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Thou hast increased the nation, O Lord, thou hast increased the nation: thou art glorified: thou hast removed it far unto all the ends of the earth.—Isaiah 26:15.

INCOMPETENT?

HE Oregonian says: inquires the Aberdeen Clark," World, "what else has the Democratic party to offer?" What else? A record which

plainly alienated if not wholly forfeited the confidence of the country in its competency for administration. A record of partisanship which driven all but the ever-faithful and them up.

never-dying and seldom-resigning into the ranks of the opposition. A record for waste and extravagance weary and sick and has caused him to determine somehow to relieve himself

in big jobs which has given just offense to a public which wants to see great tasks done in a great way.

which has tainted all administrative effort with the color of cheap political

of great achievement. When the Dem- into a compact and victorious whole. coratie party went wrong and split other great achievements to its credit.

of President Wilson. To speak of thousands of her sons. those years as years of incompetence is unfair, unjust and untrue.

That period gave America a shipfortunate fact that the machinery was in existence for building ships, how would more than 2,000,000 Americans have reached Europe in time to save the day?

The Wilson administration created the federal trade commission, whose splendid work in exposing and removing the menace of the packers' domination has just borne fruit.

The Wilson regime created a nonpartisan tariff commission to take the tariff out of politics and make of It a scientific business activity, as should have been done 100 years ago.

It created the farm loan board, by which, for the first time, farmers are emancipated from mortgage companies, given low interest on long time and given equal advantages by government with railroads and great commercial and industrial concerns in borrowing money for the conduct of their business.

The farm loan board should have been created 50 years before. The farmers pleaded for it for 30 years. Though their farms were fast passing under tenantry, the party in power at Washington persistently refused to aid them until Woodrow Wilson became president.

The long list of constructive measures passed by a congress which Mr. Wilson called into special session and kept at work for nearly two years, cannot be recounted here. They are all the constructive enactments in the entire preceding generation.

Among them is the federal reserve for it. Panic after panic brought the country to ruin, threw millions into idleness, plunged industry into stagnation and rendered multitudes pen-

competent to apply a remedy as Re- and if they don't get a hint soon, should be reduced by a half through publican 'congresses and presidents were before and after.

his leadership that the great federal court. reserve system was brought into being. It arrived at a timely moment, for, without a tremor or a pause, it financed the most stupendous war transactions in all history. It, with the competency of its administration.

were on the verge of collapse. and the unfairest of public discussion

that ignores such achievements and goes on to say that the Wilson administration has been "incompetent." The one thing about that administra- erous currents in the waters below, tion is that, in constructive achieve- currents that pulled strongly toward No other administration, Democratic, the officers and men on the Chanslor! Benjamin & Kantnor Co., Brunswick Building. Whig, Federalist or Republican, can Human endeavors are weak in the point to one half as many big constructive enactments. And what shall be said of Mr. Wil-

Were they "incompetent?" Was a elements when in unusual mood.\$2.50 | One month.....\$.25 | war that military critics said would DAILY (MORNING OR AFTERNOON) AND last for four or five years, won in not have been some competent manwithout the loss of a single man? before this was done to be an "incompetent" many times, by the same back, and in that knowledge a full been fitting dainty footgear for the whole Wilson administration to be

> Woodrow Wilson was the leader and the commander in chief. If we had failed over there the condemnation would have been his. Had he failed to unite his widely differing countrymen into one compact whole for the conflict, we would have failed. and he would have been justly held to have been an "incompetent."

'incompetent''?

But we won. We became one great unified country, and we beat the Ger- necromancing parasites gained their mans in 19 months instead of in four sway because their patrons had been or five years. We amazed the world brought up to believe in the divine the drapery of specters, its touch like "Aside from Bryan, McAdoo and with our financial and physical prep- right of kings and thought the chararations and with the tremendous ef- latans had been sent to them as inhas where there were leaders to give our thought in foolish brains. Both its blanket over the earth, and where matchless fighters a chance to reach dupes and parasites were made the foe and to draw 100,000,000 people lower than the peasants who were into a compact solidarity to back thought to have no rights, either And it was the American White

House that framed and proclaimed which has made the average citizen the issues on which the war was fought. It was America's interpreta- THE public has been assuming that tion of those issues that was accepted A record of preference for little men and adopted by the allied nations. It was an American mind that told Europe why it was fighting and what A record of surrender to class interests for. It was an American mind that through the supreme council so or- pedestrians cut on the streets. ganized our European allies that the The Republican party had its time armies were coordinated and united

over slavery, the Republican party that held out promise of freedom and streets, possesses many pedestrians. rendered incomparable service. It has democracy to oppressed peoples in A woman with an umbrella took a Europe and by those promises helped period has a record of more construc- man and Austrian armies, a course The American White House, with

fine diplomacy refused congress' great volume so suddenly that many have done during the late war without the shipping board? But for the among educated Bulgarian people, earth. It is a great change that must spread the insurrection at home which be faced. It is a reality that cannot broke down the morale of the Bul- be resisted, and human beings must of the court of domestic relations Hardship? Adventure? Yes, you will garian armies which precipitated the change their habits to accommodate be pressed quickly to a final debeginning of the end with final de- themselves to it. struction of the German empire.

accepted leader of the world. On selves to its requirements. American administration could have story today. what the Oregonian calls an incompe- followed. tent administration?

and the leader of the Republican ma- ing to avert an accidentjority in the house. Here is what he These are factors in the traffic

of nearly six months: a record of achievement greater than had fought in the great war, requiring that undelivered mail matter be returned to the senders, granting the cancellation ial association and authorizing the Pro- on foot are involved are the fault of system. The country waited 50 years testant Episcopal church of the diocese of Washington to give the same right to enjoyed by men.

The king-or was it the queen?niless. It was due to a defective fi- of England has been exceedingly nancial system. But the party then thoughtless and unkind. The royal in power was either unable or un- edict has issued against abbreviated willing to correct it. The moment or trousered skirts at court funchusiness got well into prosperity, the tions, and against barebacked and will have little deterrent effect if restrictions, to do the rough work financial system was so undependable low bodiced gowns. But not a hint that big interests became frightened, is there in the regal pronunciaments strates the need of improvement. contraction of credit began and panics as to what the ladies may wear. And In fact, the engineer officer makes here comes the season waxing spon A Democratic congress came along to its crest and all the clothes so in Cleveland's time and was as in- far constructed extremely extreme, they won't even be able to wear what the accumulation of business. Ports It was not until Woodrow Wilson function and take copies from the documentary claims in behalf of the in California, in Oregon, or in any of arrived with a congress that followed royal apparel. It's a hard life at project. Now let them establish the

CAPTAIN SAWYER

was the means by which America HOSE who groped in the late fogs from place to place in Portland, can the better understand what was the influence that saved the problems often confront a mariner. country from a panic when the fi- They could scarcely see the curb as which exists in the local public mind erally, but it is more than doubtful nances of the world were in upheaval they passed in automobiles along the against N. P. Sorensen is not par- if the importation of Asiatic labor, at the outbreak of the war, when street. Even automobile lights were ticularly personal. He is merely the no matter how closely guarded or

financial institutions around the earth the drivers might better vision objects about them. Is here not some ex-It is the narrowest of partisanship planation of the shocking accident to

the Chanslor? There was a fog out there where the doomed ship was ploughing her way southward. There were treachface of mighty Nature and her ele- tion for the reckless driver in Portments. Powerful as man is in the land is past. The streets must be things he can do, he and his devices made safe. Accidents must diminish. son and his assistants during the war? are puny things in the hands of the Life and property must be better

Captain Sawyer and his crew had the misfortune of being afloat under .\$7.50 | One month....\$.65 19 months, or was it not? Must there extraordinary circumstances and in Diego's 41/2 and St. Louis' 51/2, Portunpropitious times. We can never agement somewhere? Did the Ameri- know the full measure of the diffi- local feminity has either the largest can navy earry more than 2,000,000 culty that surrounded them, or with Americans to France and back again what intelligence they sought to dependent on who was fitted last. avert fate.

We-do know that 37 brave men goes out to those who loved and lost.

appalling marine disaster to the his- feet and web the toes? tory of Pacific coast waters.

Czar Nicholas had his Rasputin and now it appears that Kaiser Wilhelm had his Karamandihan. Both termediaries with Deity. Foolish divine or human

THE PUBLIC ON FOOT

drivers alone were responsible for automobile accidents.

They are not. By pictures and narrative, The Journal today shows the foolish and futile capers that

Thoughtlessness seems to be a prevailing habit. Utter unconsciousness that streams of busy traffic are running in cross currents, through the look in one direction as she started

Automobile traffic has come on in

Out of all these things America be- stop it in its course, they must study lished then let those who seek to came the admired, acknowledged and its meaning and accommodate them- nullify its usefulness withdraw their

American leadership the war was Nothing could be more irrational or tional, as the district attorney bewon, the peace signed and a great ridiculous or unintelligent than the lieves it to be, then let the people instrument to end all wars prepared. antics of some pedestrians, as examiat the earliest possible opportunity Only such leadership as that of the pled in The Journal's pictures and vote upon the amendment that will

led Europe with its thousands of At Sixth and Alder, a man walked legal standing. The experience of years of balance of power, reprisals, to the center of the street, changed the court during the short period conquest and intrigue, to accept a his mind and turned back without of its contested administration shows plan to make the treaty provided for looking for automobiles. One struck that it is needed. It presides over its own enforcement, to provide for him. A woman stepped from the curb the destinies of drabbed lives. disarmament of the nations-a step to cross the street at Morrison and always before deemed impossible, to Second. The approach of an automoprovide for arbitration of all interna- bile prompted her to return, as the tional disputes, and to provide for a machine stopped. She dashed ahead new and more intelligent order on a second time just after the machine the earth. Could all this come from again moved forward. An accident

Two women started across the Is a comparison of party compe- street at Thirty-third and Belmont. tency desired? If so, consider nearly A machine approached. One woman seven months of the special session darted ahead and the other stepped of congress at labor, as summed up backward. One jockeyed. The driver by Mr. Mondell, himself a Republican, broke a wheel on the curb in attempt-

enumerated as the achievements by problem so far as pedestrians are concongress up to November 22, a period cerned. The public on foot has its part to learn. Most of it is densely Building a bridge over the Minnesota uninformed now, and that lack of reriver, granting citizenship to Indians who alization accounts for many accidents. The traffic police, after a long study of the situation have found that 80 stamp privilege to the Roosevelt Memor- per cent of accidents in which those pedestrians themselves. How could women to vote and hold office as is now there be more striking proof that in every home and at every fireside there should be careful study of traffic rules and traffic emergencies?

Even Colonel Slattery's adverse report on the 35-foot channel project between Portland and the sea speedy growth of commerce demon- of the farms, work which it is practigratified than he if the cost of harthey have in order to attend the first of the Columbia have filed their will meet with universal approval shipping that will compel the appropriation.

THE DAY OF THE RECKLESS

they wish to eliminate.

with driving an automobile while in- coolie labor without that condition toxicated. He was given a jail sen- having a direct and immediate reflex tence as well as a fine. It isn't N. P. upon the wages of laboring men TELEPHONES — Main 7173; Home, A-6051. as the most competent administration Portland these late nights were over whom the public wishes penalized; sistence of Jordan that he Tell the operator what department you want. would see jailed. Once and for all, let it be said that the day of toleraleast. protected.

> Hurried by competition with San land might impulsively claim that or the smallest feet in the country, But the honest head of the women's shoe department who responds to went down to the sea and never came The Journal's query, and who has newspaper that now declares the measure of our deepest sympathy past score of years, says that the average size of women's shoes in The gray fogs on the sea, the sists, is the very best size for neattreacherous currents of the ocean and ness, grace and a good understandthe deadly reefs off Cape Blanco did ing. Now where are the allegations their fatal work and added one more that our moist winters spread the

THE FOG

HERE is something wraithlike and uncanny about the fog. It dims accustomed objects strange and ghostly shapes. Its swirls are like the clammy fingers of death.

The fog such as Portland has experienced the last two days throws traffic had orderly way, vehicles secretary of state on December 31, grope and pedestrians wander blindly. When it rests upon the sea mariners strain eyes vainly beyond the bow of Whitlock, Daniel Harvey, J. L. Barlow, a craft that has seemed suddenly to William Barlow, John D. Dement, W. yield its normal staunchness to egg shell fragility, and the sailors fear the reefs which the gray monster may stone building, 52 by 188 feet, was put turn upon them yonder in the dark-

Confusion of mind is symbolized by fog. Apprehension of the unknown is similarly expressed. When Browning sought for a phrase to convey his own creeping sensation as he the first county fair in Oregon, which He used to tell the boys, insistently, turned from the galety of life to the shadowy avenues of eternity, he could think of nothing better than,

Fear death?-to feel the fog in my throat, the mist in my face! But no party administration of any to break down the morale of the Ger- across a busy street, but took no ac- be lighted. It is like the failing of spring Barber & Thorpe put up a mill file of the political prophets are holding fore is getting ready to blow up to count of the cars passing forward in sight in the eyes, the recession of tive achievement than the seven years that saved America the sacrifice of the other direction. The inevitable blood from the heart, the dulling of sensation in the finger tips, and the followed suit, erecting the first full smothering of breath in the lungs. But as kindler things follow the clamor for a declaration of war against people are not yet aware that it has dark and the gruesome, Portland's R. P. Boise in Polk county, had a Bulgaria, and by that course and sup- made a great change in human af- fogs are usually the promise of a woolen mill. The fourth mill in Oregon

cision. If the court is found to Since they cannot roll it back or have been constitutionally estab- cattle in California in 1837 to drive overattacks. If the court is unconstitugive the court of domestic relations

WHO WANTS THEM?

T IS a little surprising to see Frank F. C. Harley, Astoria's erstwhile of Chinese labor into the United States. For some little time now Mr. Harley other places, spreading his propaganda seems to be making it his business. and he appears to be well financed as he goes from place to place. Lately Mr. Jordan has taken the

cudgels up. He was an Oregon visitor not long ago during which time he preached the doctrine of Mayor Harley's hobby earnestly and insistently. Since his return to Sacramento he has not forgotten his northern neighbors, but takes time to remind them once in a while what a boon it would be were the logged off lands, and the cleared fields, too, for that matter, to be given over to the care and cultivation of Chinese coolies, "brought in after careful selection, under governmental supervision and occupational cally impossible to get white men to perform." He suggests also, "a minimum wage and restrictions, making it impossible for the Chinese to compete with skilled American labor."

It is very doubtful if the scheme of Secretary Jordan and Mayor Harley by it. There is no doubt at all about the fact that one of the big and vital economic problems of the present time is that of increased production. not on the farm alone but in every and cautiously felt their way TH no desire whatever to in- industry. Max'mum production, confluence a judicial decision, but sistently sustained would undoubtmerely to point out a fact, it edity, in time, bring minimum costs in may be said that the prejudice living expenses and commodities gen-

come the personification of the reck- either of production or of farm life less driver whom the people have unless it were to be used in such come to abhor and fear and whom volume as to unbalance the structure of American living and employment Mr. Sorensen had four accidents standards. It would be indeed difwithin an hour. He was charged ficult to people the farms with cheap everywhere. If this be a fact the in-

would never aid in any movement which would lower the American standard of living, nor favor the importation of Chinese labor even for a period to meet existing economic emergencies if I believed it would result disastrously for American labor, skilled or unskilled sounds slightly illogical, to say the The cold fact is that the farms of

the country are being depopulated of their young men not so much because white men will not do the work upon the farm as because the price of their labor and the standard of their living upon the farm does not match wages and standards otherwise. Farm owners cannot meet the competition, either in compensation or in hours, of urban employments. They, and their employes, or those who would be such under different conditions, and under more comfortable living conditions, in the city than in the country.

History of Wool Industry in the Oregon Country

There Is Much of Romance About Even So Prosaic a Subject.

The annals of Oregon City are full of romance. Its history is a rich ledge familiar environment and gives from which future historians and fiction writers can secure unlimited material. Take, for example, the Oregon City woolen mill. That certainly seems a prosaic subject; yet the warp and woof of the story of the founding of the woolen mill is shot full of romance. The incorporation papers for the Oregon City woolen mill, with a capital stock of \$60,000, were filed with the 1862, by A. L. Lovejoy, L. D. C. Latour-

W. W. Buck, Arthur Warner, George H. Atkinson, F. Barclay, Will C. Dement, W. C. Johnson, A. H. Steele and D. P. Thompson. Joel Palmer was president of the company. A brick and up in the winter of 1864-65.

you ask? Let us look up the facts with the desire to know what was going about the men who started the industry, then ascertain where they obtained after tomorrow, J. Hat dreamed his their wool and how the first sheep came dreams. He knew that the kaiser was ficult time keeping their tanks full at to Oregon.

Your quest will take you back to Foch was going to strike out, and where, was held in Yamhill county on October whether his visions checked with the on the La Creole, in Polk county, to their breath and guarding their hunches. spin, weave, dye and manufacture woolen goods. The next year Salem fledged woolen mill on the Pacific coast, Then came Oregon City. In 1866 Ellendale, on the farm of Judge was built at Brownsville. But how about the wool? Where did that come from, and

first sheep into Oregon? Romance: find lots of it, if you will look coming of the first sheep to Oregon. Ewing Young, while buying Spanish land to the Willamette valley, met Jacob P. Leese of Ohio, in Sacramento valley Leese had a band of 900 sheep. Ewing Young suggested that he drive part of his band to Oregon to sell to the former Hudson's Bay company employes and to the missionaries. Leese did so, and thus brought the first sheep to Oregon.

In 1841 Jacob Leese sold his house in Yerba Buena to the Hudson's Bay company, to move to Oregon. He came to Oregon the following summer, driving small band of sheep overland to the Wil-Romance? Take the life of this one

pioneer Oregon stockman and sheep reeder: In 1835 Captain W. A. Richardson erected four redwood posts, over which he spread a ship's sail, on the site of what is now the city of San Fran-This was his freight office for the handling of hides and tallow. The Jordan, California's veteran secre- next spring Jacob Primer Leese came to tary of state, linking hands with the "cove of Yerba Buena," to go into business with Nathan Spear and Captain W. S. Hinkley, in command of the bark and spectacular mayor, in an effort Don Quixote. The two latter were to to secure the "limited importation" manage the Monterey end of the enterprise, while Leese operated the Yerba Buena end. General Figueroa had charge of the Mexican presidio, or milihas been ranging over California, at tary reserve, and refused to allow Leese Los Angeles, San Francisco and at to build within 200 veras of the beach. Leese secured from the Mexican governor permission to take up a 100-vera in behalf of the yellow men. He lot, which he did at what is now the ing been an attendant at the reform in the early fifties the St. Francis hotel He started his building to be erected on the site of the metropolis of the West-San Francisco.

On April 1, 1837, he had met and proposed to a sister of General Valleto. Seven days later they were married. April 15, 1838, there was born t daughter, Rosalie, the first child born on

the site of San Francisco. Romance and adventure? The beginning of every industry in Oregon is full The founding of the first woolen mill in Oregon was made possible by Jacob Leese, Mr. Shaw, who had driven a few sheep across the plains in 1844, and Joseph Watt, a resident of Oregon City from 1844 to 1846. Returning to his native state. Ohio, Joseph Watt came back to Oregon in 1847 with band of sheep and a carding machine. Five years later there were enough sheep in Oregon that it was considered Oregon need not be dependent upon the Atlantic seaboard for flannels, blankets and suitings. Today Oregon-made blankets and woolen goods made of Oregon wool are known for their excellence al over the world.

Letters From the People

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Salem, Dec. 20.—To the Editor of The Journal—No national greatness can come to us unless we have our ideals fixion of the one perfect man. high as heaven and bend every effort o attain them. If eapital pur acts as a deterrent of crime, then the tized with his baptism, for the blood of more deeply it impresses us the less apt | mankind and the fire of the spirit are we are to commit crime. Imagine a at hand, and Satan is wroth, knowing Christian nation excusing itself for murder-for to take life is to murder-and sion and every error are going to sweep that prerogative is Satan's, and Satan's over

THE NEW YEAR

By George Cooper

A SONG for the Old While its knell is tolled, And its parting moments fly! But a song and a cheer For the Glad New Year, While we watch the Old Year die! Oht its grief and pain Ne'er can come again, And its care lies buried deep: But what joy untold Doth the New Year hold, And what hopes within it sleep!

A song for the Old, While its knell is tolled, And the friends it gave so true! But, with hearts of glee. Let us merrily Welcome in the bright, bright New! For the heights we gained, For the good attained, We will not the Old despise; But a joy more sweet. Making life complete, In the golden New Year lies.

A song for the Old. While its knell is tolled! With a grander, broader zeal, And a forward view, Let us greet the New. Heart and purpose ever leal! Let the ills we met. And the sad regret, With the Old be buried deep; For what joy untold, Doth the New Year hold, And what hopes within it sleep!

MORE OR LESS PERSONAL

Random Observations About Town

Stanfield is going to know | Standard Oil, is about ready to blow he comes to Portland, which is going to Eastern Oregon sheep king has asked J. wants to impart it. He wants, J. Hat does, "to have a little chat with Bob," and he has been floating into the hotel ture Dey tried to tell the lawmakers lobby daily for the past few days look- all about that subject, but they did ing for his man.

J. Hat Hitchings is a prophet, or a 'what's goin to happen," admits it and proud of it. During the great war, to be the day after today and the day packing his grip for Holland, just when the same old price. They are taking no chances with their prognostications-not until after J. Hat has whispered into Bob's reluctant, as receptive ear, as the case may be.

whether he ought to be a candiate for up. Not that he intends to explode, for the United States senate the next time he is too calm and collected for any be in the near future, according to cur- such thing as that. But he is packing rent rumor. J. Hat Hitchings is going his grip to blow up to Salem on Januto tell him all about it. Not that the ary 12 and tell the legislature a lot it Hat for the information, but J. Hat does not know about the volatile and tricky fluid sold as gasoline. During the last session of the legisla-

not seem to pay as much attention to his story as he thought they should. He seer, a soothsayer, a man of second told them that "56 gravity" gasoline was vision, or something like that. He knows too rich for Oregon consumption, that California and Washington did not use it, and that if Oregon insisted on de-Where is the romance about that, when the mind of the world was gripped manding it they would have a hard time getting it. The heedless legislature went its divergent way, and now the heedful automobilists are having a dif-

Some of the legislators have had the temerity to contend, with more or less publicity, that the Standard Oil com-7, 1854. Four days later a county fair stories of the war correspondents or was held at Salem, at which Mrs. R. otherwise. Now he is looking for more because of politics than because of more because of politics than because of C. Geer entered two skeins of yarn, Bob Stanfield, to have a little chat a shortage in the supply, in order to the first ever exhibited in Oregon. That and tell him who is going to be the convince the legislators that Mr. Dey same year E. L. Perham & Co. installed next United States senator from Ore-a carding machine at Albany. The next gon. In the meantime the rank and 1919. Mr. Dey denies this and thereand "meet 'em face to face." When he does Joe Singer promises to enforce house rule 66, mindful of the wise maxin that matches and cigars are dangerous things to fuss with when the fumes of Ben C. Dey, the local legal adviser of gasoline fill the air.

IMPRESSIONS AND OBSERVATIONS OF THE JOURNAL MAN

By Fred Lockley

Lockley's article for the day, in which he quotes

ommitted to the state industrial school?" hatred. A divorce is obtained. inquired of Will Hale a day or so ago. Judge Jacob Kanzler in the court of donestic relations. For six years he was years.

"You meet them every day." responded Mr. Hale, "Some are business men, others policemen, deputy sheriffs, editors, lawyers or other professional men."
"Are you talking figuratively or do you mean that here in Portland we have policemen, editors and deputy sheriffs who have been in the reform school?" asked.

"I mean just that," he replied. "If a boy is a graduate of Yale, Harvard, Stanford, the Oregon Agricultural college or any other college, he attends class reunions and is proud of his alma mater. If a boy gradutes at the state industrial school, he tries to let the dead past bury its dead, and you never hear of it. The more successful he becomes the less you are apt to hear of his havcorner of Clay and Dupont streets, where school. When a man goes to the penitentiary, the papers play up the fact that he was committed when a boy to the July 1, 1837, and was ready for business reform school, and they conclude he on July 4. This was the first building must have had inborn criminal tendencies and is incorrigible. In other words, you hear only of the failures of the gradnates of the reform school, never of its successes. At least 75 per cent of the inmates of our state industrial school make good in spite of their boyhood handicap.

"Do I smoke? No. I did, for 15 years. But practice is stronger than precept. couldn't very well advise boys smoke when I myself smoked. So I quit. "What do I think of the cigarette! You may not agree with me, but if you had been, as I have, in a position to know what I am talking about, you would agree that the cigarette, more than any other one thing, is the cause of juvenile delinquency.

"That statement requires explanation. It goes back to the home and to the In a God fearing law respecting home the parents watch over their

life. Salvation and destruction do not come from the same source. Church and state 2000 years murdered the Truth, and the soldiers were abetted in giving vinegar to Him to drink. This crucifixion was judicial and ecclesiastical. The question arises, Was it right? Answer, all who The truth is, we have more descndants of that released murderer among us today than we have of Christians. The mob spirit is both blind and demoniacal, and actuates more people today than in any time since the cruci-

The time is now at hand when we shall all drink of his cup and be baphis time is short. Brute force, compul this old earth until all shall have stock exchanges were closed down and at intervals sturned out in order that representative of a type. He has be- restricted, would solve the problem only. God cannot kill. He can only give paid the debt of degeneracy of the past

[Admonition concerning the welfare of chil-training and are taught to respect the en to the end that they be kept out of the rights of others. In a broken home—a axis of the delinquent are contained in Mr. home broken by divorce—little or no care is given to the training of the chil-The children, prior to the divorce have become accustomed to bickering What becomes of the boys who are acrimonious discussion and smoldering pline of the children is lax. little or no parental supervision. The Will Hale is probation officer under girls, who require and are entitled to a mother's care and training, do not get and at the movies and at superintendent of the state industrial dances meet the type of men who are school, formerly called the reform school, always lying in wait for prey. The boys near Salem. For many years he was a play hookey. They meet some 'tough Y. M. C. A. secretary. He has worked guy,' who can 'show them a good time.' with and studied boys for the past 20 | Soon they have acquired the cigarette habit. They become listless and dull, so they cannot keep up with their classes and they fail. They have established habit that must be gratified. Their 'tough guy' chum advises them to 'hustle' headlight from an automobile or take the faucets, electric fixtures or other

brass work from some building, to sell to a junk man, so they can buy the 'makin's.' They are not caught. It was so easy that they steal a spare tire from an to have a 'good time' wit ... Next they 'borrow' a machine to take some 'Jane for a joyride. They are caught and sent to the reform school. "What is the remedy? Less hasty mar lages. Less laxity in our divorce laws. curfew law, with the bell rung at 9 'clock and a strict and impartial en

forcement of the law. A state law forbidding junk dealers or others to purchase junk or automobile accessories from minors. Let junk dealers call at the boy's home and do their buying. Lastly, the strict enforcement of the present anti-cigarette law. The law states that the entire act shall be deemed an exercise of the police power of the state for the protection of the economic welfare, health, peace and morals of the citizens of our state, and that all of its provisions shall be liberally construed for the accomplishment of that purpose Have you seen any sellers of cigarettes to minors serving 30 days in jail lately as the law provides? Have you seen any restaurant man, pool hall proprietor, theatre owner, factory owner, hotel man or business man arrested for permitting minors to smoke on his premises? It is the duty of every mayor, sheriff, police officer, constable, village marshal and district attorney to help enforce this law Are they doing it? If they obeyed their oaths and enforced the law, we would stamp out most of the juvenile delinquency, for most of the commitments to the state industrial school can be dichildren. They see that they are at rectly traced to boys' breaking the law children receive home to secure money to buy the 'makin's.'.' 2000 years. We shall all yet have to

subscribe to things we know are evil, or be classed among transgressors. Our master led the way, but it is not easy. There will be no decorations for no trumpet to sound our coming no festal board among the great, but we shall see liberty triumphant over force, love over hate, life over death, and a world cleansed from sin forever and ever. Then there will be no hang man's rope, no electric chair. Instead new ordinance-one of brotherly love and charity, the greatest virtue of all. against which there is no law, for it is divine. May God tide us over the pange of the new birth. LAURA J. BONE.

Oh, Dear Mo! Just Fancy! From the Emmett (Idaho) Index. The Oregon Journal reports the cap-

The Oregon Country

Masthwest Happenings in Brief Form for th Busy Reader.

OREGON NOTES There is a total of \$4,516 acres of land under irrigation in Umatilla coun-Word from Umatilla county is to the

effect that the fall crop of excellent condition, Pendleton grade and high school eachers are to receive an increase of \$100 in salary for the year 1919-1920. Joseph Hume of Brownsville is a car-didate for presidential elector from Oregon at next year's Republican prima

J. M. Card, a prominent Dallas hop grower, has purchased the A. S. Campbell 145 acre ranch near Dallas for \$40. One of the Pendleton banks was sur-

prised this week when a customer came in and paid a debt of \$1000 in \$20 gold After a lengthy shutdown because of

weather conditions, the Willamette Val-ley Lumber company's mill at Dallas ley Lumber company's has resumed operations. Roderick Waters, son of F. L. Waters, who has been in the United States many since early in 1917, returned to his home

in Salem on Christmas day. Robert B. Ewalt, who has been in the air and marine service during the war, has returned to his home in Oregon

City with several medals for excellent Of the 15,000,000 pounds of wool produced each year in Oregon, more than 28 per cent of the entire crop is manufactured into woolens by Oregon fac-

Car shortage in the Northwest, tostricted business and closed down the lumber industry that thousands of men have been thrown out of employment. Bessie L. Lewis, aged 25, a school

teacher at the Klamath Indian agency, committed suicide by plunging into the spring that supplies the agency with water. Homesickness led to despond-

The desert land board has disap-proved the proposed contract prepared by the Central Oregon Irrigation company to furnish water for the irriga-tion of approximately 1600 acres of land in what is known as the Lone Pine irri

WASHINGTON Sixteen men, nearly all former soldiers

sted at Aberdeen this week for duty in Panama. More than \$100,000 has been distrib uted to sugar beet growers of Walla Walla county.

R. E. Williams has contracted 60,000 pounds of the 1920 crop of hops at 40 to 45 cents a pound, Coupon bonds for \$975,000, Seattle school district, have been purchased by the state board of finance. During the last day or two three carloads of sugar have arrived in Spokane

from the two refineries at Toppenish and Sunnyside. Gibson Bros. announce plans for con-truction of a five story \$100,000 building at Yakima to house their meat packing business.

The Pierce county port commission has authorized a call for bids on the dis-trict's \$1,500,000 bond issue, to be opened January 20.

A new tariff asking increases in gas rates for the city of Seattle from 20 to 23 per cent has been filed with the state Millwrights are at work increasing

the capacity of the La Crosse roller mills from 150 to 300 barrels daily and install-ing electricity as motive power. Dr. James R. Harvey and Dr. David M. Angus have been indicted at Tacoma on 148 counts for dispensing drugs in violation of the Harrison anti-drug act.

For importing contract labor from Canada, C. H. Fimple, Charles M. Burt and George L. Blake were fined \$1000, \$500 and \$300, respectively, at Seattle. Lumbermen of Spokane and the Inland Empire have a standing order on

file to engage every returned soldier who is husky enough to work in the logging camps or in the mills. Farmers of Washington have been asked through farmers unions, granges and similar organizations to contribute is cents each for financing the State Federation of Farm Organizations.

A company recently formed in Vancouver. broughout British Columbia under deminion law which permits importation of spirituous liquors, will maintain its head offices in Seattle.

GENERAL

General David L. Stanton, aged 80, a famous commander of union forces in the Civil war, died at Baltimore Friday. The allies have purchased \$1,000,000 worth of flour from the United States Grain corporation for the relief of Vi-

Brigadier General Ruffin Cox, one of the ranking officers of the Confederate army, is dead at Richmond, Va., aged 78 years. "Bootleggers" of San Francisco have

price of whiskey to \$20 a demand. A total of \$700,000,000 has been re-alized by the sale of America's war alized by the sale of American material in England, France,

Italy and Germany. At the request of the fire commissioner, the firemen of Lowell, Mass., automobile and sell it for a few dollars have voted to withdraw from the American Federation of Labor. Lieutenant B. W. Maynard, "the fly-ing parson," announces that he has re-

signed from the army and will resume his work as a clergyman. According to Herr Huszar, premier, communism has cost Hungary \$3,600,-000,000, while the Roumanian invasion took \$6,000,000,000 more.

William Fogel, an American farmer living south of Juarez, has been miss-ing for some time and it is thought he s a victim of Mexican bandits. The American chamber of commerce of London has addressed messages to Senators Lodge and Hitchcock pleading for

the ratification of the peace treaty. A Christmas gift of a copper and silver service valued at \$10,000 was presented by the people of Arizona to the battleship Arizona at New York Saturday. Millions of yards of ciled paper are being used in France as a substitute for

According to a wireless from Moscow, the Bolsheviki have captured the towns of Tomsk, Fasloff, Vassigkov, Krementhug, Izlum, Belovdsk, Makeval Kohpekhta.

wiped out during the war, are being re-

Premier Nitti of Italy expresses the 00,000,000 lire will be subscribed to the victory loan, the sale of which begins Albert Norwood, a stock broker, was

shot and killed at Los Angeles Friday his automobile. Two officers and one soldier of the

Omsk all-Russian garrison at a small station south of Viadivostok were burned to death by anti-government forces December 15. A dispatch from Washington

that the Rockefeller interests have de-

termined on a coast-to-coast with Baltimore as the Eastern and San Francisco, Portland and Seattle as the Pacific coast termini.

Uncle Jeff Snow Says:

Ma has allus been patriotic. She sewed fer the soldier boys, hustled fer the Red Cross, put all her butter'n aig money into Liberty bonds, and so forth; but Ma gits riled ever time she goes to town and has to tromp around to seven dif fer'nt store, to git 10 cents worth of sugar and pay two bits fer it. She ain't no sympathy with the I. W. W. 'cepting about that time. Then if she could put a bomb under the sugar trust or ch a spike into its internal innards, bieve me, she'd do it,