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PORTLAND, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3.

SHALL WE IMPORT LABOR?

Should we weep or smile because la-bor is scarce and wages high? In almost every industry from railroading to farming the demand for workmen exceeds the supply. Does this promote the prosperity of the country or check it? At first glance the answer seems plain enough. Were there more laborers to be had and at lower wages, land would be cleared, forests sawn into umber, mines worked and railroads built much more rapidly and extensively than now, it is confidently asserted; but is the assertion true? Not entirely, difficulty is that when wages are low the returns from invested capital the rights of the public, differs little are small, the rewards of enterprise meager and industry lags. The man who demands low wages and great prosperity simultaneously asks for in-compatible conditions. Bad times make low wages and low wages make bad On the other hand, prosperity and high wages react upon each other in the same way.

the same way. has been attained by honest methods to profit the more from its superior cli-Many employers hold the opinion and it is adopted by the people. It is matic conditions as a fruitgrowing rethat me ney paid for wages is not the work of a gang of political withdrawn from business, but no error bosses co-operating in secret with a set day buy their apples in Oregon. could be more patent. If workmen of wealthy rascals. The approval of hoarded their money, of course, the the franchise settles honorably and

labor presently outruns the supply and | filled by the birth of Alphonso XIII fornis, Oregon and other states. This labor presently outruns the supply and wages necessarily rise. When, on the other hand, capital is timid and men will not venture to speculate, there is no market for labor, the supply of hands exceeds the demand for them, and wages fall. Some business must be done even in the worst of times, but the profit is so little that the employer

in bad times.

old at all. It is therefore easily

THE CHICAGO ELECTION.

Compared with the

finds it difficult to pay his help. Thus, An ambitious mother, a judicious sovas we said above, it is easier to pay ereign, a tactful woman, this Austrian popular election of Senators established there can be no doubt of the attitude of ed country and is as truly a Spaniard To pine for cheap labor is to pine for as is the son whom she has given to the stagnation of industry. The em-ployer must choose between high wages which she is held by the Spanish people The esteem in

was shown in the panic into which they were thrown when it was announced a few days ago that she was seriousut of large profits, or low ones out of imall profits. There is no alternative. It may be replied to all this that the Chinese, should we admit them, would 1y ill. take up farm work, which shricks for

and would not compete with IN A NUTSHELL. workmen in other callings. This might Excerpts relating to prosperity taken true were the Chinese only half-

from the news columns of The Orego-nian yesterday and epitomized for witted. But, since they are ouick to learn and not slow to perceive an ad-vantage, they would move rapidly into ready eady reference: Surplus in Government receipts for those employments which pay the most money for the least work, and in these March, \$10,000,000.

Surplus for nine months, \$51,000,000; they would compete with white labor until the general wage scale fell so low an increase of \$45,000,000 over last year. crease of public debt in March, that white men would be forced into tasks which they now scorn. Chinese \$11,500,000. Increase in circulation of National could pass from farm work into other

bank notes in one year, \$42,500,000, Gold and silver coinage for March, mployments and white men would forsake their present occupations for oth-ers less desirable, where they would \$6,600,0000. Increase of 21 per cent in sales of work for lower pay. The general ef-tect would be a decline of wages in all

stamps at the Portland postoffice. Here are figures that need no com ment; they speak for themselves,

APPLES IN THE EAST.

While no one will rejoice over the misfortunes of others, Oregon fruitgrowers will see encouragement for their own industry in the assertion of a speaker before the Western New York Horticultural Solcety that in the next few years one-third to one-half of the

apple orchards of New York and sur-Technically, the result of the Chicago rounding states will disappear. This municipal election is a victory for the prediction is based upon an observation Republicans, but it really expressed the of the rapid progress the San Jose scale pest is making in Eastern fruit secwishes of the people upon the question of adopting or rejecting the streetcar franchises. These franchises run for tions. On the Pacific Coast the growers early realized the seriousness. f. the twenty years, with a reserved right to the city to purchase at any time after damage wrought by the scale, and they have studied remedies. Fighting San six months' notice. The companies pay Jose scale is as much a regular part of the fruitgrower's work in California, Oregon and Washington as is cultiva-55 per cent of their net earnings as a franchise tax and grant universal transfers. These terms are modern and they guard the rights of the public The commercial orchards were planted and trained with this in view, and the men who raise apples for ship-ment have no fear of this enemy. But privileges of the old companies, which con-New York orchardists do not realize the importance of fighting the scale and trolled the streets of Chicago for many years, they are an enormous advance Mr. Dunne, who was the Democratic candidate, stood for the immediate ownership and control of the lines by the city. Two or three years ago his have not very generally adopted meas-ures for control of the pest. Moreover, they are not able to fight the scale as

effectively as Oregon growers are was popular in Chicago, and Trees in New York orchards are generally trained to high growth. The tree had he been a man of force and deterbranches six feet or more from the ground, and the limbs extend so high mination, he might have carried it out and possibly made it a success. But his vacillation has disgusted the voters as to make spraying difficult. On the Pacific Coast the practice has been to with both the man himself and his policy. Probably also many citizens have come to the conclusion that it is ut the main trunk of a young tree about eighteen inches or two feet from safer and better on all accounts to try the ground, thus causing the tree to throw out several large branches corporate ownership for a while longer. there The old corporations were so corrupt and their management of the lines so and forming a low, bowl-shaped top. The limbs spread over a large surface, unspeakably wretched that the people but hang near the ground. Pruning and spraying are therefore comparaturnd almost unanimously to municipal ownership, which then seemed to them the only way of reform. But now they tively easy, and the trees are much better cared for than in the East. have had time for study and reflection. When a tree has once been trained to They have learned that there are other the development of a high top, its form ways, if not better ones. A sensible, honest franchise under full control of cannot be changed, so the New York growers are at a serious disadvantage. the city, and which adequately guards While a tail tree can be pruned and thoroughly sprayed, the work is diffiin theory from municipal ownership while it avoids many of the difficulties. cult and is therefore more frequently neglected. Oregon growers observe the rule that a limb on a fruit tree that grows out of reach of the spray nozzle The lesson of the Chicago struggle is that the corporations can be brought is a menace to the whole tree, and, in-directly, to the whole orchard. Because under the control of the law, no matter how strongly they may have intrenched themselves in political corruption. The solution which Chicago has accepted the Pacific Coast has adopted modern ideas in horticulture, it is in a position

> gion. Residents of New York will some ONE OREGON ALMSHOUSE.

of the people of Massachusetts other states, which have directly suffered the ovils of the present system.

The figures contained in a recent bulstin issued by the Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Commerce and Labor. showing a revival of export trade with Japan, will be somewhat reassuring to those who have feared serious injury to our commerce with that country as a result of the attitude of Americans toward Japanese in this country. For the year ending December 31, 1905, the exports to Japan showed a drop of \$21,000,000, or about one-half, as compared with the preced-The exports to Japan for the ng year. month of December, 1905, were less than for the same month in 1905 by a mllion dollars. But the figures for Febuary, 1907, just received, show an increase of \$500,000 as compared with February last year, and for the eight ouths ending with February the falloff is but \$2,750,000, or a much smaller per cent of decrease than for previous months. With the informa-tion at band it is difficult to say what aused the decrease and the quent return to normal conditions, but here is reason for gratification over the

improvement in Oriental trade condi-

tions

The Washington Post has a worldvide reputation for possessing "the ourage of its convictions." but for some nexplicable reason has on one important matter shown the white feather On March 4 The Oregonian said that 'after today Senator Mulkey will be ence more a private citizen, and the Senate will have no handsomest man-at least none worth mentioning." Th The Post asserts that there is still a handsomest man in the Senate, and admits that it would be worth while to have his name mentioned, but concludes by saying: "We could name him, if we would." If this attempted evasion name from some papers, there would e no occasion for comment upon it, but when it comes from the Post it merits attention. The Oregonian is still of the opinion that there remains in the Senate no handsomest man worth men-tioning, and that if the Post thinks there is it is afraid to mention his name. Bring on your beauty.

The site selected for the new home for the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. Is s very desirable one and will be gen erally approved. It lies upon the north side of Taylor street, between Sixth and Seventh, and covers a full half block. On the border line of the business and residence districts, it is conveniently located for accommodation of the largest number of people. It is far nough from streetcar lines to avoid the noise and dust of traffic, and yet lose enough to be convenient for those who come and go on cars. When completed, the new home will afford a very pleasant and profitable place for the young people of Portland, and strangers visiting in the city, to spend their eisure time. It is understood that the property was secured at less than the price for which it has been held by the Ainsworth estate. The purchasing committee is to be congratulated upon

the selection.

The announcement of the death of Mrs. Margery Serena Bellinger, widow of the late Judge Bellinger, will cause a shock of pain and surprise to a mul-titude of her friends and the friends of her family in this city. Married very early in her girlhood to Charles B. Bel-

REFERENDUM FOR GUARD. Mr. Cooper Lauds Indian Features From

Appropriation of \$25,000 a Beneficial Tax Says Colonel Jackson. PORTLAND, April 2.-To the Editor

This State for Jamestown. M'MINNVILLE, Or., April 1.-(To the Referring to a statement in yesterday's Oregonian, that the Grange would de-mand a referendum on the bill passed by the last Legislature to appropriate \$25,300 a year, for four years, to build armories for the National Guard of the Editor.)-The Oregonian gives an adverse criticism of the Indian and cowboy fea res of the Oregon Girls' Drill Cot

by the last Lerrislature to appropriate 525,300 a year, for four years, to build armories for the National Guard of the state, it seems pertinent to inquire if they understand the terms of the bill and the necessity that exists for its provisions. The increase of values in the state is such that it is almost impossible for companies, outside of Portland, where a fine armory has been provided by Multhomah County, to find decent housing for the amount allotted by the state for company expenses. Many armories now used are mere barns, and all but ono, the excellent armory at Engene, wholly unfitted for their purpose. The United States Govern-ment is now furnishing nearly all of the military equipment for the state troops, and every captula is responsi-ble, under bis bond, for over \$2,000 di United States property which he has now no means of property caring for an device to this appeared. Under thes circumstances, to hold an officer tinan-cially responsible for all the property issued to him and yet provide for him no adequate means of protecting or caring for it, does not seem to the hay mind to be right and just. The money provided for in this bilt.

caring for it, does not seem to the lay mind to be right and just. The money provided for in this bill is more of a lean than an outright ap-propriation, as it provides that roat shall be paid to the state by each com-pany for use of the armory. The com-panies are now paying about \$3000 a year in rents which will in time re-turn the which smourt to the state year in reuts which will in time re-turn the whole amount to the state treasury. It is also probable that every town where a company exists will provide the ground. The building and ground will belong to the state and will increase in value with the increase of population and business so that, in the end, the state will lose nothing and may make money on the transaction. The manner in which the money is provided, \$25,000 a year, makes it an inappreciable tax which no one person can possibly feel, while nears if an improvement at which no one person can possibly feel, while the benefit to the state will be enor-mous. It will provide an assembly room, with papers and magazines, for young men of each community, which will be a great benefit in keeping them from unforce the associations. the

will be a great benefit in keeping them from unfavorable associations. The state militia is not only a school for instruction in the military art and preparation for war, but is one of the very best of schools for good citizen-ship. There is hardly a citizen in the state, of proper ago, but would be benefited, and his character and use-fulness increased by varying a term in fulness increased by serving a term in the State National Guard. To the ris-ing generation this kind of schooling is of immense value. Resides this, the defense of this country must rest upon the people. Congress will never pro vide a sufficient army to relieve then from that necessity, and our people should take the same pride the Swiss do in seeing to it that every man, liable to military duty, is armed and trained

to military duty, is armed and trained to meet any emergency that may arise. The National Guard is the only organi-zation to get this training, without re-moving them from productive pursuits, instead of hampering and discouraging the mon who are patriotic enough to give their time to this preparation and so make themselves of inestimable value to the community when trouble does come, the people should encourage and ald them in every possible way. A recent circular from the War De-partment states that the sea-coast for-tifications of this country require for 5 until 4 o'clock; wheeled home and milked 15 cows each, wheeled back again and drilled one hour in the evening and wheeled home again at night. They kept this up many days—and thought little of it. partment states that the sea-coast for-tifications of this country require for "one relief"—that means constant duty and no relief—1764 officers and 41.833 men; that Congress has provided for this duty, 714 officers and 19,521 men. The Artillary Department is now turn-ing to the states to help them out in this difference by organizing sea-coast artillery companies which can go into the fortifications for ten days in each year and get some little knowledge of Regular Army camp at the Jamestown Broostion, duted March 24. It is his sec-ond latter concerning the Oregon Girls' Company. He year and get some little knowledge of what will be required of them in time

country is the best climate for white men that we have. Not only do army statis-tics show that our soldiers are less sickly of war, as green men in a sea-coast bat-tery would be about as useful as wood-en guns on the parapets. The Chief of Artillery states "that approximately 20,000 coast artillery troops, officers and men, must be drawn from the state forces to formula the sume means of are better than in more surny climates. I have written much on this point and and men, must be drawn from the state forces to furnish the guns mounted, or soon to be mounted, on our coast, with one manning body or shift." The Adjutant-General of the United States in his report to the Secretary of War states: "It is evident that to ob-tain and maintain a high degree of efficiency in the militia, provision must your contention bears me out.

Your contention hears me out." The East is wondering at the intrepidity of these Oregon girls, and I am wonder-ing how I am to direct this offered energy to the glory of the state and the merited honor of these gifted girls. The Indian and cowboy features could be eliminated, but this would be a more the energy derived the sould be a state and the state derived the sould be eliminated. but this would in a great measure destroy

OREGON GIRLS' DRILL COMPANY. PROSECUTE POISON-SELLERS

I want to concede to The Dalles Chron-

aur neighbors in the column of progr With the Girls' Drill Company, we put our state a few lengths absad.' peculiar language of Mr. Parker is of estimatic of these who econom anyth

Government Already Has Evidence Under Pure Food Law.

WASHINGTON, April 2.-The Depart-ment of Agriculture is making prepara-long to begin prosecutions under the ours food law at an early date, and Dr. Wiley has given instructions to his in-spectors to secure as soon as possible the samples on which the accusations will be

based. The offending establishments have generally been located, and nothing remains except to obtain specimens of the articles

except to obtain specimens of the articles alleged to be adulterated. When these are procured charges will be formulated and supplied to the United States District Attorneys in whose dis-tricts the offenders may reade, whereupon they will be required to begin criminal proceedings. There will soon be 40 or 56 inspectors in the field, and Dr. Wiley expresses the opinion that a large number of prosecutions will result from their in-vestigations. estigations.

SWIFT LOSES PROMOTION.

Captain of Connecticut Guilty of Neglect of Duty.

WASHINGTON, April 2 .- Captain William Swift, who was in command of the battleship Connecticut when it grounded near Culebra on January 13, was found guilty of inattention and neglect of duty by the courtmartial which tried him at Norfolk. The Navy I want to concease to the Danies Chroni-leie the hest of intentions and do not accuse it of being a knocker that whines at everything proposed out of the pro-sale and stereotyped order. When the creakers and the mosehecks are buried, along with the old Indian blanket and tomshawk then and then only will Ore. Department reviewed the sentence, and today it was announced by Assist-ant Secretary Newberry that Captain Swift will be suspended from duty for nine months and will lose three ne tomahawk, then and then only will Oretomanawa, then and then only will offer gon be able to take her place where she belongs. Literature by the ton is being pumped out and armies of promoters are abroad from every state in the Union, and we are not gaining much if any on

ers. The court-martial recommended suspension for a year and a half and a loss of five numbers, but also asked for leniency

Lieutenant Harry Farnell, who was tried on charges similar to those brought against Captain Swift, was acquitted.

BELIEVES NEGROES GUILTLESS

pecunar language of all. Parser is char-neteristic of those who oppose anything not in their line. His proposition to have the girls demonstrate their ability to bake and perform other domestic duties is not a had idea. But it would be too one-sided without a sample of woodchop-ping and potato heeing by 40 promoters of Mr. Parker's school. Captain of Company D Also Stands

by His Soldiers.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—Captain P. Lyon, of Company D., Twenty-fifth In-fantry, was the only witness examined today in the Briwnsville investigation be-fore the Senate committee. His personal view that negro soldiers did not do the of Mr. Parker's achool. My experience with Oregon girls is worthy of attention and I believe will make good the claim of our advertising literature, that Oregon's climate is un-surpassed. Nine years ago, I took a drill company of 41 village girls, got together without regard to their physical quali-fications, to Astoria on a six days' strenuous campaign. They were active some days, from 4 o'clock in the morning until 11 o'clock at night. Drilling and millitary routine, with marching every shooting attracted much attention, as he said at first he was convinced of their guilt, but his opinion was changed by the report of experis who examined the shells picked up in the streets of Browns-

Cubans Oppose Paying Church.

until if o'clock at night. Drilling and military routine, with marching every day from five to 15 miles, and many dainty feet were bilstered-but not one girl missed a drill, march, rollcall or meal! Forty-one seasoned veterans never did better. Last Summer, I drilled a com-pany of girls at the Tillamook Fair, and some of the girls lived as miles in the HAVANA, April 2.-The Cuban press is commenting adversely upon the declinon of Secretary Taft to pay the Catholic Church \$1,932,143 for certain property in Havana, which has been occupied contin-uously since 1501 for government purposes, under terms some of the girls lived six miles in the country. They rode their bloycles into town in the afternoon and drilled from a until 4 o'clock; wheeled home and under lease.

General Humphrey Reapointed.

WASHINGTON, April 2 .- The President s reappointed Brigadier-General Charles Humphrey as Quartermaster-General succeed himself on the expiration of his present term.

this up many days—and thought inte-of it. I have confidence in the physical excel-lence of the Oregon woman. Her match-less complexion is an evidence of the vitality within. Luck comes to me, with proof from high authority and wholly unprejudiced. I have just received a lei-ter from the Surgeon-in-Chief of the Basedar Army camp at the Jamestown CITY FINANCES IN ASTORIA.

Liabilities Exceed Income, Exclusive

1906 Taxes, by \$214,972.88.

Exposition, dated March 24. It is his sec-ond letter concerning the Oregon Girls' Company. He writes: "My interest in the matter is due to the fact that I have written a book on The Effect of Tropical Light on White Men,' published by Redman & Co., New York, and have incidentally called attention to the fact that the Pacific Northwest Coast of our country is the best climate for white men ASTORIA, Or., April 2.-(Special)-The eports of City Auditor Anderson and City Treasurer Dealey for the quarter ending March 31, were filed today. The Treasurer's report shows the receipts and Treasurer's report shows the receipts and disbursements of his office to have been as follows: Cash on hand at commence-ment of quarter, \$14,550.28; receipts, \$28, 257,46; disbursements, \$17,671.44; cash on hand at end of quarter, \$22,106.31. The Treasurer has issued calls for warrants which have not been presented, amount-ing to \$25,635.27. The Auditor's report shows the city's framels condition to be shows the city's financial condition to be as follows:

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 Liabilities.
 63.667.95

 Street repair warrants
 150.41

 Street warrants
 150.55

 Other warrants
 226.00

 Municipal bonds
 159.050.00

 Street bonds
 5.281.32

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more they got the worse it would be for productive industry; but they do the life of Chicago. The voters may nothing of the kind, Either through direct purchase of living supplies or through anvings banks, wages return to circulation almost immediately. The more money a workman has to deposit or spend, the more important he bees economically; the more demand he creates. It is a fallacy which no one ought to cherish, but which is heard every day, that demand is in proportion to population. A distinguished citizen of Portland was heard to argue in public the other day that a large popula-tion was desirable because every individual increased the market for plies. The fact is, of course, that he inreases it only when he has money to spend. If he is kept alive by spending what others earn, no more supplies are mold on his account; but the same quantity is divided among more people and all of them live on a lower plane. If liberal education of the he has a job haif of the time and so other workman takes it when he is idle. the united demand of both of them is only equal to that of a single individual working continuously. If by under-bidding each other inborers beat their vages down, the effective demand of each person for goods is diminished, not increased, and the sale to the whole body may be actually less than to a it pinches at this point. smaller number who draw higher pay. Economic demand is by no means proposed to portional to population. One can easily agine cases where increase of population would of itself destroy the market and bring on hard times.

This sounds like a paradox, but let us suppose that there is a firm engaged exclusively in manufacturing cheap parlor organs which are sold to workingmen only. Their present scale of wages is high, so that the sale of organs among them is large and the firm prospers. But now an immigration of Japanese or Chinese laborers takes place whose competition reduces wages one-half. What becomes of the market for organs? The workingmen who formerly bought them can do so no longer. aince all that they earn must go for the necessaries of life; while rich people of musical turn purchase planets planes instead of parlor organs. Thus a Christina, plain and dark and dull as branch of business which had been thriving might be annihilated by a clous of the royal women of Europe. nere increase of population. The hisory of industry bristles with such

The rule is that wages are low because there is no money to pay them; throne awalting his coming to his ma-and if they are high it is because the jority. Marie Christina, a Princess of uployer is prosperous. The employer an pay high wages in good times much reluctantly as the bride of the dissocasier than low ones in bad times, be-cause wages are never high unless the wifehood were years of humiliation and oturns from enterprise are large, and disappointment. they are low only when returns are born to her, to her own sorrow, and merager and capital timid. The reason the censure of the King and the nathey are low only is clear enough. When investments tion. Then the King, having in his sield heavy profits, many men are at- early youth taken the pace that kills, duced to vote for a constitutional contracted into industrial enterprises, and, since every new undertaking requires a saw army of warkman the damand for

wisely a question which has long vexed look with complacency upon the dis-tance their city has traveled from the cesapool of the Yerkes regime.

neglect, of vermin and foul odors, that HAMPERING THE STATE UNIVERSITY. recall the blood-curdling tales of the The action of the Patrons of Husdungeons of the Middle Ages. The only andry in Linn County in deciding to feature lacking is the underground cell call the referendum on the appropriafrom which light as well as fresh air tion made by the late Legislature for was excluded. A revolting feature of the betterment and support of the State this recital is that one of the keepers, University is to be sincerely regretted. In the first place, it will, if pursued, and seemingly one in authority, is woman who is both vulgar and profane, cripple the University for two years, to and that one of her charges is : no purpose, economically speaking, between 80 and 90 years old, who is kept since without doubt the people of Orein a condition of filth most disgusting gon have a proper pride in their uniand even appalling. The story has never had a counterversity and will vote to sustain the appropriation. Again, the grangers be-

part in the poorhouse annals of this little themselves in this matter. It puts state. The only approach to it which we recall was the case of an insane woman in one of the most isolated disthem in the false light of opposing the sons and daughters of the state and commits tricts of Clackamas County many years them to the narrowness of view that ago. Before Oregon Territory had an intelligent, progressive farmers have everywhere outgrown. California, to the south of us, and Washington, to the north, support the universities that tious family, was kept in a rude hut bear the state names in a manner credwithout fire and practically without itable to their citizens and to the cause clothing for many months. of education. Oregon should do the coming to the attention of the late Dr. same. Economy is faisely named when Hawthorne and Dr. Loryea, it is said, spurred them to the establishment of

The appropriation which it is pro-posed to "hold up"-there being no probability that it will be defeated at the polls two years hence-provides the sum of \$125,000 a year for the improvement of the university in equipment and for additions to the teaching force that the interests of the school and its patrons demand. The State University should either be properly equipped and supported or it should be closed. The penny-wise - and - pound - foolish policy has been applied to it too long. It will be a matter of sincere regret in which The Oregonian will deeply share if the action threatened by the Patrons of Husbandry in regard to this appropriation is pushed to an issue.

SPAIN'S QUEEN MOTHER.

While many of the State Legislatures The Queen mother of Spain, Marle have adopted resolutions calling for a National convention for the purpose of drafting an amendment to the Consti-tution for the election of Senators by It was due solely to her tact and perdirect vote of the people, Massachusetts saverance in the line of disagreeable is following a different plan and pro-poses that the expression of opinion upon the question shall be referred to duty that her son, the present King, was reared as a sovereign and had a the house of Hapsburg, went to Spain of the Two daughters were a movement. The people will be in-

erwise.

the people of the state and the result vote will determine whether Massachusetts joins in the National convention. Th call for a The Boston Transcript, while predicting that the people will vote in favor of a convention, says that there is no reason why that state should be prominent in such

An almshouse story that might fit a and I 16 when we began life together," purlieu of London in a past age is told said Mrs. Bellinger when her late husof the Jackson County poorhouse. The band passed away, adding, "and we never regretted it." In this testimony report of the Jackson County grand jury reveals conditions of filth and there is all of life that is compassed in linger. Of her useful, happy, blameless many friends of a lifetime bear life witness.

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cate.

The City of Eugene has voted in favor of municipal ownership of its water and light plant. This may be taken not only as a desire to secure these

ple from every part of the state are sent every year for higher instruction. Eugene owes it to the people of the state to make certain that its water supply shall be always the best that can be had. Responsibility for fulfillment of this obligation will always rest upon the city, and not upon any owner of a private water supply system. City ownership of the water system is there City fore desirable.

Because The Oregonian quoted from and criticised a Roseburg paper that set up a "hard times" wall, other papers in that city are angry. If you don't like the hard times cry, sling your mud at its source. This paper didn't believe there was occasion for the wail, and said so.

In taking over Hammond's road to Astoria, James J. Hill has formally inraded Oregon. A strip of rich territory a hundred miles along the coast will welcome further conquest with ninetynound steel.

After selection is made of fifty Pittsmurg families worthy to attend the Carnegie banquet-a most delicate task further education of Mr. Pipp must be taken up-a work not so dell-

St. Johns polled 625 votes at the city ection Monday, an increase of nearly 50 per cent over the vote one year ago. What other Portland suburb shows like expansion?

It is to be hoped that the movement started for Saturday afternoons off during July and August will not apply e cream and sundae establish ments.

Colonel James Hamilton Lewis will ow disappear over the Chicago horizon, leaving a crimson wake.

No gambling in Montana and no Set atorial election. What a dull town Helona must bet

have been armed and equipped and hav been provided with ammunition, cloth marriage. Of the seven children that were born to her, four survive Mrs, Belernment, and at the last session of Congress provision was made for the equipment, construction and mainten-ance of shooting galleries and ranges. In view of all tils, it does not appear to be unreasonable to expect the states, to provide facilities for the training of the militia and for the care and pres-ervation of the arms, uniforms, and equipments furnished by the General Government."

Government."

public utilities at actual cost, but also public utilities at actual cost, but also to insure that the supply of water shall always be of the best. Eugene is not a town unto itself, entitled to consider only its own wishes. It is the seat of the State University, where young peo-ple from every part of the state are sent every year for higher instruction. Guard. Government." These armooiles will be a great help towards keeping up and increasing the State forces which will unquestionably be the "first line of defense" for the protection of the people when trouble comes, and it may not be far away. Inspector-General Oregon National Guard.

Doe Swimmer Beats a Steamboat. Eastport (N. Y.) Dispatch to New York

Lastport (N. Y.) Dispatch to New York Times. The inhibitants along the south side of Shelter Island are discussing the spirit and swiftness of a beautiful doe which, after a desperate swim in Gardinar's Bay, cluded her would-be captors, who chased her in a steamboat. The animal was dis-covered by the crew of the W. I. Ste-vens, Captain Raymond, while the animal was floating on a detached cake of ice. The men started in pursuit of the ani-mai, which, leaping into the water, start-ed for the shore. The boat, with a full head of steam, started for the animal, which, exerting every muscle, reached the mainland just as the steamer's prow was abreast of its body. It then guickly dis-appeared in a nearby grove. ndicted in the same case.

Myself and Me.

George M. Cohan. I'm the best pai that I ever had; I like to be with me; I like to sit and tell myself Things confidentially.

I often sit and ask me if I shouldn't or I should, And I find that my advice to me Is always pratty good.

I never got acquainted with Myself till here of late. And I find myself a bully chum, I treat me simply great.

I talk with me and walk with me And show me right and wrong; I never knew how well myneif And me could get along.

I never try to cheat me I'm as truthful as can be; No matter what may come or go, I'm on the square with me.

It's great to know yourself and have A pai that's all your own; To be such company for yourself You're hover left alone.

You'll try to dodge the masses, And you'll find a crowd's a joke, If you only treat yourself as well As you treat other folk.

Fve made a study of myself, Compared with me the lot, And Fve finally concluded I'm the best friend Fve got,

Just set ingether with yourself And trust yourself with you, And you! he surprised how well yourself Will like you if you do.

the attractiveness of the enterprise. The home training that these girls have had and the training that is in store for them, will enable them to make good in everything that will be required of them-whether in their drills, uptodate classical music, plano, riding-horse, milking cooking, teaching school, stage recitations, entertaining in the parlors of the Presi-dent, and in fact everything that goes to make up a high-grade Oregon girl. J. C. COOPER.

Alton Hog of Swill Financing.

Hartford (Conn.) Courant, We have had our eyes opened as to what eminent financiers do and are. The sverage hog in his pen is absteminous and self-restrained compared with the plunderers who plucked the Alton

Burglar Forfeits \$400 Ball.

SALEM, Or., April 1-(Special.)-Sher-SALDEM, OT. April a Coperation Sherring iff Culver is looking for R. W. Porteous, one of the quartette of alleged burglars who robbed the Fair Grounds store lait February, who has skipped out, forfeiting his ball of \$400, put up by his father. James Stewart, another of the four im-James Stewart, another of the four im-plicated, was arraigned in the Circuit Court today, pleaded guilty to the bur-glary charge and will be sentenced Fri-day. Stewart is an old-timer, having served a sentence in Folsomi. C. A. Lara-bee, recently discharged from the United States Navy, and Ed. Regan, an ex-rail, read brakeman, are the other two men

This shows the excess of liabilities to be \$214,972.88, but in computing the re-sources no account was made of the taxes on the 1996 roll or the collections that have been made on it. Small Blaze in Paper Mill.

OREGON CITY, Or., April 2.--(Spa-cial.)-Prompt action prevented a dis-astrous fire in the mills of the Williamette Pulp & Paper Company this after noon, when a box on the gear that furnishes power to the grinders became overheated, and the woodwork was set on fire. The mill is equipped with excellent apparatus for fighting fire, and the danger was soon suppressed.

Officers Barlow Toll Road.

OREGON CITY, Or., April 2.--(Spe-cial.)-The annual meeting of the Mount Hood & Barlow Road Company, which controls the tollgate on the road to Mount Hood, was held here yester-day and the fellowing officers were chosen: M. A. Moore, president; Charles H. Caufield, secretary; Elijah Coalman, vice-president; E. G. Caufield, road brakeman, are the other two men treasurer.



 Total
 \$274,448.80

 Taxes due
 \$11,151,42

 Assosaments due
 25,218.10

 Cash on hand
 25,106.51

suitable retreat for the insane. disclosures in regard to the Jackson County poorhouse will, without doubt, incite its good and humane citizens to a county housecleaning that will sweep the slatternly virago who is in charge of the women paupers out with the rest of the vermin of the place. It may be said, however, that, if the findings of

the structure that at present disgraces it. In fact, it cannot afford to do oth-

the grand jury were correctly reported, nothing but fire will cleanse the place. Jackson County, one of the most prosperous and progressive in the state, can well afford to furnish new buildings and equipment for the care of its decent paupers, and apply the torch to