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ON TO BERLIN.

Except for occasional detached announcements from Foreign Offices, we man and supporter. are not permitted to have a very close and detailed view of the firing line in Eastern Germany and Northern and district. He is serviceable in Con-Eastern Austria. In a general way we gress. He should be kept there. know that the firing line is nearly twice the length of the vast zone of operations on the French border and that the heaviest fighting has been developed about the strategic points of this frontier stretch. We know, too, that the tide of battle ebbs and flows, and that, so far as announced, there has been no decisive outcome The Russians appear to have the advantage on their extreme left in front of the Austrian stronghold of Lemberg, while the Germans have secured the advantage in their defensive operations in the extreme north of Germany, as well as in front of the Vis-

task. It is altogether to be expected that Russia has massed her heaviest forces on her left against Austria for very important strategic reasons. must drive back the Austrian line before she can establish a safe co-ordinating advance deep into Germany. Look at the map and the situation will present itself instantly.

German territory projects into Russia so as to leave Austria at the south and the Baltic on the north. Necessarily, in advancing through this strip Russia must use heavy forces to protect her lines of communication and advancing army offers a greater exposure on its flanks than the entire length of the front. In fact, should the advance on Berlin be conducted aries. compelled to present a front on the Baltic, another on Austria to the south and another facing westward into Germany. Strategically, such a position would be dangerous if not untenable.

The cutting off and capturing of 70,000 Russians in the northern cam paign lays emphasis on this phase of the situation. While details are lacking, it is known that the Russians were corraled at Altenstein, which is in the heart of a district dotted by swamps and lakes and much easier to get into than to retreat from after

The capture calls attention to another Russian defect-that of leader-While the Russian common solship. has no superior in spirit and always of the highest proficience Political appointments are frequent even to high commands, and it is pos sible to gain a minor commission in the Russian army without examina Incompetent leaders, where the exist, are likely to prove more danger ous to their troops than the enemy by playing the enemy's game, sending their men into untenable positions and fellowing courses of strategy only to disaster where the opposing troops are efficiently officered. It is quite possible that the 70,000 Russian prisoners are a toll to this system

The courage of the men in the juestioned. They exhibited it in th Russo-Japanese conflict, assimilating fearful losses in many actions withou flinching. Cases are recorded where whole regiments were wiped out because they had orders to hold their ground. Stolld, unimaginative, born fighters, the Russian common soldiers are second to none when properly led.

It is not charged that all Russian are incompetent means, The Russian service has many tacticians and strategists of wide reputation. In the course of war these men will forge to the front, inasmuch as playing favorites is a system peculiar only to the times of peace. War demands merit of the leaders, and where they lack that they are soon killed, captured or superseded. Time and bitter reverses may be required to develop effective leaders. We had examples of that fact in our own Civil Nevertheless a liberal sprinkling of incompetents, such as bear sabers in the Russian army, may prove n serious flaw in the Russian forces.

At the same time, the Russian military resources are sufficiently great to assimilate the most serious early mis-takes and the deadliest losses. Russia could lose a million men without feeling the loss keenly. That, of course a greater number than she will be called upon to lose, even allowing for disasters of the battlefield and blunders in maneuvering such as cost her 70,000 men in prisoners the other day. So far Russia may be said to have one into action without fully extend-If the Russian victories reported in Austria continue until Austrian resistance has been crushed the cry of "On to Berlin" will have to be taken more seriously by the Kalser.

deal worse than being merely dead.

A New York paper, in rebutting the libel, remarks that at any rate our "broader elements" than Mark Twain did. It believes tha Twain's humor was largely made up of "exaggeration and incor

This is perhaps true of the funny

"Tom Sawyer" and "Huckleberry Finn." The humor of those books is, Finn." The humor of those books is, like Shakespeare's, drawn from the deep characteristics of human nature. We laugh at their descriptions and in because we know perfectly well that they reveal our own weakesses and more or less lovable whimsies, as well as the sound humanity of the soul.

REPRESENTATIVE JOHNSON.

Albert Johnson, Representative in Congress for the Southwestern Washington district, is a candidate for relection and his name will go before the Republican primary next Tuesday There are one or two other candidates out The Oregonian understands that the opposition to Congressman Johnon is not formidable. It ought not

Representative Johnson is an alert and vigorous member of Congress. It happens that his early training as a journalist was largely in Washington City, so that he knew the ropes thoroughly when he was first elected. He has remained assiduously on the job throughout the present session, as at other sessions, and the interests of his constituency, as well as the larger in-terests of the country, have found in him a ready and persuasive spokes-

Mr. Johnson has a pleasing person ality. He is deservedly popular in his

PROGRESSIVE ASSEMBLYISM.

The State of New York now enjoys the blessings of a direct primary law, after years of boss rule under the old convention system. But the politicians and the candidates have not yet been able to accommodate themselves to the new system, though they make a valiant attempt to show that they like it,

The other day the Republicans had an assembly under the reassuring title of a pre-primary, or unofficial convention, and later the Democrats went through the same formality. Both lings. A brisk tune enlivens the spir-parties wisely concluded that they its of an army going into battle in the that the Austrians are being beaten back, for this must be Russia's first nominate a ticket (except delegates to nominate a ticket (except delegates to a desperate charge to drown the the proposed constitutional conven- shrieks of those who have been torn tion), but merely adopted their re-spective platforms, pointing with wire at the front. It would never do spective platforms, pointing with pride and viewing with alarm in the good old fashion.

But the Progressives met at Utica and proceeded to advise the primary by nominating a full state ticket. They sugar-coated the pill by calling it fare as grog, "nominating by invitation"; yet it is in According to all respects a reproduction of the Spartans were one time at war with odious assembly not unknown to fame their enemies, the Messenians, and odious assembly not unknown to fame

in Oregon. When the Progressives hold an assembly and designate candidates it is her flanks on both sides. Clearly her a meeting of the elect at Armageddon and were directed to send to Athens

SPENDING THE STATE'S MONEY.

Governor West has spent all the noney appropriated by the 1913 Legislature for maintenance of the exec-utive office, and he signalizes the advent of official poverty by ordering out the telephones and notifying all correspondents to enclose postage for replies to their letters. The Governor blames the Legislature for his sad plight, but it seems to The Oregonian that a Legislature which had given him for the incidental expenses of his office \$8900 more than any previous Governor ever had had been fairly generous. The appropriations for the executive office for the past three biennial periods have been: Appropriations for 1909.

	Governor's private secretary	45440
e.	Clerks and stenographers for Gov-	2,400
t,	Governor's traveling expenses	500
-	For expenses in returning fugitives	
n	from inatice	5,000
-	Special agents to be employed by Governor	1,000
3	For payment of rewards for appre- hension of criminals	600
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y	Appropriations for 1911,	1297900
g	Governor's salary	
đ	Governor's private secretary	3,200
d	Governor's clerks and stenographers	4,200
	Governor's traveling expenses	500
g	Apprehension of fugitives	7,000
is	Special agents to be appointed by	1,000
n	Rewards	1,200
w	Total	225.760
le	Appropriations for 1913,	
e	Governor's salary	10,000
e	Governor's traveling expenses	3,000
26724	Governor's private secretary	4,200
g	Governor's stenographers	2,500
11	Governor's contingent expenses	8,500
e	Pursuit of fugitives be appointed by	

.... \$34,400 spender gets in the executive chair.

PARIS AND FRANCE.

History gives some warrant for the common saying that "He who holds Paris holds France." When the allied overeigns took the capital in 1814 all resistance ceased, but at that time re istance meant Napoleon, and the great commander was a prisoner at

Again, in 1815, Paris seemed to be whole of France under the rule of the foreign diplomats. When the Germans captured Paris in 1871 effectual resistance was ended. A small their construction as well as their oparmy was raised during the siege to eration. The main lines have been relieve the capital, but it effected laid out with a view primarily to the The country seemed to go nothing. with its foremost city like the leaves the eastern or western frontier, not

with a cabbage. Still, in the days of Henry IV. France was of one mind and Paris of asother. The Protestant King had made himself master of all the outlying provinces, but Paris obstinately It was fanatically atwithstood him. tached to the old church. Henry was of the newer persuasion. It was only after four years of slege that he took the capital, and then only by guile. He underwent one of those "conversions" which are so common among monarchs when there is anything t

gained by a change of creed. King Henry laughed at his own con version and plainly admitted that it If we may believe some English ob-servers, Professor Leacock among "Paris vaut blen une messe" by them, American humor is described. was pure hypocrisy, but it was the Indeed, they go so far as to say that it has wholly decayed, which is a great whatever that France will fall into this war there is no likelihood meek submission the moment Paris is captured, granting that it will be captured, which is extremely doubtful National character has not altered and The country is in a very different sitthat we should still enjoy humor if we uation politically and mentally from had anybody capable of writing it. The paper sadly reverts to the times of Oliver Wendell Holmes, Lowell and in this war. They understand the rea-Eugene Field, who, it says, wrote sons for it and are willing to make limitless sacrifices to bring it to a sucesaful issue. Moreover, they do no fight alone, as they did in 1870. apture of Paris will neither dissipate

the French armies nor disarm their When the British, under Howe, took

Renjamin Franklin remarked that "Philadelphia had taken Howe rather than Howe Philadelphia." He meant, bylously, that it would require a large orce to hold the city without any corresponding gain. Parls would lignify much the same to the Gersignify Half a million troops are necessary to invest it. A great arm) very much as if the Kaiser would would have his bit of pork in the bill have use for all his men and guns in in order to insure his vata for the bill other quarters.

HELP THY BAND,

The Oregonian has long been an adnirer of the Portland Police Band. It is a superior amateur organization It is a willing aid in any public enterprise or exercise which demands band music. Its appearances in public for the benefit of the common good have been many and for its work it has received no remuneration. It plays with unusual spirit and in perfect harmony.

A tour by special train to all the important cities of the country as a means of promoting travel via Port-land to and from the San Francisco Exposition is now proposed. It is an idea promising in advertising results. Moreover, the trip would provide a vacation which the members of the band would appreciate and one which

they richly deserve. The expense of the journey is not to be paid from public money, but is to be raised in a series of concerts. These concerts and the whole plan have the all the commercial organizations of the city. The Oregonian commends residents of Portland and urges a patronage of the concerts that will assure the success of the plan.

MUSIC AND WAR.

All soldiers value martial music, It inspires weary men on the long day's march, keeps laggards in the ranks and revives the strength of the weakto let men pressing on from the rear hear the sounds that come from the front. So they are drowned by the thus serves the same purpose in war-

According to an old Greek story, the public slaughter. In their extremity they sent, as all good Greeks did, to Delphi for advice from the infallible oracle publicans hold an assembly it is a lawless gathering of wicked reactionaries.

and were directed to send to Athens for succor. The Athenians did not dare to refuse altogether, such was the prestige of Delnhi but in t nothing they dispatched a lame schoolmester to Sparta. His name was Tyr Of no use as a soldier, he turned out to be worth many soldiers, by his songs he breathed new vigor into the Spartan troops and thus uickly gave them the victory over

their foes. The Russians make almost as much of music as the Greeks did for mili-tary purposes. They are said to have gon. about 100,000 men consecrated to musical performances in their army. The troops are soothed by sweet concords as they cook their suppers, lulled by low harmonies into peaceful slumbers and roused by terrific outbursts of

Musical America, are as fond of music as are those Swiss whom the sound of the Kuhreihen seduces from their standards and sends back home to their native mountains. The Kuhrei-hen repeats the haunting melody of the cowbells on the Alpine pastures. The Russian war music grows out of the winds sweeping over the steppes and bending the golden grain in the prairies of the Ukraine. Mingled with these mystical themes are the cries of the land, the fathers of the unborn the fishermen on the Volga and the generation will not be up to the standwall of the Ural miners. Perhaps if the soldiers were to listen keenly they might hear undertones from the duncons of Petrograd and the exiles of Siberia. No doubt Russian music resumes the tragedy of Russian history. We know that Tschaikowski's wails with the sorrows of Poland.

The Czar's troops go to battle with tubborn fatalism. They are beaten and die, but their fellows return to be fight. They return again and stubborn fatalism. the fight. again with unwearled persistence until the foe is at last worn out and buried under his own dead. Peter the Great was beaten by Charles XII of Sweden in many a stern encounter, but at last he drove his Swedish foe into defeat and exile. "I learned how to fight from my defeats," said Peter, Russia has men enough to afford this fearful

PUBLIC OWNERSHIP A WAR MEASURE

An important aid in the rapid movement of the German army the government ownership of the railroads. Commerce has been subordi-nated to military considerations in rapid concentration of troops on either with a view to joining the great indus trial and commercial centers. The The single official, appointed by the Emperor and subject to the general direction of the Bundesrath, the members of which are appointed by the Emperor and the heads of the federated states. Politics plays no part in the management of the roads or in the

appointment of their employes. Those who propose government ownership for the railroads of the United States ignore the many essential differences of conditions when they cite the undoubted success of that system in Germany. From a military standpoint public ownership is unnecessary in this country, for there is no probability that our Governmen would need to transport great bodies of troops to the frontier. When occasion requires our Government can always insure that the movement of troops and equipment shall have pre-

edence over other traffic. If our Government owned the railroads there would almost certainly attempts on the part of politicians to procure appointment on the score olitical service rather than ability and good service. They are now trythrow postal appointments open to the spoilsmen and they would seep their hands off so rich a field as the railroads. They would not be entent to give absolute power to single man or to a commission, leav-ing him or it free to hire and fire men as Germany does with her railroads. parts of "Innocents Abread" and simi-lar books, but it is not true at all of Philadelphia in our own Revolution, We should have the same experience

as France has had with the railroads taken over by the government a few years ago. There was a great increase in the number of employes and in the ratio of operating expenses to income But the spoilsmen would not stop a the offices. They would create a road pork barrel. Every year They would create a railshould see Congress appropriating money for branch lines, terminals and

progress in removing the abuses of the railroad business through the In-terstate Commerce Commission and will soon have put it on a sound foot-ing. Evils of high finance, rate discrimination and excessive rates are being rooted out. Capital per mile is only about half that of European roads, freight rates are much lower and service is much better than or any state-owned roads in Europe. The system of private ownership public supervision is only fairly established, but has already vindicated itself. Being free from the military necessity of public ownership and being unable to apply the methods which have made that system a success in Germany, we should be content the methods we have already adopted.

There is an unpleasantly clinging quality in the office of school director as the Attorney-General sees it. Once endued with its dignities and emoluments a man must stay endued. cannot resign. Flight is useless. office sits upon him like the Old Man of the Sea on Sindbad's shoulders. Will prospective candidates take warnthe enterprise to the attention of the ing or will they madly rush upon their

Superintendent Churchill is making arrangements to celebrate the cen tenary of 'The Star Spangled Banner," which some say is our National hymn. If the words were as good as the music perhaps we should all say The intervals of the melody are too difficult for really popular ing, but it is sane and beautiful, which is more than one can say of every patriotic air.

Bernard Shaw shines as a military counselor. His new policy of killing the women and saving the men to work for the victor is sound econom ics. Like all innovations, it shocks the conservative mind a little at first, but we should soon get used to it. a little practice we should all regard it as calmly as we do other forms

Ontario is making huge effort to re locate the county seat of Malheur, now at Vale. Ontario is the metropolis, with the more people, but is on the edge of the county, which is nearly the largest county in area. The people will decide, as they did a quarter century ago, and as the popular vote of Oregonians is fickle the result is in

A carload of catalogues of a Chicago mail order house has been received at Roseburg and two carloads more are expected within a few months. Merely to reciprocate, a carwithin a few load or two of Oregon money will be sent East to pay for "something just as good" (perhaps) as is sold in Ore-

British army officers seem not yet have learned that they can do far better service to their country by staying alive to direct their men than by exposing themselves to be shot. thunderous sound into that fury which is appropriate for the fray.

The Russian soldiers, we learn from now practiced.

> Mexico is becoming so orderly as to be dull and uninteresting. If Villa were to start a new revolution he could not get on the first page, so what's the use? He may as well keep quiet until Europe gives him a chance.

Dropping bombs from the air upon the homes and stores of non-combatants looks like a petty sort of war-It exasperates one side and fare. gains nothing for the other. The British official bulletin has only

thirteen words to say as to the British position on the Continent. Perhaps that was all that could be said with dignity. The principal effect of aerial war fare appears to be to amuse the air-

men and give the penned-up corre spondents something to pen about. Well well! the Governor's office is "broke" and the plenipotentiary to

must stay at home. How sad! It might be well for the provident teacher to mark the changes on the map before school opens. There's Petrograd, for example.

remedy the ills of the body politic

Beware of the "actual firing line photo that shows troops charging in heavy overcoats in the middle of Au-

If Turkey has declared war on Russla there ought to be some interesting clashes, as both are notoriously ill led.

Some Americans are sure to stay in Paris, even if it is besieged, just for the sake of the thrills they will get.

The cost of American peaches is dropping. We refer, of course, to the variety that grows on trees. British officers picture Mons as

worse than Waterloo, With gether different result, too. With an alto The Italian fleet may help the But what the allies need is

troops, not ships. With hop-picking under way there s not even a shower to wash the dust

Very likely the Beavers are leaving the surprises for the last series at

Butte is having an unwonted experience with law and order.

No doubt Bordeaux will now be me a German objective. "Safety first" is the motto of the

French government. Austria upholds tradition by gettin whipped daily.

On to Bordeaux!

from the vines.

Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian September 5, 1864. Louisville.—General Sherman enter Atlanta at 9 o'clock September 2, ac-cording to word received here.

New York.—The Tribune says there has been a tender of a foreign loan and the Treasury Department has it

Boise.-The fair at Boise netted \$700 this year.

The Bank of Genoa, which has been in existence hundreds of years, has per-haps proved itself the strongest in the world.

Irish riots continue at Belfast.

Albany. — Our townsmen, Thomas Monteith and John Rowland, have been appointed, the former Colonel and the latter Major of the Third Regiment, Second Brigade, Oregon Volunteers.

Albany.—D. D. Gray fell from a building last week and broke his arm. William N. Miller, son of Dr. Miller, fell from a load of grain and dislocated his elbow. Walla Walla.-An inquisitive indi-

vidual is out counting political noses and says the Democrats have lost 100 votes of men who left the states to settle in this territory.

The difficulty between the United States and the Egyptian government has been adjusted. The capital of Washington Territor,

was united with the National Capital and the rest of mankind at 4 P. M. yesterday. The superintendent and gang of workmen rolled into Olympia at that hour and went to church in the even-

John Mathiot has established a grape depot on Washington street for the sale of the Butteville vineyard's product.

The steam propellor George S. Wright sailed at 6 P. M. Saturday carrying 160 tons of Oregon produce for Victoria, B. C., markets. The sale of city property in Caruthers

Addition last Saturday resulted as follows: Block 24, \$390; block 25, \$460; blocks A to O, inclusive, \$400, \$520, \$515, \$480, \$280, \$440, \$380, \$355, \$240, \$185, \$280, \$310, \$290, \$200, \$240.

REAL BOARDING-HOUSE SERVICE Democratic Newspaper Produces Aged Editorial Fodder on Regular Days,

PORTLAND, Sept. 3 .- (To the Editor.)-Because of his genuine devotion to the development of the State of Oregon and of his advocacy of the doctrine of getting back to the farm as the best means of pushing that development, Dr. Withycombe has made many speeches on that subject. several occasions during the present campaign he has discussed this quescampaign he has discussed this distribution, always interestingly and profitably, but the amusing feature of it is that the Portiand Democratic daily newspaper hops on to this phase of Dr. Withycombe's speeches with an atempted ridicule that at once disclose its lack of effective ammunition as a means of injuring his chances of election.

As regularly as a country hotel sup-As regularly as a country notel supplies its customers with boiled beef on Thesdays, beans on Thursdays and stewed prunes on Saturdays does the Democratic daily present the same editorial every three issues, double column, repeating the charge that at Podunk Dr. Withycombe condemned the resolutions of '98, at Slabtown he deubted the advisability of indorsing Podunk Dr. Withycombe condemned the resolutions of '98, at Slabtown he doubted the advisability of indorsing the Kansas-Nebraska bill of 1854 and at Miliville took the position that in the present European war we should not take sides, for to do so would be like accepting a two-edged sword.

This editorial appears regulary every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings, usually changed with a stereotyped paragraph to the effect that Dr. Withycombe is in favor of a Greater

typed paragraph to the effect that Dr. Withycombe is in favor of a Greater Oregon and even publicly advocates it! And now Gus Moser has become a delinquent in the eyes of the non-partisan - Democratic - Chamberlain organ for the reason that he has dared publicly to suggest that all the Republicans of Oregon should support the ticket which they themselves nominated in the primaries—for which reason he has won the distinction of being the target for a double-header tirade and is a real bad man. Booth and Withycombe were overwhelmingly nominated by the common people of Oregon within the party to which they

ing the target for a construction of that on Moser and is a real bad man. Booth and Withycombe were overwhelmingly nominated by the common people of Oregon within the party to which they belong, but the man who publicly advocates the ratification of this action by the people who did it is necessarily a subject for abuse and is an enemy of the public good!

The blast against Moser for advising the acceptance of the verdict of the people themselves as worthy of ratification is evidently intended as a notice to others to avoid making his mistake. This is to be a non-partisan campaign, wherein Smith and Chamberlain are to be the beneficiaries through the fright injected into the rank and file of the Republicans who dared to nominate Booth and Withycombe, though it was under the plain operation of the primary law.

Hence, the unvaried Withycombe editorial each Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, with the probable sandwich now of that on Moser and his loyalty to the choice of the people of his party, for this is the return of the non-partisan year when practically all Republicans are expected and advised to forget not only why they registered as Republicans but that they did so at all. On the other hand, a Democrat is a non-partisan by virtue of his make-up and doesn't need to change. But look out for those double-column editorials setting forth in detail what Withycombe thinks about the fourth dimension and the origin of Halley's Withycombe thinks about the fourth dimension and the origin of Halley's comet. OBSERVER.

VALUE OF GOLD IS DEPRECIATED One Way of Expressing Rise in Prices of Commodities.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Aug. 31.—(To the Editor.) — On page 5 of The Sunday Oregonian, August 30, is an article headed "Germany's War Chest Rankles the French." I would like to have an explanation of this statement contained therein: "In the first place the purchasing power of gold has depreciated explanation of this statement contained therein: "In the first place the purchasing power of gold has depreciated at least 50 per cent during the interval." I had an idea that the purchasing power of gold did not fluctuate at all, while the price of different comwhile the price of different modifies it buys has and does fluc A. L. CLARKE.

The variation in the purchasing power of gold is indicated by the variation in price of commodities. Gold has been adopted as the standard of value for all other commodities, a certain amount of gold being declared one dollar and the price of commodities being expressed in dollars and fractions of a dollar. The price of potatoes, for example, varies not only according to the abundance or scarcity of potatoes but also according to the abundance or scarcity of gold. Irrespective of the supply of potatoes, their price will rise when gold is cheap and fall when gold is dear. Hence it is that the rise in prices during the last 15 or 20 years is attributed to some extent to increased production of gold. The writer you quote has merely expressed the sam idea in another way when he says the purchasing power of gold has depre-

Stars and Starmakers BY LEONE CASS BARR

A large photograph of Will D. How ard occupies almost the entire center of the page in the Dramatic Mirror devoted to news of stock companies. I is a regulation stock-actor picture with cane, high silk bonnet and gloved hands neatly resting on the aforementioned cane. It seems that Mr. Howard has just closed a season of 22 weeks in Brockton, Mass., stock and is returning immediately to Waterbury, Conn., where the watches come from He will play a fourth return season in Waterbury. After he plays this return engagement Mr. Howard is coming to the Pacific Coast, and visit for awhile before he takes a fling at moving pictures. He used to be Portland stock actor about six years

Mary Edgett Baker has returned to Portland with a lengthy list of successful appearances in Denver to her theat-rical credit. She is busy rehearsing with Pa George L. Baker's company which makes its initial bow next Sunday afternoon in "Such a Little Queen."

George Alison has opened as leading man with the Washington Theater Stock Company in Detroit. Maude Fealey is leading woman.

Nana Bryant is to head the stock ompany at Post's Grand Theater in Sacramento this season. The opening is next Monday. Claire Sinclair, who was with the Catherine Counties company two seasons ago, is to be in the Post company.

Franklyn Underwood and his wife, Frances Slosson, will appear in Morosco's "Help Wanted" this season.

Friends of David Bispham will be glad to know that his daughter, Vida, is safe in Italy, where she has been visiting Mrs. Raymond Maude, the daughter of the great Jennie Lind. Miss Bispham has been urged not to leave Italy, as she is perfectly safe in the mountains where she is visiting.

Guy Standing, who was chosen to play the leading role in the Famous Players' production of "The King," has completely upset the plans of that company in insisting upon joining his regiment when plunged into the European vortex.

Standing is a Captain in one of the crack British regiments and when his country declared war he called upon Adolph Zukor, president of the Famous Players, and for the first time in hi life really pleaded for the postponenent of the engagement. Mr. Zukor, impressed by the patriotic loyalty of the star, consented, and Standing hapily began preparations for a hasty departure. He salled last week on the Susitanta to take his place in a more vital drama and enact a more heroic role even than that of the "Silver King.

Richard Walton Tully, author of "The Bird of Paradise," "Omar, the Tentmaker," and a half dozen other plays, was given his divorce last week from Eleanor Gates, who is a playwright also. "The Poor Little Rich Girl" and "We Are Seven" are two of her best-known works. The de-cree was granted to Mr. Marshall on the grounds of desertion. The twain were wed in 1901 in Merced, Cal. In 1912, according to Tully's testimony, they separated at the Hotel St. James in New York. He freely admitted that he gave her good cause to quarrel with him, but said he followed her to San Francisco and they were rec His testimony was corroborated by his mother. But the reunion did not last long. Mrs. Tully did not contest the action. She is at present in New York.

News of the passing away of Billy Onslow, for a season comedian with the Lyric stock, has just reached Portland from Los Angeles. Onslow's right name was William Gilchrist and he has been a figure in musical comedy and vauderille on the Pacific Coast. For a part of last season he played Irish roles jointly with Gus Leonard as a German comedian and later played with Ed P. Allen. During his 42 weeks' engagement, Onslow never departed ence from his Irish roles. His illness was tuberculosis of the throat. He leaves wife and young daughter.

This from a New York dramatic exchange will interest Portland friends of Eleanor Haber, who played with the Belasco stock here and who is con-nected with some of California and Oregon's oldest families. Says the ac-

The work done by the company headed by recent performance of "The Little Gray Lady," at the Burns Theater in Colorade Springs, stands out among the most cond-Springs, stands out among the most creditable done so far this stock season, particularly so in the individual work of Miss Haber. Last week this company played "Stop Thief."

The Dramatic Mirror prints the folowing in its last issue. It will be of especial interest, as most of the players are known in Portland. Nell McKin on and William H. Dills (Billy to his friends) are former Baker players;

Seattle, Wash. Aug. 13, 1914—New York Dramatic Mirror—Genilemen: We, the un-dersigned members of the Metropolitan Players, are sending you the following statement, which we wish you would publish in your valuable paper, for, while it seems impossible for us to gain redress of any kind, it may save some of our fellow artists from a like predicament with the san

nanager: The Metropolitan stock company at Klav & Erlanger's Metropolitan Theater, Seattle, Wash, close Saturday, August 5, without notice of any kind, with salaries in most cases two weeks in arrears and leaving cases two weeks in arrears and seaving some of the members in absolute want K. & E.'s Northwestern representative and manager of their Metropolitan Theaten. George J. Mackennie, had organised the company several weeks before, and had represented to all that K. & E. were backing the enterprise. Now, however, K. & E. deny any connection with the stock company, and Mr. Mackennie, far from attemp ing to make any settlement or even an explanation, is nowhere to be found.

Byron L. Aldenn, Tony B. Stanford, Cad Caldwell, James Guy Ueher, Plorence Spen-cer, Nell J. McKinnon, Dwight A. Meade, Charles K. Phipps, William H. Dills. George Mackenzie represents Klaw & E

langer in Seattle only during the Winter sea-son, according to a representative of that firm, and this stock venture is a purely personal undertaking. When the regular senson closed he evidently leased the theats and installed his company, with the constant quances already given in the communic

of the most monumental offenses in the theatrical business, and is being taken up to organized actors. The actors Equity Association makes special prevision for such cases and pursues all offenders to the limit

Twenty-Five Years Ago

have the leading sentiment for Gover-nor, and Patrick Henry Winston, of Winston, of Spokane, will make the nomination speech for John L. Wilson for Con-gress. Wilson seems to have the lead.

Washington—In his annual report Secretary of War Proctor intends to call attention of Congress to frequent describing from the United States Army.

The first ateamer to Myrtie Point, on he Coquille River, reached that town

San Francisco-The Union Pacific railroad now proposes to consolidate six more branch lines, including Colo-rado Central, Denver & Midland, Den-ver, Marshail & Boulder, Salt Lake & Pacific, Georgetown, Breckenridge & Leadville and Colorado & Central of Wyoming.

Henry Failing is in San Francisco for

Chicago-Editor Medill, of the Chichicago—Editor Medil, of the Chicago Tribune, who has returned from Europe, says he is ashamed of the American exhibit at the Paris Exposition. The men at the head of it he says are untrained but are "talking "very bumptiously.

The special manufacturing edition of The Oregonian will be published in a short time.

Dr. P. T. Keene, who was private secretary to C. H. Prescott when he was general manager of the O. R. & N. Co., died at his old home in Massachusetts

There wasn't a quorum at the monthly meeting of the water committee yesterday. Those present were: H. W. Corbett, W. S. Ladd, C. H. Lewis, J. Loewenberg, A. H. Johnson, L. Therkelsen and T. M. Richardson, R. R. Knapp is in Europe; S. G. Reed, en route home from New York; Colonel L. Fleishner is sick; H. Falling is out of town; F. E. Beach absent, and W. K. Smith at the beach.

The "Dr. Pohlel" who fell from a Union Pacific train in Nebraska several days ago was Dr. Albert Pohl, of Port-land. He died soon after the accident.

Judge Deady has been somewhat in-

Dr. Clarence L. Nichols, who has been studying in Europe, salled from Liver-pool for home this morning. He is ac-companied by his brother, Ernest, and brother-in-law, Rev. H. L. Bates.

Rev. J. W. Bushong, new minister at Centenary M. E. Church, and his wife are expected in about 10 days. Rev. Bushong is from Cincinnati. P. E. Gerould, of this city, figured as

the hero in an encounter with a burly burglar at Beaverton early Monday morning. Sidney Dillon, New York financier and ex-president of the Union Pacific, is in Portland and says the Northwest

is a larger country that he supposed.

Life of First Papers. TROUTDALE, Or., Sept. 2.—(To the Editor.)—I wish to know how long the first papers of American citizenship remain legal if the second papers have not been taken out at the end of two years. How long after that do a they remain legal? A SUBSCRIBER.

Some courts have held that an alien who filed declaration prior to September 27, 1906, may be required to file a new declaration. The present law does not fix a time for expira-tion of declaration papers.

War Pictures From the Front

The first actual photos in the great war are at hand. Four pages of them will be shown Sunday, together with a comprehensive map of the war zone. These stirring photos tell the true story of many phases of the deadly conflict.

Europe's Women Officers.

They are women of title and command famous regiments-although, of course, they do not appear on the firing line in battle

A full-page feature in colors. Picturesque Policemen.

There are 500,000 of them in Europe who may be called to the There is no more picturfront. esque force in the world. Half

The Innocent Bystander. A detailed story of Belgium, the rich, cultured, progressive little

page with 12 photos.

country that has been crushed by the German advance. Boy Scouts in War Zone. They may play an important part in the fray. The valuable

service they can render is made the subject of a page article with many photographs.

War Sketches. A celebrated English military painter presents in three powerful paintings scenes at the firing line and mobilization points. The pic-ture "Before Liege," showing German Uhlans, is a powerful action pieture.

The Mikado. The War Lord of the Far East

s the subject for Sunday in the War Lords' series. Full page in Queer Cures. Vodeo medicines and quack cures

of primitive people are shown in contrast with modern medicine. The Worker's Lot.

The American working man is a fortunate individual indeed when his wage is compared with that of workers in other countries. He earns as much in an hour as the average foreign workman is paid for a whole day.

Sketches From Life.

Pages from an artist's notebook. Pheasant Farming. It is both pleasant and profit-

able. Illustrated with photos. The Lifesavers.

An illustrated article on the perilous life of men who operate the lifesaving stations along the Oregon and Washington coast,

Scores of Other Features. Order early of your newsdealer