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QUESTIONS ASKED IN PORTLAND Governor of Oregon. SCHOOLS MORE DIFFICULT THAN HERE.

PORTLAND, Or., May 30.-(Special.)-The furore raised by the failure of 227 pupils out of 307 to pass the eight grade state examinations in eivil government and grammar in Clackamas County turns the calcium on some of the questions put to city Mr. Beloate is writing a book on students of the same grade, only 5 per cent of whom fail to pass on an average, says the Evening Telegram. The the volume, which will probably be numerous failures of the county students are probably traceable to the fact that the state questions are not based on a text-book outline. text-book is used, the United States Constitution alone being the basis of study and wide latitude given the teacher as to methods of imparting the

Text-book or no text-book, the questions asked of youngsters are such as would baffle the average voter. Possibly there are such as could answer glibly "what the constitution states relative to' writ of habeas corpus or ex-post facto law, but the chances are

To a student of constitutional law the questions put to the 12-year-old the bread and butter for those same arrangements; Presidential oath or the keeping of hue; entertainment, George Bornstedt, the house journal is a more or less A. E. Esson, Mrs. J. M. Donahue; re hazy matter. Mr. Average Man, sup- ception, F. E. McGugin, Asa Thomas, did it last February. Here they are:

States courts, giving the chief duties Describe the methods by which the Constitution may be amended. How many amendments have been made to

the Constitution?
Give the qualifications necessary to be a voter in Oregon. Give the qualifications necessary to be eligible for

Tell what you can about the mitiative in Oregon; also the referendum. What is the direct primary law? How do candidates get their names on he primary ballot?

Tell what you can about the legisla tive department of the government of the city of Portland.

Author Camps for Data. S. R. Beloate, of Portland, has arrived in this city with his camping outfit on his way to Southern Oregon. "Oregon," and expects to travel through the state to obtain data for published some time next year.

COMMERCIAL CLUB CONSIDERS QUESTION OF BECOMING INCORPORATED.

SANDY, Or., May 30 - (Special.)might not seem abnormally difficult, The Sandy Commercial Club is makbut for the man who for the last 20 ing arrangements to celebrate July 4 years has been absorbed in making on an elaborate scale. The club has honest dollars with a view to buying appointed the following committees of school children, the substance of the mic, Percy T Shelley and J. M. Donapose you answer, off-hand, the follow- Alf Bell; finance, Messrs. Dahlgren,





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*************** CONNIE MACK'S VIEWS ON PRESENT SITUATION.

Munager Connte Mack's view of the present situation is interesting "If a wenk ball chib were out in front by some meky spurt," be announced. "there would be little to worry about. But Detroit is a different proper sition. Jennings has a club this senson hard to beat under any turn, and with a long jump ahead of the field the job is simply that much harder."

IS EVERS' CAREER ENDED?

Cube' Brilliant Second Baseman May

Never Play Ball Again. Johnny Evers is out of baseball for all time, according to the news current in innermost tuseball circles The best second baseman since the days of Mcl'hee and the keystone of the marvelous infield of the Cubs has



Photo by American Press Association OHNNY EVERS CUBS STAR SECOND BASE

suffered personal losses and physical distress that have unlitted him for the

Those who should know declare that the player noted on the field for his gameness has given up the fight in the face of specters of disaster. Until recently be kept his wornes secret. Revelations of them to some of his comrades were soon followed by his retirement because of iliness and the Cubs who have played with Evers do not expect him ever to be one of their

The same fear is entertained by the mit it. With Evers gone it is recog nized that the Cubs will not be really formidable as pennant factors. The retirement of this one player changes the whole aspect of the National race. for Zimmerman, good as be is, is not Sports, John McCor- an Evers, and with the passing of Evers the central figure of both the attack and defense of the club is lost.

FLAG RAISING ON FRIDAY.

Athletics Mack Superstition by Select

ing "Hoodoo Day" For Occasion. Just to spicker a giggle at the "Jinks" and to whack old general superstition on the jaw the world's champion Athletics have selected the boodoo day of Friday to swing the world's banner to the breezes.

June 27, in the month of blushing brides and frenzied florists, is the date set for the auspicious occasion, with the Cleveland Naps doing the bonors along with the men of McGillicuddy.

Sheckard Will Leave Ump Alone. Jimmy Sheckard, the pugnacious outfielder of the Chicago Cubs, says he has cut out umpire builting for good. "There's nothing in it." says Jimmy. "It ioses you more than it gets for you."

DIAMOND SIZZLERS

Herzog is playing the best short field for the Boston Nationals of any man that has essayed the position in sev eral years

The Chicago Americans appear to have picked in "Ping" Bodie, the highly touted California slugger, a right handed batter of the Ed Delehanty

Outfielder Tris Speaker of the Bos ton Americans plays bull like a back lots boy-that is, be enjoys every min are of it, unlike many professionnis who play as if it was work.

Collegian Eddie Collins is coming back to 'Ty Cobb's speed as a base run her The rivals of last year's Ameri can league base running contest are sunning neck and neck for bag pilfer ing bopors.

Manager Dooin of the fast going Phillies is exploding the theory that a player can't catch good ball and be successful as a manager. Charley is catching and bitting better than at any time in his career and showing fine judgment in managing as well.

Price Brothers to Play Sunday. Price Brothers baseball team will play the Weones of Portland, composed of the Columbia Hardware Company team, at the Canemah Park next Sunday. This promises to be a close added to the local team.

Knights of Pythias to Meet,

The Knights of Pythias will meet

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If the Dead May Return

A Victory Without a Shot

By F. A. Mitchel

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In one of the old colonial manor bouses, for which Virginia is famous, a man lay dying. On the walls of his chamber hung a sword and sash, belt and pistol that had been placed there a dozen years before, when the southern Confederates had gone home to return to work and to save what they could from the wreck of war. There was no one in the house except some negroes, and they were bowed down with grief. Presently one of them entered the sick man's chamber and said breathlessly:

"She's comin', Mars Colonel." The melancholy eye lighted, but not with pleasure. There was a hopeless look in it indicating that the invalid was preparing for an ordeal. Then came the sound of wheels on the drive way without, and in a few moments a woman, twenty years of age, perhaps, burst into the room and, rushing to the bed, fell on her knees beside it, clasp ing the figure in her arms. "Oh, father!" she mouned.

"I have sent fo' yo'," the man said, speaking with difficulty, "to say that at last I have ceased to blame yo'. He did it all. I have not been able to find him, and now I must go from here But if yo' know where he is tell him that if the dead may return be shall hear from me."

"Father, leave him to Him who shall

judge us all at last." There was no reply. The effort the man had made had taken the little try any of your games. He's evidentstrength left in bim. Slower and slower came his breath; there was a rattle in his throat, and he was dead.

"Can yo' tell me, suh, if there is a man in this town named Lawrence-Edga' Lawrence, fo'me'ly from Geo'-

The man addressed turned to the speaker and, on meeting his gaze, retreated a step or two. He saw a tall man about fifty, whose erect figure



and shoulders thrown back suggested that he might have been a soldier. His hair and beard were grizzly gray, and there was a singular glitter in his eye "Yes, sir," replied the man questioned, "there is a man by that name here." "Can you tell me where, I can find

"He's generally in the Empire saloon

at this time of day." "Very much obliged to -yo', suh."

the Empire saloon. "I'll bet my hat," said the observer to bimself, "that man was in the late unpleasantness between the north and the south. These soldier men never get over their training. They speak as if they were giving or receiving orders and walk as if they were keep. ing step to music. He's a queer looking old chap and no mistake. shouldn't have told him where to find Lawrence. Gone to settle a difficulty with him! He'll go through the matter formally, and before he's really started in he'll get a bullet in his

brain. I'll follow him." The evening sun hung quite low and cast the stranger's shadow very long. While he walked on with the same measured trend as if trudging with soldiers, the observer's attention was turned from him to this elongated shadow There was something grotesque about it, as such shadows often are. Both body and legs were drawn out strangely and the legs triangulated like a pair of compasses. The stranger, reaching the saloon, turned in, and the man who was following was close be-

Men were standing at the bar drinking, while other, were seated at tables gambling. The stranger was standing straight as an arrow looking about him. Presently a man rose from one of the tables, and, passing the newcomer, the latter asked:

"Can you tell me, sub, if Edga Lawrence is present?" "That's Edgar Lawrence sitting at that table over there.'

"Which one?" "The man just dealin' the cards." The speaker referred to a table

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where five men were playing cards, with piles of coins before them. stranger triangulated over to the group and, standing behind the dealer, touched him lightly on his shoulder with the tip of his fluger.

The man jumped as if he had been atung. From force of habit, perhaps, his right hand went to his hip as be quickly turned and looked up into the face bent down to his. For some moments the tableau was unchanged. then the stranger said;

"Pa'don me, sub, fo' interrupting yo game, but I should be obleeged if yo' would tell me if yo' name is Edga' La wrepce?"

"Yes, sir," said the man addressed, making an effort to speak in his usual "I regret, sub, to disturb you, Gentle-

men, I trust yo' will excuse me fo' interrupting yo' in you' amusement, but I have a difficulty to settle with one of you' numbe', Captain Lawrence.' Every face at the table was turned upward; every eye fixed on the speaker. No such subdued gentleman-like tones had ever been heard before in that sinkhole of iniquity. A difficul-

ty to settle with Lawrence Captain Lawrence! No one had ever heard of Lawrence having a military title before. And why didn't Lawrence shoot him dead? Lawrence's band was on his pistol, and the stranger's hand was not near a weapon. His close fitting coat buttoned tight to the throat showed no bulge where a weapon should be Nevertheless, Lawrence did not draw his pistol.

"Being a strange' among you gentlemen," continued the speaker, "I would be obleeged to yo' if one of yo' numbe' would act fo' Captain Lawrence and one fo' me. The sun has not yet set, and the twilight will be plenty long enough for us to settle ou' difficulty befo' da'k "

Every man gaped at the speaker till one of them broke the spell by rising and offering his services to him. Then another said to Lawrence:

"Come, Ed: you'll have to gratify the old fellow, and you'd better not ly captivated the boys, and if you shouldn't treat him fair you might get into trouble. You've done too many wicked things already."

Lawrence rose without a word. He steadied himself by resting his hand on the table. He was very pale. "What's the matter with you? Who

is the old man?" "I've never seen him before," was the only reply.

The six of them walked out of the saloon and down the road to a patch of level ground which had been recently cleared. The sun, a blood red ball, stood near the horizon, casting fantastic shadows of all the party. Not a word was spoken by any one. Though the day had been warm, the air was pervaded by a chill. All noticed that Lawrence seemed to feel it especially, for he was shivering.

What distance do you prefer. str?" asked the stranger's second of him. "That, suh, is immaterial. Leave the terms entirely with Captain Law-

"Make it what you like," said Lawrence, whose teeth were chattering. much to the surprise of the rest.

The seconds measured the ground principals to relieve them of their weapons and give them others. stranger bowed and said that he had no weapon; be never went armed. Lawrence's pistol was taken from him, and both be and his antagonist were given weapons borrowed from among those present. Then they were stood opposite each other.

It seemed to those in attendance that Lawrence was unable to withstand the gaze of his antagonist. The two men were placed at either end of the thirty paces, and the man who was acting for Lawrence stood ready to drop a handkerchief, at which the principals were to advance, firing. Before giving the signal be said:

"Perhaps one of you gentlemen would give up the cause of this diffi-

He turned to the stranger, who made ne reply. His eye rested on his enemy. And the stranger walked away toward The speaker turned to Lawrence and asked him if he had anything to say by way of explanation. Lawrence paid no beed to him.

"Gentlemen, are you ready?" There was no reply from either of the

contestants. "Fire!" and the handkerchief floated

to the ground A bullet from Lawrence's pistol went high in the air, The stranger, without firing, dropped his pistol and strode unarmed toward his antagonist, his eyes, flaring like two great stars, fixed on Lawrence. As he passed him Law. rence was heard to laugh. There was omething so uncanny about his laughter that it froze the blood of those looking on. The stranger passed right by his antagonist. Lawrence gave a shrick and, springing into the air as if he had been shot, fell back into the arms of his second.

Forgetting the stranger in the weird scene, every man rushed toward Lawrence and bent over him. When they looked up the former had disappeared. All this happened many years ago. Edgar Lawrence has long been an inmate of a lunatic asylum, and his case has from the time of his entry there been considered hopeless. There are in Virginia two graves side by side. the one of a father, the other of his daughter. The lot where they are placed is all of the old manor house grounds that remains unchanged. The mansion stands out, grand and gloomy. while the grounds are divided into little patches, worked by hundreds of negroes. And, singular enough, not a man who witnessed that duel but died a violent death. The only one of the party living is Edgar Lawrence, who a a ravins maniac.

School Closes Friday. Mount Pleasant school will close on Friday, and the teachers-

Professor J. M. Sievers and Miss Mable Frances—are planning a basket picnic for their rooms Miss Frances' pupils will hold their picule in the Holmes Park, one of the most picturesque places in this city.

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45 Years Ago

From the Weekly Enterprise of N vember 10, 1866.

Killed.—A few days since a small indian child, while straying about a the vicinity of High street, fell free the bluff, and was almost instanti the bluff, and was almost inerastic killed by dashing against the rocks it its fail. Several accidents of this per ture have occurred since the foundation of Oregon City, and now that he "upper story" is becoming rather densely populated the time is apprecing when it will be necessary to creat a substantial fence along the rime the bluff for the protection of life and limb.

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