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early history of Oregon in The Oregonian, December 15 and December to Oregon; it identifies Oregon; it is 22. conduct the reader pleasantly Oregon through the series of events which transformed the "continuous woods" where Bryant's "Oregon" rolled and heard "no sound save its own dashings" into a civilized and populous community. Some of Mr. Blossom's readers must have been surprised to learn that a bill was introduced in the National House of Representatives as early as 1820 by Dr. John Floyd, of Virginia, to establish a territorial gov-ernment in Oregon. Very properly the bill came to nothing, for at that time It was an absurdity. In 1820 there could not have been more than half a dozen white men in the region south of the Columbia and north of California, including a straggler or two from W. P. Hunt's party of 1811 and perhaps as many old employes of the Hudson's Bay Company. The latter were not permitted to settle in the company's domain before Dr. Mc-Loughlin's day, but no doubt some of them may have done so surreptitiously, though certainly not many.

The first intelligent attention which Oregon received in Congress was excited by William A. Slacum's report to the Government. This gentleman was dispatched from California by President Jackson to investigate the affairs of the missionaries and colonists in 1835. He was one of the subscribers to the Willamette Cattle Company, which imported the first herd from the South, and thus established

systematic agriculture in the Williamette Valley. President Jackson was induced to send Slacum to Oregon by the woeful tales which Hall J. Kelley had brought back from the Coast after his adventurous trip from California Vancouver with Ewing Young. to Both Hall and Young reached Van couver with an accusation of stealing horses hanging over their heads and they could hardly have expected much social attention from Dr. McLoughlin, At any rate they did not get much,

and Kelley, who was a good deal more than half cracked, resented the neg-Nathaniel Wyeth, who was in lect. Vancouver at that time, also ignored Kelley, but that slight was forgiven and all the vials of his wrath were poured out on McLoughlin and the British interests for which he stood Kelley's lamentations came to President Jackson's ears and appeared to him important enough to warrant an investigation. So he ordered Slacum to make one.

Slacum was an intelligent and high-

nent natural and reasonable and the interest in Congress which finally se-cured it must be credited to Jason History has not treated this great man with the attention he de-000. serves, nor was he honored by his excluded from American register; band of public-spirited men who plan own church as he should have been, they are now admitted, when owned to run it as if it were a library. They serves, nor was he honored by his He died in neglect, deprived of his mission appointment and pursued dividuals are frequently modified by with calumny

Nations also?

NEW LAND CODE NEEDED.

WEBFOOT.

The Portland, Eugene & Eastern Railroad-the Harriman electric lines for the Willamette Valley-has been advised to take the title "Webfoot "We object!" route" for its system. shouts some one. Object? Well, The Oregonian does not. It approvesheartily, unreservedly, delightedly The name Webfoot may not be good enough for your unacclimated tender-foot, but it is good enough for us. For pose of carrying out the policy of conwe are webfooted through and through-that is to say, where it has lawfully acquired, is made apparent them as fast as it ought. The ex-been ordained that we or anyone by a paper read by Professor Charles ample of Northampton is proving so through-that is to say, where it has should be webfooted-and we are G. Yale before the California Milers' attractive to other Massachusetts every country schoolboy proud of it.

ests, hills and dales, and the people PORTLAND, TUESDAY, DEC. 24, 1912. and the spirit of Oregon. It implies meriy sold, but oil, gas and phosphate have taken up the idea of a municipal God-given moisture, bountiful crops, flowing streams, green fields, health, THE WINNING OF OREGON. wealth, prosperity, happiness and con-Robert H. Blossom's sketches of the tentment. It is distinctive, wholesome, worthy, respectable. It belongs

We hope the Portland, Eugene & Eastern will adopt the 'Webfoot route" as its very own. It is all right. liminary to location.

LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT.

Helen Gould's tender entanglement with Mr. Shepherd is clearly a case of drawal such land could be acquired love at first sight. She went to St. Louis on an errand as far as possible which is not applicable to deposits removed from Cupid's wiles. Her mishidden deep underground and which was to look after the welfare of can be discovered only by costly work. the Y. W. C. A. foundations, to which Secretary Fisher recommends the she has been a generous and constant granting of permits for such exploracontributor. But as she flitted about tory work, giving the holder exclusive her plous duties she beheld the manly possession so long as he continues beauty of Mr. Shepherd through the work. car window and she was lost.

acquisition of mineral springs, water-When It was the same with him. power sites and watering places in the he gazed for the first time on Helen's countenance all the rest of the world faded from his vision and she alone been used to acquire water-holes existed for him. His heart throbbed which control vast areas of range, rom that moment with inextinguish-The thread of a miracuable passion. townsites in National forests, Summer lous affinity drew the couple together. Mr. Shepherd thought that Helen "was purpose. It should be so amended as a most wonderful woman." She found to apply only to land bearing mineral in him her ideal of knightly beauty. which shows on or near the surface and not in place. New laws are need-How he first met her he "does not distinctly recall," as he confesses ingenued governing all classes of public land, Who ever does? "Where and ously. for the present laws are a direct inhow did I earliest meet her? What citement to fraud. were the words she first did say?" All A large proportion of mining litigathat is wrapped in a golden mist of

tion could be prevented by repeal of blessed confusion. the provision granting extra-lateral What we hope is that Mr. Shepherd will continue to find his Helen as wonderful as she appears to him now, and that in her eves he will always be a model of knightly beauty. Their union will be the story of King Cophetua re-versed. "In robe and crown the King ground with any particular vein cropping on the surface. Hence have stepped down to meet and greet" the come underground war and endless beggar maid on her way, and he found lawsuits. British Columbia has disher so lovely that he made her his posed of this difficulty by granting to "that day." Miss Gould steps each miner all the mineral within a down from her opulent social pinnacle square tract of 50 acres, the bounto meet and greet the assistant to the daries of which are extended verticalpresident of one of her railroads.

ly into the earth to any depth. We glory in her excellent taste. She

has done better by far than if she had A MUNICIPAL THEATER. chosen a withered French Count or Northampton, Mass., is a venerable some stale and battered specimen of British Dukedom. When American girls can no longer find suitable huscollege town of the most respectable habits. More than that, it is the site bands at home, there must be someof a woman's college where staid conthing wrong with the human race in this country. Helen Gould's choice of a lover from her railroad offices proves that the trouble is more with the taste day, shock the world by putting radiof the girls than with the attractions cal ideas in practice, and yet that is of the men. It may be that the mat- precisely what it has begun to do, and,

servatism has always been the rule. Nobody would have dreamed that Northampton would, at this time of rimonial experiences of some of her once started on this fascinating road, near relations with foreign aristocrats who knows where it will stop? The

amusement to theater-goers in this lumbian sovereignty; it is now under American sovereignty. The cost of the canal was then estimated at \$175,country The Northampton municipal theater, 000,000; it has cost nearly \$400,000,- as we cipher it out, has not been purchased by the city, but rather by a Foreign-built ships were then by Americans. Contracts between individuals are frequently modified by they are not looking for profits any mutual consent in view of changed more than the founders of the Portmutual consent in view of changed more than the founders of the Port-conditions; why not contracts between Nations also? We have a good case in both law and equity. It remains a library. It could do for Shakes-in both law and equity. It remains

in both law and equity. It remains a library. to be determined whether we can get pears and Ibsen what the library does our case before a court so free from for Gibbon and Milton. That is, or ought to be, the principal difference. The old notion that a theater is a National self-interest that it will recognize the strength of our contentions. satanic institution that cannot flourish out of date.

The necessity of a general revision that a successful church festival millions. required some little indulgence of of the land laws, not only for the purthe looser passions. Humanity is outgrowing those barbaric ideas, though it doesn't grow out of servation, but to provide means by which several classes of L.nd can be Association. Coal land is being sold towns that they have already begun The name Webfoot belongs to the at appraised values considerably to follow it. The Outlook article from soil, the climate, the rivers, the for- above the minimum price fixed by which we have gleaned this informalaw at which all coal land was for- tion names a number of places which land has been entirely withdrawn theater. Companies of public-spirited from sale awaiting legislation for its citizens usually set the project going disposal. Water-power sites can be and the people show their good sense secured only under revocable permits, by supporting it. The whole enterwhich are too insecure a basis of title prise is working out almost exactly to allow of large investments. Unless like the public library idea, which has mineral is exposed on the surface, a become so widely popular in the prospector has no security against the United States. It only awaits some Carnegie to provide buildings. We jumper while making exploration preshall then behold municipal theaters The present administration of the opening their doors everywhere and land laws is therefore a makeshift. the drama will pass on from a money-Phosphate, oil and gas development making institution of questionable is entirely suspended. Before withentirely suspended. Before withucation and enlightened amusement. only under the placer mining law. The purpose of the municipal theater will not be so much to make silly persons laugh at idiotic jokes and grin over lewd displays as to reinforce the influence of the home, the school and the church

> The handsomest of the commanders in the Balkan war is Prince Danilo, of Lack of laws governing the Montenegro, whose moustache is simply fascinating. But according to the deserts tempts men to pervert the pictures in current periodicals, all the placer mining law. This law has allies are handsome. Even the Bulpictures in current periodicals, all the tributes. Algae, mucor and forms up to the hepaticae teem with microscopic ob stacles in research work, and it ap garian peasant soldiers are ideally proportioned, with faces of an ethereal power sites where there is no mineral, charm. Beauty seems to belong to the victors in modern warfare. The resorts, in fact land for almost any Turk used to be portrayed as an Apollo in the days of his prosperity, but now he looks more like a scarecrow.

The proposal comes from the East These, it is said, ought to be assigned to women officials. Surprise is expressed by one newspaper that men should ever have been permitted to rights to holders of lode claims. This meddle with such matters. Certainly provision is based on a theory long they have made a sad mess of them. been granted.

> Being well acquainted with the Turks, the Balkan allies are not disposed to help their game of procrastination by allowing them to revictual the besieged towns before peace is signed. The only way to hurry the Turk is to put his armies to flight in the open field or to starve them in beleaguered fortresses.

Newfoundland is the graveyard o ships on the Atlantic Coast, as Vancouver Island is on the Pacific Coast. Its fogs seem to have been devised for the purpose of bewildering the mariner, that he may the more easily be cast on its bleak, rocky shores.

and Carthaginians found it a toilsome voyage across the Mediterranean in that which we desire to have, but rather that which comes to us day by The voyage across the Mediterranean in their galleys propelled by oars. Now day other day we read with amazement Garros flies across in a few hours. The That there is considerable misunderworld has made some progress since standing on the part of society as re-gards old maids and bachelors has been the Punic wars. brought out by the various contributors on this question. To place the entire blame upon society for the existence of Movement for elimination of the black man from the army comes with old maids and bachelors, or all the other ills of mortal man, is futile, else bad grace from New York. It was the

FIRE NOT ONLY FOREST ENEMY AIMS OF POULTRY ASSOCIATION Shows Not for Individual Profit, but to Upbuild Industry.

Insect Injury and Decay Must Also Be Combated. PORTLAND, Dec. 23 .- (To the Edi-PORTLAND, Dec. 23 .- (To the Editor.)-The probable legislative appro-priation of \$100,000 for forest fire pro-the intents and purposes for which the hope to make it pay expenses, but tection for 1913 is admirable as a state Poultry and Pet Stock Association was measure to protect its timber wealth, formed. First, last and all the time, the aim yet it takes no cognizance of the more

> trees by insects causes an annual loss tion was founded, and not as a money of \$100,000,000 in the United States." making proposition for the benefit of its stockholders. We consider the good will of the breeders our best asset, as be taken as the fractional part it represents in total board-foot measure of the New York and the stockholders.

without more or less immorality is out of date. People once supposed the Nation's timber, which simple cal-culation gives us an enormous loss of be no show, depending as we do entire-in the Nation's timber, which simple cal-is out of date. for competition. Our success is assu

culation gives us an enormous loss of millions. Nor can we safely consider a lower estimate, for here two of the most predaceous forms of insect enemies have a favorable habitat. Even elementary incursions among red cedar specimens will seldom fail to reveal the destruct ive Western cedar heartwood borer and every country schoolboy is familiar with the flat-headed bark bore, the larvae mines of which infest the Doug-manisms are important factors in de-struction, entering the cell structure through the minutest wound in the epi-dermal system. Conspicuous changes occur, causing profound modifications affecting the entire metabolism, foraffecting the entire metabolism, fol-lowed by exhaustion, decay and death. The maxima of decomposition stim-uli are represented in the foregoins and other important matters have been

uli are represented in the foregoins characters, but senescence and natural death, phenomena hitherto ignored by plant pathologists, are important con-siderations in the annual loss. Could the ship for the ensuing year, and with death, phenomena intherto ignored by plant pathologists, are important con-siderations in the annual loss. Could the age be prolonged or, stated in-versely, death be retarded, by giving the normal dying period an increased accentuation by the magnification of annual meeting were chosen to pliot the ship for the ensuing year, and with the hearty co-operation of the breeders and confidence of their associates, fu-ture success is assured. Report, as read at the annual meet-

the normal dying period an increased accentuation by the magnification of environmental alds, surmounting the mechanical difficulties of existence, or scouring the living plant serum and ther media for possible bacterial de-ther media for possible bacterial de-ther media for possible bacterial de-ter success is assured. Report, as read at the annual meet-ing, showed a small net balance accru-ing from the late show, which, added to balance on hand from shows held to balance on hand from shows held environmental aids, surmounting the environmental difficulties of existence. In ing from the hand from shows and to balance on hand from shows and the strongers, natural death in trees might in former years, approaches the sum in former years, approaches t

become a thing of the past. Discouraging physical difficulties confront one in experiments among confers. Severing a cross section off a dying tree top induces hemorrhages, draining the cells beyond a zone where-in favorable observations could be con-ducted, clogging masses of embryonic tissue and adulterating the sap struc-tissue and adulterating the sap struc-

ture with totally foreign indicatives, producer is better. EDWIN J. LADD.

FAULTS OF BUYING IN QUANTITIES.

ob-Consemer Takes Risks and Does Not Always Have Purchase Price.

PORTLAND, Dec. 34 .- (To the Editor.)-One writer has attempted to place the blame for high cost of living upon the consumer. He insists that the householder should buy food in large quantities at a time and thus considerably reduce living expenses. I believe this would be an economical plan

in the case of the person who keeps a boarding-house or a hotel, where there is always need of a large quantity of provisions, but for the average home . think the plan would be a total failure. of course, during the Summer months the housewife might be able to use a 100-pound sack of sugar to good pecu-niary advantage. But the question arises, would it be wise for her to lay

in a large supply of flour, cereals, etc., for use during the Winter months" Un-less they were kept in a storeroom or

other warm, dry place there would be danger of loss by dampness, decay, or germ development. Only the other day my wife discov-

ered several small worms in a sack of rice that had been in the pantry but a few days. The cereal was guaranteed to be of the best quality, too. We might eat the germs that are to be found oc-casionally in grain and be none the casionally in grain and be none the wiser, but we could not relish them when developed into full-grown worms. Of course, the remainder of the sack had to be thrown away. Had it been a 100-pound sack instead of a five-pound one, the loss would have been ap-preciable to a family of moderate means. Then, again, when the workingman Then, again, when the workingman

By Dean Collins. Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the store The late shoppers surged with a rush

The Lay of the Last Night

and a roar: An idea caught me, I sudden bethought me

Of all of the presents my good friends had bought ms; 1 stood for a moment dismayed, like a dumb thing,

"Gee whiz! I forgot! I must go and get something!

So while in my ear thus my conscience

spake loud, I plunged through the doors and was caught in the crowd, Twas no time to try, or size up with

my eye The sort of the presents I wanted to buy: I fought with the crowd and held onto

my hat. And roared at the clerk: "Gimme that one-and that!

My collar was busted, my coat sleeve was ripped, My necktie up under my right ear was

slipped I mumbled in doubt, in the hurry and rout;

"I'm in, but, Great Scott, will I ever get out?

And while thus I pondered, dismayed and forlorn, A big, heavy gentleman trod on my

corn. But still I forged on in the midst of

the rush, And busted a hand-painted plate in the crush. No chance for one stopping; one must

keep on shopping. While back of the counters the sales-men were hopping:

For Christmas eve swiftly was scooting away, And I must get ready for glad Christ-

mas day.

At last, about midnight, exhausted by hurry, I sat on the curbstone and gasped, "I

should worry.

This sort of a spree very pleasing may be For some, but for this one-well, no

more for me." And holding my head, which was feeling all whirly, "Next year, believe me, I shall go shop-ping early!"

Portland, December 23,

Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian of December 24, 1862. Headquarters of the Army of the Potomac, December 16. During last night the Army of the Potomac evacu-ated its positions on the opposite side of the river. The enemy never dis-covered the movement until it was too late to do us any damage.

The Mountaineer says an elderly man, known as "the Old Emigrant." was found dead in the river at the foot of Court street. The Dalles, on the morning of the 21st.

The City of Portland has of late been on its good behavior. The police say that it is impossible to find a subject for the Recorder's Court.

Messrs. Weeks, Glimore & Co., suc-cessors to Johnson & Perkins, on the corner of Wasihngton and First streets. keep up the holiday practice of their predecessors by having on hand elegant and appetizing assortment of meats, poultry and everything in their line of business. business.

On October 26 an attempt was made On October 26 an attempt was made to fire the buildings owned by the Puget Sound Agricultural Company in Lewis County, Washington Territory. The Overland Press of November 10, published at Olympia, spoke of Horace Howe as being the incendiary. Mr. Howe in Olympia on December 20 saw the editor of the Press, B. F. Kendall, and struck him with a hazel stick. Kenand struck him with a hazel stick. Ken dall ran across the street, Howe fol-lowing. Kendill drew a revolving pistol and commenced firing at Howe, the third shot striking him. Howe's recovery is doubtful

WOMAN RULES IN INDIAN STATE

pears that though the conifers, which should be made the first-hand subjects of investigation, but obviously cannot be so made, must be approached through more accessible channels. Some day a Burbank, pottering about his greenhouse, will discover the secret. Osmosis, transpiration, the phenomenon The proposal comes from the East to cut the regular police off from all duties pertaining to social problems, of the subjects bearing on the matter. The state's flora, and particularly that flora which favors giantism and gives us an area of forest vegetation soldom surpassed, is of vital interest to every citizen. From marine and half-aquation plant zones to almost ideal Alpine soprovision is based on a theory long since exploded. It has been proved practically impossible to identify a vein mined a thousand feet under-even in places where suffrage has not been erapted

a problem now to prevent its deand death.

Maid and Bachelor Problem.

tor.)—I have read, with much interest, many of the articles on old maids and bachelors that have appeared in The

Oregonian, but no definite conclusion

and some condition of society and the receives a salary of but \$75 or \$80 a receives a receives a receives a salary of but \$75 or \$80 a receives a r Two thousand years ago the Romans ever-growing complexity of everyday

nd death. C. A. OLSON. 677 East Seventy-eighth street, city.

WHOLE ORDER MUST BE CHANGED Writer Can See No Easy Solution of

PORTLAND, Dec. 23 .- (To the Edi-

Oregonian, but no definite conclusion has been presented as regards the so-lution of this growing perplexity. I have no plan to offer as a solution of this question, except that if it were possible to change the present order of things we might be able to solve this and some other questions, but with the

ly efficient agent. He charted the lumbia River, mapped the expiring Indian villages of the Willamette

country, paid Dr. McLoughlin a visit, LIPTON TAKES AMERICAN VIEW. spent time enough with Jason Lee's That cosmopolitan sportsman, Sir missionaries to know them well and, as we have seen, alded the cattle com-Thomas Lipton, does not agree with the most vociferous of his fellow with a subscription. He sailed countrymen about the Panama Canal for the East on February 10, 1837. tolls. He believes that the United This was three years after Jason States, as the owner of the Canal Lee's arrival in Wyeth's train and a "has a right to benefit over foreign little more than a year before he went back East for reinforcements. nations through that ownership." He believes that 'England is endeavoring Slacum's report, which was a masterto drive the best bargain she can and piece in its way, was laid before Congress in the December following his that, "in doing so, some of its public departure from Oregon. The man men are resorting to jingoism," that "when the question is settled, the who was particularly moved by it was Senator Lewis F. Linn, from Missouri. desire of the American Government In January, 1838, Linn introduced a to favor its own shipping will prevail and that the best of feeling also will bill to establish a territorial governprevail. This was said by Sir Thomas ment for Oregon. The bill failed for in an interview at New Orleans with reasons. The first was the genthe New York American, He continued eral indifference to the Oregon country and its affairs, which had not yet in a jocular vein:

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in a jocular vein: America should turn the Canal over to England. Before doing so, however, it should spend a few more millions in addi-tion to what already has been expended in digging it and in properly fortifying the big ditch. This country should then make re-quests for any concessions which it may desire and I am sure that the British Gov-ernment would duly consider them. been overcome, and the second was the fact that Linn altogether overlooked existing treaty arrangements with Great Britain. The Joint Occupancy agreement was in force and no ditch proper steps had been taken to abrodesire and 1 am some that the introduction over erament would duly consider them. You know that the United States is an infant in handling a canal, in spite of the fact that it has spent upward of \$400,000,000 in constructing it. On the other hand, Eng-iand has had vast experience. gate it. But even if joint occupancy been legitimately terminated it would have been a high-handed proceeding to erect a territory out of the Oregon country without preliminary

His traveling companion, Colone courtesies to our friendly neighbor. In March, 1838, two months after Duncan Nelll, objecting that "this Linn introduced his bill, Jason Lee country cannot discriminate in favor left Oregon for the East. It was upon of its vessels without disregarding the existing treaty, Sir Thomas replied: this trip, at the Pawnee Mission, near existing treaty, Sir Thomas replied: The views of Colonel Neill and myself differ most radically on the canal toll question. He thinks that his country should control the canal, although the United States constructed H. When the treaty was adopted, the enormous cost of the canal was not even contemplated. The United States took a great financial risk in build-ing the waterway across the isthmus. Its work is liable to be undone at any time by great landslides, and now that it is built the American government certainly should be allowed to reap special advantages from Council Bluffs, that Lee got word from Dr. McLoughlin that his wife was dead. But he did not turn back. He forged ahead resolutely and as soon as he crossed the Mississippi he began to lecture on Oregon in every church he came to. Immense crowds listened to him. He was a powerful preacher, as well as a consummate statesman, and it is to this propabe allowed to reap special advantages from ganda of his that we must ascribe the it. Treaties should be duly observed, but they hould be altered from time to time to con-

origin of the subsequent migrations from the Mississippi Valley to Oregon, form with the new conditions which arise, form with the new conditions which arise, This is a case where an existing agreement between two nations should be modified to not forgetting, of course, the hunger for cheap land and easy markets et a contingency which has arisen. But a' all events the matter will be icably adjusted and in a manner satis-tory to the United States, if not to which helped the movement along. But Jason Lee also brought with him a memorial from the settlers asking factory England. Congress to take charge of their af-

fairs, as Mr. Blossom notices in his It was presented to the Senaccount. ate in January, 1839, by Linn, of Mis. tention weight. souri, whose interest in Oregon was persistent, but its principal effect was and still denies that exemption from awaken the curiosity of Caleb tolls of American coastwise ships con-Cushing, then a Representative from The Oregon situation ships. We, therefore, deny that ex-Massachusetts. appealed so keenly to his intelligence that he wrots to Jason Lee asking for Pauncefote treaty. But, assuming further particulars. As he might have expected had he known Lee's energetic and capable character, Cushing received a full account of the populahopes of Oregon almost by tion and return mail. To be precise, Lee's answer was dated January 17, 1839. It induced Great Britain to release us supplied Cushing with data from which he framed a report on Oregon

to the House of Representatives. return to Oregon was speedily followed by a heavy immigration from the Mississippi Valley. Thus the population of the country with setinstrument. tlers who made an American govern-

have helped Cupid win his easy victory over Helen.

that the Smith College girls, that is to say, the Northampton College girls, had taken to cookery and dishwashing in the kitchen. This they are doing in spite of the fact that most of them come from gilded mansions and have been brought up in the lap of luxury. Most of them expect to dwell in the lap of luxury all their lives. Why, then, should they wish to soil their lily fingers with kitchen work? Perhaps the true reason may be found in

the circumstance that college girls in these days do not possess illy fingers. Athletics have made their digital extremities so vigorous that the girls, with the robust common sense of their sex, think it is a pity not to put them

to some use. This irruption into the kitchen wa only the beginning of Northampton's revolutionary proceedings. Swiftly following it comes the news that the city is going to start a municipal theater. Weary of the histrionic entertainment provided by one trust and which amounts to nothing another, hetter than an endless round of inani-

tles with a play of some little merit andwiched in from time to time. Northampton has made up its mind to have a playhouse of its own. The proper Christmas spirit. purpose is to train a company of actors who shall belong to the town and not

to place throughout the country. It is expected that the people of Northampton will be able and well disposed to support the new enterprise, and we becould wish, and it is probably as fond just as good. of good plays as most Americans, or even fonder. Very likely the college has improved its taste in that partic-However that may be, it is clear that Northampton is not to be satisfied | March. longer with the insipid stuff that

passes for drama with the various trusts that control our theaters, and It has made up its mind to regulate its own supply hereafter. Northampton's municipal theater

should not be thought of in the same light as the famous "New Theater" which made so egregious a failure in We do not understand New York. that the Northampton citizens have set

about effecting any particular reform Sir Thomas here brings to the front points in favor of the American conin dramatic art. It is not so much which should have great their purpose to elevate the standard The Oregonian has denied of the stage in general as to provide themselves with good amusement and have in the town a company of com petent players who can be depended Balkans may get to see a battle in the stitutes discrimination against foreign on to serve its wants. It is believed movies when they return home. emption is a violation of the Haybetter acting will be attained by their that such exemption constitutes dis- players if they are permitted to take a variety of parts instead of sticking to a ing him your best brand. crimination, Sir Thomas shows that single one for a whole Winter, as the we have a strong case for such modification of the treaty as will allow it. practice is in the commercial theaters As new conditions which arose since now and then. Besides that, the play-the Clayton-Bulwer treaty was signed ers, living in Northampton and not allow being obliged to wander up and down from the agreement for joint control the earth to obtain their livelihood of the canal and to consent to our will naturally develop a same and wholesome psychology and probably sole ownership and control, so new conditions have arisen since the mature a more desirable art than signature of the Hay-Pauncefote Americans are accustomed to. Cer-

ular.

Certainly their lives will be happler than treaty which warrant changes in that The Canal Zone was then under Co. those of the peripatetic players who plane tonight

black man who proceeded with the where does individual responsibility advance up San Juan after New come in. York's white volunteers had laid down.

made special provision for man in al-lotting him a helpmate. If this order of things has been displaced by a sub-Mary Garden knows that it pays to keep her name before the public. Hence her periodical interviews on stitute devised by man's mind, love, marriage, diet, fashions and vadefeat and ultimate ruin can only be rious topics of the day. the result. It is to be regretted that society as-

sumes an attitude of exclusiveness to-ward those people who are, more or Many other Cabinets will emanate from sources exceedingly close to Wilon, but they all may be reduced to kindling wood about March 1.

On this one night in the year do not abuse those who are powerless prop-erly to defend themselves. AN OBSERVER. turn down the needy applicant. Better a dozen bums be given help than one deserving be refused. Living Cost and Marriage Question

If you have completely forgotten PORTLAND, Dec. 22 .- (To the Edi-tor.)-Some one has been showing up yourself in your plans to make others happy then you, have imbibed the

Watch Senator Milt Miller smile spend their time straying from place over announcement more or less definite of his peerless friend for Secretary of State.

Pity the poor jobholder whom lieve they will if it is rightly managed, change of boss throws into a cold The community is as opulent as one world and help him into something

> What a lot of persons nobody eve heard of before seem to be scheduled to become National figures early in

Mexico is reported to be deeply un concerned over our latest protests. The time for words seems to have passed.

The Navy deserter who insists on being locked up probably finds it too much trouble to make a living as a civilian.

Be courteous and kind when shopping today. It will be a tiring Christmas eve to the girl behind the coun ter.

The war correspondents in the

If your special postman smokes error of his way by giv.

Anarchist tries sulcide, says a head-That's the ideal remedy for the

Uncle Sam, as Chief of Police of the Americas, must tell Castro to move on.

Let the Lake Geneva settlement in rest in dogs and tree the coon.

Santa, of course, will come by aero-

not only inconvenient, but for other living expenses must be met. If one who is inclined to place the blame of the high cost of living upon

the consumer could assume the asition of the average bread-winner I think he would soon change his ideas upon whom lies the responsibility of our present economic conditions. W. VERNON, else

FALSE TEACHINGS FROM GUTTER

In order to establish the object of life, the Author of Life ordered and ar-Socialist Declares Orators Who Deranged all things to harmonize, even nounce Christianity Are Impostors.

PORTLAND, Dec. 22 .- (To the Editor.)-Being first a believer in Christhen tianity and secondly in Socialism as the farmer's executive instrument in our political Government, I beg your many readers who desire to offer

tess, but the victims by circumstances over which they seemingly have no con-trol. Let it be remembered that those selfish people who indulge in heaping abuse upon the heads of others, often abuse those who are powerless pron-

Christianity, or twist the truth about its institutions. The voice of one he sewer brand came to my cars as I was on the street today and he evi-denced a penchant of the same cloth as a putrid Portland paper for pro-claiming that the Y. M. C. A. knowingly and indifferently harbors and

the cause of the high price of living. I want to call your attention to another thing. In The Oregonian Saturday was a story from Chicago stating that condones the depraved acts of individ-uals who were trusted with the honor of membership. He stated further to to the effect that The Oregoniar, de-fended the Y. M. C. A. in these crimes or offenses.

was a story from Chicago stating that the grocers had reduced the price of eggs to 22 cents a dozen. Before that they were selling them for 55 cents a dozen. Why this sudden reduction? Because the Consumers' League was preparing to sell them at 24 cents a dozen, and the retail grocers were try-ing to break up the Consumers' League. As has been said by others, the en-tire trouble lies with the useless mid-dleman, who produces nothing and yet Such a writer or speaker is not a genuine Socialist; no more than is an impostor in the cloak of Christianity a true disciple of Christ. In connection with the question of how to learn of

dleman, who produces nothing and yet demands more for his services than we men get who produce the stuff. Why do not the women of Portland and second floor, is a list of works on Sothat at our Public Library, near the reference entrance, in the lobby on the second floor, is a list of works on Soother places get together and organize Consumers' Leagues and buy their pro-duce direct from the farmer, who will cialism, most of which one may read without danger of being insulted by

fits and thrusts of profanity and inglad to sell for cash at reasonable decency. The works on hand as three classes, nonpartisan, for This matter of reducing the high cost

against Soc'alism. would also suggest that they include

of living is more important than the question of marriage, for make living reasonable and then "Old Bachelor" and "Old Maid" and "Grouchy Bach" and "Widow" and the others who have studies on economic and political su jects. C. A. MCLEMORE.

drop. A CONSUMER AND PRODUCER.

Fraud in Marriage Like Polson,

ringe is a contract" and again that "the sole consideration must be unqualified, absolute love." What a reduction in the material for divorce it would be if every one contemplating marriage took this to heart and fully realized that love can only exist and remain where

perfect confidence is. Marriage is a contract and hiding any defect by either of the contracting parties, one from the other, is fraud-

ery. Strychnine was never a surer de-stroyer of life than is fraud and de-

We are of the opinion that Mr. Lawry is unfair when he points out Mr. Bourne as a fair sample of the primary prod-uct. Mr. Bourne, like many others, championed the primary just so long as everything came his way. But the very moment the people demanded a change, Mr. Bourne rebelled, and re-fused to work in the harness he had helped to devise. If it hadn't been for the primary the chances are Mr. Bourne would have spent the remainder of his life in Washington "laboring for the people" just as many others have done. J. D. WINN. changeable as nature itself. He who wilfully disobeys this law has certain and sure misery awaiting him in the near future. A. E. M. J. D. WINN. to know.

We are of the opinion that Mr. Lawry

The Begam of Bhopal Has Governed for Eleven Years.

Springfield Republican. There have been : few opportunities know something of that interesting and unusual woman, the Bhopal, who has for the last il years been ruler of her country, the small State of Bhopal, in the middle of Central India.

The Begam was born in 1858, and the free, independent spirit of her family is shown by the fact that, though a girl,

her advent was not unwelcome. When she was 7 years old arrange-ments were made for her marriage, and the boy selected for her husband was brought to the court and shared her studies. When the Begam was 15 they were married and, strangely enough, the marriage was a happy one. The Begam found in her husband a faithful friend, and it is said that she mourned

In is death very deeply. In 1888 the Begam's eldest daughter died. She would have been her her, the first born, irrespective of sex, be-ing in Bhopai the netr apparent. In 1801 she became ruler owing to

the death of her mother, and at once set about improvements and reforms in all the various state departments. the begam's chief interests was educa-tion, particularly, too, the education of girls. She decided, therefore, to open and partonize personally a girl's school. The education of girls in Bhopal was chiefly limited to a study of the and the rudiments of the Urdu lanand the runners of there some slight guage, with here and there some slight knowledge of writing learned from fathers and brothers. But their attendance at schools and their advancement in general knowledge was looked upon a dangerous innovation.

Vehicles Blamed for Slow Cars.

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 23 .- (To the Editor.) -- I have been riding on cars in this city for over three years, and have reference entrance, in the lobby on the second floor, is a list of works on So-cialism, most of which one may read without danger of being insulted by fits and thrusts of profanity and in-decency. The works on hand are in three classes, nonpartisan, for and against Soc'alism. As our women are now voters, I would also suggest that they include studies on economic and political sub-jects. C. A. McLEMORE. BOURNE NOT Fair Illustration. BUENA VISTA, Or., Dec. 22.—(To the

Bourne Not Fair Illustration. BUENA VISTA, Or., Dec. 22.-(To the automobiles and streetcars was not fair. What does he expect, anyway? Does a man in an auto bound for town BUENA VISTA, Or., Dec. 22.—(To the Editor.)—Mr. Lawry seems to overlook the fact that one man has just as much right to his opinion as another. And as far as my being troubled with pri-mary on the brain is concerned, that is only a matter of conjecture. Just to prove to Mr. Lawry that we are on the right side of the fence, we will admit that the primary is far from being perfect. But, nevertheless, we can say without fear of successful con-tradiction that it is a step in the right direction. on a morning expect as much right to the car tracks as a car loaded with 50 or 50 people, anxious to got to their work on time? Well, I guess not, and no right-thinking man with respect for

others is going to expect it. E. H. WEST.

Wisconsin Court Records.

Wisconsin Court Records. PORTLAND, Dec. 24.--(To the Edi-tor.)--Kindiy inform me, first, if there is a newspikper published in Finna-more, Grant County, Wisconsin; also, second, if a person wished to find out something from the court records how to proceed to do so. Would they have to pay, if so, who, and how much? SUBSCALIBER. SUBSCAIBER.

1. The Times (weekly) is published at Finnamore, Wis. 3. Write to the County Clerk, where there would be a charge for informa-tion, and if so the amount would de-pend upon what the inquirer desired to know.

would then consider the marriage question would then consider the marriage ques-tion. Let us abalish the useless middle class, and then see how prices will

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 23.-(To the Editor.)-In a letter in The Oregonian signed "Felix" it is asserted that "mar-

fraud cannot long be kept from discov-

ception of confidence and love. This is history; this is jaw of morals as un-

direction.