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PORTLAND, TUESDAY, JAN. 28, 1908.

THE MONSTER THAT DEVOURS OREGON

It has been the policy of the socalled Harriman system and of its management to take everything possible from Oregon, and to return to laws against gambling and other Oregon the least possible, vices. Hence railroad extension in Oregon has been denied; and the substance of the country has been sapped to support sculation in Baltimore & Ohio and rect about this. other stocks, and to keep the Gould road and the Santa Fe road out of San Francisco and California. For years and years this has been going presently be installed. on, and through all these years Oregon has been sucked dry. Some conclusively that the majority money necessarily has been expended on the O. R. & N .: - necessarily because the Northern Pacific and Great Northern were to be met, and trains had to be run. But nothing in the rave, way of extensions, or for accommodaof new districts in Oregon. What's been the use? The state has been fenced in. No other railroad system could get into it. Millions upon millions have been taken out of are therefore undoubtedly conformin Oregon and blown in elsewhere. to the genuine wishes of their connothing has been done in Oregon or

for Oregon Not only have there been no extensions, but the roadbeds and the servhave not been kept up. The

be the motto of all Oregon, now and henceforth, in dealing with this oppressive and devouring monster-un-til some recognition of equity and duty shall appear in its policy of dealing with the people and with the State of Oregon.

> OUR STAY IN CUBA. In August, 1906, the United States

was compelled to interpose between political parties in Cuba, to avert civil war, and possible intervention by some other power. We sent ships The factions were quietand troops.

ed and the revolutionaries dispersed. times in the past The Oregonian has But it has been costing us a pretty sum of money. Up to October 31, felt called on to make unfavorable mention of certain features of the 1907, the total was \$8,634,116.64. President Roosevelt has given notice Government service which seemed to be paying too great a tribute to the-ory and faddism. Regarding Govof his intention to discontinue Amer ican occupation by February 1, 1909. ernment statistics, however, this pa-By that time our bill will amount to per has always had a wholesome at least \$12,000,000. This must be spect. The assumption that "naught's a naught and a figger's a figger," repaid, or security given for it, before whether used by the Government of

we get out. And there must be a stable government for Cuba. Whethe these requirements can be fulfilled is a question. Politics in Cuba are in a chaotic

state. There are several parties or factions, which refused to get toas approximately correct in its figures gether; and to no one of them will slight jar since the appearance of the the others submit. Doubtless very annual reports of the Seattle and Taoon after we leave they will quarrel coma harbormasters, showing ex-ports and imports for the year 1907. again over the offices and over the policy of their government, threaten The best showing that the Governrevolution, and arm against each ment could make with official figure for eleven months of the year, and other; and we shall again be compelled to step in. For we cannot alunofficial figures for the remaining low anarchy in Cuba nor permit the month, was a foreign trade of approximately \$71,113,000 for Seattle, intervention of any other power.

Most of the Cubans who have prop Tacoma, Port Townsend, Everett and erty, or are engaged in business and about a dozen other Puget Sound industry, wish the American flag to ports Only so can they see any remain. about \$28,885,000. But the inaccuracy hope of peace and prosperity. Gen eral Palma, most distinguished of the Uncle Sam is admirably exposed by Cuban leaders, says in a letter pubthe annual report of the Seattle and lished in Collier's: "Better a hundred Tacoma harbormasters. The able seaman who makes a specialty of statimes for our beloved Cuba to be in a tistics for the Queen City has not only proven with his figures that the dependent political situation in which iberty is prevailing than in a republic imports at Seattle were greater than independent of a sovereign but discredited and ruined by blasting perithose claimed by Tacoma, but he has dical civil strifes." proved that Seattle imported nearly

It is very doubtful whether the flag \$1,000,000 worth more than the Govof the United States will ever be ernment has credited to all Puget withdrawn from Cuba; yet very prob-Sound ports combined. To be accuble that if it should be withdrawn it rate, the Government gives imports would soon be called back. It may perhaps, be withdrawn now or soon; but if it should go back once more it would stay forever."

A SPECIOUS HERESY.

The civic situation in Baker City must excite grave reflections in a mind which is inclined to forecast the

at all Puget Sound ports as \$28,-000,000, while the Seattle harbormasaccounts for imports of \$28, \$\$5,853 at Seattle alone. This ought to make Tacoma feel sad, but the city of destiny also has a harbormaster who is not slow on figures, and who with apparent ease presents an array of statistics which in some respects overshadows those of the Seattle effect of present conditions upon the man. future of the country. The situation is all the more interesting because it The Tacoma statistician places the imports at Tacoma for the year at is typical. The ministers of the town \$17,821,360, and the exports backed by some of the citizens, de-\$28,317,433, a total of \$46,138,793. mand the enforcement of the state The inherent modesty of Tacoma is

ficial

thus revealed, for in neither imports The officials decline to enforce nor exports does its harbormaster the laws because, as they say, the place a higher valuation than is given majority of the people do not desire by the Government for all Puget Sound ports combined. The total We dare say the officials are cor-If the people of Baforeign business of the two ports as ker City wished the laws to be en-forced it would be done; for if the revealed by the harbormaster's reports is \$90,455,294, or \$25,000,000 present officials refused, others would more than the Government could find The simple at all Puget Sound ports combined. fact that men are kept in office who decline to enforce the laws proves The stinging rebukes which have been called forth in the past whenof th ever The Oregonian mildly questioned voters of Baker City do not want the the accuracy of the figures compiled laws enforced. This admits of no by the Seattle and Tacoma harbordoubt. However madly citizens may masters, forbids us intimating that may there is anything wrong with them at protest, all this signifies little. If they this time. It is simply a case of gross negligence and stupidity on the eally desired the enforcement of the state laws they would put men in ofpart of the Government. The offense fice who would carry out their desire becomes all the more glaring when it In declining to put the state laws in force the officials of Baker City is known that the Government has all

A GOVERNMENTAL ERBOR

This bellef has received

This represented exports of \$43,110,000 and imports of

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kinds of figures which it could use if it so desired, and might even have figured Seattle out to be a greater stituents. Their protestation that they permit gambling and kindred port than New York. Portland, of course, is so far be-

vices to flourish for lack of evidence neath the notice of our mathematical uance of a protective tariff, but there prosecutions on may be dis neighbors on the north that it may are a great many who believe that the be impertinent to mention these disschedules should be revised so that the tribute should be eliminated and repancies. And yet the Government reports for the eleven months ending more protection to American labo November 30ch. 1907, show that provided. Portland gained \$6,000,000 ex

THE MORNING OREGONIAN, TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 1908. shown by the natural desire of an stance to the state? In case of conaged women to be near her specia flict between their obligation to the state and to their city, does not the former take precedence? Is not the church, or to furnish a pleasing change to a recluse who has success-

fully essayed the role of a mystic Vast wealth enables Mrs. Eddy to in-Baker City doctrine simply the old specter of secession rising from its dulge any whim that promises to re-lieve the monotony of self-imposed dishonored grave in a new and somewhat more specious form? If the city may partially secede from the seclusion. Why should she not have state, why not the state from the Naa house elegantly furnished and fitted tion? Granting all this, what have we left but anarchy? up, with mysterious steel cages at the top and bottom of the stairs, and move into it if she so desires? Whose business is it, since apparently both It has been with deep regret that at

she and her devoted secretary. Mr. Frye, are satisfied with the arrangement

M. O. Lownsdale will appear before the Marion County Horticultural Soclety this afternoon in Salem in the interest of his scheme to renovate old orchards by cutting the trees close to the ground and grafting new stock upon the shoots that will follow the cutting. The scheme has awakened much interest and owners of old orby the local mathematicians, has alchards are willing and anxious to be ways caused us to believe that an of-"shown" in the matter of supplanting Government document on exold trees with new, without the .abor ports and imports could be regarded involved in grubbing out stumps and replanting orchard lands with young stock. Orchards thus treated will in a few years present an appearance at once unique, beautiful and fruitful-a delight to the eyes of the lands

enthusiast and a source of profit to the commercial orchardist

The statement has been made many times that in the period of prosperity it has been hard for the workingman to make both ends meet as it was during the hard times, for the reason that prices of what he must buy have been as high in proportion as wages have been. The

fact must not be lost sight of, how ever, that during the good times all men who wanted work had it, while during hard times a vory large num ber were out of work entirely, not even earning enough to buy necessaries of life at low prices. The prosperous times have tempted people to extravagances which prevented savings for periods of depression.

A year ago yesterday and today the "aliver thaw," renowned in the cli-matic annals of this city and vicinity, dazzled and astonished the sight of Oregonians, old and young. It put practically all of the telephones of the city out of commission, prostrated the forest of trolley poles on the East Side, and made an inextricable maze of their tangled wires and put a glittering embargo on business of all kinds. The scene was one

of surpassing beauty, and the conditions incident thereto, of surpassing inconvenience and discomfort It lasted but a few days, but it holds a permanent place in the memory of all who witnessed it.

One great outrage comes to light upon the marriage of the Vanderbilt girl with the impecualous Hungarian Count. One million dollars in New York Central bonds, left to her by he father's will, producing at least \$40,-000 a year, can't be sold or touched and the bridegroom will not be able to draw on this fund to pay his gam bling debts and support his mis-But then there is a countervailing advantage to the bride in this. that the Count oun't reduce her to absolute poverty, and after she shall have got done with him she will still have means of support. Her father was a man " prudence and foresight

An American statistician has figured that for every \$30 spent by American farmers for farm machinery, a tribute of \$5 is paid to the trusts. This is paid willingly, too, for is not the American farmer a believer in the standpat policy on the tariff question? No one advocates an entire discontin-

It would be a pity if men had to

ibandon the principles of Washing-

ton, Hamilton, Webster and Lincoln

and adopt the principles of Jefferson,

Calhoun, Jefferson Davis and Bryan, in order to get officials who will put

down graft and corruption. But who

Persons who write political letters

should provide themselves with a

kind of ink that will fade out entirely

in about seven days. That will give time

for the recipient to read the letter

and it cannot be produced as evidence

The young fool Vanderbilt woman,

whom a "Count" has married for her

will think it necessary?

Indeed, my

in court.

is no longer a virtue should and will cials owe allegiance in the first in- cally without significance beyond that , DRINK LEADS TO HIS SUICIDE IS A HINDU A WHITE MAN?, POPULAR ELECTION OF SENATORS

declarations and the question will then be up for decision before the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization of

Kehar and Wasson are educated men, both in their native language and in English, and were able to write

MUST NOT SELL TO DRUNKARDS

Tacoma to Prosecute Saloonmen

Who, Violate Liquor Law.

een a dead letter. Further

resocution will not be limited to sa

Friends of Hood River County Re-

spond Readily by Petitions.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Jan. 27.-(Spe-clal.)-Reports received today by the

committee baving the county division pe

With Unique Request.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 27.-(Special.)

to be used for the furtherance of scien

State's Case Weak-Evidence Show

Non-Suit in Stocssel Case.

nonsuit was then made and

Why Charter Was Canceled.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 27 .- (Special.)-Dr.

master refused to delay his departure even after the vessel's owners and agents had been notified of the dereliction. The Cascade was fumigated in the regular

manner here and if any charges are to be made against the master of the craft, they will come from the San Francisco office of the quarantine service.

Astoria Marine News

n Australia.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 27.-(Special.)-

.of Commerce and

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Department

Labor at Washington.

their own applications.

Or Can Black Men Other Than Ne Beaverton Man Takes Strychnine. Dies in Presence of Family. groes Become Citizens.

HILLSBORO, Or., Jan. 27.-(Special.)ames A. Hoover, residing on the A. H Johnson farm, a mile west of Beaverton ommitted suicide yesterday morning by

committee sincide yestercay morning of swallowing strychnine, and died in the presence of his family. Deceased had lived in the county since 1884, and was an industrious renter. He was a victim of periodical drinking spells, and after these sprees was generally morose. Hoover returned home late Saturday night, and the next morning did not apnear at naturalization laws, which contain this provision: "Clerks of courts shall not receive declarations of in-tention to become cilizons from other aliens than white persons and persons he next morning did not appear at reakfast. While the family was eating Hoover opened the door and asked a daughter to bring him a drink of water. The wife, suspecting something was wrong, asked him what the trouble was.

"Come in here and I will show you," he replied, and pointed to a bottle labeled "strychnine." Mrs. Hoover immediately sent for a doctor, but her husband died in a few minutes. Coroner E. C. Brown held an inquiest, the jury returning a verdict in accordance with the facts as stated.

Hoover was 47 years old and a native of Audrian County, Missouri. He came to Oregon in 1884. He was married to Miss Mary Adams, a daughter of J. Q. Adams, and the wife and three children survive

TOLEDO LEAGUE GETS BUSY

Literature to Be Distributed and County High School Agitated.

TOLEDO, Or., Jan. 27 .- (Special.)-The Toledo Development League held a large and enthusiastic meeting Saturday, wher the following officers were elected foo the year: William Scarth, president o the Lincoln County Bank, president; E J. Avery, vice-president; C. B. Crosno, secretary; A. T. Peterson, treasurer; C. E. Hawkins, J. F. Stewart and C. H. Gardner, executive committee. The league ordered printed at once 5000

folders advertising the seventages of Toledo, the climate and the many re-sources of Lincoln County. Toledo being a school town equal to

any of her size, the league ordered the executive committee to prepare and cir-culate petitions asking the County Court to submit to the voters of the county at take care that no liquor is sold to habit the coming June election the question o establishing a county high school in Lin unty.

The league also instructed the executive committee to take up immediately the matter of the 4-cent passenger rate with the officers of the Corvallis & East-ern Railroad in an endeavor to have the unjust overcharge removed

NEAL RETURNS TO BOISE

SIGNATURES EASILY SECURED Cashier of Defunct Bank Does No

Fear Investigation.

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 27.-(Special.)-H. E. Neal, who until ten days ago was cashler of the Capital State Bank, returned this morning from Portland. He is much broken in health, and is confined to his house, where only those are permitted to any matters that may need explanation." Mr. Neal further said he tendered his resignation some ten days before the failure because of fill health.

GIVES HIS BODY TO STUDENTS SEATTLE PEOPLE ARE VICTIMS

Get-Rich-Quick Scheme Separates Many From Their Money.

SEATTLE, Jan. 27 .- A number of Seatpersons have been caught in a "get-h-quick" scheme promulgated by pro-ters, who are said to have headquarters at Roseburg, Or. Under promise that they could acquire valuable timber lands from the California & Oregon Rallway upon payment of a small sum, well known persons in this city have subscribed sums The States Pushing the Necessary

Amendment of the Constitution. Springfield (Mass.) Republican. There are two ways of securing amend-

ments to the Federal constitution. ALBANY, Or. Jan. 27 .- (Special.) ALBANY, OF, Jan. 2., (Special) -Can a Hindu become a citizen of the United States? This is the question confronting County Clerk J. W. Miller, D. S. Kehar and S. Wasson, employed in a sawmill at Crawfordsville, apgress by a two-thirds vote of both branches may propose amendments which will take effect when ratified by three-fourths of the states through their in a sawrelil at Crawfordsville, ap-piled today at the County Clerk's of-fice to declare their intentions to be-come citizens. The question arises as to their race and a construction of the construction laws, which contain Legislatures or special conventions. Congress, on application of the Legislatures of two-thirds of the States, "shall" call a convention to propose amendments which must afterward be ratified as contain courts stated.

On four separate occasions the House of Representatives at Washington has allens than white persons and persons of African nativity or of African de-scent." Attorney A. A. Tussing, of Brownsville, who represented the Hindus, appeared before the clerk equipped with authorities who appar-ently prove conclusively that the Hindus are of the Caucasian race, adopted by the required vote an amo ment providing for the election of United States Senators by popular vote in the several states; but the Senate in each case has refused to consider or vote upon such a resolution. If the country Hindus are of the Caucasian race, though in appearance the applicants for citizenship are very black. County Clerk Miller has not yet de-termined what action to take in the matter, but it is probable that the Hindus will be allowed to make their wants this change it cannot get it evi dently through the usual method of amending the constitution. The Senate blocks the way effectually. Its members are self-interested against the popular

vote plan. So there is now resort to the alterna-So there is now resort to the alterna-tive method of obtaining ameniments. The Iowa Legislature last year led off in a movement to send to Congress a com-pelling petition or application from the Legislatures of two-thirds of the states. Eleven other state Legislatures prompt-by followed suit, and they were not all confined to the Weatern states. The New Jersey Legislature was among the num-Thirty-one states must toin in the ber.

novement to make it effective, and it is now thought likely that this number can be obtained. Comparatively few state Legislatures will be in session this year, but next year may see Congress forced to act in the maiter. The reform appears to be a desirable one. More wealth as a qualification for Trouble in plenty is in store for saloon-keepers in Plence County who sell liquer to persons who have been adjudged habitual drugkards Judge Arntson has decided that all saloon owners and barone. Mere wealth as a qualification for membership in the United States Senate will count for less with the people of a state than with a Legislature, whose much smaller numbers make it more easily subject to influences of this kind. enders are liable for violations of the aw, which will hereafter be rigidly en-forced. Not only must liquor dealers The deadlocks which so frequently at-

tend election by the Legislature, as the Kentucky case currently illustrates, and which often leave a state without full a complete list of these unfortunates posted in their places of business and representation in the Senate, would be impossible under election by the people. nake sure that the names of all habitual make sure that the names of all habitual drunkards are on these lists. Fallure of the saloonkeepers to comply with the law will result in vigorous prosecution and the loss of licenses. Prosecuting Attorney Rowland has de-termined to accept no excuses for the breaking of the law, which for years, has been a dead letter. Further them this is furthermore becoming evident that nost of the states and a great majority of the people of the country want this change, and that fact is enough in itself to make up a conclusive argument in favor of it. The movement started by the Iowa Legislature ought to succeed.

CANADA'S LESSON IN BANKING.

Depositors Are Protected by System of

Mutual Insurance. Omuha Bee

The lawmakers of Washington, D. C., and the financial experts who have been devoting much thought and speech to proposed reforms in our banking system, the creation of a central bank, the protec tion of the funds of depositors, and other related questions may find a lesson in the recent closing of the Sovereign bank of Canada and the disposition of its business without the creation of a ripple upon the surface of financial, commercial or indus-

aurface of financial, commercial or indus-trial affairs of the Dominion. The Sovereign bank ranked among the 10 big financial institutions of Canada. It had branches in 76 towns and cities, and carried something like \$39,000,000 in de-posits. When its management decided to place the bank in Hquidation, the banking association of the Dominion took over the Sovereign, arranged for the disposition of its affairs, and business went on the next morning as though nothing had happened. While the sharcholders of the defunct concern may lose considerable, depositors need not know that the bank has failed need not know that the bank has miled. They are put to no inconvenience except that of going to another bank, which has charge of old accounts of the Sovereign. This is due solely to a system of mutual protection and insurance that exists among Canadian banks. The government has no part in it, except a supervisory control of the inventment of the funder has no part in it, except a supervisory control of the investment of the funds raised on joint account.

In this country the closing of the doors The body of Edward Owens was shipped to the Medical College at Portland to-night. Mr. Owens, who was 63 years old at the time of his death Saturday, left of 76 banks, big or little, on one day, would probably precipitate a panic and would certainly mean destruction of aswould certainly depositors. The Cana-sets and loss by depositors. The Cana-dian incident argues the need of co-op-dian incident argues the necessity for at the time of his body to some dian incident argues the necessity for exchool of medicine or to some medical mutual protection of the general banking mutual protection of the general banking to that student who was studying independently mutual pu of a school. The will was left with the interesta. It furnishes evidence also that

committee baying the county division pe-titions in charge show that enough names have already been secured to in-sure the matter a vote at the June elec-tions, and residents of the proposed new county who know of it are now sun-guine of success. The work of securing signers was not begun until five days ago, but returns from workers show that Hood River furnished 100 petitioners in see him who are obliged to consult him about the affairs of the closed bank. Re rumors of irregularities in the management of the bank, it being alleged that a number of important transactions were covered up by Mr. Neal and were not known to the directors until after the failure. On this subject Mr. Neal said: lood River furnished 1100 petitioners in favor of the new county; Baker City, 39; Pendleton, 525; Albany, 1000; Astoria, 350; Portland, 5500; Oregon City and Sa-lem, 1160; The Dalles, 350, and Sherman County, 400. Ten petitions that are still Everything will be found in good shape and irregularities will not be uncovered, for there are none, I am ready to exout and have not been reported on are plain to the entire satisfaction of all expected to show 1000 more names. Al-together the total signatures secured is in the neighborhood of 12,000, or 4500 more than the law requires.

Friends of Seattle Sailor Comply

whole system, in Western Oregon especially. is rotten and dangerous. The roadbed goes down under the weight of trains, and engines and cars their time if they can-though the time requires but moderate speed. On any train between Portland and San Francisco there may be at any terrible disaster. The road kept up to no efficiency. It will be luck, if there should be no great disaster. Death's head rides on every engine. It is better to give the warning than to join the funeral procession and strew flowers after the disaster. One starting on any of these trains would better say his prayers before he goes to bed.

At San Francisco Bay the Harriman system has finally been con pelled to make peace with the Gould system, and arrangements are making, under compulsion of course, for withdrawal of legal and other obsta-cles that the U. P.-S. F. combine has maintained for many years against approach of the Gould roads to San d'rancisco. Long time the Santa Fe was fought in similar ways, but at last, through the help of San Fran claco and of the so-called Valley road the Santa Fe got in. So the Great Northern and Northern Pacific ar getting now by a direct line into Portland; and we shall prove very soon that the game of hog and bluff in this direction is at an end. But Western Oregon still has but a meager service, and Central Oregon no service at all. Our people have exhausted every expedient of favor and kindness. They have dealt gently with this greedy monster, in the hope it might so some time be persuaded to render the service due from it. But that may be given up as a lost hope. Between people of Oregon and this rapacious monster, that absorbs every thing it can get from Oregon, to feed the brood engendered by its adulterous connections elsewhere, there can be nothing but war; and the people of Oregon will use every means in their power, through legislation, taxation and use of other roads that connect with the state, to prove to it what its duty to Oregon is.

These are plain words. They are intended to be plain. It is a time for Oregon is not plain words. wholly subdued to this monopoly, and will yet be able to make an interesting continuous performance for the authority. Suppose some other town monster that has so long been strangling It-even though still in the monster's coils. Do not forget that the Taking their cue from Mayor Johns, timber alone, granted to this beast the officials of that town will say that lies stretched out like a sea monster "floating many a rood," is worth more money today than would be wish them enforced." Would their needed to build every railroad required in Oregon, and to put all the from that of the officials of Baker roads now in Oregon in safe and ex- City?

cellent condition. That forbearance Is it not a fact that all city offi- dinary mind. It is, of course, practi-

missed, however, as a common and shallow subterfuge. When the Mayor and Prosecuting Attorney of a com munity really desire to suppress vice sway to and fro. The trainmen well they seldom find evidence difficult to know the danger, but have to make procure. The police of Baker City know all about what goes on in the dens of vice. Doubtless every member of the force could furnish sufficient evidence to put the gambiers out of business. More simply still, the whole matter could be settled definitely and at once by a positive order from the Mayor which the dealers in vice knew was meant to be obeyed. They can easily distinguish between an order is telling the truth. which is meant to be obeyed and one that is not. They have no standing in court, and they know it. No pe ple in the world are more humbly submissive to authority than the gam bling fraternity whenever they per

however vigorously

they

eive that authority is not afraid of them. But it is not in this phase of the Baker City phenomenon that we are especially interested at present.

are more concerned with the question when and to what extent the people of any community within a state are entitled to nullify the laws of the state. Are these laws valid in each community only in so far as the cititens approve of them? If this is the case, then we have in reality no sureme legislative power in Oregon All that the Legislature can do is to suggest laws; they have no binding validity until the voters of each sep arate city have accepted them. All that the people of the state can do under the initiative and referendum is to suggest laws. The validity of ance that the Varneys of Baker City these laws depends upon the preference of each separate community. This certainly follows if the theory of law enforcement is true which the Baker City officials advance. There is no such thing as a general law in Oregon

It will not do to say that the voter of Baker City cart nullify some state laws and not others. All legislative acts stand upon the same footing. Those for the control of vice have just as much and just as little general validity as those relating to taxation. If the people of Baker City have the right to nullify a gambling law they

have also the right to nullify any other part of the criminal code. To the unprejudiced mind it appears that the voters of Baker City have assumed in this matter a referendum does not like to obey the statutes relating to the assessment of taxes.

"We do not propose to put the laws in force because the voters do position differ in the slightest degree Hne.

ports, compared with a loss of \$1.-000,000 for the same period by the There are those hereabouts, and elsewhere in the state, who have been very kind to the land grafters, yet combined Puget Sound ports. New that the attention of the Government who, if The Oregonian had been exhas been called to this mattar, the cusing or defending them, would records will probably be corrected in have pitched into The Oregonian and accordance with those of the Tacom and Seattle harbormasters-provid the land grafters in most passionate style. This is one kind of journaling the Government can determine ism. It is estimated in the long run which, if sliher, of these authorities for what it is worth, and even more, for what it isn't worth.

BAKER CITY'S VARNEY.

Rev. Mr. Varney, of Baker City, is hard to please. About ten days ago he sent a most extraordinary commu nication to The Oregonian, pretty much in kind with the anonymou circular labeled "Llars and Cowards,

which he has just caused to be spread broadcast throughout Baker City, and he requested that it be printed in The Oregonian, anonymously, as "special correspondence" from Baker City. The article was, of course, returned to Mr. Varney, because The Oregonian could not engage in such dirty business for Mr. Varney, hiding in his anonymity, or for anybody else any reason. The Oregonian did, how ever, cause some inquiry to be made into the situation at Baker City, with

money, would better engage her divorce lawyer before she leaves Amer the result that an article from its regular correspondent was printed; but it does not seem at all to have satishard upon," said Horatio to Hamlet. fled Mr. Varney. It is of no import shall be pleased. It is unfortunate

that they must be heard. No doubt the moral situation a caught at. Baker City is bad, as The Oregonian has more than once said. Several secrets to the surface. months since The Oregonian directed me criticism towards District

torney Lomax, of Baker City, because he did not enforce the laws. Th result was an offensive letter from this same fellow Varney, assailing The Oregonian for daring to criticis a good man like Lomax, who, as Var-

ney said, didn't enforce the laws be cause he couldn't. Now Varney is hot after Lomax, among others. We are inclined to think the cause Statement No. 1. of good government in Baker Cfty

would be better promoted if some way could be found to induce Varney to abandon its championship. He has too much to say that isn't true, year before. and he says nothing that is not violent, abusive, vicious and harmful.

to be the Socialist candidate for the Presidency. Persons of good judg-Mary Baker G. Eddy, halled by h disciples as "discoverer and founder of Christian Science," has transferred ment think he will not be elected.

her residence' from Concord to Brook Why this simple act should While Mr. Bryan is on the ground have been accompanied by this-veiled mystery is not clear to the orhe may as well take a look at the White House. In 1896 and 1900 he didn't have a look in.

ranging from \$25 to \$160 to cover the ini tial expenses in the scheme. The scheme has been branded as worth

less by the General Land Office at Wash-ington and investors warned against in-vesting where there is no hope of return the research. He was an old sailo coming to Seattle many years ago from Australia. He left no relatives in th FLOUR MILLS CLOSING DOWN

Tacoma Millers Say There Is No

Foreign Demand Whatever.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 27.—(Special.)— The big flour mills on the waterfront are running only part of the time as there is practically no foreign business. The practically no foreign business. The Sperry mills have been closed down about ten days and the Tacoma Grain Com-pany plant is grinding flour today only for the local trade. The Puget Sound flouring mills are running half time. According to the flour men the expor-lour market is in deplorable condition and no orders for export flour have been booked for some time and at present

there are no prospects for a betterment Arrested for Removing Bridge.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 27.-(Spe-clal.)-Paul Tappendorf, a prominent lum-ber manufacturer and member of the firm of Tappendorf & Tenny, was arraigned in the Justice Court today chars with removing and destroying a bridge on the Stockford road. For several years the lumber company used the road as effects of injuries received in a run-away accident near Pendleton. His wife recently brought suit for dam-ages against the livery firm of Russell the lumber company used the road as a private thoroughfare and claim the bridge was built at its own expense. Later the county bought the right of way, but according to Mr. Tappendorf, falled to pay his firm for the bridge. Tap-pendorf brought the matter before the County Commissioners several times, but they falled to take any action. Finally, considering the property still big own by incy failed to take any action. Finally, considering the property still his own, he removed it. This resulted in his arrest on the complaint of H. L. Parcel, who has been using the road as a means of getting in and out of his farm. granted.

Trails in Blue Mountains.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Jan. 27.-(Special.)-A network of trails through the Blue Mountains lying within the Wenaha forest is rapidly nearing com-pletion. Cabins have also been built for ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 27.-(Special.)-Dr. Holi received a letter today from the quarantine officer at San Francisco, stating that the reason the certificate of the steam schöner Cascade was can-celed was that when the vessel was being fumigated at the Bay City her hatchas were opened two hours before the required time had expired and her master refused to delay his denotion the use of the rangers. The completion of the trails will greatly facilitate travel through the mountains. Chief ranger J. M. Schmits has just returned from a tour of inspection in various parts of the reserve and is highly pleased with the progress made.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 27 .- (Special.) SEATTLE, Wash. Jan. 21.—(Special.) —The loss of the little halibut schoon-er Petrel with her master, Captain Chris Jackson, and an unidentified man in Pybus Bay, near Petersburg, Jan-uary 8, is the news brought to Seattle by the steamship City of Seattle. A squall struck the Petrel and she turned turtle turtle

Leg Severed by Train.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 27.-(Spe cial)-Mathew White suffered the loss of replaced a leg today in trying to board the cow-catcher of a moving train. Missing his footing he fell beneath the wheels, and his right leg was severed below the knee. Rainier.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 27 .- (Special.)-Cap tain Vesey, Lloyd's surveyor, made a survey today of the British bark Claverwhich drifted onto the sands duri

don, which drifted onto the sands during the gale of a few days ago. He found the vessel had not been damaged and the lightered portion of her cargo will be replaced at once. The schooper King Cyrus has cleared at the Custom-House for Redondo with a cargo of \$60,000 feet of lumber. loaded at Painter

Mr. Owens was not eccentric, save for the one hobby that he wished his body as with the lawmakers.

Without the Canteen.

Army and Navy Journal, The comparative figures concerning alcoholism in the United States Army and those of foreign nations tell a ountry, but had often spoken of a sister story which should attract the atten-tion of those who oppose the restora-tion of the Army canteen. The figures for the United States Army are for the CASHIER PRATT PUT ON TRIAL year 1996, and those relating to foreign rmies are for the latest year obtain-

able. The admission rate in the United States for the year was 20.58 per 1009 of mean strength: in the British army, 1.69; French, 0.29; Frussian, 0.05; Ba-varian, 0.06; Dutch, 0.24; Russian, 0.01; Spanish, 0.01; and in the Belgian, 0.15. The return of death rates is meager, these for the American Army relating Factional Fight in Glendale Bank. ROSEBURG, Or., Jan. 27.-(Special.) —The case of H. N. Pratt, cashier of the Glendale State Bank, was called in the Circuit Court today. So far the prosecution has not made a strong case. One feature developed today those for the American Army relating those for the American Army relating only to troops within the continental boundaries of the United States. The death rates per 1000 of mean strength are as follows: Utilted States, 0.02; British, 0.07; Russian, 0.001. In all, or nearly all, the armies for which the admission rates for alcohol-ism are given above the troops are supwas that there are two factions in the bank, and the arrest of Pratt was to a certain extent the result of fac-tion trouble. The case is being fought with vigor on both sides.

PENDLETON, Or., Jan. 27 .-- (Spe-cial.)-The Stoessel \$7500 damage sult plied with mail liquors and some with spirits. In the United States Army alone is the soldier forbidden to pur-chase beer or light wines at his post exchange. How this deprivation has came to an abrupt end in the Circuit Court this afternoon, when Judge Bean granted the motion for a non-suit. Dr. Emil Stoessel died last Oc-tober in a Portland hospital from the exchange. How this deprivation has worked to his disadvantage and injury is best told in the figures cited.

Has a Joke on Rockefeller.

Cleveland (Ohio) Dispatch in New York Times. Valenting Christ is ill in a little house

& Laing. The case will now be ap-pealed to the Supreme Court. The attorneys for the defense made no specific den'al of the facts alleged. in Bond Road, in the congested down-town district. He has amassed more than a million dollars in the 53 years since he began working as a boy of 13 as a tailor's helper. Now he hughs at what he calls a huge joke on John D. Backefeller. and, holding that such failure to deny was an admission of the truth, the attorneys for the plaintiff rested their case without attempting to make any proof of their allegations. The motion Rockefeller.

Rockefeiler. Christ, son of a Bavarian immigrant, owns scores of houses, one a costly dwelling adjoining the Rockefeller estate, Forest Hill, but relatives and tenants occupy them. He is bedridden, and had just completed the tale of his hoarding, when he said:

when he said: "One day I needed money. I asked John D. Rockefeller for \$16,000. That was six years ago. He gave it to me at 5 per cent." "Here you paid him?" was asked.

"Have you paid him?" was asked. "No. Why should I? It costs me 5, and I have had better than 10 per cent from it all the time."

When Tariff Is Settled.

Atlanta Constitution. Of course, we'll satile the tariff question —in time.—Three-Roads darasits. Prosperity'll cours to this trust-ridden tand When the tariff is satiled—is satiled. We'll pay up our debts and we'll drive four-in-hand

When the terrible tariff is settled!

That's just why we're nettled-It's plain as the day. When the tarif is settled We'll holler "Hooray!"

Prosperity'll come with a blare o' the band When the formous usual is settled: We'll march to the music an' shout o'er the land

When the wonderful tariff is settled.

That's just why we're natiled-lt's plain as the day. When the tariff is satiled The world will be gray.

progress made. initiation into practical politics under Halibut Schooner Lost.

Portlanders who growled at one day of London fog should recall the contrast with a sleet storm, alias sllver thaw, that occurred exactly one It is settled that W. D. Haywood is

According to the Baker City Min isters' Association, girls and boys are

lord, it followed

allowed to wander about the streets at all hours of the night. Are there no parents in that town? It is much to be regretted that Hon.

W. S. U'Ren is not to be a candidate for the United States Senate and get

It is a pretty safe rule in political as well as private life, not to do anything you would be ashamed to be There are other things than land fraud trials that can bring