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(By Carrier.)

HOW LONG, O LORD, HOW LONG?

taxation in Oregon for the past twenty years cannot be better told than by the table of totals for Multnomah county prepared by Assessor Reed. For all purposes except federal-state, county, city, school, dock, port, market, road, and so on —the taxpayers have poured into the public treasury the following

population of Multnomah

average per capita tax was there-The population of Multnomah

county in 1900 was 103,167.

average per capita tax was therefore The population of Multnomah

county is 275.288. The average per capita tax is now therefore \$53.44. population of Multnomah county twenty years. But the average citizen taxes. Is the average citizen more

able to pay? Or is property? While the county has merely trebled in population-or less-the

The end is not yet for the taxpayer bearing five times the burden he bore in 1900 (always excepting the other heavy load of federal taxation) end it.

The first place to begin is with the legislature.

tor Rockey over how fine a thing it center on Ma quam Hill. It is disargument that prevailed in securing location of the county hospital in nital caring for a thousand or more monumental to our enterprise is, as heretofore pointed out, the principal cause of our high rate of taxation. The Oregonian, contrary to a possible implication in Dr. Rockey's letter published Sunday, has not spe-cifically condemned the county's participation in the medical center plan. It is not now certain that it not sure that we should not have saved much money by awaiting more definite enlargement of the center and establishment of transportation before spending a million dollars to help along the plan.

With due regard for what Vancouver, B. C., has accomplished with a million-dollar municipal hospital which houses 1000 patients, most of whom pay for the care given them, it may be pointed out that we are spending a million dollars for one unit of a hospital, and that that unit will have 110 beds. We are to invest virtually the same amount as Vancouver for caring for about one-tenth of the number of persons.

Customs and prejudices of people ary, moreover. There is an unvary, moreover. There is an un-doubted prejudice in this country against entering an eleemosynary institution even as a pay patient. And he who is unprejudiced and able to pay his way will, if accommodations are available in any of the several excellent private hospitals in Port-land, go to one of the latter in preference to secluding himself in an institution where his family and friends cannot visit him except under serious transportation inconveni

But aside from the foregoing the history of the county hospital has been disquieting. The outside estimate for the completed unit with accessory buildings was originally not more than \$450,000. The measure of public approval that it gained was based on that understanding of has crept upward and upward with that other funds that were levied for fore it was incurred.

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The sum of the probably been sufficient to pay the debt beneated the purposes will be diverted.

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It is true that durum wheat, now We are paying an extra price for the worth \$50,000,000 a year to the color of the brick used and have turned down home industry to do it; Russia in 1899; that the cotton which extraordinary—it had not been obve are paying several thousands for al of earth excavated from the

from established customs in letting contracts for equipment. The his tory of the purchase of X-ray appu han that the equipment has been approved by a competent and honest physician. If it be said that an X-ray machine built twelve years ago is still doing duty, it may also be said that the same is true of many automobiles. Yet no person wants an antequated automobile and no person in his private capacity would buy an automobile at the

It is indeed true, as Dr. Rockey Published by The Oregonian Publishing Co.
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Commissioner of seven years' expericommissioner of seven years' experi- this country. before him by the county auditor intion Rates-Invariably in Advance. Here is one of three men who will spend \$2,000,000 of public money ir suffer? What is the property owner

Postage Rates—1 to 16 pages, 1 cent; 18 many other purposes has become 5 22 pages, 2 cents; 34 to 48 pages, 3 cents; 5 to 64 pages, 4 cents; 66 to 86 pages, 5 to 96 pages, 6 cents. Foreign ostage double rate Eastern Business Office Verree & Conk-n. Brunswick building, New York: Verree Conklin, Steger building, Chicago; Verree Conklin, Free Press building, Detroit, there was for the building between the control of the co such scares before. When producthere was fear of their running dry. but in the eightles discoveries tended into West Virginia and Ohio. Since then oil in vast quantities has The amazing story of increasing been found in Kentucky, then in Kansas, Oklabeen found in Kentucky, then in homa and Texas and last in Wyoming. Abroad great oil fields have been found in the Baku district of Russia, in Galicia, Roumania and Persia and last in Mesopotamia There are good indications in Alaska and the republic of Colombia, and

vast areas have yet to be explored. There was probably a similar alarm when the forests of Europe began to show a deficient supply of wood for fuel, but coal took its place. 2.076,969 wood for fuel, but coal took its place. 6.401,426 This fuel is known to have been used by the Saxons of England as early as the middle of the ninth century, but did not come into general use for 14.713.000 about six centuries. It is now mined in vast quantities in almost every country in the world, and was man's The chief reliance as fuel until oil began to supplant it. Great beds of lignite are still nearly untouched to eke out in 1910 was 226,261. The the coal supply, and we need not fear actual exhaustion of oil resources till the great deposits of oil shale in the Rocky mountain region are

worked out. Experience with wood, coal and oil justifies confidence that other has not quite trebled in means of producing power and heat will be found when they become pays more than five times as much scarce. Scarcity sends prices upward, and thereby sets enterprise and ingenuity to work in search of cheaper substitutes. Each substitute has been more effective and economical than amount paid in taxes has increased that which it replaced, and so it may continue. High prices also impose economy in use, which postpones the date of final exhaustion. The possibilities of electricity are but partly known, and the supply of that subunless he makes up his mind to stitute for fuel will last as long as streams continue to flow.

THEY PORGET ALREADY.

Those members of congress who There will be no quarrel with Doc- navy programme have uncommonly short memories. They give as a reaestablish a great medical son the enormous burden of taxation which the nation has to pay. tinctly recalled that that was the largely to meet interest on its huge debt. Yet the greater part of that debt represents the cost of unprelocation of the county hospital in that district. A great county hospital earlies, not the cost of war. The problem will be to get e that district. A great county hospital earlies and the inefficiency which led to employ their facilities. to most of it were due to the fact that we did not begin to prepare to have. But the idea that we should continually be spending millions for months before the defiance which would be pleasing or months before the defiance which would be pleasing or months before the defiance which the Esch-Cummins law—that public be permanent. Experience with the clastic gusrove us to war we had elected a war" and by inference because he kept us unprepared. The cost of the which would remain after we deducted the part that could be ascribed to failure to prepare earlier. If we had had no more than that has been wise in that regard. It is balance to pay, the debt would have been far lighter, and the taxes which we must pay in future would have been lighter in proportion.

In fact it may fairly be argued that, if we had been prepared, we should have had no war bill to pay The action of Germany was decided after careful calculation of all the factors, military, economic and psychological, of the world situation One of the most important of these was the situation in this country. Having a traditional policy of non intervention in Europe's affairs, we had a pacifist administration which had endured intolerable wrongs from weaker neighbor without striking back, which retorted for the Lusi tania outrage with a campaign of notes and which persisted in unpre-paredness though further outrages were added to that one. Germany was reasonably justified in believing that we would not fight when we should, and that we could not fight

The time when congress is about to reorganize the departments and to draw the line with careful discrimination between necessary and unnecessary expenditures—the time also when the lessons of the war are fresh in our memories—is the time to adopt a military policy which will provide adequately for defense of the

A DEBT PAID IN ADVANCE.

country.

Experts of the department of agri-culture who remind us of our debt to the old world for food plants its cost. But since its inception cost brought to this country to improve our agriculture are hereby informed preposterous, of catching smelt the end not yet in sight. Money has that America's contributions to Euborrowed from other funds to rope, Asia and Africa have probably

is the basis of our long-staple crop served for years before. the mistake of an engineer in estab- is an Egyptian product; that Siberia whing the foundation depth; we are and Turkestan have contributed alpaying in public inconvenience and falfa; and that Japanese rice is a heads and Chinooks at the same time personal injuries for reckless disprofitable crop in Louisiana and and place in the Columbia river in California. The quest for exotics of he plant kingdom has been cond with discrimination and assiduity that reflect credit on the de-

partment scientists. It is not so widely known, howthe maize, the potato and probably preservation of the European grape against extinction. It is difficult to estimate the economic value to the peoples of other countries of the potate alone. Taken to England in the time of Sir Walter Raleigh, if not by that adventurer in person, it found a hospitable soil and after some centuries a cordial reception. no use for it for eighteen tion per acre was long held in Holis. Minor improvements are land. The British Isles found it an intly being made in X-ray appalideal food crop under their climatic as in automobiles, and these conditions and Germany and France tion per acre was long held in Hol-land. The British Isles found it an

It was carried to Europe by Columprincipal crops on which the famine the Willamette: stricken people depend for rehabili-How shall I tell

thought to be doomed by blight, and it was averted only by utilization of replanting of European vineyards. the fact that the most remunerative

American species. tributions of the eastern hemisphere to the agriculture of our own, it visualize the situation that the old of the post office in Portland. world would now be in but for these staples which in many respects represent the ideal in food yield in proportion to area and labor required for their production.

A YEAR OF RAILROAD ACHIEVEMENT. In a review of the railroad situation for the year Thomas De Witt of Railway Executives, with good cause takes credit to the railroads for the great advance that they have made toward normal conditions during the first nine months of private operation. They have moved a crators and dealers while the law greater tonnage than ever before by ncreasing the number of miles per and they have reduced the number of loaded but unmoved freight cars to one-fifth of that existing on March 1. They have spent \$500,-000,000 on improved maintenance and \$250,000,000 on additions and betterments, and are buying thousands of new cars and locomotives. The increased transportation which they have supplied with the old plant equivalent to expenditure of \$2,-000,000,000 on additions to the

This achievement vindicates the superiority of private over public operation. In the new year the people will look to them for further vidence of the same kind. They will not grudge the full 6 per cent of net earnings that the law allows, provided that it is obtained in such manner as not to injure the business call for reduction of the army and that produces traffic, as in the case of lumber from the Pacific coast to struggle with congestion of traffic as in the last two years, their traffic will take to the water and their problem will be to get enough, of it

Nor will there be complete satis-Nor will there be complete satis-faction unless the railroads live up worse in that it prevents operation service must be the first considera- gove that rule be followed, the Portland war was that part of our expenditure terminal dispute will come to a quick end with consolidation of the minal properties. Then also the North Bank road will perform its prope function, which is to haul all the traffic that is naturally tributary to it and to the Port of Portland to that port. Private operation will not fully satisfy the public until uneconomic relics of the competitive system have disappeared.

We ought to be grateful—and we are—to Hugh Wiley for bringing the "Wildcat" to the Columbia river and embodying the wonders of the fishing industry in his tales of that inenuous, food-consuming negro and his goat mascot, Lily.

In the current number of the Sat-urday Evening Post the Wildcat jumps a train somewhere above The with his hands enough smelt to satiate his appetite for a while, later falls in the river, is carried into a \$5,000,000,000 or so, the American fish wheel and does battle with fleets farmer goes on doing business at the of steelheads and 100-pound Chi- old stand. Is there another business

As we say, we are grateful to the author for having the Wildcat try his Lady Luck with the fish of the columbia river, but it is only fair that those unfamiliar with this secfiction, as they have gained their iscenception of western life, cowboys, sheriffs, mining camps and the like. More things that are not have been gleaned from western romances than the world will ever

To catch smelt with the hands pretty difficult, if not impossible though true tales, seemingly more where they are actually to be found could be told. We have yet to hear of smelt signalling the Celilo canal or of mounting the rapids above the

One would be unusually blessed by Lady Luck to encounter smelt, steelcommercial quantities. Steelheads enter the river in February, March or April and make their way into smaller tributaries of the lower river such as the Cowlitz and Sandy. Fish

wheels for the spring run of Chinooks begin operations about May 1.
Fifty fish an hour would be a phenomenal catch for a wheel.

A Chinook weighing over 65 pounds
would attract attention among fishermen and few are larger than 75
pounds the average ranging from 22 pounds, the average ranging from 22 to 23 pounds. When the Wildest was assaulted by a 100-pound Chinook the novelty was augmented by his aight of something many old-time fighermen on the river have never

Morning Oregonian as well as the probably lower price a few years ago had advanced the fishing in the Sandy river. The control art of potato culture far beyond the gestion of automobiles, the cries of stage it had reached in the United the vendors, the screams of women States. Per capita consumption in amateurs wielding the dip nets, the Germany just before the war was sight from the bridge of myriads of about four and a half times that of fish wending their way against the clear current constitute a scene not Corn, a native of America, is still found elsewhere. And it is to be

every month a comprehensive and much as we do, the world crop havaccurate financial statement is laid ing reached more than 4.000,000,000 during the spring salmon trolling before him by the county auditor? bushels in a favorable season. The Here is one of three men who will bearing of this crop on meat profalls or in the rapids for the strike. duction has been highly significant. the fight with a glorious fish that at least pulls like he weighed a hunbus on his first return voyage, re- dred pounds-one needs no literary quired a century to reach France brush to touch up the local colo from Spain, and probably penetrated there. Kipling, who experienced it, southeastern Europe by way of wrote of salmon fishing in the Switzerland. It is now one of the Clackamas near its confluence with

stricken people depend for rehabilitation during the coming year.

Antiquity of the grape is undoubted, but there was a time not long ago when viticulture in Europe was thought to be doomed by blight and

sixteen fish aggregating 142 pounds. resistant native American stocks for But three of these weighed more planting of European vineyards. than ten pounds. That was more cess of the plan is evident from still plentiful enough in the Willamvineyards of Europe have roots of ette to cause constant war in legislative halls between sportsmen and Though it would be the height of commercial fishermen for advanngratitude to undervalue the con- tage. Sportsmen in the last season caught salmon in the Willamette that weighed up to 42 1/2 pounds, and would be particularly difficult to they were caught within twelve miles

There is ground work there for stirring fiction, too. Boats sometimes capsize in the rapids; officers sometimes do battle with commercial fishermen poaching out of season or out of bounds. We imagine that one accustomed to it could spin fish grass in every winter." yarns all day long without causing smelt or salmon to digress from their natural habits or exceed their maxi-Cuyler, chairman of the Association mum size- and make them exciting, too.

REMEDY FOR COAL PROFITEERING. Extortion of the most shameless kind has been practiced by coal opfor control of food and fuel was in operation, while the attorney-gen- him, his false teeth were out and the sections where they are wanted. partment, which paid \$11 a ton for chez la femme" feature of the case, and they have reduced the number the same kind of coal that others they must seek some woman that bought at \$3.50. Yet Senator Calder the "bridge king" had known for a talks of more government control very long time. It would take Vidocq as the remedy.

sentences were probable and though judges have been loath to impose such sentences, the offense charged against the coal men is so flagrant that judges and juries might harden their hearts when such greed was So far as the evil is the proved. result of deficient supply, development of the new coal areas of the west under the leasing law should give relief. But increase of supply from that source must await investment of capital and development of spect is not exercised, the railroads that field readily because the pres-

dustry proves that the government wastes as much as private operators take by extortion and that the consumer is actually worse off, for pri vate enterprise fears to enter a field that the government occupies, while high prices attract it to a field that is clear to it. One reason for return of the republican party to power was that it might take the government out of business, not lead it

It is strange that in discussion of means of suppressing the crime wave, no one seems to have thought of declaring a moratorium on pa-roles and similar manifestations of tolerance of wrong-doing and lack

in Mississippi, of course she will not Dalles during a hold-up, makes his be elected, but she will "throw a of the wall in front of the hermit" way to the river's brink, scoops out scare" into semebody.

that could keep on its feet under similar conditions?

100 guards to the force employed to watch the whisky stored in bond tion should not gain their ideas of ed warehouses—perhaps to stand Columbia river fishing wholly from guard over the 200 already employed for that purpose.

The spectacle is presented in Pall strong republican county, of a pos sible recall campaign against the county judge, who is a democrat, with the contender likewise of that political faith.

Chicago's chief wants more pay

for his policemen, to relieve them of temptation. That plea is good any-where. Foel people think the first man to be approached must be the needed to relieve the starving Chinese, and this country has thought it much of a joke to squander more than that during the past few years.

employe is entitled to one drunk be-fore he can be discharged. That puts the boozer on a par with the dog and his one bite.

Funny how the hold-ups could or

Christmas eve pick out men with

much money when most all of man-kind were near "broke." Those Winlock eggs shipped to New York by the carload should be stamped and dated, to put the town

If hiccoughs become epidemic alibi; but it's hard to fool a wife.

We fancy one might obtain abun-who did not spend all the Christmas dant local golor for a stery of smelt money begin today.

BY-PRODUCTS OF THE PRESS Deliency in Portland Markets.

The news story coming from Portsmouth. New Hampshire, telling of the stopping of a ferry boat by reason of an eel getting into the feed tank and interfering with the injector, serves as a reminder of the early days when all the means of publi travel between Newberg and Portland was by steamboats plying on the Willamette river, says the New ter season the locks at Oregon City would be closed at intervals on account of high water, and following each such freshet the pockets in the rocks below the falls would be filled with bushels of eels. While the locks were being opened and closed as the boats were passing through, which required half an hour, the deckhands would go below with sacks and fill them with all the slimy eels they could carry and take them to Port-

train at the local depot, and immediately noticed that workmen were ingaged in tearing up the sod upon the depot lawn.

"My gracious!" she exclaimed to a

So far as extortionate prices are just how long a "bridge king" would

English literature at Tale, declares nearly double of that of a year ago. he gets credit for only 25 per cent of the after-dinner speeches he actually

They're all the fad again. Only-they're patent laher. Several nattily dressed young chaps up in the Astor were seen wearing

They don't cost the \$1.50 that gran ad used to pay, though; they cost \$15 "and up."-New York Sun. The little island of Kotheneuff, off he coast of France, has for its sole

inhabitant an eccentric hermit who for many years has devoted much the Heilig for three nights last week, of his time to carving humanlike figures out of the rocks which slope down to the sea. There are hundreds of them-mostly lying on their backs, as if staring

of sympathy for law-abiding citizens, up at the sky, but some in a seated posture and a few standing erect. The effect is weird and unearthly nounced her candidacy for senator to the figures looking like petrified men succeed John Sharp Williams. Being They are understood to represen Biblical characters. Along the top wise carved out of stone.

The hermitage is on the summit the rocks, overlooking the carven shore and the sea. People who live on the nearby mainland call the place the "island of ghosts."

The hermit keeps his sculpture wept clear of sand. They seem to have for him a religious significance. -Popular Science Monthly.

Here's a thumbnail sketch of nan who, the London Times thinks eserves some kind of recognition ong Lang, 53 years old, Loyal Nort Lancashire regiment; father of 25 children; called up as a reservist at the outbreak of the war; served on five battle fronts—France, Palestine, Saloniki, Bulgaria and Italy; wit-nessed the fall of Jerusaiem; served in Constantinople following the armietice; unwounded throughout the war; two sens, William and Thomas both of the Loyal North Lancashire regiment, were killed early in the war; another son, Peter, in the Scots Guards, was wounded; another son, James, a sergeant in the Loyal North

Lancashire regiment, is still serving.

The penny tickets for the Ponyend-Trap Raffle were selling in thousands, McGregor wasn't having any,
however. He called the whole thing
a swindle, Eventually his friends perusded him to buy one ticket. Who hould win the pony but McGregor!
When the prize was brought to him te surveyed it gleomily, and finally

"I told ye the whole thing was "What's the matter?" asked his

"What's the matter?" asked his friends.

"Where's the whip?" hissed McGregor.—Edinburgh Scotsman.

The size of the waves of the Atlantic ocean has been carefully astertiafed as a result of extensive investigations made by the officers of the hydrographic office of the United States navy department. In height, we are assured, these waves usually average 30 feet, but in rough weather they will attain some 40 to 48 feet. During storms they are frequently from 500 to 600 feet long and endure 10 or 11 seconds. The longest wave measured by the hydrographic office officials was half a mile and it did not spend itself for 23 seconds.

dent of Salem, is visiting in the city over the Christmas holidays. He is accompanied by Mrs. Mitchell. They are at the Multnomah.

E. P. Allen, traveling auditor of the Mutual Life Insurance company of New York, is among those registered at the Portland over the Christmas holidays. His home is at New York city.

J. B. Bekman, well-known merchant of Albany, is here to replenish a stock which Christmas shoppers depleted. He is stopping at the Oregon.

Mrs. H. M. Morae of McMinnville is visiting Portland friends and is registered at the Multnomah.

Those Who Come and Go.

Beneath the cheering glow of I brilliantly lighted Christmas tree in LEGE, Or., Dac. 26.—(To the Editor.) one of the down-town hotels Christmas eve, there was enacted a Yuletide homecoming that wrung the hearts of the "elimination of all languages in copper tint of his skin, nor had the y years of servitude bowed the shoulders of this unsmiling descendant of early American Indians. She was early american Indians of 15 years of lone-liness were plainly writ upon her face. It was 15 years ago that h had been torn from her side to serve a term for killing of another while his brain was fired with white man's whisky. And for 15 years he had toiled patiently in a federal prison. His term was up last week and Portland was chosen as the place of meeting for him and his faithful wife. It so happened that the homecoming

If Manager Myers of the Oregon had not fitted up a big Christmas tree in the lobby Robert E. Lee Brenner, nection that, having in mind reports aged 4, of Baltimore, Md., would have that in some sections of the country lost all faith in Santa Claus. Rober, inhabited by foreigners, a foreign and "My graclous!" she exclaimed to a friendly brakeman. "What in the world are they doing that for?"

"Oh, that's nothing." he condescended, "in this city they take the grass in every winter."

"Mercy me!" exclaimed the startled old lady. "Does it get that cold here?"—The Dalles Chronicle.

All the "mystery" news in the memory of the oldest reporter pales before the "bridge king" Elwell mystery. At first everybody said, "Look for the woman!"

Later, detectives said, "Don't look for a woman." When Elwell was found dead, just after the bullet hit him, his false teeth were out and the sould be a supprisoned.

aged 4, of Baltimore, Md., would have lost all faith in Santa Claus. Rober, lost all faith in Santa Claus. Rober, is tather and mother, is here with his father and mother, is here with his father and mother, and his sather and mother, and his sole topic of conversation throughout the trip across the continent was Santa Claus and Christmas. His youthful mind couldn't inderstand that in my discussion of this question in the Assatt would make his annual visit despite the fact that the family fireplace is hundreds of miles away. But when he arrived at the Oregon of the first guests in the lobby Christmas morning, where he found that Santa had not falled him. Hotel attaches got quite a "kick" out of the young man's experiences.

Every hotel in Portland that served.

day that the average car moved and the average load per car, by reducing the number of unserviceable locomotives, by reconstructing thousands of old cars. They have moved open cars east and box cars west to open cars east and box cars west to the average of the war decided by the cars west to the authority to enforce that his little wig had been taken off the thin, his false teeth were out and his little wig had been taken off the Christmas dinners reported a bigger top of his head. Therefore a man, not a woman, was with him when he was killed. Very good reasoning and of the wars the expense of the war decided by the control of the cars wested. Christmas dinners reported a bigger | ticularly of French and Spanish, and quite interesting. If there is a "cher-chez la femme" feature of the case, families of two to four selected the hotel dinners rather than suffer the Inclusion of Koreans in Population trouble of cooking dinner at home. managers say that the inor some other Frenchman to tell great measure to high living costs. Editor.)—Permit me to say a few just how long a "bridge king" would For small families, they point out, it words in regard to the Japanese So far as extortionate prices are the result of unlawful combination to maintain prices and restrict production, they can be broken up by prosecution under the anti-trust law. Though juries have been loath to convict under those laws when prison is just as great a mystery as ever.

Just how long a "bridge king" would need to know a woman in order to talk to her minus wig and false teeth. And the murder, after all these months is just as great a mystery as ever.

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the after-dinner speeches he actually makes. "Every time I accept an invitation to speak I really make four addresses," he says. "First is the speech I prepare in advance. That is pretty good. Second is the speech I really make. Third is the speech I make on the way home, which is the best of all, and fourth is the speech the newspapers next morning."

Wandered into the Portland lobby people and wishes to tell the reading procured a list of hotel guests such not wish to be counted as Japanese and the way wish to be counted as Japanese and every not wish to be counted as Japanese to tell the reading public that the people of Corea do not wish to be counted as Japanese and every more favorite shelf, she had each season for many months to come. In the center of the lobby Manager Childs had fitted out a large Christmas tree, which shone with brilliance and exuded the Yuletide spirit. Then, from the streets he invited every little urchin speech the newspapers next morning.

substitutes another, usually se in that it prevents operation remedial influences that would permanent. Experience with ernment shipbuilding, spruce prosens on each side of the tops of the construction of the clastic guestion of the clastic guest were in a gift-giving mood, and Billy was receptive, to say the least. "I got enough Jack' yesterday to get me ing is going on between the Coreans goil the diamond we've been looking at for the past few months, and it terms which the Japanese. They are the terms which the Japanese manufactors in the past few months, and it terms which the Japanese manufactors it is of the past few months, and it terms which the Japanese manufactors it is of the past few months, and it is going on between the Coreans and the Japanese manufactors in the past few months and the Japanese of the world but the truth is that they are the patricular against the truth is that they are the Corean of the World but the truth is that they are the Corean of the World but the truth is that they are the Corean of the World but the truth is that they are the patricular against the truth is that they are the patricular against the truth is that they are the patricular against the terms "insurgents" and pandits." mas spirit keeps up until the new year arrives," prophesied the young man yesterday as he delivered Christmas messages and accepted Christmas offerings with speed and smiles.

> George Kingsbury, manager of "Three Wise Fools," which showed at CHINA RELIEF PLAN "FFERED the maids and other women on the Portland hotel staff by having them as his guests at the Christmas eve performance. He told Manager Childs that Portland had given him the most as his guests at the Christmas eve performance. He told Manager Childs that Portland had given him the most pleasant Christmas he had enjoyed in years and he wanted to round out his pleasure by providing it for others.
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> BROCK WAI, Or., Dec. 21.—(18 the Editor.)—The great drive now being made to raise money to feed the starving children of central Europe. while a most worthy movement, causes us to wonder why the attenpleasant Christmas he had enjoyed in pleasure by providing it for others. He and Mr. Childs made up a list of hotel employes who witnessed the performance as Christmas guests of

> A miniature tidal wave which swept Bay City Christmas day left enough drift wood in many front yards to provide families with fuel for months to come, says J. O. Bezarth, Bay City real estate dealer, who signed his name on the Oregon register. The sea waves rolled away up into the yard of the Elmore hotel and a flock of chickens were struggling around in the dampness before they were in the dampness before they were rescued, he says. It was one of the relieve the congestion in American highest tides which ever swept that section, as the spray dashed completely over the scal rocks.
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> It seems no valid objection could ly over the seal rocks.

every time he leaves his Corvalits de-partment store and comes to Portland, is again in the city and stopping at

from the famed Roo3 River valley and some of them came from the orchard of A. W. Stone, well-known grower

SCHOOL HEAD MISUNDERSTOOD Elimination of Foreign Languages

for Elementary Schools Only. OREGON AGRICULTURAL COL -In The Oregonian recently I note a statement in a story from Salem that homecoming that wrung the hearts of the "elimination of all languages in those who knew and understood. He those who knew and understood. He was dressed in the cotton fabric which a thoughtful public provides advocated by me in an address at the and that explains the reason why ere the big iron gate swings outward. annual banquet of the Six o'Clock I'm strong for Mr. Bartlett. The prison pallor had not erased the club of the First Methodist church copper tint of his skin, nor had the of that city. The statement just A thousand authors he has read

could carry and take them to Portland, where they found a ready market for them. While an eel is not
much for looks, in the eyes of one
who has a finicky stomach, it is said
they have an excellent flavor, and
the supply in those days appeared to
be never failing.

An elderly lady stepped from a
train at the local depot, and imme
If Monager Monage at the place of meeting for him and his faithful wife.
It so happened that the homecoming the function was brought about on Christmas eve,
when the spirit of Yule is broadcast
about one million, were illiterate.

I emphasized the importance, in
training for citizenship and in protraining for citizenship and in protraining for citizenship and in prodamin arm, for their Montana home
on an Indian reservation. According
to hotel attaches, the Indian is a Carlisle graduate and is the son of
former chief of a Montana tribe.

In the service from the United States
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training for citizenship and in protraining for should not only have an opportunity, but should be required, to learn the English language. It was in this con-

lations that many of our trade re-come familiar with the languages of other countries. This is true parbefore, to a greater or less extent, also order in other languages. W. J. KERR.

Resented by Native.

NEWBERG, Or., Dec. 26 .- (To the

ment of capital and development of new mines. Capital does not enter that field readily because the present tax laws drive it into unproductive investments or appropriate it to run the government.

Government intrusion into business to the extent that Mr. Calder all the style again. Remember these but substitutes another, usually leading powers of the world but it is streets he invited every little urchin the could find to enter the hostelry as the officially recognized by the streets he invited every little urchin the could find to enter the hostelry as the official organ through which the leading powers of the world but it is streets he invited every little urchin the could find to enter the hostelry as the official organ through which the leading powers of the world but it is the official organ through which the forean people are working for world and candies and fruits were distributed to every little street to every little urchin the could find to enter the hostelry as the officially recognized by the leading powers of the world but it is the official organ through which the leading powers of the working for world and candies and fruits were distributed to every little urchin the could find to enter the hostelry as the official organ through which the spects to the official organ through which the streets he invited every little urchin the could find to enter the hostelry as the official organ through which the official organ through which the streets he invited every little urchin the could find to enter the hostelry as the official organ through which the streets he invited every little urchin the could find to enter the hostelry as the official organ through which the streets he invited every little urchin the could find to enter the hostelry as the official organ through which the streets he invited every little urchin the could find to enter the hostelry as the official organ through which the official organ through which the streets he invited every little urchin the official organ through which the

otic "Minute-men" of the Corean revolution, a sacred struggle in which there are involved the very life and existence of an oppressed people C. S. PIL

Acceptance of Bonds for Grain Pro-

posed to Save Starving Millions. BROCKWAY, Or., Dec. 24 .- (To the datases us to wonder out the action of our philanthropists should be directed almost wholly toward Europe, which the conditions in China, as the result of two severe drouths, are even worse than in Europe, and are even worse than in Europe, and where it is said some 20,000,000 will perish is food is not received this winter.

Why could not some arrangement be made between the governments of America and China by which our government would accept Chinese bands in exchange for American grain to be used for food and seed for the com-ing season. This would not only save millions of lives in China, but would

be urged against such an arrangement and if a precedent were neces-sary it may be found in our selling to the entente nations during the war supplies to the value of nearly \$9,000, 000,000 on much the same plan an

is again in the city and stopping at the Portland. And, as per usual, he has a new creation in the way of hats. He was one of those who enjoyed the antics of street urchina about the lobby Christmas tree Saturday afternoon.

Some of the choicest Christmas apples in Portland and elsewhere came from the famed Rood River valley and some of them came from the orchard.

ing conclusions.
V. F. NEIDERHISER.

GRESHAM, Or., Dec. 26.—(To the Editor.)—Does the state of Pennsylvania pay a benus to ex-service men enlisting in that state, and if so how

More Truth Than Poetry. By James J. Montague

PRE-DIGESTED LITERATURE

Although, like every literateur,

If you read Bartlett, you will learn

Can Happen. We are glad Obregon has started so any reforms, and we trust that Uncle Sam doesn't have to go down and finish any of them.

Ask Mr. Cox; He Known. A scientist asserts that weather onditions affect politics. He probably noticed the November frest.

No Wonder. The Germans are still paying sal-

aries to the Hohenzollerns, but they aren't pinning any more medals on (Copyright, 1920, by The Bell Syndicate,

John Burrougha' Nature Notes.

Can you answer these questions?

1. Do birds of different species flock ogether in winter?
2. Do animals ever cat dirt in win-2. Does a man's house reflect his

Answers in tomorrow's nature Answers to previous questions: 1. How does winter bring us bring us in loser touch with wild animals?
Under the pressure of the cold, all

2. Are new nests ever built on top of the last year's nest?

A farmer took me out under his porch one April day, and showed me If the "Come and Go" reporter had but feel it as an insult to the Corean porch one April day, and showed me wandered into the Portland lobby people and wishes to tell the reading a phoebebird's nest six stories high.

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In Other Days.

Twenty-five Years Ago. Prom The Oregonian of December 27, 183 A very large and highly interested audience was present at the armory last night to witness the quarterly review and Inspection of the First

regiment O. N. G. The council committee on ways and means computes the total tax levy for next year as about 25.5 mills. Last year it was 27.1 mills.

President Recevelt, of the New York police board, demonstrated on a recent Sunday he had not relaxed his determination to uphold the excise laws to their letter. Many salesmen were taken in custody for plying their trade on the Sabbath.

The Scattle chamber of commerce has prepared a memorial to congress setting forth the need of fortifica-tions on the sound.

Fifty Years Age.

From The Oregonian of December 27, 1870.

The New party in New Hampshire, which has been kept alive with great difficulty by a few disaffected d Potatoes are very scarce in Doug-las county at \$1.50 per bushel. In there any excuse for this unthrift and

improvidence? Mrs. Mary Curtis Lee, in a letter to one of the members of the Lee Memorial committee, states that her

ward. Notwithstanding that the skating is very sick at Couch's lake, a lot of persistent people were still spinning around yesterday

NOT LAST OF EXPRESS RIDERS. Member of Pamous Pioneer Group. PORTLAND, Dec. 26.—(To Editor.)
—In an editorial under the heading
"Last of the Pony Express Riders."
The Oregonian speaks of a Mrs. Gooding as probably the last of that once
famous group of leterald sizes.

famous group of intrepid pioneers of the western country. This is a missome of them came from the orchard of A. W. Stone, well-known grower of the well-known appies. Mr. Stone spent Christmas in Portland and was registered at the Portland.

Kenneth Bartlett, one of the stellar football players at the University of Oregon during recent years, was at the Imperial over the Christmas holidays. Mr. Bartlett is now in business at Seattle and registered from the skeptical way you comment on this fact I hardly expect you to believe this true account of a simular circumstance. A man accidential registered from the sound metropolis.

A. C. Mitchell, a well-known resident over the Christmas holidays. He is accompanied by Mrs. Mitchell. They are at the Multnomah.

E. P. Allen, traveling auditor of the Mutual Life Insurance company of

wery experience which in a less noble mind tends to brutalise mind and heart, may serve to awaken and foster that love for his fellow which has characterized the life and practice of this member of the Wells-

Adjutant-General White, who has compiled a list of bonus laws, has no record of one adopted by Pennsyl-