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WHERE THE FAULT LIES.

The triumphant progress of Thoma McCusker toward a fine job as Postmaster of Portland has stirred the otherwise lethargic Bull Moosers into more or less furious protest. They abhor McCusker. They recall that he refused to turn the other cheek when Colonel Roosevelt, in his September Portland, smote McCuske visit to Portland, smote McCusker right heartily, but that he answered in kind, with a few adjectives to spare. They recall, too, that McCus-ker as a delegate to Chicago declined to join in the bold Roosevelt maneuver of capturing control of the con vention by unparliamentary assault, and that he added insult to injury by oting for R. E. Williams for Nationa

committeeman What McCusker did and what th ardent enemies of McCusker say he did may possibly be reconciled by the following brief statement: Mc-Cusker ran for delegate to the Republican National Convention as a "Hoosevelt-LaFollette" candidate. He elected, under the instruction to vote for Theodore Roosevelt at Chi-He affiliated himself with the La Pollette forces at Chicago, but dealined to vote for McGovern (a Roosevelt candidate) for temporary chairman, voting for Root, the Taft Root was elected. Later he voted for Roosevelt, in accordance with the letter of his instructions, Taft was nominated, and McCusker ported Williams, a Taft man, as National committeeman for Oregon,

Bull Moosers say that McCusker betrayed Roosevelt, for he failed support the Roosevelt programme. but consorted with his opponents. McCusker's position is that he was he was elected as a Roosevelt-LaFollette delegate, that his first duty was to the Republican party, and not to the enemies of the party, that he was obligated to play the Roosevelt game in so far as it was reasonable and con-sistent and in accord with his prime duty to the convention to which he was a delegate, and that he voted for Williams because the Presidential candidate was fairly entitled to have a National committee friendly to him.

Here one may see two utterly irreconcilable views, each undoubtedly tinged by partisanship and both pre-sumably sincere. McCusker doubtless interpreted his duty along the line of his desires; and the Bull Moosers inhis desires; and the But above in-terpreted McCusker's duty along the line of their desires. The initial trou-ble lay in the fact that Oregon sent to Chicago a delegation not united on single project, and certainly not as whole partisans of Colonel Roosevelt, though instructed for Roosevelt The members were elected as individuals, and not as a delegation.

gon to any future convention will split present Presidential primary law, limshall be amended. Representative Lefgren has introduced at Salem a has introduced at Salem a authorizing every elector to vote in his primary for a full delegation to a National convention. Some Sending to a convention an avowed Taft man, or LaFoliette man—and electing him because he is a Taft man or a LaFollette man—but intravesty on good politics. infair to Roosevelt, LaFoliette and

THE FARMERS' HENS.

When one reads the statistics as to farmers' hens he must be amazed at the part biddy is playing in the indusof the country. Compare the egg value, for instance, with the wheat product of the Take the five years, 1908-1912 and we find the average yield of this cereal was about 667,000,000 bushels per year. It was worth, on the farm about 90 cents per bushel or \$600,-000,000.

Now wheat is one of our principal money-making agricultural produc This cereal is grown in commercial quantities in every section of the untry; in several states it is the dominant crop. But while the farmers of the country were producing wheat of such a fabulous value, what were the farmers' hens doing?

The operations of the meek and lowly hen for the period stated above were almost beyond belief, and yet the figures are from the same source as reliable as the wheat statistics During the five years 1908-1912 the hens of the country produced 7,956. 556,835 dozen eggs, which had a value, the farm, of \$1.533,444,500.

In other words, to place the figures side by side, our wheat crop is worth about \$600,000,000 a year and our eggs are worth \$306,688,900 per year, over half as much as the wheat. But let it be remembered that hiddy was not busying herself entirely the Birtish Isles. in egg production. Indeed, the egg production, for biddy, if left to her sanguinary oratory will fill the air.

Their soldiers had met the Confederown inclinations, usually raises a The assumption that the Lords will ates in fair fight on the open field large family of chicks each year. No reliable statistics are at hand as the poultry meat production, but, as

We mention the egg and poultry output as from the farmers' hens could weaken the bond which unites from the field; that Sheridan had not that, of course, is not strictly accuthat, of course, is not strictly accuthe three parties composing the Libbeen panic-stricken when superior
the three parties composing the Librate. There are a good many people eral coalition they might conveniently numbers fell upon him, but that he
rate. who have only a city lot or two and forget their principles, their devotion had stood his ground and fought on

thereon keep poultry, sometimes in umbers. Then thaire are the "chicken cranks," or poult, y fanciers. These two classes furitish a compared with the farmers' hens, they do not cut much of a figure whith it comes to the totals. It is the farmers' to the sake of appearances. They would hope thereby to dissolve the bond of mutual interest which unites the bond of mutual interest which unites comes to the totals. It is the farmers' defeat Asquith on some measure which the farmers' which had put many of the Irish in hens that furnish us with eggs and which had put man opposition to him. iwellers for our poultry products on by the very rich could afford to eat eg. 5

If a campaign could be to arouse the farmers to take advantage of their position and intry consumers—it would be of great value to the farmers themselves. We have in this country over 6,000,000 farms—6,361,502, according to the census tables. So each farmer's hens produce an average of about 250 dozen eggs per annum. Of course this leaves out the fanciers and town-lot may be ask away and leave Aso their product it might bring the egg product well down to 200 dozen per farm, or say four dozen a week. What farm, or say four dozen a week. What an insignificant number. About seven eggs per day. And how many eggs and how many fowls do the farmers and their families eat? Perhaps fully half the product. So the average far-mer markets about two dozen eggs per week, or less than four eggs per

If some philanthropist could induce the farmers of the country to increase their flocks by only a half dozen hens to the farm, on the average, and at the same time teach them how to take little better care of poultry, thus raising the egg product from each arm say by only twenty dozen, or a otal of 150,000,000 dozen per year, worth at present prices \$30,000,000well, such a philanthropist would con-fer a greater blessing upon his counthan the founder of many libraries.

MAKING GOOD A THREAT.

Joseph Fels greatly disturbed his levoted followers, at the recent single tax conference, in Boston, when he ntimated broadly that he was tired of playing the role of solitary angel for single tax movement. phrases butter no parsnips, and the Philadelphia bubble-blower intended no longer to be soft-soaped by easy vords and no money, from his coadjutors in the great cause. Now the Fels Fund Commission follows the disconcerting announcement at Bos-ton with a circular wherein the position of Brother Joseph is restated with great emphasis. Says the circular: Several changes in the policy of the Jo seph Fels fund commission were conceived at the Boston conference. Joseph Fels renewed his offer to double all the money raised, but he limited the amount.

amount:

"I will match you dollar for dollar." he said, "up to \$2000 a month. But." he added, "I shall not again put a dollar where no dollar has been raised." And he gave his reason: "I can see now that you can pauperise a democratic movement as easily as you can a people."

He has been doing more than he promised: much more. In the three years' existence of much more. In the three years' existence of

He has been doing more than he promised much more. In the three years' existence of the fund Mr. Fels has given \$115,000, where as "all other contributions" have amounted to only \$60,000. And he didn't mind this What has hurt him and alarmed the com-mission is that "all other contributions" are falling off.

There has been a disposition to "let Fel-do it."

This isn't fair, or fine, And it isn't demo ratic. But it is true. The circular proceeds to declare that in places where the single tax appeared on the horizon. Hence the ear that there will be "pauperization fundamental, most democratic move-

ment in the history of the world." Joseph Fels' millions, then, have ione single tax more harm than good. But they have done sundry single tax-ers a lot of good. Some of them might a season of balls and soldierly flirtabuckle down to real work tion. except for the Fels pot.

A NATIONAL CALAMITY.

So there may be no inauguration all. Yea, verily. This is democratic simplicity with a vengeance. We shall on the same rock that divided the hear next that there is to be no inaug-Chicago delegation of 1912, unless the uration oath. The President will narrow and mistaken provision of the paddle up the Potomac in his own canoe walk to the White House with iting each voter to a single candidate. British shawl over his shoulders and go to work as if no cataclysm had be-fallen the country.

We are appalled to think of the

gloom that will pervade the Nation as soon as it realizes that the inaugura such law ought to pass. The people tion ball is actually to be suppressed, certainly desire that it should pass. The young ladies of Higginsville ai-The young ladies of Higginsville aiready have their costumes prepared. Jane has a new hat three yards in diameter with a crimson turkey at its The outfit cost her father summit. structing him to vote for Roosevelt is three dollars and a half-so much good money gone to glory. No wonder the cost of living soars. Elsina has a new dress all ready to wear, a yellow mebias on the skirt and a decollete waist to conform to the usages of high What shall the poor girl do with this dress now? it in Higginsville society, which is plain and simple. Such attire is only uitable for the eyes of European dipiomats and South American grandees. The hard-earned cash invested in it s wasted. A groan of grief and wrath will ascend from Higginsville, from all the land. The girls who have made it their habit for the last fifty rears to attend inauguration balls will ollapse with woe

But think of the society men whose only duty it is to dance. To the poor maidens of Higginsville the loss of the ball is a sorrow, to be sure, but to the society men it means little short of ruin. On the inaugural morn they will tace up their corsets and put on their braces with reminiscent sobs. What is the use of corsets now?

PROSPECTS OF IRISH HOME RULE, through the British House of Com-mons closes only the first campaign soon silenced them. In the afternoon in what promises to be the final war for Irish self-government. The next campaign will begin in the House of Lords and may be characterized by incidence in the annals of the Civil another struggle between the two War, and made dispositions so excel-houses. If such a struggle comes, it lent that the attack was folled with will certainly be followed by a period terrible loss to the Confederates, who of fierce political agitation throughout the Birtish Isles. The Ulster Union-cover of darkness. Indecisive as this ists will continue their threats of re- battle was, the North received the

reject the bill may prove rash, for and come off victors. Better still, a No reliable statistics are at hand as amid all the sound and fury about to the value of what may be called principle and patriotism. British parknew what to do in emergencies, but ties are playing politics. The Tories had the energy to carry out his arthe poultry meat production, but, as ties are playing pointies. The forces and the energy to carry out the said, it is undoubtedly as great as the value of the eggs, thus bringing the products up to the value of by themselves than at the manner in our wheat.

It was refreshingly novel to the depressed and harassed North by themselves than at the manner in which the Liberals govern. If by where he ought to be at the moment our wheat. some clever political strategy they of peril and not drowsing miles away could weaken the bond which unites from the field; that Sheridan had not

to what they call the empire, and allow the Lords to pass the bill after making some protests would hope thereby to dissolve the bond of mutual interest which unites defeat Asquith on some measure which had put many of the Irish in Such things have the fanciers and the town- 13t happened in British politics and they

may happen again. Should the Tories determin fight home rule to the bitter end, the Lords will reject the bill at this ses sion and again next session and the collowing session. If the Liberal coalcrease their flocks it would not only it ion still held together, it could then ma the the bill law without the Lords' in the next two years. The Libmay continue to lose bye-elec and thus may become discredit Quarrels may break out among the three parties to the coalition and cause a s dissolution. The labor party leaves out the fanciers' and town-lot may be ak away and leave Asquith hens. If statistics could be had as to with a nujority too small for dependak away and leave Asquitl

the home rule bill should Unless come law v as the result of Tory strategy, it has two years of strenuous life nhead of it before it becomes opera-

MUIN TREESBOROUGH.

Lincoln is 2ed the Emancipation Proclamation in its final form on January 1, 186, 3. The Union victory at Murfreesbort ugh was wen two days later. Many people in the North, anxiously looking for some favorable manifestation of Providence, dis-cerned a mystical connection between manifestation of the two events. Co rtainly Rosecrans' victory helped the & resident to overcome the discours gement which brooded over his min d from the alwhich most unbroken success ion of failures which made the Fall of 1862 the dismal period of the Civi I War. Rose erans had been appointed I commander the lethargi in Kentucky to succeed and incompetent Buel aft or his flase at Perryville. During September Buel had assembled an ara ty of 100.-000 men at Louisville, his headquar-ters, but they were mostly raw recruits. His opponent, Braga, was at Frankfort with a veteran force of about 50,000. While Buel was busy collecting troops at Louisville Bragg was even more agreeably og cupied with the installment of a rebei gov control in Eastern Kentucky and sav no reason why he should not set up an administration that would su ing the state over to the Confeders cy ormanently. On October 1, just as Bragg wa

ompleting his political arrangements sailled out from Louisville to attack him. The advanced forces Confederates retired before him until they came to the vicinity Perryville, which lies at the southern apex of an isoceles triangle whose vertices are Louisville and it ire Spring. Frankfort. Here the Confederates urned upon their pursuers and Bue lay placidly inert some two miles away while an entire division of his army was annihilated. After this brilliant performance he waited three days to give the enemy a sporting start and then set out in pursuit, as his leisurely movements are politely called. Bragg's forces made for Cumberland Gap at the extreme southeast corner of Kentucky, through which they slipped into Tennessee and Betook at the extreme southeast corner they themselves down the valley of the hattie was proceeding valiantly on themselves down the valley of the funds locally raised, all contributions the neighborhood of Nashville. They censed when the Fels soap galleons the neighborhood of Nashville. the neighborhood of Nashville. The a rich man of the clearest, most dreamed that the Federals would disturb them in their new position, see-ing that Winter was now well under way. In a gay and confident mood they made their headquarters at Mur-

> ands like a ripe pear. The flaw in these expectations was Lincoln's action in dismissing the wretched Buel and appointing Rosecrans to succeed him. The latter General has proved his capacity in Northorn Mississippl by winning the only battle the Union side could claim between Antietam and Murfreesborough He determined to attack Bragg as soon as he reached Nashville. His forward movement began on December 26, 1862. The Confederates lay near Murfreesborough in three sections. Rosecrans planned to send McCook stage, expose the participants against their left, Crittenden against ger the right, and hold Thomas in re-serve to aid either of his wings as circumstances might require. Critics pronounce this plan of battle one of losing battles in Wall street. A teene the best ever devised by a General. It did fairly well. With \$10,000,000 Mrs. failed to work only because Bragg happened to have a plan of his own from the door. Some of us do it on which he put in operation without It was often the case, to the chagrin of the Federal Generals, that their opponents refused to lie quiet while they worked out their programme and thus many a promising

career was blighted. Rosecrans ultimately gained the lay at Murfreesborough, but not at all as he had designed. The Confederates crumpled up McCook's division on their left and would have destroyed it had not the energetic and intelligent Thomas gone to his aid at the critical moment. They then struck Sheridan, who stood with his men a wall of iron, so that Rosecrans had time to order Crittenden to his support, and the day ended with the

retirement of the Confederates. On New Year's day there fighting, but on January 2 the Confederates opened fire with their artil-The passage of the home rule bill them no advantage, for the Union Bragg advanced a division against the The next Federal left. Rosecrans was on the spot at the decisive instant, a rare coonly about half of her wealth volt against an Irish Parliament and account of it with unbounded

that until as had shown himself a master of strategy as far as opportunity al-All this was a great change

for its use. Since the states must provide roads and pay the expenses of government, they should be paid a sum equivalent to taxes, either by the Government or by the lessee. The states are also interested in the development of the country by application of land to the use for which it is best fitted. Much land hitherto regarded as useless for any purpose but grazing has proved valuable for agriculture. The terms of leases should be such that the homesteader will not be prevented from converting range land into farms. The conflict of these interests is responsible for the delay of Congress in adopting any policy for disposal of the range.

We wantless as we machinery and the introduction of new machinery and then the there are many transported in the enormous caption of the moment and therewith prepare for the moment and therewith prep

scribes to justify its remark has 31,-000 members. People organize nowadays for every conceivable purpose. Many have cause to believe that no worthy purpose can be carried out without a club to back it. Perhaps the most significant for the future of all these new civic bodies are the clubs for co-operative buying and selling. One in Ohio has 2000 members, They always succeed when they are well managed

The pending amendments to the Federal Constitution are meeting with propitious gubernatorial weather. Governor Sulzer has besought the New York Legislature to ratify the one for popular election of Senators and Governor Foss urges the Massachusetts Legislature to act favorably on the income tax amendment. The latter but two more ratifying votes und since ten Legislatures meet this Winter no doubt it will get them be

alf Idaho should fail to elect a s on a Senator, the effect would be to add one to the Democratic vote. In case, the Democrats should fall to capboth Illinois Senatorships or to win the contests in the Wyoming Legon which hang their chances of electing a successor to that on : vote would give the Democrats a a majority in the Senate hint shot 'ld suffice for the Idaho Republicans.

In refuging Mylius, the libeler of King Geor e, admission to this country, Secreta vy Nagel holds in effect hat kings t ave the same rights as That is not inconsistent with the princ ples for which the Rev-- was fought, contention thes was that kings have no more rights than other people. no more rights

That city was in the possession of the Federals, but the society ladies, it was expected, would find ways to allegate. The strikes in New York ar expected, would find ways to alleviate the gloom of their friends' camp. Bragg did not doubt that the next Spring Nashville would fall free. Bragg did not doubt that the next in current weeklies and monthlies Spring Nashville would fall into his wherein the star and the cub get al hands like a rine near

well to let It may be all very inancial tower of Bah el grow unti falls of its own tophes viness, as Mr. it falls of its own tophes, these, about those upon whom it would fall. Their fear of this catastrophe may a xplain their objections to the building of it.

No alarm need be felt ove r the eminent French statesmen who o are arranging a duel. French political duels, even when they get past the hot-air to danno more alarming than & s to be met in a game of checkers For a man who had fought

Keene should be able to keep the Why decry romantic love, while Southern Californian of to marry a woman of 105?

young dream is exposed to the hot

A St. Louis rallroad clerk failed to show up at a midday appointment wherein he was to receive a \$62,500 legacy. Possibly he hated to ask off.

An Albany preacher who got no fee after traveling eleven miles to marry a couple may have received all the ing, parties concerned felt it was worth.

ow is always allen to the climate of Western Oregon, but better a dozen snow storms than one silver thaw.

Announcement that the inaugural sall is off will bring bitter sorrow to the fancy-price dressmakers. A Spokane man has lost his men

much for an attack of that,

Oregon is getting the tail end of the snow storm which has smothered the Washington railroads.

It is a dull election in France that not accompanied by a couple of challenges to fight.

Possibly Castro wants in so as to ge n line for that proposed pension for ex-Presidents.

Perhaps Wilson frowns on the inaugural ball because he cannot dance. Poincare went into the Presidence

from the grandstand Comment on the weather is unprint

The Elks again this year! Gee!

More Reasons, Are Added to List of Tale of Annoyances Is Poured Out by Explanations.

PORTLAND, Jan. 15,-(To the Edi

of Congress in adopting any policy for disposal of the range.

Work for the interstate bridge across the Columbia moves ahead smoothly notwithstanding the opposition of a few parochially minded people whose vision is bounded by the limits of their own county. It is a scheme not to unite two cities, or even two counties, but two great states, for traffic across the bridge would come from the remotest parts of both Oregon and Washington in these days of automobiles and auto trucks. It would bind together not only Portland and Vancouver, not only Multnomah and Clark counties, but all Oregon and all Washington.

The Christian Science Monitor says that "we live in an era of clubs." One of the New York clubs which it describes to justify its remark has 31, 9990 members. People organize nowar. which they occupy were built, we are convinced, with our cash, which was extracted from us in the form of excessive profits. Not satisfied with large profits, they demand a subsidy. Our sons and daughters in their employ must live at home, because their wages are not sufficient to support them. In must live at home, because their wages are not sufficient to support them. In this way we contribute additional support to their business. A prominent Portland citizen writing to The Oregonian in support of the minimum wage bill refers to these business me as parasites. WM. HERBERTS.

JUDGE FUTURE BY THE PAST Lesson Drawn From Tremendous Growth of Coast Country.

BAKER, Or. Jan. 13.—(To the Edi-tor.)—In reading The Oregonian I noticed the different opinions regard-ing the amount to be expended on the Oregon exhibit building in San Fran-

When I look back—62 years ago—in crossing the Isthmus, I did not dream of such a stupendous undertaking as accomplished-cutting a ditc separating two hemispheres, and uniting two oceans.
"Oregon," as well as the whole Pa-

cific slope, was then sparsely settled. Look at it today, and imagine the fu-ture—the benefit it will derive the next decade.

We have advantages on this slope in climate, weather conditions and various other things which cannot be excelled by any other spot on the face of our globe for immigration.

Why, then, should we hesitate, in looking at the outcome, from taking a liberal view and raising sufficient funds, to be judiciously and carefully expended, to erect a building and a statue representing "Triumph," for instance, to stand as the peer of the exhibition, and let the world know that Oregon is the spot where industry Oregon is the spot where indust flourishes. S. A. HEILNER.

WHY NOT A TAX ON OLD MAIDS! If Men Are Taxed Women Should Have Equal Consideration,

JUNCTION CITY, Or., Jan. 15 .- (To the Editor.) — Oregon has recently granted equal suffrage to women; in other words full citizenship is theirs, citizenship bears responsibilities as well as concessions. In all kinds and conditions of life women have the rights

and privileges of men. No doubt development has been ma terially advanced by this change. Wo men are notoriously fair-minded, un blased judges and above all consisten blased judges and above all consistent. No sconer has the smoke of the suffrage battle cleared away than a movement is launched for taxing bachelor men. I still have all this "equality of the sexes" talk in my head and don't seem to be able to understand why the bill shouldn't include bachelor girls as well as bachelor men. While we are about it let's make the bill complete so it won't have to be done over again. it won't have to be done over again. Remember this is a state where men and women have equal privileges and rights. Why not let the women have a chance to contribute also for this conrights. dition of matrimonial immunity W. D. YOUNG.

Productiveness of Apple Trees GRANTS PASS, Or., Jan. 15.—(To the Editor.)—With reference to your editorial on apples in The Sunday Oregotorial on apples in The Sunday Orego-nian of January 12, giving statistics issued by the Department of Commerce and Labor, it is stated that the aver-age yield per bearing tree in Oregon is about nine-tenths of a bushel. It would be interesting to know how these statistics are gathered. The fol-lowing facis may prove interesting. linese statistics may prove interesting:
lowing facts may prove interesting:
From 156 16 or 17-year-old Newtown
apple trees, in a small orchard on the
Rogue River, I packed out in October
ast, 1519 bushel boxes of fancy Newlast, 1919 ousnet boxes of lancy with and worm applies, or an average of nine and with tenths bushels per tree (not incide the sold for \$2105.75, or an average of \$1.39 per bushel. With regard to the age to

per bushel. With regard to the age with the an apple tree may continue bearing. I have Red Astrakhan and Waxen trees reputed to be about 60 years old, appar ently in the prime of life. A Waxen bore the past year about 50 busheld; of fine clean apples.

R. K. ROSS.

William Rockefeller would give

(1) The husba nd receives for life the ncome from one-1 half the property. With this exception the children receive all. (2) The property goes to the husband.

Voting Qua nimentions. WOODLAND, Win th., Jan. 16.—(To the Editor.—Kindly 'inform me whether a man and his will hoth under 20 years of age, have a right to vote at school elections.

No person under 3, can vote at school elections.

chool elections in W. shington. Highest Army | lank. PORTLAND, Jan. 16.— (To the Editor.)—To settle an arga ment please state what is the high st rank to which an officer in the the died States Army can attain. D. N. MACKAY.

General.

WHY LIVING COST IS TOO HIGH ILL-BRED FOLKS AT THEATERS

PORTLAND, Jan. 15 .- (To the Edi towed. All this was a great change from the flood of inept excuses, foolish blunders and pompous failures with which McClelian and his watery image, Buel, had been deluging the country for weary months.

While the stockmen are divided in opinion on the leasing of the range, other interests should be considered. The range belongs to the Nation, which is entitled to fair compensation for its use. Since the states must provide roads and pay the expenses provide roads and pay the expenses provide roads and pay the expenses increases the cost of liverage of the principal cause, and on the principal cause, and the prin

> next to you work overtime telling the old gent what was going on, becausaid old gent was slightly deaf ar couldn't make head or tall out of the playlet? And didn't some of the other playlet? And didn't some of the other old ladies keep everlasting picking at the leading lady of the playlet and keep that half the house on remarking so that half the house could hear it that she was an old has and ought to be ashamed to paint like

and ought to be ashamed to paint like that and then some?

Did one of the girls in front of you join in all of the songs and drown out everything excepting her own squeaky voice? And wasn't the fellow that was with the other girl continually telling the rest of the bunch that the comedian's stuff was musty and ought to have been buried long ago, together with the comedian? Honest now, didn't it set your goat Weren't you so disgustthe comedian? Honest now, didn't it get your goat. Weren't you so disgusted that you got up and saw the last act from the back of the house? It's fierce, isn't it?

L. C. M'LAUCHLIN.

ARE WE AN IMPOLITE PEOPLE? Instance of Bad Breeding Quoted to Show That We Are.

PORTLAND, Jan. 13 .- (To the Edior.)-Taking us as a people, by and large, considering all things from all angles, are we not just about the most ill-mannered nation in the world? an illustration of unmitigated inconsideration I repeat a little piffle that fel

upon my ears a short time ago.
A housewife of middle age wi reating by digging in the garden wit small spade, when she was accosted another housewife who is, I should see how you can do such work never do anything like that!

The husband of the younger house wife being attendant upon his beauti-ful wife and observing an opportunity to prove descent from some froncisc knight of old, intercepted the elder woman's reply with this bit of condo-Well, Rowena, dear, you never ha

"Well, Rowena, dear, you never had to do such work, you were not brought up to it."

Knowing the younger of the two escaped the lunch counter grind by a baxardous plunge into the matrimonial sea on the eve of her 28th anniversary and that her present exhited position is sustained by virtue of husband plating a streeter with great regularloting a streetcar with great regule ook at it today, and imagine the lure—the benefit it will derive the ext decade.

We have advantages on this slope in limate, weather conditions and varius other things which cannot be excled by any other spot on the face elled by any other spot on the face of our globe for immigration. pares victuals fit for the gods, and has numerous other little accomplishments, I bethought me of a date I had with myself away out toward Columbia Slough, where the soughing winds sing softly in the branches of the stately firs. In other words, I took to the tall timber Do you blame me any? the tall timber. Do you blame me an ROBERT G. DUNCAN

LET CHILDREN PLANT WALNUT Result Will Be an Ample Supply in Course of Time,

ROSEBURG, Or., Jan. 12.—(To the Editor.)—I read an article in The Oregonian relating to the people of McMinnville, who were considering wal-

Minnville, who were considering war-nut growing, and I will relate a little incident on the subject that came under my personal observation. Twelve years age, while visiting at Myrtic Creek, Or., I handed my brother, C. W. Blee, editor of the Myrtic Creek Mail, a handful of walkuts which, jok-ingly, we planted in one of his wife's geranium boxes.

Imagine his pleasurable surprise some time later on finding some tiny

finding some some time later on finding some tiny walnut trees springing up. They grew very rapidly and in the Fall were transplanted in the owner's back yard. At 19 years of age they bore their first real crop, which was exceptionally fine. This year at Christmas time I saw some of the nuts, which were as perfect as the ones planted. The trees are perfectly free from scale. factly free from scale.

fectly free from scale.

Here is food for thought. Let every hoy and girl who reads this article and those especially interested in growing things, plant some walnuts. Time passes rapidly. In 10 years from now Oregon could be supplying its own

needs.

My New Year's gift to myself was to plant a nut from the brightest tree that had grown from one of the nuts my brother planted. MARY M. WHIPPLE.

Income Tax.

SILVER LAKE, Wash, Jan. 14.—(To the Editor.)—Would you define income tax for me? I do not know if the income tax is simply a tax on incomes or whether when in practice it includes the tax at present in use.

Could you give me the address of W. S. U'Ren, the single tax advocate?

MARY RIORDAN.

The Wisconsin income tax law ex empts all personalty except farm and mals and merchants' and manufac turers' stocks; receipts for taxes on personal property may be used to pay

taxes on incomes. It seems to have been intended largely as a substitute for the personal property tax. British Columbia imposes an incom tax and also a tax on personal prop erty, but when personal property

Property Rights.

ALBAN Y, Or., Jan. 13.—(To the Editor.)—A wife dies, leaving real estate in her nature which had been paid for partly by a rown money and partly by her own of the greater revenue. Where income is derived from other sources than personal property such income is taxable in addition to the tax or personal property some in addition to the tax or personal property from which no income is derived.

Mr. U'Ren's address is Oregon City, Or.

Patent Information. CENTRALIA, Wash., Jan. 16.—(To the Editor.)—Kindly inform me where to find out the facts about having a medicine patented LILLIE M. DE SPAIN.

Write to Commissioner of Patents, Washington, D. C.

In Chlengo VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 17.—(To the Editor.)—I have heard it stated by a teacher that Leopold Godowsky, the pianist, has taught in America. Is this a fact?

Three Hours Earlier. BANKE, Or., Jan. 18.—(To the Editor.)—Is the time in Oregon earlier or later than in New York City, and how much?

A SUBSCRIBER,

Posting People

By Dean Collins. Oh Mr Hitchcock I have heard

You're asked to give directions be, To one who wishes to make use asked to give directions, may-

Of parcel post to ship a baby. And, apropos, I now suggest That, after proper rumination. You grant him leave to do the same, And furnish proper explanation.

True, neither with the bugs nor been Might babies well be designated. Fet there are merits to the plan Which you will recognize when stated,

A precedent thereby is founded, Which can be carried further yet And with great value be surrounded.

In time, not only will the mail
With howling infants be encumbered,
But gradually older folk May in the parcel post be numbered,

And soon, when all one has to do
It just to buy a stamp and lick it,
No one will ever waste his cash
In purchasting a railroad ticket,

ught I to go to Keokuk To duck my weary office letters, "d merely stick a stainp on me And hop right in among the letters,

The Sheriffs, too, in time may wire, Or send their messages in writing: "Mall by pext parcel post, John Dec, Who's wanted here for dynamiting."

Or, from late banquet reeling h The bibulous we'd handle neatly, ops should just stamp their shirt fronts white And mail them home, all sleeping

Friend Hitchcock, ils a precedent
That has full many useful features;
So I beseech you, put it through
And help out all your fellow Portland, January 17,

sweetly.

Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian of January 18, 1863.
A correspondent writes from Vera
Cruz, Mexico, on November 12, as fol-ows: "French troops are continually landing and the number now exc 20,000 outside the walls of the city."

Sacramento, Jan. 8.—The ceremontes Sacramento, Jan. S.—The ceremonies of inaugurating the Central Pacific Raliroad, corner of Front and K streets, were witnessed by a large crowd about 12 o'clock. Governor Stanford threw the first shovel of dirt amid great cheering, After prayer by the Rev. J. A. Benton, Senator Crane made a good speech and was followed by Warwick, Banks, Van Dyke, Dr. Peck and Sears.

Chicago, Jan. 7.—A division of Grant's division is reported to have reached Memphis, destined for Vicksburg.

Some of the business men in Oregon City have signed an agreement to take the legal tender notes at the author-ized quotations, as published in the papers of this city.

horrible condition, but the mall ection has been made ever since the recent break. Subscriptions to the sanitary fund ached \$20,000 and upwards in this

The roads from this point south are

The Congressional delegation from Missouri stands six emancipationists to three pro-slavery members.

It is said that General Butler's con-riscations in the Gulf Department will not be confirmed by the President.

State Taxes. FORTLAND, Jan. 16.—(To the Editor.)—Kindly state if there is a state in the Union that does not levy taxes? B asserts that the people of the State of Minnesota pay no taxes, that the revenue from the iron ore mines is sufficient to liquidate all indebtedness for public purposes. M. S. M.G.

for public purposes. Minnesota levies a state tax at the ate of \$29.67 per \$1000 of valuation. ut a 37 per cent valuation is used Delaware is the only state not levying direct state tax, but city and other ocal taxes are levied.

GIBSON PICTURES

The pictures that made Charles Dana Gibson greatest of pen and ink illustrators will be presented in The Sunday Oregonian, a striking full page being devoted each The pictures which tell "The Story of a Widow and Her Friends" will appear this Sunday.

Under-World Revelations - In the third of his series of articles Jack Rose, late gambling partner of Lieutenant Becker, tells of police graft and how it reaches the tremendous total of \$16,000,000 a year.

Avalanches-Just at this season, when snowslides are wreaking havoe in many quarters of the Northwest, a page study of the subject by an expert is of partieular interest. Illustrated by pho-

World's Biggest Boodle Pile-It belongs to the Czar of Russia, who is the dean of, all millionaires. An absorbing half page from a St. Petersburg correspond ent.

Centenaries of 1913-There is an amazing array of them, the 13th year of each century having been of importance in world history. The subject occupies more than a page and goes back many hundreds of years.

Go to Work!-This is the advice to women of Alda Gatti, emineut prima donna. She disagrees entirely with the view that married women shouldn't work. War Correspondent Adventures

-The fourth adventure of Gerald Brandon in his experiences among the Orozco rebels in Mex-Three Pages for Women-Sub-

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