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### LEADERSHIP IN THE ORIENT.

In Europe the opinion is expressed that it would be serious business if Japan, victorious over Russia, should take the leadership of Asia and adopt a Monroe Doctrine for the Orient,

But why would it be serious? And serious for whom? Has Asia no right to autonomy? No right to independwithin her sphere? Possibly Japan may win such position as will anable her to assume a kind of direc torate, and protectorate, over Eastern Or, if not quite that, some such position as the United States has in the affairs of the Western Hemisphere Japan wouldn't rule entirely. No more But, in all the important af do we. fairs of the Orient, it would be necessary to consult Japan. There ought to some power to lead the Orient and Jupan, apparently, is the power to

Such position, achieved and maintained by Japan, would prevent the partition of Oriental countries among the powers of Europe. It would start a new civilization in the Orient, which would make a balance to existing con ditions in Europe. It would cut Russia out-Russia, that has expected to ab sorb all Northern China and Corea, and to strangle Japan. It would set also a limit to the aggressions of other Euro pean powers, in the Orient.

It is not probable, nor to be be lieved, that the United States would suffer as a consequence of the ascend-arcy of Japan in the affairs of the Orient. Japan is sufficiently enlight ened to desire the development of trade. Russla, on the other hand, is a rigorous and repressive despotism, controlle oligarchy the most selfish and corrupt of modern times. Once planted firmly in the Orient, Russia would be amenable to no influence that the world night bring to bear upon her. Japan will wish to enter into close relations with the rest of the world. Russia tion of the cost of reclamation. Some claims to be great enough to stand in

It is free from military technique and is just such an article as will bring back vividly the principal events it this unparalleled contest. General Anderson's review commends itself to every one interested in a war that inluded the bloodiest battles in all his tory.

FRAUDS, AND LAND FRAUDS. The Philadelphia Record assumes a virtue. It discusses the land fraods, inder investigation in Oregon, and prereeds to say:

In regard to the indiciment of Senator Mitchell and Representative Hegmann, of Or-non, for participation in land transfe, it is recreasing to bear in milds that, according to blic opinion in the land states and terri-rise the public domain is fair game, and the more the particle Gougarn in tair grame, and the most enterprising man great the most of it, Measurn Mitchiell and Hermann are not accused of trying to gri an undue share of the earth's surface for themselves, but of raking measure to help other persons to do so. Of course, this note the matter a little, but from potet of view it does not change of the transaction.

Now here is assumption that the Eastern States, and the great State of Pennsylvania, which has no public land or it would have been stolen long ago, is so honest that it can entertain sught that anybody in Oregon or the West could come honestly by public land. Here and there fraud has been committed, doubtless; but where there are public lands people are entitled.

under the law, to enter them. There was no law when Penn occupied the site of Philadelphia. He simply swin died the Indians out of the lands, and the Philadelphia Record has its office on a favored nart of the tract me frauds have been perpetrated n Oregon and in other Western States,

question. The authorities are pursuing them vigorously, with the help of all the people. It has been the policy of the Government to give its lands

in the West away; else there would be to settlers in the West. A few have taken lands unlawfully; but these have no support in the public opinion of the West, And we of the West have, as we trust, proper plty for the poor, ring-ridden, corporation-ridden State of Pennsylvania, where everything that anybody could steal was stolen long

## STATE WILL BENEFIT.

From the statement of the plans of the Government engineers concerning the reclamation projects in Klamath County it appears that Oregon has everything to gain and nothing to lose by granting to the United States all -bed lands that may be uncovered Inko by drainage. Title to the lake beds is vested in the state, and if the water In the lakes should be lowered by

drainage, the state would continue to be the owner of the land. Since, however, the expense of lowering the water is to be borne by the Government, the reclamation officials ask that the lands uncovered shall be ceded to the United States. This is no more than a fair request

In their present condition the lands question are of no value whatever to the state or to its industrial interests. If reclaimed by the Government, 100,000 acres of productive land will be added to the tillable area of Klamath County, furnishing homes for 2000 fam-The state will lose nothing in making the grant desired, but will gain to the extent that the amount of wealth-producing and taxpaying property is increased. The commercial interests of the state will be benefited by the large expenditure of money in the construction of irrigation and drainage works by the Government, without involving any expenditure by

the State of Oregon. The lowering of the water in Klam ath and other lakes in Klamath County will not only uncover a large area of lake bod, but it will drain another large area of swamp land now of compara-tively small value. This swamp land is owned by private individuals, and it is the plan of the Government to have each of the owners bear his propor will make the required agreement. while others will refuse, accord the view they take of their several in. Wtih these lands\_ in private terests. ownership the state need not concern tself, for the Government will not injure any man's property without making due compensation. Unless there are important facts radically different from any that are now known to the public, there seems to be no reason why any member of the Legislature should hesitate to vote for a bill granting to the Government the title to all land it may uncover in Klamath County lakes. GOOD YEAR FOR KING CORN. Corn is king by a good safe major ity in this country, according to the final report of the Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Agriculture, which appeared last week. Not only was the 1964 crop of such vast proportions that it has been exceeded twice, but the high prices at which it was marketed made a new record fo its aggregate value. The record corn crop of the country was produced in 1899 when the official returns cred. ited a total of 2,656,440,000 bushels. In 1902 the Government placed the figures at 2,523,648,000 bushels. Last year the Agricultural Department figures show a yield of 2.467,480,000 bushels, but on account of the increase in prices its market value was \$70,000,000 greater than the crop of 1902, which until that year had held the record for value. The returns of the department on the 1964 wheat crop show a marketable value greater than for 1901, although the crop is nearly 290,000,000 bushels less than for that record year. In this respect there is far less cause for congratulation than there is over the exelfent showing made by the corn crop The dimensions of the yield of the coarser cereal were so far above th average that in supplying business for the transportation companies, warehousemen and numerous other industries dependent on the grain trad much of the loss through a poor wheat crop was equalized. In the case of wheat the abnormally high price was not an unqualified blessing. While the gross returns which were divided among the farmers and speculators were several million dollars greater than ever before, a much smaller proportion of the population of the country was benefited by these prices than was the case with corn. The she rtage made heavy inroads on the profits of some of the roads traversing the Amercan wheat belt, and capital, thus suffering, passed the blow on to labor by laying off train crews and reducing operating expenses, so that dollar wheat THE MORNING OREGONIAN, SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 1905.

au increase in the home to the short crop and high prices due of wheat, the decline in corn shipments was far from being so pronounced as that of wheat. American corn shippers thus holding their foreign trade much better than wheat and flour exporters. It is on the latter that the high-priced

American wheat will work more hard-ship than on any one else. Europe has coustomed to cheap wheat and flour, and the demands of the palate ust fit the purse. Although the e Liv. erpool market at no time in the past ix months has riren to a figure which would admit of American shipments ing made at a profit, there has no scarcity of wheat for the Old World nillers and consumers. The strength on this side of the Atlantic has, of ourse, had a slight sympathetic effect Europe and has elevated prices so that India, the Argentine and other

cheap-wheat countries have been enabled to market their surplus holdings at figures which at a minimum guaran-teed handsome profits for the growers. These prices are sure to induce in-creased acreage in wheat in all countries where the cereal is grown. much of the apparent benefits of dollar wheat will be nullfied. - A poor wheat

crop with low prices is but little short of a calamity in this country, but i does not follow from this that a small crop and big prices are matter for much congratulation. A big crop or a good crop at a remunerative price (which may be less than a dollar) will offer satisfactory returns on the investment for the farmer, and it will also ceep in operation a large number of at tendant industries which lag or cease altogether whenever there is a poor rop, even though it be sold at high prices.

## "CHEAP UNMANLINESS."

Mrs. L. H. Harris, a Southern woman whose breezy thoughts on plain, everyday matters and conditions of life have found their way into our current literature, has an article in a late number of the Independent upon "Old Bachelors in New England," in which some very palpable truths are presented. Beginning with the assertion that the future of this great country does not depend so much upon "protection, prosperity and imperialism as it does upon fidelity

to certain family Scriptures and do mestic dogmas," this writer gives the male bachelor of New England such a setting out in solfishness, in cynicism in discourtesy, in unmanliness, 187 should be a revelation to this class of men of a much wider area than is rep-resented by the term "New England,"

who shirk the higher duties of life by remaining unmarried. Of the girl-bachelor, whose name is legion in that land of spinsters who make a brave showing of independence Mrs. Harris speaks in terms of pro found respect softened with pity fea fate at once unnatural and sad, and a position that is forlorn and barren of the highest joys of life. One of these, she says, occasionally remains single

from choice, but most of them would have married if they had had a wider choic Going back to the first class, she says that if all of the men who con would marry, the congestion that now exists in some industrial centers would be greatly reduced, because there would be fewer women ready to work for less wages than are paid to men, and the accusing mobs of sallow-faced working girls seen in the larger cities

and towns would be smaller. It is admitted that the wife fades also, but she has something to show for it in the roses that are transplanted in the cheeks of her children, the Nation is paid in citizenship for

every wrinkle she wears." This is certainly a comforting way to look at it from the standpoint of the faded wife and mother, and it is a practical one, too, to a certain extent.

It does not necessarily follow that one who advocates marriages by wholesale is also in favor of large families in each and every case. Still, in the view of this writer, if we could get this gen

numbers, until it seems as if the whol population must be interested in th thi intry to the extent of buying books and periodicals on the subject. Easterner is told by one writer how to build a log cabin, and by another how to run a duck farm on a pond. Moun-tains cottages, seacoast cottages, forest cottages, lake cottages, are de-scribed in a manner that makes the scribed in a manner that reader long to abandon the steam-heated flat for a breezy country home with chinks between the logs and holes in the roof. The growth of this country spirit is marked in the East. People who live in the cities make "Satday-to-Monday" visits to their own or their friends' country homes; ined, the country has almost attained the distinction of a fad. In Oregon such a change has not

taken place, for the reason that the itdoor life has never been abandoned, as in the East, Without great cities and with a Summer climate of which the call to the sea, the wood and the illis cannot be resisted, in no state is there more of the open-air spilrt. It taken as a matter of course, and is magazines, but it exists, and Oregon may be pleased to see other states patterning after her ways.

The development of the material re-Baltimore Manufacturers' Record, the yearly output of our farms, mines and ils exceeds by about \$7,000,000,000 that of railroad traffic and general business activities the same great advance is seen. The increase of population, which averages about 25 per cent a decade, would in itself count for a great in-

crease in business development, but the volume of trade and the value of our agricultural and manufactured products have increased much more rapidly than our population. The menace of depression does not, in the judgment of nen whose opinions are of weight in the world of finance and industry, shadow the country, even from afar off. The lesson of the past is, however, plain. Briefly rendered, it reads: "In time of prosperity prepare for adver-sity by the exercise of the simple virtues of economy, industry and pru-dence." The tendency of prosperous timas is toward extravagance and the current never set more strongly in that direction than now.

Charles M. Harvey, writing of the events of 1904 in Leslie's Weekly, says: When Disraell, in 1865, in connection with Lincoln's death, said, 'Assassination has never changed the history the world' (implying that it never would), he dld not foresee the conse mences of the taking off of Von Plehve, Russia's reactionary Minister

of the Interior, in 1904. Von Plehve's assassination made way for the acces ion of the Liberal Minister. Prince Sviatopolk-Mirsky, who induced Nicholas to bring the heads of the local as-semblies to St. Petersburg and who thus gave shape and direction to the

forces which are working to abolish Russia's 'absolutism by assassination and to place that country on the roll of nodern states." These forces have been again turned aside by imperial direc-tion, but there is evidence enough that they are not quelled. In these words of Omar's "Rublyat," Russian autocracy, though still triumphant, can read lis eventual doom:

The moving finger writes; and having writ Moves on; nor all your piety nor wit, Shall fure it back to cancel half a line, Nor all your tears wash out a word of it.

A British army officer of the Intellicence Department, who is writing a brilliant series of articles on the way in the World's Work, gives a curiou glimpse of Japanese methods. He tells of meeting a young Japanese officer in the Legation at Paris. A year later he met the Japanese at an English university. Before the outbreak of the present war the British officer visited Port Arthur in the disguise of a German merchant, and, going into a barber

with Kuroki, the officer met his Jap

anese friend in command of a company

The story throws a curious sidelight on

Tolstoi's son declares that France

ests lie with Russia. It is possible that

Germany may reach such a conclusion.

but indications are that Italy and

with Great Britain. The shifting

France will be more inclined to line

of European alliances, implicit or ex-

plicit, is likely to be one of the most

Russia and Japan.

important results of the war between

Governor Pennypacker, of Pennsyl-

vania, continues his quarrel with the

press. So far his muzzling attempts

have resulted in little more than an

increase in the amount of space devoted

to him in the press of his state. Penny-

packer cartoons have appeared rathe

more frequently, and his smallest act

has furnished occasion for stories more

or less humorously belittling the Gov-

bridge and sewer contractors.

## NOTE AND COMMENT On Cook Books.

Few books nowndays appear to be

old on their merits alone. The public must be attracted by some sort of combination offer, if trading-stamps are not given. The latest instance is a book which the advertisement says consists of "Practical and Tested Recipes, One for Each Day in the Year, for Dishes Mentioned by the Best English Authors. With an Appropriate Quotation for Each Recipe." One is glad to know that only dishes mentioned by the best authors are included; it would be terrible to the cultured stomach to be filled with food mentioned by quite common writer. The housekeep er must feel highly elated to know that the dish she is preparing is sure to have a literary flavor, even if she fails to give it much material flavor, and how inspiring to pause in chopping up the garlie to read an appropriate que tation. With this book there would be no danger of striking a jarring note,

as the literary matter is guaranteed tot made the subject of long articles in to be appropriate. From time to time we have noted great improvements in cook books. The lifeicas, dictionarylike volume of our mothers' time has been replaced by an airy, fairy book-

let, bound in gold and ivory, giving the sources of the United States since 1890 favorite dishes of actors with photo-has been stupendous. As shown by the graphs-of the actors or by books full of poetical quetations in which the names of various dishes are embedded and enjellied. This is well, but we look of fourteen years ago. In the volume for even more improvement. A cook book in dramatic form would be a step in the right direction. Soups could be treated in a curtain-raiser. Entrees would fit well into a comedy, and roasts could appropriately be introduced into a substantial drama. Pies would give texture to a tragedy, and sweets would go excellently with a French farce. Who knows but that we may live to see cook books in the form of a musical play or even of grand opera? Too much cannot be done to elevate housekeeping from a drudgery to an art and to make the housekeeper less precise and more soulful.

### In view of the number of causes ited to account for the reluctance of young men to enter the ministry it is

surprising to come across one really excellent reason for taking to the pulplt. The Rev. Hugh Price Hughes, a Weish minister of some note, recently excinimed, "God knows that I cannot listen to a sermon, so that is why He has made me a preacher," Be a preacher and you wor't have to listen to sermons

## "Renovated butter" has a sort of

norgue-y sound. The Seattle Times tells of a man who

fed his hens milk and whisky, so that each egg would be a ready-mixed eggnog.

It is not at all improbable that before some of us die-although we might, perhaps, with to die first-we may see a lady entering for the aimateur golf championship, and possibly winning it against all the men. An analogous calamity occurred in croquet.-Horace Hutch-inson, in Country Life.

There's gallantry for you. Think of alling a woman's victory a "calamity." However, hard names will not stop th onward march of woman. Having triumphed gloriously at croquet, she will inquer on the golf course, and when

man has been outdone upon the field of athletics, we may find crowds of university boys who have abandoned football as too rough, going to cheer on their gridiron heroes from Smith or Wellesley.

Isn't it an awful possibility that

Russia may yet besiege Port Arthur, and that we may have to await its fall all over again? "How to Retain Girlish Beauty" i

the title of an article in a Sunday paper. We'd rather learn how to get one.

per. We'd rather learn how to get one. Bombs are being imported into Rus-sis. The Nihilists must be arranging a blow-out.

## ODD SCRAPS OF FOREIGN NEWS. The signaling station at Kildonan is the

only one in the world which refuses to report passing ships on a Sunday. At a brewery company meeting the other day it was mentioned that tea was

largely taking the place of whisky and It is proposed to fit gongs to all Londor fire brigade appliances to take the place of the familiar shouts of the firemen as the engines rush through the streets.

Postcards made from peat are now be-ing manufactured at Colbridge, County Kildare, where paper-making from peat has been in progress for some time. Asked why he had not called in a doctor earlier the

earlier, the son of a Shoreditch woman, found unconscious and, dying, said he knew his mother was going to die, and he wanted to save the money. Because he followed a funeral leading a dog by a cord which happened to be col-ored, a carpentor at Gorlitz in Prussia, has been sentenced to nine months' im-prisonment "for an offense against reli-tion."

The Britannia the largest warship ever

aunched at Portsmouth, was christened with Colonial wine, and margarine in-stend of pure Russian tallow was for the a great paper, eclipsing all former attempts at special editions. It dasks of Oregon in an ex-mantive manner, and of the Lewis and Clark first time used in greasing the launching WEVE. tract the attention of the people of the 1 States toward Western, enterprise as in never before been attempted. As a news The Gregonian easily leads all others of Par West.

Ways. During the year forgetful passengers left in trains on the London and North-Western Railway 47 hats, caps and bon-nets, 67 umbrellas, nine sunshades and 191 walking-sticks, besides heaps of rugs and bags.

While cycling, Alfred Collings fell as Where we have a side-slip. A pipe which he was smoking was driven through his he was smoking was driven through his tongue, causing blood-poisoning, which ended in his death, and a Hackney Jory returned a verdict of accidental death. Native Christians in many parts of the worai have contributed toward the Bible Society's Centensry fund, which has now reached \$1,000,000. The aborigines at Ma-poon, North Queensland, collected \$15 worth of systers, as they have no money. Hard-newsed a for after running

Hard-pressed, a fox, after running round St. Glies' House, Lord Shaftes-bury's country residence near Wimborne, made for the pantry, followed by the hounds, to the consternation of the servants, and succeeded in getting onto a upboard.

While a lady was sitting in the dress circle of the Regent Theater, Salford, her clothes were ignited by a match dropped from the gallery. She lost a claim for damages brought against the manage-ment at Salford, the Juage holding that all reasonable precautions had been ta-

ken. The steamship Ben Ledi, which has ar-

rived in London from Leth, which has ar-rived in London from Leth to complete a cargo for China, has 200 tons of old horseshoes on board. A Leth firm is

shipping these to Hongkong; they number about 250,000 of shoes, all more or less worn smooth and thin via the Scottish roads. There is to be another lot for hina shorthy. Belief in the superstition that a wound Belief in the superstition that a wound from an alder bush will prove fatal has been strengthened at Sutton Park. Bed-fordshire. A gamekeeper named Albert Povey was chasing some fowls from a spinney to the roost, when he tripped up on an alder bush, a spike of which en-tered his hand. The wound was promptly dressed and an operation performed a few days later, but the man died from tetanus.

tetanus. An unexpected effect of the revival in

the Merthyr and Rhondda Valleys Wales has been to check volunteering, doctor at Aberfan, who is an officer Portland Chamber of Commerce Bulletin. The first thorough newspaper exploitation of the Lewis and Clark Fair is made if the New Yoar's Oregonian. More than 24 pages of the lasss are devoted to this subject, and are full of half-tone Hustrations, which for artistic insite and skill have never been equaled Such work would have been wested had not the mechanical work of activiting the user. the Third Volunteer Batialion of the Welsh Regiment, said yesterday that the Free Churches of the district actually denied membership to men in the corps. "It is simply because they wear a red coat," he explained. "That is regarded here as the devil's brand."

Serious disturbances have occurred at the Knight's Deep mine at Johannesburg, between Chinamen and Kaffirs. The lat-ter turned out on Sunday to average and state will startle the uninitiated of the of their number, who had been assaulted, but the police persuaded them to dis-perse. In the middle of the night the Chinese flocked out in a body and set fire to the Kaffir compound. The result was a stand-up fight, in which the Chinese, below here a stand they do not be more

being better armed than the blacks, more than held their own. One Chinaman and three Kaffirs were killed and 30 of the combatants wounded. Ant nests are being used this year as

And nests are being used the year as presents. Messes, Gamage, of London, who have many of the nests in stock, say that they are in great demand as pres-ents for childron. Each nest, which costs 12s 60, is contained in a cabinet ten inches Henry James, on his recent visit to

America, told at a dinne Cambridge an anecdote tha the Emperor of Germany. told at a dinner party in re an anecdote that concerned "It was reported," said Mr. James, "that on a certain morning the Emperor square and three inches deep, and conwould drive out in brallant uniform, attended by a bodyguard unusually large and splendid. A little boy came early to the palace gates and waited there a long time to see the royal party. "Finally, after three or four hours, the lad's patience failed him. " 'The booby isn't coming," he said. 'I hall go. "Though the boy was only talking to himself, a police officer heard him, and seized him by the collar. Who did you mean by booby, boy? he thundered. 'I meant.' the lad faltered-'I meant -er-my friend Fritz. He was to have met me here, and he hasn't turned up." "The officer let go his hold." "Be more careful in the future," he id, 'and now clear out." "The boy hastened across the roadway.

# THE NEW YEAR'S OREGONIAN.

Washington County News. The Morning Overgonian's special Lewis and Clark edition was issued on Monday. Every part of this great Exposition 's clearly act forth is numercous illustrations and in coldmu after column of choice reading matter. It is a good edition to send to your Eastern rela-tives. It is far more enhorate illun all the lettern you could write between now, and the choing day of the Exposition would be.

Forest Grove Times. The New Yoar's edition of The Oregonian The New Yoar's edition of The Oregonian, immed Monday, was a wonderful presentation of the resources and possibilities of the West Coast. It covered every phase of every in-terest that this great region possence, and did it so well as to loave little to be added in the way of general information. Although past efforts have shown the great resources of The Oregonian for doing such work, it is an ever new wonder how it can do so much and do it so well. The appreciation of the public for that issue is shown by the fact that though a hig extra edition was printed in the first place. It was exhausted the first day and an-other edition had to is printed, and the Port-land Postoffice was almost swamped in hand-ling it. ling If.

Baker City Democrat. The New Year's number of The Oregonian is

The Oregonian of Monday deserves great grate for its successful effort in placing the great Lewis and Clark Exposition before the

copie of the United States. This will be sorth millions to the States of Oregon and

worth millions to the States of Oregon and Washington, and peuple are just beginning to realize its vastness. It will hring tens of thousands of visitors, who will be walking sd-vertisenests of our grantness, our genial off, mate and wonderful resources after their visit. For that reason a stream of people and money will set toward this Coast as the result of the Fair.

Yahima Republi

The Oregonian on Monday morning issued a fine Hiusirated edition devoted to the Lewis

and Clark Exposition. As for many years past, The Oregonian first-of-the-year special is

far more commendentive than that of any other

Suiveron Suiveronan-Appeal. The New Year's edition of The Oregonian, illustrative of the Lewis and Clark Fair, or-ets all previous efforts of that paper, and will no doubt, prova to be of great waites to the entire State of Oregon, as well as to Peri-tend the Nate and the extending exclusion

the entitive State of Cregon, as well as in Fort-land, the Fair, and the enterprising publishing company which issued it. A great many extra copies have been sold in Silverion through the local agent, Lioyd Riobes, and will find happy recipients in all parts of the United States.

Woodburn Independent.

A magnificent effort and fills a great and

A magnificent effort and fills a great and present want. It is principally devoted to the Lewis and Clark Fair project, and the brilliat result of much labor, expense and re-markable skill. The Oregonian for many years has been an indenstigable worker in behalf of the state's interests, and its New Year's edi-tions are experity looked for by all, and espe-cially appreciated by old-timers. Thousands of copies of this issue have been sent East, and the State of Oregon will receive in alculable

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benefit. The Oregunian well sustains its repu-tation as the leading and greatest nowspape

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aggregate will startle the unnitiated as the spiendor and magnitude of the Fa The purpose almed at has been to illustra the details of the hulidings and groun-though a general view of each buliding given on an adequate scale. Thug there conveyed to the mind of the reader some id of the architectural beauties of the buliding such as cannot be gained from general view of the whole.

Lese Majeste Again.

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of Oregon, and it has no peer west of the Rockies.

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tal in such an elaborate way as to at

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her own solitary grandeur, upon an in dependent despotism; and a nation whose government defies public opinion ame, and suppresses every effort to formulate or assert it, cannot be a nation with which others may easily deal. It seems to us that whatever other nations may say or think or do the United States and Great Britain ound, as matters now are, to sympathize with the aspirations of Japan.

### PORTLAND'S STREETS.

In Portland the principal streets are now in very good condition, and are reasonably clean. In fact, the only really decent streets in Oregon are Portland. Yet there are localities Portland where the streets need attention, not merely for cleaning, but for new construction; and this work sught to be forced on the indolent and unenterprising property-owner. Many persons are still heedless of the ordinances against throwing litter on the streets, and dogs are a filthy nulsance. It must be said, however, that on the whole Portland has made great progress in improvement of her streets dur ing the last three years. But the town is too large, or scattered too widely, to nermit the expectation of asphalt streets and cement sidewalks all over it.

One thing always is to be borne in mind, namely, that only by constant attention can the streets of any cityeven of a small city-be kept in good order. Much will always remain to be done, in every city, for good streets and for clean streets; but it is a fact that no city has made or is making more progress in this direction 'than But the work is like "free dom's hattle"-It is never finished, and must descend from size to son. Neve will all the streets of a city be perfect and entirely clean. But no city should give up the effort for improvement. Portland presses the effort now, and will continue to press it. At this time, upon the approach of the Lewis and Ciark Fair, it is especially necessary to do so. Street work, must be inces-Every housewife will tell you that she can't afford to let her work housekeeping fall behind; and street work, or the work of keeping streets in order, requires the same con tinuous attention.

How many High School pupils in Ore gon, Washington and Idaho, depend ing on memory and having no access public prints, could on request give an intelligent summary of the Russian Japanese War? And how many teach ers in public and private schools can impart the information? How many ordinary readers, excluding those fa milliar with the art of warfare? General Thomas M. Anderson, U. S. A., has written an epitome of the Manchurian campaign for The Sunday Ore-conian. It will be published tomorrow.

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eration of calloused single people, in New England only, properly mated, man and woman, it is safe to reckon that we should have in the next "a better grade of workingmen, more hope ful women, more statesmen, poets and prophets, because more children would he born of that class of women, whose pathetic enterprise in the hardfisted world alone proves that they are extraordinarily intelligent, able, industri

ous and long-suffering." The arraignment of bachelor mer throughout the article is sharp-that of bachelor women pathetic, with a dash of sarcasm at their enforced claim to independence bravely assumed and desire for "development." We may properly take exceptions to some of the more sweeping statements made in this advocacy of wholesale marriage for what marriage brings to the individual, the state and the race. With the fol-lowing statement, however, we must in

the main all agree: the main all agree: There is nothing more pathetic or reproach-ful in American life than the increasing num-bers of delicate women who have been forced to declare themselves the industrial and in-tellectual equals of men. Meanwhile most of the men titter behind their hands at the announcement. Every one of them since Adam knows that a woman is not like him in functions or in strength, that she was care-fully. fitted to another sphere: pet, alnoe it relieves him of the obligation of taking care of her, he encourages her brave hallucination that she is able to take care of hermelf. This is a cheap unmanilness of the same grade shown by earlier mavages, whose women kind aid all the hard labor.

iid all the hard labor. The article may be said to make a strong presentment and elaboration of the opimion that the men of the world should provide homes for the women of the world, and maintain them therein in the simple interests of society, the Nation and the race. It is not unjust to characterize as "cheap unmanliness the tendency to shirk this duty, or to

lay the blame of our disorganized in-dustrial conditions at the door of its grave delinquency. -----

LITERATURE OF THE OUTDOORS.

How country life is attracting a greater number of Americans ever year is shown in no clearer way than by the increase in periodicals devoted to its various phases. Country Life in America, with its superb photographi reproductions, has been so successful that its publishers will issue a new magazine devoted to aspects of gardening, and the Review of Reviews Com pany will also issue a new magazine of similar aims. The weekly Illustrated Sporting News deals with the broader subjects of the outdoor life, and there are hosts of publications devoted to sports of all kinds. Outing, the lead-

shop there, found that the person shaving him was the identical Japanese "Give us liberty or give us death. officer he had met before in Paris and say the Russians. But the Czar mere England. Later, as British attache,

ly gives them-well, just raises Cain with them.

An ultra-religious carpenter in Spic kane entered a neighbor's house, took the system of international espionage, two girls from bed and spanked them for not attending church. The apostolic laying-on of hands was not a marker Germany and Italy must realize at the conclusion of the war that their interto this.

"Evangeline" is too anti-British fo British Columbia school teachers. They should send a mission to London to throw Longfellow's bust out of Poet's Corner in Westminster Abbey.

At last a scientific rule has been formulated to insure happy marriages. The man seeking a wife must divide his age by 3 and add 7 to the quotient, thereby ascertaining the age his bride should be. Thus, if a man is 30 years of age, half of 30 added to 7 gives 22. the age his wife should be. For a wo man to find the age her husband should he she must take 7 from her own age and multiply the result by 2. Thus a woman of 30 should be married to a man of 16. After this there can be no excuse for divorces. Everyone will be happy and sing pacans to science.

When a man wounds you on one cheek, it's no sign of a Christian spirit to turn the other, if he's a barber. Lawson-but we promised not to

> WEX J. Work of Canal Commission.

Engineering Magazine.

The work before the present Isthmian Canal Commission must neeall their victories to the illustrious viresarily be largely independent of anything hitherto contemplated, and its fains must be developed and completed for practically an entirely new project. This is a necessary procedure for a number of important reasons. Among number of important reasons. Among others, during the past three years, even, material developments in the size and motive power of steamships have been made and those developments are in active progress at the present time. Steamships over '00 feet long have been built and there are already seri-ous statements from ocean transporta-tion companies regarding the building of, which approaching 800 feet in ships approaching 800 feet in rth. Loaded vessels have entered length. Loaded vessels have entered or left the harbor of New York with a draft of 22 or 33 feet and possibly a little more. Allhough it is not prob-able that the greatest ships afloat will, abie that the according to a set a set and the set and will shift some lines of ocean traite and stimulate others, so that it is a measure of wisdom only to follow the instructions given to the former com-mission, and tacitly at least to the present commission, to construct a waterway which shall afford accommo-dation for the largest ships affoat.

and the building of the nests. Even the funerals of the dead ants can be seen ocasionally. The ants only require feed-ng with a little honey about four times year, so the children owning a nest can bean much instruction at a minimum of casionally

BITS OF ORECON LIFE

Taking Advantage of the Snow. Lakeview Examiner. Rev. S. Snyder built himself a sleigh this week, and if the snow remains long

igh he may be seen enjoying a sleighride

Why Did He Leave the Goose? Mitchell News.

If the person who left us the goose the ther day while we were out of the office will call when we are in, we shall credit him with a year's subscription to News.

Impartial Treatment for Each Leg.

Democratic Times. Sam Walker, who lives in Meadown precinct, met with a discressing accident a few days ago. While operating a stump-puller the machinery broke and struck him, one of his legs being broken

once and the other once

Hardy Rock's Misfortune. Oretown Correspondence Tillamook

Herald. Hardy Rock had the misfortune to walk into a ladder which projected from the rear end of Charles Ray's hack, in front

of the Postoffice, this week, which resulted in a queer-looking nose.

> A Little Hard on the Calf. Dayton Chronicle.

If that fellow who heats us to our cow if that lenow who deats is to out ow night and morning will come around, we will run him a footrace to see who buys the feed the rest of the Winter. We are getting all the milk we want as it is, but under the present arrangement it is apt to shrink the calf.

## Ye Editor's Painful Dilemma.

Albany Democrat. Hon. John H. Mitchell, United States Senaton for Oregon, has the Democrat's thanks for the following seeds: Two packages scarlet turnin white-tipped rad-ishes, two packages Emerald Gem muskmelon, two royal red tomatoes, three black-seeded tennis-ball lettuce, and two red-top strap-leaved turnips. This puts the Democrat man in an awful quandary as to the position to take in the Senator's timber-land case.

## Meanest Man is Found.

Tillamook Herald. We have no objection to a man stopping

We have no objection to a main stopping this subscription to this paper if he don't want it. That's his privilege. But when that man has taken the paper from the postoffice every week, and read it, too, for a year, and he steps in and loftily informs the publisher that he never ordered it and "won't pay a darned cent," we con-sider him so small that his measily little soul wouldn't rattle in the shell of a mustard seed.

At a safe distance he halted, assumed a derisive air, and, ere be took briskly to

his heels again, shouted: "'Who did you mean by booby?""

Extracting Good From Trouble. Philadelphia Inquirer.

When public sitention is attracted to Oregon by the clamor of the land-fraud cases, the Lewis and Clark Exposition appears in the focus of publicity.

OUT OF THE GINGER JAR.

"What is worse than owing monsy you can't pay?" "Being owed monsy you can't collect."-Cleveland Ledger. She-Do you thick that a woman can truly love but once? He-Well, if that's the only chance she has-yes!-Detroit Free Press.

Yan Q.-Mrs. Chadwick must be a very magnetic woman. De Q.-I should gay so! She has shocked the whole country!-Detroit Free Frees.

No. I vonder why the baby doesn't begin 5 tak, John? He-Why, I guess, because ou don't give him a chance, dear.-Yonk-on Stateman

our cont grow man. Mrs. Nurox-What book can I get that will dt me to enter the best society? Mrs. Slueox-Have you tried the checkbook? -Cleveland Leader.

"Take the world as you find it," is Mr. Rockefeller's motto. And he doem't seem to care much whether or not anyone is look ing -Somerville Journal.

McFlub-A United States Ambassador has what passes for ignorance in other public efficials is diplomacy with him.-Courier-Journal Journal.

"One danger 'bout education the daliger bout education." said Unet-iber, "is dat a young man is libble to start aroun" recitin "Woodman, spare dat tree, when he ought to be choppin' frewood."-Washington Star.

Washington Star. Travers-1 hear you are lecturing on the Strenuous Life." Palavers-Yes. I got tired of "nastling, and it's so much easier to tell ther people what to do than it is to do things one's self.-Detroit Free Press.

one a self.-Detroit Free Preak. "How long have you been the husband of the defendant". "Trenty-four years." "En? She's just testified that her ago is but 28. How do you explain this?" "We-we mar-ried young, Tour Homor."-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Dealer. Knicker-There's one strange fact I've noted. Bocker-What's that? Knicker-A boy is christened with water and afterward takes bocze, while a ship is christened with bocze and afterward takes to water.-Now York Press. Frightened Mother-My child, what in the world are you coing with all that flaming red paint smeared over your face and hands? Fool-ish Boy-I wanted i' git a job, as? I seen an ad in th' paper that said: "Wantad-A Bright Colored Boy." Bo I jist maints m'eiff the brightest color I could, an' was jist startit' out I' see th' fatter what advertiged.-Baitimore Americas.

tues of their Emperor. Perhaps this is the reason why we hear of no Sampson-Schley controversies between the Japanese Generals and Admirals, Evidently the President cares nothing for the questions of authority that have engrossed the attention of the Canal mission. Instead of seeing the fur

The Japanese continue to attribute

fly he wants to see the dirt fly. Russia is about to employ more troops in proventing desertions. This raises the old question of who shall prevent the guards from deserting.

Perish the thought of a ship subsidy. says the Merchant Marine Commis sion; all we ask is a subvention.

His Revenge.

erating expenses, so that dollar wheat this time was at the expense of the American people and not due to any strength in the foreign markets, which in all previous seasons have been the prime factors in elevating prices. Despite the constantly increasing de-mand for corn as a food product, and the foreign market is a man for corn as a food product, and the foreign market. The prime factors is a food product, and the foreign market is a man for corn as a food product, and the foreign market. The prime factors is a food product, and the foreign market is a man for corn as a food product and the foreign market. The prime factors is a food product and the foreign market is a man for corn as a food product and the foreign market. The prime factors is a food product and the foreign market is a man for corn as a food product and the foreign market. The prime factors is a food product and the foreign market is a man for corn as a food product and the foreign market. The prime factors is a food product and the foreign market is a man for corn as a food product and the foreign market is a food product and the foreign market is a man for corn as a food product and the foreign market is a food product is a food product is a food product and the foreign market is a food product is a food product is a food product and the foreign market is a food product is a

ernor. Representative Butler, of Pennsylvania, a member of the House naval committee, says that while in other de partments of the Government real com petition is allowed on bids, when it comes to building battleships "one or mention him for a week. two bidders fix it up among them selves." All the same as Portland