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mainder of their platform the Democrats at Baltimore displayed a refresh- son, of other crimes. He had been ing knowledge of actual conditions in accused of dynamiting a scow and of drafting their conservation plank. burning a stove foundry. Whatever its other penalties, Demo-

from persecution of honest settlers, spread over the Western empire. Even his design. in defeat its mere enunciation ought needed and give hope of better things. On this subject the platform says:

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We believe in the conservation and the development for the use of all the people of the natural resources of the country. Our forests, our sources of the country. Our forests, our sources of the country our arable and our mineral lands and our navigable streams and all the other material regources with which our country has been so lavishly endowed, constitute the foundation of our National wealth. Such additional legislation as may be necessary to prevent their being wasted or absorbed by special or privileged interests should be enacted, and the policy of their conservation should be rigidly adhered to.

The public domain should be administered and disposed of with due regard to the general welfare. Reservations should be limited to the purposes which they purport to zerve, and not extended to include land wholly unsuited therefor. The unnecessary withdrawal from sale and settlement of enormous tracts of public land upon which tree growth never existed and cannot be promoted tends only to returd development, create discontent and bring reproach upon the policy of conservation.

The public land laws should be administered in a spirit of the broadest liberality towards the zettler exhibiting a bopa fide purpose to comply therewith, to the end that the invitation of this Government to the landless should be as attractive as possible, and the plain provisions of the forest reserve act permitting homestead entries to be made within the National fornests, should not be nullified by administrative regulations which amount to a withdrawal of great areas of the same from settlement. The first paragraph enunciates a principle to which the entire Nation is devoted. It opens no new question,

that the East has long ignored. Protests against the situation, no matter been looke ' upon as the selfish vaporings of ambitious land grabbers. Fadfavor in the Interior and Agricultural manship. Departments. From the extreme in-No comprewithdrawn from use. has been and is still held able scheme for bettering remote gen.

balanced, well-informed statesman or Government official who does not admit that the extreme ideas of the incidents gained nothing for future them as "dead game sports." people who know and can know nothing at first hand of the abuses of the system. The fad has gained their fancy. Successors of the radicals in departmental Washington have been confronted by a firm public conviction previous contests in Congress, created by muckraking magazines and the writings of theorists. sional enactments, proper in form and intent, have accomplished little. The lepartm nts have been afraid to move Interminable delays have been the fate of worthy patents. Reservation for administrative purposes has been a handy and oft used means of defeating justice to the homesteader in the re-Washington, in short, 'as played safe with Eastern opinion

The conservation evil would not wholly be eradicated by the enactment of more liberal laws or by a change in administrative forces unless there were also - change in Eastern opinion and a clearer knowle ge of the abuses to which the West has been subjected, Recognition of the evil by the Baltimore convention ought to create wide attention and we may hope that its effect will be of signal advantage to the West, whatever the outcome in November.

THE OREGON AT HOME. The old maker of precedents is at home and as the gently flowing waters elections. of the Willamette lave her sides she time coming to Oregon and Oregonlans had begun to fear they must be satisfied with a visit outside the borders of the state; but the grand old fighter added to her list of achievements the smashing of red tape that has kept vessels of her class outside that Lorimer owed his election to the bar of the Columbia and, under bribery. That committee confined it- have women of smaller means. guidance of a man who knows the self strictly to the charges made by point is illumined by the tale of a

the mighty stream and came home. All Oregon is ready to do her homage, for she belongs to all Oregon. From the crumbling banks of the Snake in Malheur to the foamsplashed shores of Coos, from the sand by other parties, supported by new bars of the wheat belt to the cattle and much stronger evidence, especial- the person of limited means is more ranges on the southern border, come by that of Mr. Funk, and the Dilling- apt to find happiness than one of vast visitors to salute her and her colors ham committee heard all evidence of- wealth. To the woman who must as they climb to her deck, proud of fered. Its report that the case had count her dollars the world continues her and joyous in the opportunity to already been decided was an evasion to abound in unfulfilled desires. The

ship could make such a trip without not insisting that that committee accident to mar the record, and secat a moment's notice with such re- his election was secured by bribery.

markable effect. a few days, but during that time her ment by preventing a full inquiry and to tickle her pampered fancy. When decks will be thronged by young and a decision based on all the evidence. old and the memory of her visit will Both the Burrows committee and the be cherished as a bright spot, dimmed Dillingham committee have acted the with the sole regret that she is getting part of men trying to shield a guilty into the aged class and must soon be man, the Burrows committee by limit. by those who sa dismantled. If she were not built of ing the scope of its inquiry, the Dilthan pleasure. steel, that process might begin this lingham committee by pretending that week, for temptation to secure a south the first inquiry was complete when venir is irresistible.

BURGLAR, INCENDIARIST, MURDERER.

to live, were shot in cold blood. The perpetrator of this murder was a confirmed criminal. He had served a term in the Washington State Peni- estly ty Jail for burglary. He had served a third term in the Oregon State Peni-WHERE THE DEMOCRATS DID NOT ERR tentiary for burglary. He had escaped Whatever may be said of the re- once from the State Prison at Salem. He had been suspected, with good rea-

This perverted being, on whom the cratic success would mean relief from winning of an honest living had irked one burden in the West if the declar- since boyhood, stationed himself by ations of the platform are to be ac-cepted as sincere and certain of being shotgun in hand charged with buckcarried out. The plank promises a de-parture from the bureaucratic rule, gers of the first automobile that came his way and he was prepared and will. from the blight that Pinchotism has ing to murder anybody who resisted

Adding foulness and wantenness to to mean education where it is most the crime that resulted is the fact that the youths slain were powerless to obey his command to halt. They were passengers, not drivers, of the car There was no escape, no protection for them from the criminal's wrath. When the machine sped on they were

shot in the back. We have here a being which only the death penalty can reach-a beast of prey, morose, sullen, vindictive, ready to slay for a few paltry dimes, ready to shed blood if need be to gain his liberty, unreclaimable, and unfit and dangerous to be associated even

with other criminals. Do not Right, Justice and Public Welfare cry out at the mockery of sentimentalism that would spare this life, feed and clothe this body, provide mental diversion for this distorted brain? Is Society called upon to preserve or save the life of such a as this? Will the Governor dare reprieve this burglar, this incendiarist, this highwayman, this murderer of defenseless boys.

present a pleasant contrast to those at The first paragraph enunciates a London four years ago. We re of not to make an effort to give such in-principle to which the entire Nation no at empts by the Swedes to dispute formation as is possible on so abstruse s devoted. It opens no new question, the right of Americans to their vic- a subject to an Albany swain who declares no novel issue. It is in the tories. We read of no attempts to writes in anxious expectancy: other declarations that the pleasing drag an exhausted runner to the winpromise lies. They admit a condition ning post in an effort to cheat an that the East has long ignored. Proread of no charges of foul play by the how well authenticated, have there hosts against their athletic guests. As sportsmen, the Swedes shine by contrast with the nation which prides itdists, were for several years in high self above all others on its sports-

The spirit pervading Stockholm is could be made the homes of prosper- onstration of feeling which characwealth-producing settlers were terizes the Englishman in the fear of display of bad form and which jushensive plan for their utilization was tiffes the saying of the old chronicler ever adopted. A vast potential wealth that the English "take their pleasures sadly." The Swedes regard the games use under some indefinite, indefin- as a gala occasion and act accordingly. They cheerfully accord the palm to the victor and the only feeling which But today there is hardly a well- they appear to restrain is that of mortification when their athletes are bested in the arena.

All honor to the Swedes. When Eastern bureaucrats have retarded they win, we gladly acclaim them vic-Western development and in countless tors, and when they lose we acclaim

defender of Lorimer. The controversy about the Illinois Senator, like many proved the total unfitness of either to decide questions as to the validity of a man's claim to a seat.

thority to hear evidence and make pin money. findings of fact on contests. It should cations of its members. It would at sues and from influencing voters in Her unconcern might be

It is difficult for an unbiased man settles in her moorings with a sigh of who has watched closely the proceed- \$300, while there are women who contentment. The Oregon was a long lings in the Lorimer case to understand would be left inconsolable at loss of

successfully maintained. The first inquiry by the Burrows river, floated up the broad bosom of the Tribune and excluded evide.ce not the mighty stream and came home. bearing upon them. Upon the finding \$5000 and died of despair at havings as to the Tribune's charges alone ing been reduced to such abject pov-the Senate voted that Lorimer was erty. The \$5000 went to an only entitled to his seat. Afterwards new brother who forthwith perished of joy charges of the same nature were made at coming into such vast wealth. of the issue whether these new charges unattainable is ever just before her As battleships live, the Oregon is a had been sustained and was not well in alluring colors. Furthermore she veteran. She found her galt early, founded. The Burrows committee, by does not fall back solely on money when she made the 14,000-mile run confining its inquiry to the Tribune for happiness.

around the Horn in 1898, ready to charges, had left the way clear for a worldly pleasures left to a woman who

in naval warfare; first, that a battle- the Burrows committee's findings by ond, that she could jump into the fray tainable to aid it in deciding whether

Our battleship will be in port but a guilty man trying to avoid punishit was not, and that therefore the case already decided that the case had not nary things of life. On the evening of March 29 a dou- been finally adjudicated, and the Dilble murder was committed on the lingham committee went beyond its

White House road. Two young men, province in reporting to the contrary offensive, promising, ambitious, with every desire, every reason, every right mittees of inquiry have been such as and hear strange sounds, both at

Lorimer has convicted himself be fore the tribunal of public opinion and try his case by the refusal of its committees, first, to hear all the evidence and second, after hearing all the evidence, to find in accordance therewith.

THE FLAG IS FIRST WITH THE ELKS

In welcoming and paying honor to the Elks, Portland honors the most distinctly American of the secret socleties. The order of Elks was founded the United States, membership is confined to American citizens and reverence for the Flag is one of its cardinal tenets. Every patriotic American can consistently open his heart and home to the Elks, for he can be assured that no taint of disloyalty will enter with them.

This guiding principle of patriotism is expressed in the decorations which adorn the city on the occasion of the Elks' coming. Though the Elks have their own distinctive color, this takes no more than equal place with the National Flag, and everywhere the red, white and blue fly with the purple, By their loyalty and patriotism the Elks justify their claim to be the Best

People on Earth. Long may the order flourish and inculcate such principles.

STRATEGY OF THE ENGAGEMENT RING.

The Oregonian does not assert an ability to impart expert advice on the The Olympic games at Stockholm cent finesse and the methods vary. But it would be altogether heartless

Please inform me through The Oregonian as to which is the proper time to place the engagement ring on the girl's finger, should a person purchase the ring before becoming engaged and take chances on her accepting it or do sou think it would be best to become engaged first? Please inform me what is the proper and mannerly way.

aspirations should by all means purchase the engagement ring in ad-vance. If the outcome is uncertain he was paid for influencing cit, legisdicated by such loose management that land frauds became widely prevailed at London. The valent the faddists jumped to the opfect on the denouement is apt to prove honest public service in the election of of the utmost strategic importance. A men who are proof against such temp-Seemingly the horesty of cans and other visitors in merriment girl glancing into the freekled, con- tations than in whole volumes of laws Mountains, prairies, meadow land, swamp land, millions of acres that of that restraction of the results of the state of th girl can resist the radiant beauty of a solitaire with its multitude of daz-

By all means buy the ring ahead of time. For one thing it affords an exinine ecutacy over its limited depths and multitudinous hues, she may for-get what goes with it and thus you are assured of success.

Even if the bonus of a magnificent diamond does not suffice to bolster up One good point has been made by a the diamond, and a diamond in itself is popularly supposed to be a profit able investment.

LOSING A NECKLACE. The nonchalance with which the daughter of a wealthy New York fam-Congress is essentially a political body, ily noted the loss of a \$30,000 neckswayed by political motives, while lace and her apparent carelessness in the questions at issue in a contest are misplacing the gems on a liner en essentially questions for judicial deciroute from Europe, emphasize the Senator McCumber is entitled fact that wealth is relative and that to credit for unusual courage in oppos-ing Lorimer's expulsion at the risk of need not be looked upon as evidence losing his seat at the next election, but of especially good fortune. This worequired proves the unfitness of the to worry over the loss of a mere \$30. Senate to try the points at issue. Each House of Congress should del- would ruin many people of affluence egate to a court or some other body She can replace it or buy half a dozen free from political influence the au-

But incidentally the easy ability to by tacit agreement abide by the find- own such gems plainly has dulled her ings of fact in voting finally whether copacity for enjoying them. While a member is entitled to a seat. In her wealth is such that she need not this manner it would comply with the constitutional provision that each necklace what can such gems mean house shall be the judge of the qualifi. to her? Her whole life must have been adjusted to similar proportions. the same time prevent such cases as Gems fit for her reluctant apprecia Lorimer's from becoming political 4s- tion must cost \$300,000 or \$3,000,000. some women at loss of a \$3000 neckhow the plea of res adjudicata can be a \$30 ornament or one costing thirty

> The incident in itself is of no cona scale fitted to her pocketbook as

It is a widespread assumption that

was then in the eyes of the world, and charges. Backed by new evidence, is entirely unconcerned at losing a she stayed there in the engagement Lorimer had also deprived himself of fortune in jewels? Mere possession off Santiago. Those were precedents the right to a complete vindication on of the baubles tells of a nature de-

lighter pursuits and galeties. If this woman cared nothing for her costly coms then it is to be assumed that the Lorimer's action has been that of lost their power to please. Things guilty man trying to avoid punishmust be drawn on a prodigious scale Things nothing new then comes the exquisite torture of ennul which wealth merely fosters and which can be escaped only by those who seek contentment rather

is surpassed by her envy of normal had already been decided. By order- people in moderate circumstances who ing the second inquiry the Senate had yet have capacity to enjoy the ordi-

tentiary for burglary. He had served another term in the Multnomah County Jail for burglary. He had served a does not shut out material evidence, Hundred" at the game. We may does not shut out material evidence, nor after such a limited inquiry and after obtaining new evidence does a second committee hold that the first verdict was final when it lacked the stead of discordant yells of defirst essential of finality—admission of all evidence which could possibly be be the signing of the land would be sufficient to contract the singing of the land would be sufficient to contract the singing of the land would be sufficient to contract the signing of

mingling of religion and baseball by Senate has proved its unfitness to installing a pipe organ in the grand-

> 'Has Anybody Here Seen Kelly?" stead of the appropriate hymn; or the organ might strike up "Alexander's Ragtime Band" instead of the solemn strains of the voluntary. Dr. Brougher would better be careful lest his enforget where baseball ends and religion begins, or where religion ends and baseball begins.

There is some hope for Joseph Ba con, who insisted that Federal Judge Bean give him a limit sentence for selling liquor to Indians. The man averred that liquor and cigarettes have been the curse of his life. He knows from a long trial at the unequal struggle that he cannot conquer himself if left in his old environment. Hence his wish is to be locked up and saved from his worst enemy, himself. Long months in fall will give ample time for the development of those things in his nature that are best. Vicious impulses must go unindulged during restraint and so they will perish, or lose vitality through inaction. The man who goes to jail in such a spirit will emerge freed of the meshes of vicious habits for the very fact that subtle topic of wooing and winning a he sees his weaknesses at their real young woman. It is an art of evanes- value, implies a wealth of inherent goodness that merely needs cultivating.

Abe Ruef's story of how he got on the payroll of the San Francisco corporations is illuminating as to the difficulty of bringing home to a political boss a charge of receiving bribes. Ruef being retained as an attorney and the nature of the ser ices he was to'render being a subject of tacit un-One who has serious matrimonial convicted of receiving bribes on eviconvicted of receiving bribes on evidence that he was paid retainers. Yet those in charge, There is more security for

Democratic economy grants \$600. 000 for the Celilo Canal when \$800,000 would keep work going continuously. If only \$600,000 is spent this year much more than an additional \$200. cellent wedge for opening the grave question. When the psychological moment arrives, take it casually from and to do what could have been done and to do what could have been done your vest pocket; then proceed with this year by continuous operation. your little speech. In the deep fem-That is economy with the reverse lever thrown on,

The design f the "nickel" is to be changed by the artistic element in the Treasury Department, regardless of "handsome is as handsome does." The present coin has a great purchasing power to the man with but a few and any improvement cannot better it.

Any man who, like Paul von Nein dorff, will not allow his wife to select and buy her own clothes, is a reactionary and, moreover, is guilty of the refinement of cruelty. The poor woman is deprived of the greatest pleasure

Fortunately the country has a balance wheel in its makeup. The Senate has just provided for two battleships which the Democrats in House refused to sanction

The time has been long since Demo. crats have indulged in a parade, but not long enough to forget the battered old roosters they wore in their hats and the consequences that followed.

Roberts' remark to the judge, "You might as well hang me," was mere bravado, for he believes that Governor West stands between him and the gal

house, now realizes the discomforts of having too much money. T R. will not be embarrassed by

the La Follette demands for campaign fund explanations. Explaining is the Colonel's specialty.

The McNamara confessio mcde ensation, but one f. om Darrow might give great impetes to foreign travel. Next thing the Navy Department will be selecting Portland harbor for

annual fleet maneuvers. Colonel is now the ideal title for Teddy. His following has been reduced to about one regiment.

Let's make those visiting Elks swear Portland's the Best Place On Earth. Now Dr. Hazzard can starve at

since her license has been revoked. few degrees of that Chicago temperature would not be amiss here.

Mrs. Daggett's collie dog should have a Carnegie hero medal.

The Bandana Club will meet tonight to blow the horns

FAULTS IN NEW FAILING SCHOOL AN ENGLISHMAN'S FOURTH OF JULY

Citizens Object to Playground Below Level of Street. PORTLAND, July 6. - (To the Edzen who has at heart the welfare and progress of the community in which he is a resident who is likely to grumble at any expenditure of public money for educational purposes, whether that expenditure be for the building and equip-ment of schoolhouses, the laying out of suitable playgrounds for the rising gen-to adopt the word of larger meaning. than pleasure.

Perhaps the envy which many feel for this same heiress and her millions a suitable spirit of economy, apart from and pleasure bent, I found myself stinginess and parsimony, will be con- stranded by force of circumstances in

been finally adjudicated, and the Dillingham committee went beyond its province in reporting to the contrary.

Even were Lorimer innocent, his own conduct and that of the two committees of inquiry have been such as to convince the public of his guilt! An innocent man does not seek to smother inquiry. A committee which is honestly endeavoring to ascertain facts which will guide it in convicting a man if guilty acquitting him if innocent.

all evidence which could possibly be be the signal for the singing of the that no better selection of a sultable obtained. We may go even further in the other city between San Diego and other city between San Diego and Sitka. Fully eight feet above street installing a pipe organ in the grand-tand. stand.

But dangers are hidden in this incipient revolution. When in church, it is situated is 480 feet by 200 feet, and the choir might, influenced by the

purpose. But what do we find? First—that at the west side of the lot a playground 50 by 200 feet is being excavated to a depth of six feet below the street level. Of course this pit will have to be encircled by a concrete wall ten feet high and will have to be paved before it can be used. Of course it would be It can be used. Of course it would be filled with water from the Winter rains; hence it will have to be drained, and that will involve a contract for some enterprising plumber or other, all of which means a further outlay of money for something wholly super-fluous. The people of Portland do not want their children to pursue their studies in dark and ill-ventilated cel-lars, nor to take their amusement at the noon hour in subterranean play-

The farce is bad enough in all conthe larce is oad enough in all conscience, but it does not stop there. On the east side of the lot a big fill is being thrown up as an offset to the bottomless pit at the west side. This embankment, when completed, will be four feet above the natural level of the ground and 14 feet above the grade of Corbett street. In order to hold this Corbett street. In order to hold this artificial embankment in place, a retaining wall of reinforced concrete is being built around it, 16 feet high and seven feet wide on the bottom, heavy enough to support a seven-story build-

an excavation on the west side of the same property?

It does seem as if this expenditure is like a double-edged sword, paying for excavation at one end and for filling up at the other. It is plain enough that all this expenditure could have been avoided by simply leveling off the been avoided by simply leveling off the ground from its natural state. Search the state over and one cannot find any piece of land that seemed designed by nature for location of a schoolhouse equal to this. It cost a big price and should not be mutilated in any way. In all this there is nothing to be seen but incompetency pure and simple by those in charge.

C. F. HEYWOOD. 706 Corbett street. S. PLYMALE. 720 Corbett street. E. CASPEN, 700 Corbett street. F. J. POLIVKA, 714 Water street. N. H. BIRD. WM. B. JOLLY. 752 First street. JOHN K. STANTON, 724 Corbett street. DANIEL FREY. JOHN COBB.

754 Corbett street. ANGORA GOATS TO CLEAR LAND Afterward Is Time for Powder and Stump Pullers, Says Writer.

PORTLAND, July 7 .- (To the Editor.)
I noticed in The Oregonian of a recent date a news report of a meeting of representative men in Seattle to discuss the problem of reclaiming the logged-off lands of this Pacific North-America will ever be important to the control of the control

much more trouble to clear than if the

sen-stile-the I have worked at that problem with brain and brawn for the last 29 years. The average settler who tackles such a proposition as to clear himself out a home generally has little else but musto buy he would invest in improved land. The easier the job is done, the longer he will last to enjoy the fruits of his labors. A good fence for goats of his labors. A good fence for goats is necessary. Any fence that is straight up and down, whether of rails, boards or wire, will do. Next, put a band of angora goats on the land and clear as they clear the brush off. Always keep them three or four years ahead, if possible. Of course, that cannot be done Vincent Astor, with a revolver at hand and with guards around his time, they will soon get ahead. After they are through, then is the time for

stump powder and stump pullers.

If one grubs land "out of the wild."
on most lands, garden truck and crop
generally do not do as well for two or
three years, unless there has been left a good cost of ashes on the land by the fire when the slash was burned. But when the goat is through with the land the latter is ready for a bumper crop right off, as the goat scatters the fertilizer pretty evenly all over the tract. While the goat is busy clearing off the brush he is paying the owner for the chance in the sliky fleece and the increase of the flock. He will do the job better than any other animal in existence can and will turn the foul growth that is a bother into golden sheckels while the owner waits.

I believe it will be a good investment for men with money to buy up logged-off lands, fence them in tracts, say not over 80 acres, and put Angora goats on them. When the goats have the sprouts killed, then the land is ready for the

There is nothing that grows that the goat won't eat, and he prefers browse to anything else. The fire traps on the burns that are such a menace to stand-ing timber can be entirely eliminated the use of the goat.
J. R. SPRINGER.

A Feather in London's Cap. Baltimore American. London has the best health record among European capitals.

He "Celebrates" in Unique Fashion in Valley of the Siusiaw

GLENADA, Or., July 5 .- (To the Editor.)—There is no true American citi-

ceded to be money well invested.

But when there are evidences of graft visible to the gaze of the most casual observer; when good money raised through taxation of property, resi and with mixed feelings to a lonely and symmetric description.

outside my bedroom window and, looking out, I found that they proceeded from the lusty throats of small Ameri cans, augmented by the sounds of in numerable firecrackers bursting, while the Americans of larger growth looked on with happy approval. Further sleep being impossible, I dressed and went outside to join the revelry, not, how-ever, without some searchings of spirit as to how I should be met on su

mind in any case to explore these beauty spots, I accepted the invitation. The genial host and hostess of the ho-tel had made arrangements to provide "rigs" to take us the two and a half miles out to the second of the series of lakes, where we were to be met of lakes, where we were to be met by boats, taken across this lake, then over Helkat trail (strange name), thence across Lake Tsiltcoos to the ranch of Mr. Schuster. There dinner was to be provided, after which speeches, recitations, sports, the local band, etc. Such was the programme.

Most of the excursionists elected to go in the "riga." I. however, preferred to walk to Lake Woahink, and well was my effort rewarded. Possibly my London-tired eyes magnified the beau-London-tired eyes magnified the beau-ties of the rise from the hotel, with its view of the Siuslaw, Pacific Ocean, lying in a blue haze of heat, and the distant wooded capes stretching far north. Possibly my experience in London parks caused me to exaggerate the beauties of the walk through the tim-ber and bosky lanes of bracken, rhododendron, huckleberries and strange new vegetation to Robinson's landing stage. Possibly my experience of European countries had not prepared me, an Englishman, of all men, on such a day, for the universal welcome I received. As I was introduced and pressed hearty hands all round, I felt I was amongst my own—chez mol—proudly too I pinned "Old Glory" in my buttonhole ing. Now if a high place on the east end of a school lot is something meritorious, what earthly need is there of an excavation on the west side of the was accepted.

Lake Woahink' possesses glories I

should be jealous to preserve. Helkat trail, between Woahink and Tsiltcoos, wild spot of strange beauty, twisting and turning through the aiders, should be sacred from the woodman's ax; and then Tsiltcoos—how can one express in adequate language your stately grand. adequate language your stately grandeur? Arms stretching in all directions, until the meander line extends 100 miles, each inlet more beautiful than the other; wooded slopes, home of the stately deer, haunt of the bear, cougar and wildcat, waters teeming with trout and salmon. How could I refrain from raising my voice in a loud paen to your praise! As the echo came back, reverberating from inlet to inlet, head to head, it seemed as though the long-departed Indians were hurling back de-flance at those who dared usurp their

Schuster's at last, where the Maple Creek and Fiddle Creek ranchers were waiting to greet us. What a royal welcome again, and how many questions I been ordered to Camp Baker in Southcome again, and how many questions I had to answer as to how it went with the old country, and how my heart again rejoiced at the welcome I received. Such a people, and such a day! Then the dinner. Words fall me. The chicken, hams, beef, pies, cakes, strawberries, raspberries, cream, loganberries in royal profusion—or was it another miracle the basksts that respectively. other miracle, the baskets that re-

The recitations and speeches breathed the true, generous spirit of freedom, with nothing of the boastful, and proudly the old flag waved over us all. What a day! What a flag! Who would not be proud to be born under

cuss the problem of reclaiming the logged-off lands of this Pacific Northwest. The Oregonian also discusses the question editorially.

Stumping powder and grubbers are spoken of, but the most effective plan to get rid of the live growth on the land is not mentioned. Of course the general practice is to slash and burn, and where the growth is large that is the first thing to be done, but what about sprouts, wild blackberries and all wild growth that so quickly cover the ground again?

Unless one have a large bank account to go right ahead and clear it in at Truly the first Fourth of July in to go right ahead and clear it in at least within two years one will have much years one will have Alas that it should be so; and I—well, I have the memories of this Glenada country, its lakes and woods, rivers and ocean, and I prefer to let them remain memories. Do not ask me to come here again, to see Nature crucified. Glorious Glenada. Lovely lakes, shimmering Siuslaw! How happy Amer-

icans should be to have yet left such spots. Go therefore and here commune with Nature face to face, ere the wild

woods are the scene of utilitarian ac-tivity in all its sordid ugliness. As for me, I go forth a wanderer on the face of the earth, bearing always in my mind the memory of the generous spirit of free America. Old sores are healed, language has now become the political boundary. I see now and for ever the two flags united, floating always together in amity, always in van of the world movement toward advancement civilization and eventual brotherhood of man. W. GRIGG.

Carrier Pigeon Likes Camp MELBOURNE, Wash., July 4 .- (To the

Editor.)-I was reading a piece in The Oregonian a few days ago of a carrier and the figures 9595, and the red rub-

ber band had the number 383 and the letter T. The bird is very tame and refuses to leave the camp. Would like to have you tell us whether that is some secret message or just registration marks.

TOIVE LEMPI.

It is probably the private mark of ome fancier.

tovies" Need Proofrender.

PORTLAND, July 6.—(To the Editor.)

The "Pathe" Film Company evidently seeds a good proofreader for the week-

To The Oregon By Dean Collins.

Stern in your coat of mail; Yet fair to us as a star, at last Into our harbor sail:

A thousand ports, in the years agone, Hailed you before you came To taste the welcome that waits for you In the state that gave you her name.

Oregon, first of the mighty hulls That sailed from our Nation's fleet To dare a race round the half of the world

Through the straits where the twin seas meet;
Oregon, first in the battle line,
Where the screaming bolts were hurled That swept the flag of the Spanish race From the seas of the Western world.

Oregon, first from the armored ranks Of our mightlest ships of war To swim the stretch of a hundred miles Up from the ocean fair:

Oregon, first forevermore;
For the ships of the world to be
Guide through the gates of Panama From the West to the Eastern sea.

May the years to come, as the years Ever the richer bear The wreaths of honor the world may

For the Oregon to wear; And brighter still, on the records clear, May the tale of your glory flame— Dregon, this is the prayer for you

From the state that gave you her -Portland, July 7.

Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian of July 8, 1862.
We have received a private letter from Captain Medorem Crawford, who was appointed by President Lincoln to raise, equip and command an escort for the overland emigrants bound for this coast from the Atlantic states. The letter is dated at St. Louis, May 28th, His company will consist of 50 mounted men, armed with revolving pistols and states that his employes are all indus-trious, steady young men, who desire to make Oregon and Washington their homes, and what is of equal importance, they are good Union men. Captain Crawford states that the emigration westward this year is very large and that nearly all are bound for Oregon and Washington; also that many fami-lies had already started across the plains, which, he fears, were illy provided for the trip.

Florence City, June 29.—The town has only two streets, Main and Minor, crossing each other at right angles, and has perhaps 120 buildings, frame and log, with tents interspersed, and for a new place compactly built. There are perhaps 200 log cabins directly up to the town and on the hills and in the ra-vines and guiches, occupied by the miners, and perhaps 500 tents. I should say the claims now worked are not less than 1500 and not over 2000. I should say two-eighths of the claims pay "grub," five-eighths pay per day from two to four ounces, and the other eighth from four ounces up to 10, 20, 50, 100 and 150 ounces per day, the number rapidly diminishing as you touch the highest figures. The daily yield of the mines here cannot be less than \$50,000 and perhaps nearer \$100,000. Eight men from Marion County, Or. bought the from Marion County, Or., bought "Three-fingered" claim some ago, paying \$5000 in cash, and they informed me that in eight days' work they had paid for the claim, taking out in one day \$1028 and on another day \$570 in some four hours. There are perhaps 4000 men working these mines and 2000 or 3000 in and about town with nothing to do and with but little grub

and less money. The post at Fort Umpqua has been vacated, the troops heretofore stationed there having been ordered to Vancou-We also learn that the last rever.

The ocean steamer Oregon sailed last

The City Council chamber, Recorder's and City Marshal's offices have been removed to second story of brick build-ing on Front, between Washington and Alder streets, immediately over cigar store of H. Wasserman & Co

PORTLAND, July 6.—(To the Editor.)
-In honesty it ought to be said that the Rubaiyat has never been popular with people of deep piety, either Christian or Mohammedan. Men. like the reverend critic, whose lives attest their goodness, have generally condemned it. After all it is doubtful if anyone believing in salvation through atenement alone admires its philosophy. Only the religious zingari, shameless-

ly stealing from poet or peasant, philosopher or priest, whatever seems good to them might find anything in the verses worth carrying away—and gipsies are born not made.

So wouldn't it be better to direct our so wouldn't it be better to direct our efforts against the pestilential "ragtime," a "pled piper," that is luring a multitude of youth to the lower planes of life, than to denounce a nightingale whose singing in the distance can never attract the many, and whose voice, call-ing from the shadows, may be an in-spiration of hope to the listening few? SARAH HINDS WILDER.

Conflict of Two Dates.

PORTLAND, July 7.—(To the Editor.)
—It is unfortunate that the automobile
races will conflict Tuesday afternoon
with the opening of the Terwilliger
boulevard. We ought to remember that the Elks are our guests and that we are expecting a number of members of the Automobile Club to furnish their machines on that afternoon, to take the visitors from the Elks' Hall to the boulevard. The parkway is rightly called in the Elks' programme as being pigeon being found dead in the vicinity of the Humptulips with a rubber and the most scenic boulevard in America. Silver band on its legs. A week ago We want all the visitors who can postoday a pigeon came to camp, with the sibly do so to take this trip, knowing same kind of bands on its legs. One they will pronounce it the grandest of the bands had the letters A. 11B. view they have gazed on and one of

THE PORTLAND PARKWAY COM-MITTEE. Per R. I. Hepburn

"The Best People on Earth." BLUE RIVER, Or., July 6.—(To the Editor.)—I wish to state for the information of visiting delegates to the Elks' convention, those of them who take pleasure in fishing, hunting and scenery, that there are good transportation facilities, with stage and auto, from Eugene. At Blue River there is ample accommodation for tourists, with a new y edition that it publishes. By The hotel, well equipped and within easy pregonian I note that one of the pretreach of all points of interest. Show tlest features of the Rose Festival is the "best people on earth" that there credited to Seattle in a late edition of its "weekly." It was but a few weeks ago that a picture of the cadets drilling at the Oregou Agricultural College was credited with having been taken at "Clooville," Oregon L. F. DAN MALLEN.