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#### THE COMMISSION FORM PROGRES-SING.

of La Grande to know that the committee on commission form of governgress of construction which when firished will meet the needs of this city

and attention of 11 of the best citi- the howling winter winds and snow zens of the town. They are gathering data from all cities now under They were worse off than I, who had commission government besides trac- a little money with which I went to ing up precedents in foreign coun- Medford, Oregon, where business was tries. As near as we can learn the said to be booming. On arriving there proposed plan for La Grande is very similar to municipal government in droves of 30 to 50 every few days by Germany where it is made a profes- the city authorities. The newspapers sion and studied with the same care there named them hoboes. Accordingand caution in colleges that civil engi- ly I bought a ticket to Portland and neering is studied in this country.

a chance to hold their breath until he despair written upon their faces. My replies to the banker who openly money now finished, I walked clear charges the ex-president with a rail- through to Hood River, (the next mirroad deal during his term of office. age), where men were wanted to pick VII, took place in King George's chap-How the idols do fall, which goes to strawberries. It was another conshow perfection has not yet been temptible fraud, yet scores of hopereached in the human character.

# Arcade

"Child Crusoes"-It is like turning the pages of a book of adventures and seeing the pictures of all the wonderful people and happenings come to life VITAGRAPH.

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L AMPLE RESOURCES Our resources are \$1,100,000.

2. AMPLE CASH RESERVES Our cash reserves are

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posits subject to check, and always more than 15 per

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ness. The fact that we have safely weathered every fin-

ancial storm during our career, and are today greater and

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strong and successful bank, become one now. If you are,

stronger than ever is evidence of good management.

and our surplus, which is profits earned and retained as

cent of our total liabilities, the amount required by law.

composed of well secured leans and eash.

additional capital, is \$105,000 60.

F. L. Meyers, Cachen

tor secretary of state? And by the dustrial crimes committed every day Fields in the state political drama may hand. cause a shifting of scenes, Eh? Ben and Oswald?

After all, it is pretty hard to beat a Grande Ronde turkey for a Thanksgiving dinner. The New England bird pales into significance compared with 1521—Pope Leo X, Jean de Medici, died the home grown product.

Governor Olcott seems to have no 1641-The Grand Remonstrance, drawn couble in doing the guberna orial courtesy in the absence of Mr. West.

"OUT OF WORK" TALKS. Ronde Valley House, Nov. 30th .-Sir:-For the blessings and privileges we enjoy our hearts should burst forth the foregoing sentence is expressed the sentiment of my soul this morning. To be ungrateful is a crime. Yet I have no employment, no money, nor prosjustly thankful for what I do enjoy who and what shall I denounce for more of workers in the world find our-It will be good news to the people selves today? Brief as possible, I will 1869-The monopoly of government go over the last ten months, which includes all the seasons best for acment appointed by Mayor Richardson cumulating money. I took a ticket some time ago is now meeting twice from another state to Dunsmuir, north each week and that a charter is in pro- California where newspapers had said 1890-William Dudley Foulke elected work was abundant in the lumber camps there. It was a lie! Weather and place it on a thorough business is fierce! Men from far off Wisconsin ed in each instance where it belongs. had come only to find 'nothin' doin To this work is being given the time and their money gone! Dread misery away from friends, no home or food! I saw men driven out of town in there found thousands of men skilled in every branch of human endeavor The admirers of T. R. will now have unemployed, walking about the streets less men 'fell for it.' I got a week's What's this story in the press about red a breakdown (a thing common so house owner and employer, as money Think of it!! And thousands of men could not get a chance to work, there fore those who did must enslave themselves to retain the means of existence, and for such little money that now the work is done, the harvest ended and safely stored away, the worker must beg! steal!! or starve!! in order to live while the owner faction gathers into his church to sing "Te Deums" to

his God (his money god). Shall I.

Shall I curse the people who oppose

me if getting a gun, using my gifts of

taking by force the wealth they by

cunning have stolen from me? So-

ciety makes its own criminals and in

proportion to the number of crimes

committed precisely the social oppres-

sion will in almost every case echo its

cause. I am thankful to know people

everywhere are waking up to the in-

Barl Zamesi, Ans't Gashra

way, he is not a slow runner, besides under their noses, thankful to know being a capable man. The advent of that a social revolution is nigh at

> Respectfully, OUT OF WORK.

#### THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

December 1.

- in Rome. Born in Florence on Dec. 11, 1475.
- up by the house of commons, pre sented to Charles I.
- 1775-Generals Arnold and Montgomery united their forces on the St. Lawrence.
- 1818-Commodore Joshua Barney, distinguished American naval officer. died. Born July 6, 1759.
- into the blossom of thankfulness. In 1825-Nicholas I succeeded to the throne of Russia. 1841-Colossal statue of Washington
- placed in the capitol at Washington. pect of getting either, so while I am 1862-Gen. Longstreet's army retreated into Virginia after the attack
- on Knoxville. the helpless conditions I and millions 1865-Habeas corpus act restored in
  - the northern states;
  - exercised by the Hudson Bay company in the northwest was transferred to the Dominion of Canada
  - president of Swarthmore college 1895-A bronze group of Washington
- and Lafayette unveiled in Paris basis with responsibility firmly clinch- having been told the same tale there, 1910-Porfirio Diaz was inaugurated president of Mexico for the 8th

#### "THIS IS MY 67TH BIRTHDAY."

Queen Alexandra.

Queen Alexandra, widow of King Edward VIII and mother of the present British ruler, was born in Copenhagen December 1, 1844, the eldest of the three daughters of the late King Christian IX of Denmark. One of her sisters is the dowager empress of Russia and the other is the Duchess of Cumberland. The present king of Denmark is her brother, as is also King George of Greece. The marriage o. Princess Alexandra and the Prince of Wales, who later became King Edward el, Windsor, March 10, 1863. Of the queen's six children-three sons and three daughters-four are living. The work in the woods, then there occur- eldest son, Prince Albert Victor, died Fields of Multnomah entering the race as to permti men to eat up their sav- Alexander, born in 1871, died in early in 1892, while the third son, Prince ings to the mutual profit of boarding infancy. The second son is King Geo. V. The eldest of the queen's daughis not then wanted to pay men). No ters Princess Louise, married the Duke work for a long time ahead, therefore of Fife. The second daughter, Princess an exceptionally fine engagement with How One of the Painter's Favorites I came to La Grande, got work on a Victoria, is unmarried. The third us that he said anghingly: "Oh. by farm, working 11 and 12 hours a day! daughter, Princess Maud, married the way. Caivert, if my wife comes was elected king of Norway.

#### Teachers Meet in Boston.

representative attendance marked the by Mrs. Charles Calvert. 67th annual meeting of the Massachusetts Teachers' association, which held its sessions in Huntington hall in this city today. Among the prominent eduwhile thankful for whatever enriches cators who add essed the meeting were and ennobles my life, shall I not de-President John H. Finley of the Colnounce the system and its supporters that allow such conditions to exist? Zueblin of Boston, President John M Thomas of Middlebury college, and C A. Prosser, deputy commissioner of a clear eye and steady nerve I go to education of Massachusetts

#### Ex-Ambassador Bead.

Troy, N. Y., Dec. 1.-Charles Francis late ambassador to Austria-Hungary, aged 68, died at his home here today.

#### KITCHENER STORIES.

Caustic Retorts of the Taciturn British Official.

There are some stories, new and old, of Lord Kitchener told in Nash's Magazine by Sydney Brooks. "Sunstroke? What the devil does he mean by having sunstroke?" is given as the classic instance of his attitude toward the weaker vessels. A favorite captain of his was once intrusted with an important commission. There was a delay in executing it through his horse easting a shoe. "Very sorry." was Kitchener's comment, "but I cannot rest my plan of campaign on a horse's shoe or an officer's carelessness." He has a grim, laconie humor. "Keep the gun," he is said to have wired to the war office authorities, who were pressing a certain weapon upon him. "I can

throw stones myself." To an officer who kept on reporting that as a result of his various brushes with the enemy "several Boers were seen to fall from their saddles" Lord Eltchener sent the polite inquiry, "I hope when they fell they did not hurt

themselves." He goes instantly to the essentials. You must do it in six." And the office: who had saked for the twelve hourdid it in five.

### Do Your Xmas Shopping Now

and save the inconvenience of shopping during the last few days when the store is sure to be crowded with many who have put off making their selections until the last minute.

### Give Something Useful

It is not always the costly gift that pleases, but the Useful Gift is Always Appreciated



We were never better prepared for Xmas than we are today. Every department offers suggestions in acceptable gifts for the whole family.

Watch our windows and our Ads.

## N. K. WEST

THE STORE OF USEFUL GIFTS

about the big receipts. You see, I've a lot of nephews and nieces, and they all expect tips from Uncle Johnnie. Last year they bad over £400 from me, and my wife thinks I rather overdo Boston, Mass., Dec. 1 .- A large and it."-"Sixty-eight Years on the Stage,"

Irresistible Impulse.

"I keep myself to myself," confided an old resident. "You modern young men are too much on the 'hall fellow lege of the City of New York, Dr. C. well met' order. I boast of the fact that I did not speak to my next door neighbor for ten years."

"How did you come to speak to him even then, sir?" we asked. "It must have been an extraordinary occasion." "It was The young jackanapes bought a new automobile.

"And you wanted a ride?" "Sir: I am no grafter, nor would I ride in one of the things for any consideration. No. sir. But the machine was new to him, and I couldn't resist the temptation to go over and give him some advice about running it."-Bos

Force of Habit.

ton Traveler

professional humorist found himself in an open field with a mad bull at his beels. He was running for the fence.

"Shall I make it?" he asked himself. Then a thought occurred to him. "I guess it's about a tossup." he muttered.

As he paused to make a note on his cuff the inevitable happened. - New York Times.

Wanted Some Praise Too.

Tourist (to his landlady)-How lovely it is here—the green trees in the valley through which the stream glistens; in the background the mountains and over all the blue sky- Landlady -H'm, but you don't say anything about the veal ple and the coffee ! made you.-Fliegende Blatter.

The less heart a man puts into a task the more labor it requires. - Amiel. BUYING A TURNER.

Came to America.

Prince Charles of Denmark who later down next week don't say anything Mr. Lenox" is given his version of the purchase of a Turner by this gentledescription of the picture, but which is apparently the "Staffa, Fingal's Cave," stated in the catalogue to have been "bought from the artist for Mr. Lenox by Mr. Leslie in August, 1845."

> C. R. Leslie had been instrumental in securing for the New York collector | for many years. a number of paintings, and on this occasion received from him a sight draft on Barings for £800, "requesting him to be so good as to purchase of his friend, Mr. Turner, the best picture by him he could get for the money." Turner's "grumpy reply" was to the effect that he had no pictures to sell to Amercans, that his works were not adapted to their commercial and money grubbing tastes and that Leslie had better go elsewhere.

On sight of the draft, however, he became somewhat mollified, finally "turned around a small picture standing on the floor against the wall and said: 'There, let Mr Lenox have that. All nutt went to his old home on the It is one of my favorites. He is a gentiemon, and I retract. Will that suit you. Mr. Leslie?"

Mr. Lenox was at first sight not much pleased with his purchase, and so notified Leslie, but he soon wrote Allnutt, who is alleged to have grab-Leslie to burn his first letter: "I have now looked into my Turner, and it is all that I could desire."-Scribner's Magazine.

#### Kaiama Jury Disagrees.

Kalama, Wash., Dec. 1.-After being out since Thursday night, the fury trying President Phillips of the defunct Commercial Bank of Vancouver, Wasn., was today discharged because it disagreed. A retrial date will be set

Prepare to Bombard Salonika.

Constantinople, Dec. 1.-Italian warships are preparing to bombard the in an effort to prove that Alinutt was city of Salonika today. The people are insane at the time he is alleged to have

Murder Trial Commences Soon.

Rockville, Md., Dec. 1 .- After repeatappears certain that the trial of Richard W. Allnutt, accused of murde, will man "about 1847." without any title or be taken up in the Rocgville county district court here early next week: Numerous features in connection with the case combine to give promise of one of the most notable murder trials that has taken place in this section

> The crime with which Allnuutt is charged is the murder of his sister. who was slain at her mother's home near Dawsonville, this county, on the 14th of last March, Several months before the tragedy Allnutt had married and after his marriage had boarded at the home of his brother, Lawrence Allnutt, at Dawsonville.

Richard Allnutt was desirous of taking his wife to his mother's home to live, but there had been objection on the part of members of the family, and morning of the alleged murder to talk the matter over. The refusal of his family to consent to the proposed arrangement is said to have angered bed the handle of a pitchfork and viclously attacked his sister; Mrs. Veirs; his aged mother, and the latter's old friend and companion, Miss Jane Rawlings. Mrs. Veirs' skull was crushed and she died a few hours after the attack, Mrs. Allnutt and Miss Rowling recovered, though for a time their comdition was critical.

During the long period of his confinement in jail awaiting trial the wife and aged mother of Allnutt have been steadfast in their loyalty to him. Three noted criminal lawyers, W. Outerbridge Spates of Rockville, Arthur Peter of Washington and Marshall McCormick of Berryville, Va., have been engaged for the defense. Several emfnent alienists will be put on the stand murdered his sister.

#### tell your friends about us. "Sorry to report loss of five mea OUR FRESH TAFFIES through explosion of dynamite," was La Grande National Bank the gist of a telegram from the front put into his hands one day. "Do you. LA GRANDE, OREGON. want any more dynamita?" was his Are Excellent. We Carry Vanilla Strawberry and Molasses SELDERS THE PALACE of SWEETS . . \$ 100,000.00 lmmediate answer. Men do the impos-SURPLUS 105,000,00 sible at a word from him. 'Twelve RESOURCES hours in which to carry this dispatch? . 1,100,000,00 1, Church Vice Free. Fred J. Holmes, Pres.