with a promise of increase from year to year for a number of years.

The passage of the bill is considered certain, for no member of the House dare criticise it unless he is prepared for political extinction. How easily a Representative's defeat might be enmpassed by voting against a pension bill, in which not only the veterans but all their relatives are interested. is shown by the situation in Massachusetts. In 1910 the total vote for Congress was: Republican, 203,136; Democratic 203,624. In five districts casting 182,000 votes, the total of nluralities of the winners was only 2806 and in these districts there were about 18,000 pensioners. The bill is sure to pass the House, but will meet with determined opposition in the Senate. The President's attitude is problematical.

MAKING PEOPLE READ.

A publishers' co-operative bureau sons. apartments. The ordinary flat has when there is barely room for the bed and the kitchen table libraries are only too likely to be crowded out.

Another reason for the decline of reading is said to be the multiplication of public libraries. We doubt the soundness of this, however. all public libraries are conducted like one in Portland they promote the reading habits instead of weakening There is an organized and them. persistent effort at our public library to induce patrons not only to read books, but to read good ones and there is ground to believe that it is successful. Still there is no question but that people read far fewer books than they ought and the effort of the

publishers to persuade them to better things is praiseworthy. The fact that it will incidentally enlarge profits need not be dwelt upon too consistently.

the book store is not what it once Such discrimination cannot be made lawns, roses and shrubbery. was. It seldom contains a clerk who

town one who attacked him yesterday is a serious-minded person.

Militant suffragettes would better

Huerta says he will refuse to pay our bill for feeding interned federals Talk as chesty as you at El Paso. Vic, there's nobody in the Adlike, ministration to rebuke you.

The Idle army in California has declared a hunger strike. Very conveniant and opportune. Nevertheless housewives will do well not to put their pies outdoors to cool.

Ninety degrees in Missouri. A fortnight since they were freezing. month more and they'll be suffering from heat prostration. Such is life in the Middle West,

Who wouldn't be a policeman? More than 300 are seeking appointment locally. A uniform possesses a ure the able-bodied man cannot resist.

Not every man who today wears a tag has the proper blood in his veins; but it is a safe guess that every one wishes he had it.

Huerta announces an increase in his army to 250,000. Of which 2500 are about all that he can drum up for muster.

In fighting among themselves the Democrats should not forget what brought on the last Republican Waterloo

Having attacked an American customs-house with impunity, those Mexcans will be marching on Washington vet.

The llama given to Bryan has been shipped from Buenos Aires. Just in time for the Summer vaudeville season.

Teddy, thus far, has escaped attack by savages in Brazil. No doubt the savages saw him coming.

Lucky thing it wasn't a German of French Consulate those Greaser bandits raided.

Many aspirants for reserve bank honors will see the joke on April 1.

Russia visited by a mud storm. The heavens greet the Czar fittingly.

Militants are offering prayers for Mrs. Pankhurst. She needs 'em.

Where are the March winds that should be blowing?

But then toll exemption has not een repealed yet.

"Mother" Jones is the mother of trouble. -

Are the gods trying to destroy Ja-

ing appears from the statement that ment accepted it indifferently, and out of 73 cities in the United States paid the money more to reciprocate with populations ranging from 54,000 for Russia's friendship during the to 2,200,000, there are 25, in Portland, with less than 30 per including Civil War than as an idea of acquiring a territory of great value.

At a time during the war when Engmetered, nine between the service per cent and 60 per cent, and 39 be-tween 60 per cent and 100 per cent. WM, L. BREWSTER. States-one to San Francisco and the

NO PLAYGROUND PLAN IN MIND Park Block Not Coveted for That Pur-pose by Shatiuck School Patrons, PORTLAND, Or., March 16.—(To the Editor.)-I read the communication warships of Russia would be at command of President Lincoln. oncerning the Shattuck School site on The Oregonian's editorial page today at that time which checked the course with considerable interest. This pro- of test comes from a lack of information fully to the triumph of the Union concerning our plans for the school.

We want it distinctly understood that or may stand for now, this voluntary we are not asking for the Park block we are not asking for the Park block for a playground for the school. We are not asking for, nor do we want, in a death struggle for existence apswings, ladders, bars or ball grounds pears as one of the thrilling incidents in the history of nations. Blaine's "Twenty Ye thereon. We do want our new building

Blaine's Years in Con to face this block. We want the School Board to make the most of this out- gress" gives a concise and interesting in designing our new building. account of the debate in the National House of Representatives at the time desire this location for the light, the air space, the beauty of the parks the question of appropriating the the air space, the beauty of the parks the question of appropriating the as much as for the fact that it is away from the car tracks and is compara-tively free from noise and dust and at Banks, a member of the House, and the same time is far enough removed William H. Seward, Secretary of from the hills on the south and west State, very few there were who foreto be in the open and out from under saw the future of Alaska, or had a around the same at 50 cents per foot the shadow of the hills. This is very conception of its area. Mr. Blaine, important during the short days of whose book was written 30 years ago

er. seemed then to have a better grasp of what that territory was than some public men do today. That Alaska is Winter. a school site in a thickly populated public men do today. That Alaska is section, and there is not room for play- at the beginning of a great era of degrounds in connection therewith. We velopment there can be little doubt.

also know the Park blocks were do-nated to the city-the whole city, and coal and timber are great, and not the few living in their immediate grain and grass possibilities may sur wichnity. We insist upon our right and prise us some day. As an attraction the right of our children to breathe the air in the vicinity of these parks clers, great rivers and a midnight sun and to look upon their beauty. We is equal to any in the world. And why should not Portland have a

and to look upon their beauty. We use this block made even more beautiful. The Shattuck School Association will gladiy furnish the flowers and

Spite and Barbed Wire Fences.

TROUTDALE, Or. March 14.--(To the Editor.)--Please tell me what con-stitutes a spite fence. Also, is there a law against barbed wire fences in a support of the second se more the city? A spite fence is a fence erected for

spite between two houses to shut off

in our district.

Association.

PORTLAND, March 16 .- (To the Edi-(tor.)-Please advise me if an applicant for second citizenship papers can be compelled by the County Clerk to ony a second fee of \$4 because one of witnesses was disqualified. A READER.

If the case is dismissed because of disqualification of a witness and a new petition for second papers is filed, then the Clerk is required to collect a secand fee from the applicant. Often when witness is disqualified, the judge continues the case, to allow a new witness to be secured, in which event a

quired.

his fencing. There was also a f above Cape Horn, burning furiously. cause. Regardless of what the Russia The sloop Christina, Captain Dodge is undergoing a refitting to be used as a pleasure boat. The large boller that has been lying

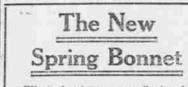
J. Myrick, L. Brooke.

on Couch's wharf is to be taken to the new mines at Owyhee by Messrs. Fountain and LaFelle to furnish steam for their large five-stamp quartz mill.

Council proceedings: J. D. Dunseth was awarded the contract for painting the plaza fence at the rate of 30 cents per running foot and W. H. Frush the contract for building the sidewalk

The citizens of the Grand Rondo Valley are soon to be furnished with a printing office. One of the proprie-tors, Mr. VanCleve, called on us last evening. The material is taken from the stock of the State Journal at The Dalles.

H. A. Levens has lost ten head of cattle by polson and inform us that the woods up and down the Columbia are up of dead animals. Feed being conrec, stock take poison weed.



What about your new Spring hat? There is no one article of dress that a woman takes as much pleasin buying as her first Spring are hat

It seems to mark an epoch

The second or third one is very interesting, but the purchase of the first is an affair of prime impor

Don't let your pleasure be spolled by making a mistake and getting the wrong thing either as to style or becomingness.

Keep your eyes open and see what what before you buy.

Look at the millinery advertise what is in your newspaper and see what is in the shops. A great many of the advertisements are illustrated and they will help you. Pretty soon you will have formed a definite idea of what you want-and when you have reached that point go and buy your hat.

You are sure to be right if you have made up your mind with full knowledge of what the market offers.-Adv.

greatly oblige an old subscriber. Yours respectfully, C. L. SILVERMAN. (1) None.

responsible?

(2) There is no law on this subject, second payment of the fee is not re- but checks usually are questioned by the banks after a year.

This building must of necessity be placed in a more or less thickly popu-lated district, and what could be more

beneficial or inspiring than an attrac-tive school building facing upon a

shrubs to beautify this park that we

We

may help to teach our children a love for the beautiful and the healthful.

eautiful garden or park? We want our school building in the the light and view of one or the other.

open, in the sunshine, clean, healthful and inspiring. We desire that the en-vironment shall be the best possible a fence or prohibiting its erection.

MRS. J. F. KELLY. President Shattuck Parent-Teachers'

six inches above the top of such fence Fees for Naturalization.

SKAMOKAWA, Wash., March 10 .- (To the Editor.)-(1) What securities