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PORTLAND, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 1909.

RIVALRIES OF NATIONS.

Germany's policy of naval expansion is no new thing. It dates as far back as the close of the Franco-German War; but it is only within the last few years that it has begun to excite much apprehension in England. For the nation of England is such that she feels she must hold supremacy at sea. or content herself to live at the sufferance of the power that may be and stronger at sea

It is a contest of resources between all the powers of Europe. Each, of course, has the right to consider its own interest first. Alike in Great Britain, Germany and France taxation already bears so hard that the question where more revenues are to come from is a puzzle for all; and, as some one has said, the people have reached the point where they must consider whether they will consent to tax themselves to death, in order to avoid being killed by the direct method of war.

We get a statement of the German point of view from Maximilian Harlen, a German publicist of high authority, both at home and abroad. of his recent works shows that, while deprecating the burden placed both on England and Germany, he discerns for both a like if not equal danger. Neither country, he declares, can feed itself in case of war-Ger-many longer than England, but but neither for so long as could suffice to raise an effective blockade. Germany, Herr Harden maintains, must colonies, they are vital to her existonce, and she must secure them immediately-if not in South America then at the expense of Great Britain; and to this end if a Germanic bond-

to include Great Britain and the United States-cannot be formed, war result. The sooner, the better. "If there is mutual good-will between England, America and Germany, these three great industrial nations will find the possibility for natural and pacific expansion"; but, says Harden, such a dream cannot be realized without bleodshed, "Englishmen have not learned from history to divide power they are determined at any cost to hold by force and violence that which they gard as theirs." Preferably Herr Harden would see this German expanon on the South American continent, where German influence is already paramount; but, "without the friendship and co-operation of the United States this Greater Germany is not to be dreamed of, and, besides, Germans

in South America are very content. with their existing lot, and are merging in the body politic there as here

een regarded as jokes. It was during This is extremely interesting, as a his administration that "leakage" of view of the mind and intent of Gerone of his carefully prepared crop re-What does it portend? The ports enabled a coterie of Wall street right of Germany to create fleets as gamblers to clean up a fortune in cotwell as armies, for support of her own ton. The immediate cause of his

was required, for this country has a distinct right to participate in the been sufficiently encouraging to war-Entered at Portland, Oregon, Postonice as Prince, Ching on October 1, 1903, in which it which it which it was provided that "if China desires to construct a Hankow-Sze Chuan line and her capital is insufficient, she will obtain all the necessary

foreign capital from Great Britain or the United States." Briefly stated, this country desired to and will participate in the Chinese railroad loan in order to maintain an

interest in a great trade field that is just opening up. As a purely financial investment, the loan is not attractive, but from a diplomatic standpoint its importance is hard to over-

WINNING A HOME.

estimate.

In making his triumphant progress from the city's din to the country's serene quietude, "T. W. R." enjoyed an advantage which most men lack. His wife heartily helped the project along as the reader of last Sunday's Orego-

nian will remember. Although there was no house on their suburban acre and they had to dwell in a tent for a while, still "T. W. R.'s" brave help-meet did not complain. She is a paraby the importance of the region to be gon and an exemplar to most of her served. urban sisters. Let her light so shine that it may be seen of women.

vegetables

their children.

which enchants and paralyzes.

HIS RETIREMENT OVERDUE.

From Washington comes the pleas-

ng news that James Wilson, Secretary

of Agriculture, will retire from that

office in December. The news will not

be surprising to anyone who has fol-

owed the policy of President Taft in

surrounding himself with men who

ome knowledge of the work for which

were familiar with, or at least have

they are drawing salaries from the

Government. The administration of "Tama Jim" Wilson would have been less ridiculous had the Secretary of

Agriculture sufficient business sense

o appoint assistants familiar with the

important work which the department

ssays to handle. But Mr. Wilson a

all times has seemed averse to hav-

ing anyone in the employ of the de

partment who knows any more about

it than he knows himself, which, of course, makes it difficult for the pub-

lic to realize on the heavy investment

it has made in maintenance of the de-

Mr. Wilson has remained in office

for twelve years, and through all that

period his crop reports, which have

partment.

savory herbs and sapid fruits.

SPOKANE GETTING "WORST OF IT." By a migration to the suburbs and owning a house and garden, the family "Spokane conclusively proved before of small means not only saves rent, but that tribunal (the Interstate Commerce it enjoys luxuries in the way of fruit Commission) that it is the victim of which are never railroad extortion and discrimination," dreamed of in the average tenement says the Spokesman-Review. Green peas, asparagus, new potatoes, the spirituelle cucumber and the di-vine strawberry belong to the home-It was this policy of "extortion and

discrimination" which enabled Spoowner in quantity and quality limited only by his muscle. Yet there are kane's jobbing trade in the past ten years to show greater proportionate women who cling to brick and paving gains than that of any other city on stones and shudder at the thought of the Pacific Coast. It was "railroad extortion and discrimination" which green fields. It is they who are, at least partially, responsible for crowdpresented to Spokane a protected terried tenements, high rents, barren savtory 200 miles in diameter against ings accounts and the poor health of which all comers were barred. It was this "railroad extortion and discrimi-nation" which permitted the Spokane Thrice blest in his wife is "T. W. R." Together he and she will build a home worth having. From their tent they jobber to ship out of Spokane at a low rate, but prevented Coast jobbers from will pass to a comfortable cottage and

the largest ships afloat.

The

shipping into Spokane except at a high the grip of the landlord they will know no more forever. What is to hinder rate. There are a great many communities thousands of other familles from doing in the Pacific Northwest that would likewise? Nothing but that inertia like to participate in the same kind of Speak "railroad extortion and discrimination the divine "I will," and forthwith you as that which has made Spokane rich own a dwelling with a garden full of and powerful.

A FIVE BILLION-DOLLAR PROJECT.

The sessions of the National Irrigation Congress grow in Interest and importance year by year. The vast subject of irrigation and the conservation of natural resources is a great deal better understood than it was five years ago, but there is still much for the masses to learn about it. The 17th session of the National Irrigation Congress, which convenes at Spokane August 9 and continues till August 14, will contribute its full share of in struction and inspiration. Mr. Arthur Hooker's plan of promoting a bond ssue by the Federal Government to carry on irrigation projects and other internal improvements on a gigantic cale, will doubtless be vigorously opposed, for it cannot be expected that all the delegates to the congress will approve of it. For one thing, the um of money he contemplates rasing staggers the Imagination. It is \$5, 000,000,000. It requires some con-fidence in Mr. Hooker's projects to enable one to believe that it would be advisable to increase the National debt by this amount at a single stroke. Mr. Hooker argues that the increase of values throughout the country from

ost the Government millions, have the works he contemplates would more than counterbalance the expenditures so that no debt would really be created, but all promoters talk in this way nd not all of them justify their words

nel over the bar. These results have and activity Concerning his proposed \$5,000,000,loan. That right was conferred by an | rant continuance of the efforts that 000 of bonds, one remark may be made agreement concluded by Sir Ernest Sa- have been so well rewarded, and Port- with fair confidence. If they were is-

row, the British Ambassador, with land will year by year increase the sued in moderately small denominadepth of the river, meeting the greater draft of the vessels and enabling the of a clique of financiers, they would traffic of the great region east of the Cascade Mountains to continue on "the line of least resistance," with no bars to think well of a permanent National or shoals to interfere with passage of debt, and yet there is no form of in-

vestment which the public loves building of the North Bank well as Government bonds. Small Railroad and the feeders by which it is holders of capital will accept low in supposed to drain the Inland Empire | terest from the Government in prefhas changed the commercial map of erence to high rates from private comthe Pacific Northwest. Even the Puthe Pacific Northwest. Even the Pu-get Sound papers admit that most of the traffic of that great region east of the Cascade Mountains will now flow through the Calculation of the Cascade Mountains and the Cascade Mountains will now flow through the Cascade Mountains will now flow through the Columbia Gorge, and on not financial experts. In this matter arrival at Portland will be more than we are far behind France, Germany These Nations have 100 miles nearer the ocean than at any and England. other port on the Pacific Coast. Twen- been farsighted enough to encourage ty-six feet in the river will be a good thrift by providing safe investments draft for the coming season, but next for petty savings. Mr. Hooker's bond year we must work for twenty-seven issue might produce its most valuable feet, and, as the channel on the bar consequence in this direction, though deepens, the river channel must show in saying so we do not wish to depreproportionate increases in depth. Port-land has begun this work and is satciate what it might do in the way of improving our roads, our rivers and our arid lands. Whether his method isfied with the results from such beginning, but will not appreciate to the of accomplishing this desirable end is fullest extent what it means until both the best or not, is a fair question for river and bar show a depth warranted debate.

THE MORNING OREGONIAN, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 1909.

John Bull has again come back to the United States as a purchaser of "the roast beef of old England," and has just placed an order with a Chicago firm for 1,000,000 pounds, to follow a previous order of 3,000,000 pounds. which is to be shipped in July. So much disturbance was created over the iniquities of a few Chicago packers

a few years ago that the entire beef trade of the country was seriously injured, the good packers suffering with the others. The occasion was highly pleasing for the foreign meat dealers, and they pushed the good thing along, but the placing of orders at this time would indicate that confidence in the American beef has been restored along with that of a number of other indus. tries which got within the radius of the far-flung muckrake a few years ago.

Little use or no use to blame the

ity authorities for the fire at Mount Tabor, on Monday night. No fire quipment can prevent the outburst of flames, when all the conditions are prepared and maintained for production of a quick and rapid fire. A lot of plumbers' waste had been left in a

building, and a bottle of muriatic acid. sed in adjustment of pipe joints. The acid had eaten up the cork, and ignition of a quantity of oily rags was the consequence. Was the fault then the fault of the city in not having fire engines on the spot at the moment, of those who created the conditions that caused the fire? One of the infirmities of the human mind is the habit of passing over causes and dwelling on effects or results of carelessness and folly.

Count Zeppelin, who has been endeavoring for the past twenty-five years to make a successful fligh across Germany in a balloon, will perhaps be somewhat skeptical about the success of Walter Wellman in ballooning across the present location of the north pole. The Wright brothers are the only aerial navigators who have ever been able to control even partially the forces of nature in their flights. All others except a few foreign aviators have been subject to the whims of the wind. Until the forces of the air with which Zeppelin and all others have to contend are subdued, there will be no such thing as starting for a long flight with even a reasonable de of certainty of reaching the objective point.

Ground was formally broken yesterday on the Cape Cod Canal, which is to connect Barnstable Bay with Bu zards Bay, thus eliminating one of the most dangerous points of navigation on the Atlantic Coast, and shortening But a rational mind is not repelled by a project simply because it is big. the Vineyard Sound route to New York More than one big thing has succeeded by seventy-four miles, and the outside in the course of the ages and we need sea route by 122 miles. This saving, not assume that the human race has when the enormous tonnage that ost its capacity for repeating the permoves between the two points is conormance. The separate items of Mr. sidered, will shortly pay for the cost Hooker's scheme could be equaled by the past achievements of several difof the twelve-mile waterway now un der construction, The canal will be ferent countries, Holland, for instance and acted accordingly when they ros twelve miles long, and thirty feet deep. in their places and demanded protec-tion from the dangers which obviously has recovered from the depths of the Wherever a waterway exists, or can be sea areas as large in proportion to her built, that can float vessels of thirtygrow out of permitting people withou information to decide momentous pub whole territory as the 100,000 miles of foot draft, no railroad in existence car overflowed and swamp lands which compete with it. Mr. Hooker wishes to spend \$1,000. 000,000 in draining. Although the The Mayor's letter, endeavoring to Dutch have made several ventures of excuse his obstructive acts, is characthis kind, they have never lost money teristic pettifoggery, worth no attenpast few years, resulting, as they have, in Democratic Governors, United States Senators, Supreme Court Justices, Dison any of them. Each has been a Facts and results tell the story tion. Special pleading is nothing. The Mayor has simply been playing his part in at trict Attorneys and Mayors, is easy of interpretation. It carries its own key with it, and the Republican who de-mands that the course which has protitudes before the glass, during his whole term. The city, fortunately, is about to see an end of the performance. Even those who thirst for novelties in public affairs tire at last of freak administrations.

to join in the loan. No "permission" several feet in the depth of the chan- sirable form of National investment TAKING COUNSEL OF THE ENEMY FIVE YEARS' WORK AT PANAMA Comment on the "Unerring Judgment

Complete

of the People June 7. PORTLAND, June 21 .--- (To the Ed-

tor.)-A certain Democratic paper, ab formally wise in its day and generation, has a vision that unless the Republican party of Oregon takes its advice as to organization and management it will surely meet its Waterloo.

Hear 1t; conflict of expert opinion over the rela-It all means that there is blight, dis-traction, bitterness and defeat for the Re-publican party, in this state, if in any evil hour the dismal dectrine promulgated from Sellwood is made part of the party creed tive merits of the sea-level and the lock type of camal. The New York Tribune, most sallent facts embedded in the com-That is, unless the course mapped out mission's statistics, reminds us that the two French companies whose work prefor the Republican party by the said Democratic paper shall be followed, it ceded that of the Unifed States Governwill ment exceivated \$1,548,000 cubic yards in fall to show that virility which at this time sets forth a result includ-18 years of actual digging prior to 1904. ing the election of a Democratic Gov-Under American control, the excavation in five years has amounted, to 73,124,849 ernor twice, one Democratic United States Senator appointed and another cubic yards, distributed among the difjust "sitting" for a full six years' term. ferent years as follows: Also a Democratic Mayor of Portland May, 1904, to April, 1905, May, 1905, to April, 1906, May, 1905, to April, 1907, May, 1907, to April, 1908, May, 1908, to April, 1909. for four years. These results have ome since the Republican party of

Oregon began following the trail which the said Democratic paper says is the only path which will lead it to victory! Great guns Its wrath is aroused by those reso-

lutions recently adopted by the Sellwood Republican Club calling for the repeal of the initiatory law, which

gives to half a dozen cranks the power to propose a law and & force it upon the people to approve or reject. support of this scheme it is claimed that the recent election in Portland demonstrated that the people are fully qualified to enter upon a sea of general legislation, because "the electorate dis-This criminated perfectly between the good and the bad and voted with unerring judgment and complete intelligence, With the exception of the rejecting of needed for the building of the dams and locks, "and as those structures are withthe new charter, due to lack of information, not a false move was made, not a conflict resulted, not a single unwise verdict was rendered."

But how does this Sir Oracle know all this? Where is its source of inspiration? How does it know that no false move was made? What will the voters say who voted for these defeated measures? And why was there lack of information about the new charter"?

And how does it come that an electorate which does things "with unerring judgment" elected such a dangerous man to their every interest as Mr. Simon-the head, front, tail and hide of "Simonism," that bugbear which supplied the text for rods of editorials setting forth in redhot adjectives that the Republican candidate for Mayor was the representative of every evil purpose in municipal government and the embodiment of graft, inefficiency and general mal-administration? Wasn't that a "false move"? If not, where could one probably be found which

would merit the term in the estimation of the said journalistic guardian of the Republican party's interests? Doubtless the Sellwood Club had in

mind the election of Mr. Simon by a vote larger than that given to all other candidates combined when it declared for curtailing the powers of "the elec torate." It is more than likely that the Sellwood boys had read all that was olced by the said sizzling enemy of "Simonism" and from the depths of their natural disgust demanded the withdrawal of such powers from plainly incompetent voters as can be constiutionally done.

Indeed, with the result before them, a tally sheet which shows more votes for "Simonism" than for Munleyism and Albeelsm combined, what else could the Sellwood Republicans do? Under the circumstances one can but marvel at their moderation and applaud this evi-dence of their "unerring judgment." A partial and more or less consoling

explanation can be found, however, in the conclusion that that lack of information which rejected the new charter was the foundation of that companion

And it may be remarked that Demo

cratic concern lest the Republicans of Oregon should abandon their factics which have governed them during the

are through their day's work. There is no reference to "booze," but the man-agers and superintendents speak their minds plate.

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Income Tax Amendment.

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A GRIEVOUS MISTAKE. Three Years More Ought to Finish the Big Excavation.

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Literary Digest. statistics of the first

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have been three different canal commis-

alons, three chief engineers, and endless

Mothers Make It Who Push Daughters

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Into Association With Chinese. PORTLAND, June 22.-(To the Editor.) There has been much said and written about mother love and its supposed pro-tection. It often takes an unique turn hard to understand by a layman. Fo years-May, 1904, to April, 1909-of Uncle Sam's work on the Panama Canal are For instance, would some good-hearted mother-lover be kind enough to explain the workings of the particular brand that makes possible an occurrence so horrible as that which has just happened in New York? York? A mother introduces her young daughter to Chinamen, and the world knows the result. This mother is not an umming up in an editorial column the exception. There are thousands like he exception. There are more numerous upon today, and they are more numerous upon our Western coast than Eastern. It matters not what the pretext be that lets down social and racial bars, the re-

sult is the same. I have heard the ex-cuse given by fond mothers that their daughter could meet and associate with some particular John Chinaman because he was Americanized, civilized, Christian-ized, educated, and wealthy. Was not Leon Ling all of these? Surely, it must be nothing but ignor-

Cubic yards. 648,911 ... 2,155,123 ... 6,715,554 ance of life and Oriental iniquities that ance of life and Oriental iniquities that make possible such errors. If these mothers could only know Oriental life they would understand that nothing on earth can make a Chinaman anything but a Chinaman. The gods of their fathers are never forgotten. It is a great deal the same with all races. There was a missionary in Central Ainska who di-vided his time between making the SI-washes pray and making them pay. They The small showing for the first year is fue to the fact that real construction vork was not begun by the American engineers until more than a year after the Unifed States took formal possession of the unfinished canal on May 4, 1994. That period was devoted largely to sanitary work and exploring. Now, however, the working force and the machinery have been brought up to what may be regarded as the fullest practicable effiwashes pray and making them pay. They were his flock and he fleeced them. He bought their valuable furs at half price and paid their valuable furs at half price and paid them with stale goods at five prices. Once, after a service, one of the Indians, believing himself alone, said: "Why do they force new gods upon us; the soid of our father methods when the cleancy. Therefore, it is not to be ex-pected, says the Tribune, that the ratio of increase in excavation from year to year will be continued. What we may look for is a continued rate of a little the god of our fathers was the raven. Our fathers' god was better for the In-dian and cost us less." Was this "pray-ing" Indian "converted." more than 3,000,000 cubic yards a month. This would dispose in less than three years of the estimated 101,541,746 cubic yards yet to be excavated. The time re-

ing" Indian "converted." No more does the Chinaman forsake the gods of his fathers. He may pre-tend to do so, but he knows why he does it. The thing we do not understand is why instances such as the "Sigel mys-tery" do not awaken otherwise good mothers to a sense of greater responsibility.

It may be a good mother who encour-Turning to the question of cost, we ages her daughter to recognize a China-

ages her daughter to recognize a China-man or negro because he is wealthy, but she can hardly be a wise mother. Neither does the theory of "ireating everybody right obtain," for what is right between equals is wrong otherwise. For instance, we must have our daughters treat the Chinaman in friendly way so as not to wound his feelings, but would any mother place her babe in a crib he-side a ratifesnake because she did not available down to February 1 last, or three months less than the five years. The total to that date was \$33,915,657.76. of this sum, only \$50,122,448.06 went for actual engineering and construction work. Buildings cost \$8,787,502, sanitation \$8,654,-962, municipal improvements in the Canal Zone \$4,007,497, civil administration \$2,618,any mother place her babe in a crib be-side a rathesnake because she did not wish to inconvenience the snake by ousting him from his unnatural position? The right way for white girls to treat Chinamen is to let them alone. Many other mothers send their daughters into all manner of places under the guise of charity. It is a sad mistake. It is wrong to imagine you can do this with safety. The young girl's place is among the best, not the worst element in humanity. There are a number of girls' charitable societies that should have attention, There is a world of truth in "Vice is a monster, et cetera." A MOTHER,

Seattle Times.

of Illinois has declared the direct primary law to be unconstitutional. It is stated that objections were made to the cumbrous election machinery and

mary, especially that feature relating to United States Senators, is that it de-prives legislators of the right of choice, guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States. When the Supreme Court of the State

However enthusiastic the supporters However entitusiastic the supporters of the law may be, the direct primary cannot be called a success in any sense of the word. In this state it has visited upon the people the calamity of an "Ac-cidental Governor." who under the old system cauld not have been elected to any permanent position. In other states the results have been fully as chimerical

ber children, of whom she had five, and to whom she could give no claim as citi-mens to any country. There were times when the weight of the full realization of all this fell upon her with such force that she would take

Oregon, where a Republican Legisla-ture elected a Democratic United States Senator, appears to be recovering its bal-ance. Simon's success as candidate for Mayor of Portland can have but one meaning—the revival of machine poli-of her heart, in the meantime disclosing what she had found concealed under what you call the "veneer of hyporrisy and cant grafted on the calculating shrewd-She also re ness of the Oriental mind." head the statement which her hushand had made to her, in almost the identical language which you use, concerning "th distances between the spiritual instincts and moral life of the West and of the East," which, he claimed, could never be "bridged by missionary efforts," for the same reason that you give, in substance, that "their religious systems are such as have been evolved naturally, from their own natures and situations," involving at the same time such awful penalties fo any violation of their religious obligations so thoroughly inbred that no power on earth could shake them in the real sense. notwithstanding the fervency, sincerity or capability of their teachers or their own professions.

732, and so on to an aggregate of more than one-third of the whole. Many of these non-construction expenditures were made once for all and will not recur, so that hereafter a larger proportion of the appropriation will go for actual construc-tion." DIRECT PRIMARY LAW.

In Illinois; and Then in Oregon and Washington.

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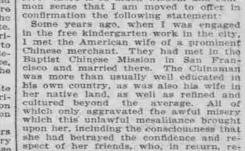
For the third time the Supreme Court

to restrictions placed on voters before they were cligible to the primary. In particular the independents found fault with the law because they were obliged to declare fealty to one of the political parties before they could vote. The gravest objection to a direct and

The gravest objection to a direct pri-

of Washington considered the direct pri-mary law, it declined to give an opinion on this point, the issue not having been

spect of her friends, who, in return, re-pudlated and disowned her, together with any permanent position. In other states the results have been fully as chimerical. Oregon, where a Republican Legisla-ture elected a Democratic United States



The following statement comes from an-other woman and mother well known in Portland:

(To the Editor.)-In your editorial of June 21 on the subject of "Misguided Ef-fort" there is so much wisdom and com-

interests and for pursuit of her own destinles, no nation can question. But her effort gives portents of great changes and stirring events in the world's affairs, which must greatly concern us of America, even if we are but lookers-on.

AMERICAN INTEREST IN CHINESE LOAN

European bankers, who for many years have enjoyed the prestige and profit which follows the loaning of money in the Far East, are making strenuous objection to any participation by the United States in the loan of \$27,500,000 for the Hankow-Sze Chuan Chinese Railway. American financiers, appreciating the value of making a creditor of China, are not inclined to abandon the effort to handle a portion of the loan.

Viewed from its surface appearances, there is something peculiar in the engerness with which the world's bankers attempt to force their loans on poor, old China. With the United States constantly seeking new capital from abroad, and even at this time lamenting the diffidence of the French regarding our steel stocks now offering in Paris, it seems strange that we should be making an international outcry because we were not offered an opportunity to lend our money to the

But underlying all this discussion regarding who shall have the honor of making the loan is involved the necossity for maintaining the integrity of China. This country to a greater extent than any other prevented the dismemberment and division of China about ten years ago. Our only object at that time was to keep the ancient empire in such shape that it could not be exploited or despoiled by one country to the exclusion of all others. China escaped becoming spoil of war through American intervenlargely tion, but is now the object of a financial conquest, which, so far as her integrity is concerned, is fully as dangerous as its warlike predect

Trade does not always follow the flag, but it always follows the m which is used in cultivating and encouraging it. Consequently the United States has a deep interest in placing pire. China on her list of creditors. The merchant who lends money to farmer quite naturally expects that farmer to do his trading at the store of the man to whom he is indebted. The nation that lends money to another nation by the same token can reasonably expect the borrowing nation to reciprocate with any trade favors that can be placed with the lender. It is for this reason that the United States is desirous of being on at least even terms with our German and British trade competitors. trade.

News disputches regarding this loan say that "the agents of the European bankers at Pekin had advised their principals to permit the New Yorkers"

downfall, and undoubtedly the reason by their deeds. for his retirement, was his March crop report, showing such vast stock of wheat in farmers' hands that the Wall street gamblers who sold the market 'short" made millions before the idiculous nature of the Wilson report vas understood, and the market rebounded. It does not make much

difference whom President Taft appoints to succeed Wilson. The change will be for the better.

MAINTAINING SEAPORT PRESTIGE. Soundings made by pilots and ship-

nasters show quite clearly that the work of the jetty at the entrance of the Columbia River has been so effect-ive that there has been a pronounced increase in the depth of water. As it

has been the Portland policy since the brilliant triumph of engineering and beginning of river improvements on both river and bar, to maintain a river has added many thousands of acres of fertile land to the country. The peochannel strictly in keeping with that at ple have been provided with new the river entrance, the Port of Porthomes and the promoters have reaped land announces its intention this seahandsome profits. He would spend another billion for good roads. Our son to dredge the river channel to twenty-six feet at dead low water, National inertia in this direction is an an increase of one foot over the chanexception, not by any means the rule, nel dredged last year. While the In the history of the world. As far back river is very seldom down to the zero mark, and the old twenty-five-foot as we can go in the accounts of monarchs and republics, we find them channel has, with the aid of the tides, building roads, sometimes for the march of armies, sometimes for the carried many vessels of more than wenty-five feet draft, the additional advance of trade. foot will be of advantage, for the enduring and certainly the most hon coming season will undoubtedly bring

orable of the relics of civilizations now a number of very large steamers to dead, are the highways they the port, and there must be no delay structed. Were ours to perish today it would leave no such reminder of in handling them in the river. The City of Portland, which has

glory to the future, for our roads, taken up the task of deepening the all but the railways, would disappear river as the bar is deepened, is not the in fifty years without leaving a to tell where they ran. Indeed, most small, struggling municipality that more than a score of years ago had of them would disappear evers great difficulty in raising the few dol-Autumn as soon as the storms begin It may seem ungracious to begin finding fault with a project so maglars necessary to "sluice" St. Helens bar with propeller, so that vessels o nificent as Mr. Hooker's five billionsixteen and seventeen-foot draft could reach this city without lightering most dollar bond issue, and yet one is conof their cargo. The Portland which strained to ask why he fixes the inis changing the mighty Columbia River terest rigorously at 3 per cent during the entire century the issue has to run. so that it can accommodate any craft affoat is a rich and powerful city, Nothing is more certain than the con tinuous fall of the rate of interest as growing by leaps and bounds, and extending its field of operations to the a country develops. Beyond perad-venture if money is now worth 3 per remotest districts in the Inland Em-This city became the original cent, in fifty years it will not be worth seaport for all of the vast region more than 2 % unless some great war intervenes to obstruct the working of drained by the Columbia River because it was the point farthest inland at economic processes. Would it not b which ships could discharge their carwiser to provide for refunding the debt goes and load outward with the prodat the end of twenty-five or thirty years and thus give the public the

ucts of this region. It has retained that original position benefit of any interest reductions which of commanding prestige because the may occur? Of course, we are aware citizens of Portland have resolutely that to speculate upon this subject may appear visionary to many perdetermined that the great highway the ocean should be improved, and at SORS. all times kept in condition safely to Mr. Hooker's proposed bonds will ever float the type of ships needed in this be issued, and yet stranger things have The efforts of Portland have been rewarded with an increas

nearly ten feet in the depth of the ternal improvements the more likely river channel, and the Government they are to perceive in some such work has resulted in an increase of project as Mr. Hooker's a very de-

In Illinois the Supreme Court has pronounced the direct primary unconstitutional on certain technical conditions that do not prevail in Oregon. The differences between the funda-mental laws of the two states would Among the most render a primary law suited to one of them wholly inoperative in the other.

> Judge Van Zante declares your neighbor's fruit on your side of the fence yours. What will he decide about the midnight noise of your neighbor's cat, or the back yard odor of your neighbor's swill barrel?

on a strictly temperance basis. Num-erous instances of spoiled work in the past few years have been traced to workmen who have been in the habit of going outside for their drinks at any time they feel like it. Until now neither corporation nor mill bosses If the Federal Government is going to lay claim to part of corporation earnings, will anything be left for cities which have given public-service concerns valuable concessions without have objected. compensation?

Mrs. Gould may have been some thing of a sot, but was always "a perfect lady." What must a woman do to lose this elegant distinction?

Mr. Harriman, after all, is in good health. What a fine thing for the Deschutes railroad. What do Coos people think about it?

Mr. U'Ren and other constituents of Senator Bourne will rejoice that he is making so enviable a record in green vests and golf.

Now we see why Oregon's land-fraud defendants wished their trials long de ferred. Our Binger Hermann is hard

Mayor Simon can't begin a day too soon on the new garbage crematory authorized at the last election.

the revival of machine poli another era of "Simonism." Back of it all, though, looms large the unsolved Back of it tics.

The leaders of the party have tried i puzzle that there should have been any lack of information among the elec-torate on these important questions. In the city, and it works. They call it the assembly method, or the "suggested and throughout Oregon the ticket," torate on these important questions. Lack of knowledge is ignorance, and should an ignorant people have full sway in the disposition of vital ques-tions like these? Nay, nay. Again it is pertinent to remark that the Sell-wood Republicans probably took the aforesaid Democratic paper at its word ticians of the old school have taken no-Illinois will probably be obliged to en

dure an extra session of the Legislature in order to cure the defects in the law just knocked out. Some of these days the people may learn that after all there is no better system than the good old constituents. constitutional way laid out by the found ers of the Government. It has its faults, to be sure; buf they

are in no sense so glaring and vital as is a statute that puts a premium on

is a statute that puts a premium on freakiness and incompetency. In the State of Washington the direct primary law has given us Hay-and that one accident is enough to condemn it.

Pet Crow Found to Be the Thief.

Lexington, Ky., Dispatch to the New York Tribune. A pet crow in the family of Alex-ander V. Anderson, at Rockport, Ky., has been found to have been the thief which for several years has been pur-loining diamonds and articles of jewel-ery which the family had missed from time to time, and for the theft of which duced these results shall be followed further, cannot plead "lack of informa-tion" when he stands astounded at the time to time, and for the theft of which several servants had been accused and

several servants had been accused and discharged. The crow was seen to fly from the house with a diamond brooch in its mouth, and a search of his nest in a nearby tree revealed a gold watch, two rings, two \$10 bills, one \$20 gold piece, a woman's "rat," and many other ar-ticles of more or less value. The loss of the articles had long baffled the members of the family and baffled the members of the family and baffled the members of been at work on the various robberies in an effort to locate the missing articles Steel Workers Must Cut Out Liquor Site: workers must cut out Liquer. Pittsburg, Pa., Dispatch to N. Y. World. The United States Steel Corporation has taken a determined stand against its workmen drinking liquor. Within the past week there have been posted in all the big mills of the Pittsburg and Ohio districts notices that work-men once entering the mills to work will not be allowed to leave until they are through their day's work. There

effort to locate the missing articles and arrest the thief. Weedcutting by Motorboat.

London Globe.

London Globe. In Egypt an enormous amount of trouble and expense has been caused by the weeds and other vegetable growths which spread so rapidly as to choke canals and other waterways in in a few days. Clearing by hand has been found impossible in one district, so a motorboat has been equipped with a unique weedcutter and placed in ser-vice. The cutting attachment consists vice. The cutting attachment consists of a pair of V shaped knives with sharp and powerful blades, worked by helt from the propeller shaft. They trail along the bottom of the waterway, cut-ting the growth off at the roots Brooklyn Eagle. It is probable that two-thirds of this Congress will submit an income tax proposition to the legislatures of the states. It is also probable that a ma-jority of the legislatures of the states will favor the proposition, but not a two-thirds majority of the states. A ting the growth off at the roots. It is said that the litle boat will clear as much as five acres an hour.

Chameleon Rose That Changes Color.

Le Petit Jardin. White in the shade, red in the sun, such is the twofold character that has

two-thirds majority of the states. A minority of one more than one-third of the states could defeat the change of the Constitution. The highly cap-italistic rich states and the poor states with venal legislatures would be likely to beat the amendment. The rich states could protect their capitalistic classes, who in turn would sympa-thetically buy the legislatures of poor and venal states. such is the twofold character that has given a name to the chameleon rose. At night, or when it is carried into a dark room, it assumes a waxlike white-ness. This does not occur abruptly, but the petals first pass through a blush tint, which rapidly changes into a very pale rose, and finally ends by becoming the purest white. Then, if it is taken into bright sunlight, with the greatest rapidity it resumes the New Jersey Thieves Steal Bandstand

Newark, N. J. Dispatch. Thieves stole a bandstand in Mary Benson Park, Jersey City. The struc-ture was 15 feet square, with an or-nate balustrade, steps and ornamental metal roof. the greatest rapidity it resumes the scarlet lint of the most brilliant peony. This horticultural phonomenon comes from Japan, that couniry of magic gardens and wizard horticulturists,

Celebrated Elm Tree Has a Cancer. Boston Herald

The famous Bertram elm in Salem, Mass., has a cancer. It was noticed for some time that no cavities showed on the Bertram elm, which is near the library. This was proof to the experienced eya that there was decay inside the tree An investigation showed that the elm had a cancer on the inside, which, if al-lowed to grow, would kill the tree in a few years. Incisions were made and por tions of the inside were found to be punk. Thy roots had begun spreading inside this growth. Efforts are now being made

This elm is famed for its size and beau-, The trunk measures 27 feet in circumference, and its age has been reck-oned as 100 years. The estate was foroned as 100 years. The estate was for-merly the home of Captain John Bertram --one of Salem's famous merchants of olden days.

The Eighth Wonder.

Oh! You Katherine Clemmous Goul Will you, for the benefit of the great And thirsty population,

The great brotherhood of the arid thorag The great brotherhood of the arid thorax Just how you accomplish It-will you take the time to write A little old treatise on your Mothod of absorption, Explaining just how to connect With a quart of Clicquot chased by an absinthe frappe Superinduced by a baker's dozen Of brandles and sodas, Mixed with a Boston hamboe and a couple of "Mamie Taylors" and then to get an Appetite for lunch-surround Five slos gin rickeys With enough Martinis to get That comfy feeling, and then cap that Boyal fizz

with a Royal fag To hold your strength until the garcon Brings something in? And we reiterate. You, Katherine Clemmons, we love our Lemonade but ob, you pousse cate! And again we ask in the middle of a red Hot day with throats Like unto the Amargona desert and super-heated coppers Similing for the want of lubrication, with A

A Far-away look to the sign of Lemp Two blocks away, what will you take To tell us. Hitle one, the process Through which the thirsting soul must Go to grapple with a Three-way cocktail, two picon punches, A goblet of May wine, a dash of green Chartreuse, a cool little Pitcher of sparkling burgundy and moselle Mixed

Pitcher of sparkling burgundy and moselle Mixed With a might cap of three Scotch high balls And a stein Of "Shandy."

And Still have the morn look rosy7 —T, G., in Goodwin's Weekly

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It is extremely unlikely that

happened. The more intelligently the people investigate the subject of into beat.

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