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### THE MEXICAN CRISIS

In deposing Diaz and setting up Madero, the Mexicans find that they flew the ills they had for those they knew not of. The rule of Diaz, with its stern repression of disorder, the horrors of peonage and the exploitation of the republic by the coterie of cientificos, was a mild evil compared with the anarchy which supervened on Madero's accession to power,

Madero's failure may be attributed unreasonable expectations that the reforms he promised could be immediately put in effect; partly to disappointed ambition of some of his followers, and partly to unwillingness on his own part to destroy ruthlessly all out the sentences of death passed on Felix Diaz at Vera Cruz and on Reyes, he might have struck terror into his enemies and inspired confidence in his friends. But Madero is evidently not made of the stuff which makes successful dictators. He seems to have fostered the delusion that he could invading its icy solltudes. conciliate opposing elements and to have been hampered by the pledges to re-establish constitutional rule, which he gave when starting his own revolu-

tion against Diaz,
The events of the last three years in Mexico go to sustain the opinion held by men familiar with tropical peoples - that force alone appeals to them; that they interpret moderation as weakness. The most successful rulers of such people are those who strike with an iron hand so long as which is not to be found in Latin-American history. The Mexicans apsential to life of that system is self-control on the part of both the When the ruling party allows a fair election and bows to the popular will, the decisive fact, if defeated, self-government is a suc-cess. When the government makes heads the list. Very likely she has done

followed by Wilson than by Taft. But and perhaps has been all the more ef-will Wilson be able to adhere to such fective for that reason. are in danger and which has sunk into sleep which resembled

# EFFECTS OF THE INCOME TAX.

The Democrats are jubliant over the ratification of the income tax amendment to the Constitution, for it enables them to reduce the tariff to a point below that necessary to raise enough revenue, combined with internal taxes, for the expenses of Government, Any cut in duties which decreases revenue can be compensated by raising the income tax a notch. The more extreme anti-tariff men may even look forward to the day when we may have a tariff like the British, which is imposed only on luxuries and on articles not produced in the United Kingdom, all revenue thus sacrificed being added to

the income tax. In place of the present corporation tax and the excise tax proposed at the last session of Congress, Democratic \$5000, graduated from a minimum of 1 per cent to a maximum of 2 per cent. estimate that this will raise \$30,000,000 now derived from the coryielded by the excise tax. That sounds very pretty to the tax collector. how will it strike the taxpayer? He has been accustomed to paying a direct tax to state, city and county and to him in that capacity Wil and has always grumbled. Will he not owes his nomination and election. grumble still more when Uncle Sam reaches into his pocket and takes out one dollar or more of every hundred

he receives over \$5000? If we follow British precedent and collect the tax at its source, every em-ployer will be required to make a sworn statement of the wages or sal- inet. ary he pays to each employe. From his followers would be inclined to deduct the tax and pay it directly to the Government. Every corporation policies, will be required to make like deductions from dividends and Interest and pay the tax. The British law draws a distinction between earned income derived from labor with hand or brain. either as an employe or in business. investments and land, allowing a rebate on the former when the amount does not exceed \$2000. We may expect controversy over the question whether this distinction should not be drawn in

tude in thus discriminating, for the constitutional amendment reads

The Congress shall have power to lay and collect taxes on incomes, from wholever source derived, without apportionment among the several states without regard to any consus or counteration.

# THE FATE OF CAPTAIN SCOTT.

The terrible fate which befell Captain Scott and his party of Antarctic explorers is the price which man pays for his determination to know all that is to be known of the universe, for that high courage which regards no perils, difficulties, sufferings or privations as too great to be surmounted, that devotion to an idea which

folly, Columbus would never have set forth to discover America, Magellan would nover have traversed the straits which bear his name and Vasco de Gama would never have doubled the Cape of Good Hope. But for the "folly" of Lewis and Clark in piercing the Western wilderness, the site of Portland might yet be little more than a camp site for Indians. The way was a claim on the Democracy as the logical Z Market street.

European Office—No. 8 Regent street S. Gama would never have doubled the a camp site for Indians. The men who are drawn onward to pursue a great less venturesome to follow.

But none will wish to follow in Scott's path as men followed the trail of explorers who discovered fairer lands, for there is nothing at the South Pole to attract any but the devotees of science. Amundsen, who by a month anticipated Scott in winning the prize for which the Englishman lost his life, tells us that "there is no life at the partly to necessary disappointment of South Pole, no kind of life, in air or unreasonable expectations that the recontinent covered by ice and snow." There is no evidence of gold, silver, copper or iron, and Amundsen knows nothing of discoveries of coal. Even if there were, Amundsen says they would "simply something to sigh over," for who resisted him. Had Madero carried miners cannot live there and, even it they could, their product could not be brought to market. No material gain can be made from South Polar ex-ploration, only, as Amundsen says, "additions to our present fund of scientific knowledge." Having found the South Pole and learned its secrets. mankind has no object in ever again

In addition to learning those secrets, South Polar exploration has done us one service-it has proved that we still have among us men who can meet the supremest test.

AN HONOR TO JANE ADDAMS, The Twilight Club of New York, if our information is correct, has persuaded 2000 "representative Americans" to ballot on a proposed list of names of "most socially useful citizens." Twelve were to be chosen. The there is any show of resistance to their result of the voting is curious. Both authority. The people once convinced Mr. Taft and Mr. Bryan were candiauthority. The people once convinced Mr. Taft and Mr. Bryan were candi-that no mercy will be shown those who dates for the honor of being called that no mercy will be shown those who dates for the honor of being called of the conservation of energy and exresist, the rulers can then afford to "most socially useful." but neither was of the conservation of energy and exrelax the reins and to govern with successful, while Eugene Debs passed of the conservation of energy and expressible by mathematical equations. Their prestige is so great in the world mildness and humanity. That was the secret of Diaz's success, the equal of prising choice was J. P. Morgan. No doubt he was admitted to the pantheon because he has imported so many pic. pear to be incapable of genuine self-government, as understood and prac-ticed by Anglo-Saxon nations. The reason unless being the head of the money trust is deemed socially useful. Still he once took a party of Episco-

elections a farce and the defeated more to rouse the sense of social jusparty appeals to arms, anarchy is the tice from its drowsy slumber under the inevitable result and a dictatorship is Stars and Stripes than anybody else, and the beauty of her work has been The Mexican situation will give the its serenity and gentleness. She has Wilson Administration its first oppor-tunity to show its hand in foreign af-self nor called upon adulating millions fairs. Forecasts are that the policy of to sing her praises. Her profoundly non-intervention will be more rigidly important activity has gone on quietly

Theodore Roosevelt stood next to store order or leave them a free hand as much noise as possible and the In such a contingency Wilson would be trumpet has never been slient while he are. Not many years ago it compelled to give his own definition of was doing good, but that he has done the Monroe doctrine as applied to an good to an astonishing degree no im-American republic in which hundreds partial person will deny. History will gated so thoroughly that there was of millions of foreign capital are invested and thousands of foreign lives sense of the American people from a Were Wilson face to face closely to be agreeable. If he had only with the alternative of consent to for- known enough to seat himself modeign intervention with consequent an- estly on a throne of glory when his nulment of the Monroe doctrine or task was done and revel in the admira-American intervention, he might be tion of his countrymen, what a career forced by public opinion to intervene. his would have been. He seems to have missed the highest wisdom by failing to see when his day was done

The list follows: Jane Addams. Theodore Roosevelt Thomas A. Edison. Judge Ben Lindsay Dr. Harvey W. Wiley Dr. Simon Flexner, Booker T. Washington Helen Gould. Eugene V. Debs. Mrs. Russell Sage. The Rev. Anna Shaw

BRYAN AS SECRETARY OF STATE, Appointment of Bryan as Secretary of State by Wilson is coming to be re garded as a foregone conclusion. Not withstanding Wilson's statement that has not decided upon any member leaders talk of a tax on all incomes over of his Cabinet and Bryan's contradic already accepted an invitation to take the office, Bryan's appointment is con-\$100,000,000 a year in place of the sidered certain, because it is the inevtable conclusion from the logic of the poration tax, or \$50,000,000 estimated situation. Wilson has declared his pur pose to lead a progressive Administra tion on Democratic lines. Bryan has been for sixteen years the recognized leader of the progressive Democracy and to him in that capacity Wilson such, he can bring to Wilson the largest, most devoted following en joyed by any individual politician in ecent times By appointing Bryan Wilson would be giving bond for his progressiveness in the shape of Bry Were Bryan not in the Cabinet the salaries of those receiving over suspend judgment as to the reality of \$5000 a year he will be required to Wilson's progressiveness and would Wilson's progressiveness and would assume a critical attitude toward his

Having attached to himself the Bryan following, Wilson would be strongly entrenched for control of the party and for triumph over the conrvative element. He is a rival of the radical Republicans and of Roosevel' or leadership of the progressive forces, and with Bryan as his chie lieutenant he would have a strong licans, who expect to secure control of

trying to win from the other and from Roosevelt more than enough progressives to compensate for the conservatives, whom they would each gladly mistakes and secure co-operation. This lose to the other. Each regards the is so obvious that it is marvelous to conservative element as its Jonah in think of any observer overlooking it.

winning men to his support, as when he induced the New Jersey Legislature, Republican in one branch, to pass his progressive measures. The main purposes of the two men are the same and they have every reason for agreeing on the methods by which Wilson has shown undoubted skill in lecting food, while an animal does, at winning men to his support, as when least a higher animal.

work to make the Administration a Wilson, having no further ambition than to do himself credit in his four years, would not dare to risk wrecking his Administration and splitting his party by a quarrel with Bryan, Bryan, knowing that the glory of success would accrue to him in only less degree than to Wilson, and would be his chief political asset in the campaign of 1916, would not sacrifice the chance of risking his oft-deferred hope and perhaps of being the first

six-year President. The two men's political fortunes are indissolubly bound together, and for no light cause would either attempt to sever them.

Discussion of the world-old question what life is has received a new impetus lately from Professor Jacques Loeb's volume of essays upon the sub-lect, and Dr. Schaefer's remarkable address before the British Association. promoters, will be to discourage that life is nothing more than a series physical reactions obedient in every particular to the law of the opposite opinion are called, have spoken rather timidly for the last few months and yet they have spoken. Though their voices are lowered, the series of their voices are lowered, maintained to the game.

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clared pretty positively that there was a fixed number which we had investi-But in this field as well as others experience has inculcated modesty scientific men now confess that there are probably energy of which they know nothing. Doubtless space is full of interwoven radiations to which all of our senses are sealed. Until we have solved the problems of this intricate domain it eems arrogant to attempt to say what life is. Even if all the operations of both body and brain should be reduced to mechanical principles and completely explained in that direction there still remains the mystery of con-Man like Dr Schaefer are inclined to minimize the importance consciousness. They wave it airily aside as a product of bodily functions such thign. But to many or some minds, and those not the weakest ones by any means, consciousness appears to be the fundamental fact in the world. Nothing can explain it and it explains everything else. The experi-nental scientist who says that matter and motion account for everything puts the cart before the horse. It far more likely that consciousness ac counts for matter and motion

A champion of vitalism, or the the ory that life is an entity in itself, has arisen in Professor J. Arthur Thomof Aberdeen University. Writing "The Hidden Secret of Life" in the London Quarterly Review, Professor Thomson says there is reason to be eve that "no complete physico-chem cal interpretation has yet been give of any simple vital function." old what happens when the food digested and the blood circulates and tissues are oxygenated, but we are not told why it happens. Professor Thomson does not believe that we ever shall learn why things go on as they do n living beings by means of chemistry nd physics. There is something which these sciences leave out of the reckoning. And if there is no complete explanation of the simple vital func-And if there is no complete ions, much less is there any of that federal republic we call the body in which a great host of functions are coordinated to common ends, each work-ing in due subordination to the others and all guided in the same direction Chemistry and physics do nothing o his sort. There is not a vestige of purpose in them. Things happen they may in the world of mechanics nobody cares. No director present to see to it that their activity complishes one thing more than an-

But in the body, as Professor Thom on assures us, a director is presen and events do not take place merely this distinction should not be drawn in their party, and the radical Democrats, because the elements happen to be in this country. Congress has great lati- headed by Wilson and Bryan, are each conjunction. Of course the fact of the

elements being situated thus and so is important. But it is not all-import A counselor is at hand to rectify

lections.

Doubt is expressed whether Bryan trivance to itself and at once it begins would for any length of time subordinate himself to Wilson, whether the man who dictated the platforms at Kansas City and Denver, at whose command delegates were unseated and command delegates were unseated and this principle. They seek to build who for years has been able to sway multitudes with his voice, could reconcile himself to be second in command. That depends on the character and motives chiefly of Bryan and Wilson. son to believe they know the character is no reason to believe they know the character is no reason to believe they know the character is no reason.

pass his progressive measures. The world is consciousness. There are main purposes of the two men are the same and they have every reason for agreeing on the methods by which they would carry out those purposes. A quarrel with Bryan would be fatat to Wilson's success. Bryan desires to disprove the charge that he is a mere agitator and demagague, devoid of administrative capacity. By demonstrating his constructive as well as destructive talents he can establish his claim on the Democracy as the logical successor of Wilson. The ownly considered that the statement in the course of the debate on the single-term plank in the Baltimore platform Eryan is so fully committed to that principle that he could not consistently become a member of Wilson's Cainet unless Wilson gave it his adhesion. Then with the protegressive Democracy, whose idol Bryan is, in control of the Government and the party, Bryan as Wilson's Secretary of State would have good reason for doing good team would gove the matter that content of the Government and the party, Bryan as Wilson's Secretary of State would have good reason for doing good team would gove the matter that the theory of the state that the propose of the debate on the single-term are mediment, that Wilson approach the principle of the single-term and the the principle of the single-term and the principle of the problem of the course of the problem of the problem of the course of the problem of the problem of the course of the problem of the course of the problem of the course of the problem of the prob are drawn onward to pursue a great idea to its realization at any cost of life or suffering blaze the path for the Seek a second term is sustained by the Government rent, which the companies to follow. Wilson's Secretary of State would have curing the unearned increment and good reason for doing good team would give it to the people.

Spring fashions for men as well as women are said to exhibit a certain gorgeousness. Parislan fops are wearing hats in two colors with rainbow outbursts upon the waistcoat. The re-turn of knee breeches and shoe buckles is predicted if the tide does not turn. nen attract attention by wearing belts and collars that go only halfway round. Fragments of styles twenty

belts and collars that go only halfway round. Fragments of styles twenty years old are mingled with the latest modes. Last year's coats are made over with new backs. The rage for novelty will apparently carry the grotesque to the limit.

One of the notable movements of the day is the formation of the Drama League, which has "chapters," or branches, in both New York and San Francisco. Its purpose is to teach theater-goers to judge sensibly of plays and players. The ultimate offect of the league, it is hoped by the promoters, will be to discourage bad plays and help good ones to thrive through the box-office. It will censor the stage by public opinion, which is the only desirable way.

The New York Stock Exchange has some excellent rules, but they need more rigid enforcement. Such is the one against speculation by persons in positions of trust. The average broker does not care where his customers the stage that the state of the content of the content of the state there were many times more cougars, there cougars, and, and yet the country seemed with game, many species of a precarious existence. That is there were many times more cougars, times more to a promoter when there are at the trace and yet the country seemed with game, many species of a precarious existence. That is there were many times more cougars, and, and yet the country seemed with game, many species of a precarious existence. That is there were many times more cougars, and, and yet the country seemed with game, many species of a precarious existence. That is there were many times more cougars, and, and yet the country seemed with game, many species of a precarious existence. That is there were many times more cougars, and, and yet the country seemed with game, many species of a precarious existence. That is there were many times more cougars, and, and, yet a seem at the present time, and yet lee country seemed with game, many species of a precarious existence. That is there were sees at the present time, and yet lee country.

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ico may induce their governments to dama in the voting. We can demand that we either intervene to re- find no objection to this. He has made

If it takes the State Department six months to answer Senator Jones' letter about that Canadian fishery outthe twenty-first century may rage.

All that \$200,000,000 McLean baby

20 cents, but it is of finer quality than usual, and the price is not to be taken as fixing the figure of the clip.

use rocks to bombard their Prime Min-

Medical statistics reveal that there are fewer medical students now than ten years ago. There should be quite a falling off in the death rate.

When will there be an end to con tests for Mrs. Eddy's fortune? seem to be as interminable as the famous Jarndyce case. Mrs. Woodrow Wilson or Wilson

nousekeepers. Must want to get them James J. Jeffries has made a bet of \$1400 that he will not touch liquor for 1400 that he will not touch liquor for There is an immense amount of whole year. Must intend taking it in English, German and American capital

Woodrow says her daughters are adept

It isn't right to be outspoken and

frank, says Madame Bernhardt, Critics, for example. If Madero were to go to Spain, h

Portirio Diaz.

frijoles.

The Turks are qualifying to win the Marathon race at the next Olympic games.

well in hand. In whose hand? The trusted official who takes on a affinity is lost, soon or late.

Madero reports that the situation is

Barney O'Neil is booked to join the

CAUSES OF GAME DESTRUCTION WOMEN AND THE MILLAGE BILL Writer Lifts Blame From Cougar and Places It on Hunter.

WINCHESTER, Or., Feb. 10.—(To the Editor.) — Under the heading "Our Needs in Game Protection," occurs an article in The Oregonian, January 27, by W. H. Prettyman, in which he discusses the rapid diminution.

PORTLAND, Feb. 2.—(To the Editor.) What the women of this state think of the matter of higher education is shown by their support of the millage bill for the University of Oregon. The bill now before the Legislature procusses the rapid diminution.

I have been a pretty close observer of the flora and fauna of the state for thr over 60 years, and, having spent much of the time where the opportunity for studying them was all that could be desired, I feel pretty well equipped to discourse on the subject, and, in the light of experience, let me say that Mr. Prettyman's assertion that

as follows:

A single panther will average a deer for every four days the year round. Say six deer are killed every month, seventy-two deer every year for each panther in the state, and there are a thousand panthers in

ence he has found only one carcass of a deer that he thought had been killed by a cougar; and, I will add, that, in all of my experience, where these animals, both deer and cougars were as numerous as they are anywhere, I have never found even the carcass of one deer that could by any possibility be charged to a cougar.

I am not, by any means, oblivious to the fact that the cougar is a very "un. desirable citizen": I am not siming to shield him by any means, I only alm to show that in blood-thirstiness and capacity for destroying game he is simply nowhere.

In the early settlement of the state

be done before concerts, not after. No sensible criticism is going to make any sensible person sorry he attended a concert, nor lessen one whit any true enjoyment that person may have had. But it is calculated to cause them to dawn before the American skipper gets think with more discrimination on musical subjects, and in doing so, will tend to do away with much of what tend to do away with much of what may be termed the "slushing" over celebrities that so often amounts to a sort of maudlin hero-worship rather

and the same season. Surely it is no sacrilege to point out the very logical fact that, while all are very well worth hearing and all artists of the front rank, they are not equally "great." "supreme" and "incomparable." Must can be beautiful without sentimentalbe depended upon to develop in the use the same article, or a single subNorthwest much more rapidly and much more sanely when the comparitives are used in place of the superlatives, when a performer's art becomes 'excellent' rather than "sublime," and when songs "please" rather than "thrill." OSCAR THOMPSON.

Northwest much more rapidly and ject, by imitating it for his own through replacing words, or mixing the wording, in the new work and se cure same by the same process of copyright, and what the responsibility against or for such imitators?

READER.

Musical editor, Tacoma Ledger.

PORTLAND, Feb. II .- (To the Edi- a like period. numerous insurrections that have been ment for actual damages or profits, or

People who "discover" the North
Pole fare better than those who find
its opposite. They get away alive,
anyway. friendly relationship between Eng-land and Germany, could it not be ar-ranged that the United States, as a neutral nation, intervene and take possession of Mexico? Mutual pro-tection to English and German inter-ests could be guszanteed by the United ests could be guaranteed by the United States Government while, at the sam-If Madero were to go to Spain, he might have an interesting reunion with Porfirio Diaz.

It is up to the Third Oregon to clean up its muskets and assemble a load of to intervene?

It is up to the Third Oregon to clean to the psychological moment for us to intervene?

C. W. M.

> Divorce and Remarriage PORTLAND, Feb. 19 .- (To the Ed! tor.)—Kindly inform me if divorced in Oregon, what states in the Union allow murriage before the six months are up. S. W. are up.

There is some question as to whether he laws of Oregon actually prohibit marriage before the expiration of six conths after divorce. If it is the law however, marriage in any other state within six months after divorce in Ore

Why Federated Clubs Indorse Pro

posed Legislation Is Told.

bill now before the Legislature pro-vides for the university the proceeds of a tax of three-tenths of a mill, or three cents on \$100.

In the minds of the mothers, ex-cellent reasons exist for an adequate provision for the State University, and they have indicated this by their hearing. they have indicated this by their hearty indorsement of resolutions to that ef-Portland, but the whole body of federated clubs of the state have asked the Legislature to consider carefully the needs of the State University. From Southern Oregon, from Eastern Oregon, from Astoria, from the Williamotte Valley, wamen's clubs and mothers' soley, women's clubs and mothers' cieties have sent in their indorsen

can cover them with rock and gravel. The Southern Pacific has been very liberal in aiding road Improvement. It carried crushed rock clear across Washington County last Summer for

is that they make a mountain out of a molehill. The first thing they propose is the creation of some fat office at \$4000 to \$5000 a year. I will say here that if the Legislature passes a road the train from Kalama y and his black running mate need is plenty of dirt to roll in; but, alas, a speck of dirt is something they never will enjoy.

Japanese are not imitators in Japanese are not imitators in the same season. Surely it is not something they mud at the same season. Surely it is no state of the Legislature passes a road plant of that if the Legislature passes a road plant if the Legislature passes a road plant if the Legislature passes a road plant of that if the Legislature passes a road plant if the Legislature passes are passes a road plant if the Legislature passes are pa

PORTLAND, Feb. 10.—(To the Editor.)—(1) Kindly inform me regarding the law on copyright, i. e., how many years does it last, and how often one may renew same? (2) Can some one sm, and true musical appreciation can may renew same? (2) Can some one depended upon to develop in the use the same article, or a single subagainst or for such imitators?

1. Original duration of a copyright is 28 years and it may be renewed for

or.)-In view of the fact that trouble 2. Infringement of a copyrighted again has broken out in Mexico, and work cannot be copyrighted, but creseems to be more serious than the ates liability for injunction and settletaking place intermittently for half in lieu thereof payment of certain sums a century, it is about time that some specified in the act. Wilful infringe-outside force should take a hand in ment with intent to profit is a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment for not exceeding one year or by fine of \$100 to \$1000, or both,

> Uncle Sam's Trade in Canada, Exports from the United States to Canada are now averaging \$1,000,000 m ay. Three years ago they averaged nly haif that sum.

### INFORMATION FOR CORRES-PONDENTS.

Communications intended for this page of The Oregonian should not contain more than 250 words. The editor will use his discretion in cutting letters of longer length. Correspondents who prefer rejection of their his discretion in cutting letters of longer length. Correspondents who prefer rejection of their manuscripts to having parts eliminated should so state.

The Oregonian will not by mail supply addresses, statistics, data for debates or similar information.

Queries of general interest

queries of general interest will be answered when practi-cable, but The Oregonian will not undertake to place values on old coins or curios or give legal advice in detailed controversies. Legal inquiries should be con-fined to general law points.

## Victorious in Death

BY W. E. DE L. GIFFARD. All nations now unite to honor him Who with his life's ambition gained, nd on the threshold of eternal fame. Yet lost his life through florcest ele-

ments, Which, warring a Which, warring a strife unending 'gainst the skill of man Defeated oft, at last have bad helf

And buried with their forces, snow and wind, And ley blast and awful cold, Their oft time conquerer, a man Their oft time conquerer, a man. He fought them from a pristine love

He fought them not to win mere mundane gain; He sought to find a most clusive spot. And sought therewith at bost clusive

fame, Not for himself alone, nor even first,

But for the country which he greatly loved.

And which for that dear love now mourns his loss
A nation deep bereft,
Often he fought and many times he

But Nature ever yet did have her

o, biding her time, she culled her veterans forth, for one last stand, And in a mighty blizzard, over-whelmed

man, the flag of victory in his

### Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian of February 11, 1863. Two subscription schools have been pened at Walla Walla, with Misses

Mr. A. H. Roble, the ploneer sawmitt nan of the upper country, is having ne of his mills brought down from Lewiston, and intends to take it over to the Boise mines so soon as teams an cross the mountains.

Cairo, Jan. 39.—A Vicksburg correspondent of the Jackson Appeal anti-cipates that the next movement by Grant's army against Vicksburg will be made by marching around through the interior of the state and attacking

Salt Lake City, Feb. I.—Colonel Con-nor's command had a desperate battle with the Indians on Bear River, 150 miles north of bere, killing 224, and many are supposed to be drawned. They also took 175 prisoners, destroyed the ledges annyisions etc. the lodges, provisions, etc.

Forty-eight hours of snowy weather produced a state of the tempera-At the hour of going to press the and was near a foot deep and still falling

### Twenty-five Years Ago

From The Oregonian of February 11, 1888, Washington, Feb. 19,—C. P. Hunting-on, vice-president of the Central Pa-lific Raliroad, appeared today before ific Railroad, appeared today before he House committee on Pacific rall-oads to give his views upon pending egislation touching those roads.

New York, Feb. 10.—John A. Benson, the surveyor, who is wanted in San Francisco to answer charges of conspiracy to defrand the Government by fraudulent land surveys, arrived in this city today in company with United States Marshal Franks, of the California district. New York, Feb. 10.-John A. Benson San Francisco, Feb. 10. - Robert J.

south of the Jefferson-street ferry, was beral in aiding road improvement. It arried crushed rock clear across Vashington County last Summer for 5 cents a ton.

The trouble with our road agitators to the sound sum of \$50,000. The sale was effected by Buchtel & Mall.

A fine lot of canvasback ducks were

An immense lot of smelt came in on the train from Kalama yesterday.

The fame of the great painting of the battle of Gettysburg, on exhibition in Portland, is getting abroad through-out the Northwest. Seattle, Feb. 10,-Mrs. Sarah Denny, stepmother of A. A. and D. T. Denny, died this morning. She was the second wife of Hon. John Denny. She came to the Pacific Coast with the immigration of 1857, and settled, with her husband, in Marion County, Oregon.

# SEA GULL IS A WISE OLD BIRD

Observer Tells How Birds Seem to Demonstrate Rensoning Power, PORTLAND, Feb. 10.—(To the Editor.)—With reference to The Oregonion's remarks on animal training, etc.,

nion's remarks on animal training, etc., I indorse them throughly. It is absolute cruelty to animals most of it so far as I could ever see. I see that you say the pig has the most constructive brain of all our four footed friends.

I think is leaving out our brethren of the air that you do them some little wrong. I have been working down on the shore for the past three months and have been constantly tickled by our friends the gulls. Talk about reason! They use it all the time. I gave an oid gull a bone, he found it very delectable to pick, but it wanted softening, so he trotted down to the water's lectable to pick, but it wanted softening, so he trotted down to the water's
edge and dropped the bone into about
four inches of water. I saw them often
after that burying bones on the edge
of the bay and have seen them pulling
out their treasure and trying results.
I thoroughly believe that many a
word in our language is taken from the

word in our language is taken from the cry of bird and beasts.

During my stay near a little smooth water arm of the bay, a lone black duck used often to come and see what the fuss was all about. Some fool shot it one morning. In the afternoon the guils, finding all quiet and safe, sat on the piles as usual. But where was brother black duck? One old guil kept minicking. "quack, quack, quack, quack." mimicking, "quack, quack, quack," evidently ruminating that quack was

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there somewhere.
When the gulls kill, if the prey is
large, they need assistance, hence their
cry of "here, here." When they are
fairty fed and resting some old one
will protest, saying "work, work." No
doubt instnuating that some one ought
to be doing something.
Belleve me, among the beasts of the
field and the birds of the air there are
few wiser than the common gull.

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"I don't object to a man tellin' all he
nows," said Uncle Eben, "If he sureknows," said Uncle Eben, "If he sure-enough an' honestly knows all he tells."