# The Oregonian

has worked ten years in an effort to good faith invested money on that reduce to cultivation a claim in untract. The survey is about to be acis application, but unless he can obain a favorable ruling from the de- nothing else. partment in his particular behalf he will lose his claim because it is imfble to comply with the cultivation equirements of the new law.

The homestead law now demands hat one-eighth of the tract entered pon by the settler shall be in actual

"administrative purposes." In short, there is no chance there for the

Meadow lands outside the reserves were long ago homesteaded. But there are vacant agricultural lands vered by alder, burned fir and cedar, deadfalls, over-mature trees, or otherwise sparsely timbered. No settler, less supplied with extraordinary finces, can build his modest home, ables, outbuildings, fences; procure essary work animals and tools, provide a livelihood for his family and re-duce twenty acres of such land to cultivation in three years.

The Secretary of the Interior has authority to reduce the cultivation requirements in individual cases. The mesteader must file application for reduction in the first year of his entry. The Secretary specifically reelects, until final proof is offered. other words the homesteader must take chances with the changing policies of the Interior Department, whims or ambitions of Government inspectors or agents, the dreary circumution of a Federal bureau. All the ne-perhaps three years—he must ads in Western Oregon?

Such is the case of the newcomer or thers in similar plight. alls—in short, ploneered as did the England, en who crossed the plains half a The ne

by products are disturbed over con-

THE SETFLER'S GAMBLE. ing, and the street rallway company few days ago Secretary Fisher has given him nothing. Yet they defitold in a letter to The Oregonian of nitely prepare the way for his occu-Department toward the honest settler. and trade in rights and grants which Department toward the honest settler, and trade in rights and grants which complexive effect of the department's shall hear from Mr. Heusner, of course, that he has been promised a year homestead law. Mr. Haines, who Seventh-street franchise, and has in

eyed land, is now confronted by Seventh street stands just where it and regulations which did not did, so far as the desirability or unde-Seventh street stands just where it xist when he began his labors on the sirability of a third rail is concerned. Seventh street should never be given He will soon be able to file up to a combination of urban and interurban cars. There will be room for

OREGON'S UNIVERSITY. One hundred and twenty students from Oregon are said to be registered at a single institution in California. A large group of Oregon young men

suffered through the political vicissitudes of several referendum cam-Yet it survives; and it is clear that the people of Oregon believe that they should maintain a State University. It is noteworthy that so valuable and influential an organization as the State Federation of Woman's Clubs has enlisted for the University and purposes to do all it can to establish a secure foundation for an institution having a vital relation to the there can be no doubt of its future

Now the joint ways and means comachieved only through adequate finanbe stunted, or starved, or stripped, we might as well abolish it utterly.

### ABANDONED FARMS.

and till as many acrea as possible and We do not hear so much as we used pendence of spirit which we sestill live in doubt. Is any sane man about abandoned farms in the East. Kansas the liquor traffic would be turned unproductive acres into ago could not be sold for \$100 an acre, enforced or not. sture, packed supplies over rough Agriculture is looking up in New

ury ago. Some have not twenty certain much-despised foreigners. It true that can be cultivated. Those is the Italians, Poles and Huns, the res that can be cultivated. Those to turned to stock-raising or dairyso for their chief resource learn that so the pasture stumps and turn the im into a strictly agricultural tract, the time is too short, or the resource of the resource learn that southern Europe, who are becoming the food-producers for the Atlantic section of the country. They understand the strictly agricultural tract, the time is too short, or the resource of raising a large quantity of resource of the source of the old sot. But how about the young man whose habits are not yet formed? Is it not worth while to consider his case a little? Not being a drug slave as yet, the closing of the salloons would not necessarily drive shim to the hypodermic syringe for rethe time is too short, or the retirement too great, a paternal Govment may, not must, diminish the
all demand. Under extremely fathe time is too short, or the retirement too great, a paternal Govment may, not must, diminish the
marketing what they raise. With
these two qualities combined they are
better habits than their contempoment may not must, diminish the
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The vast number of people who are west. Wherever they have settled in interested in using petroleum and its considerable numbers they have should not the towns granting the

placed agriculture on a new and bet-ter basis than it had before. They ness instead of only a small part of know how to co-operate in community it?" Thus our logical contemporary

ticle which The Oregonian has al-ready commented upon briefly. The Action of the residence period and until final proof is offered. The cultivation must include breaking or sittring of the soil, planting or sowing of seed and tillage for a crop other than native irrises.

It is safe to say that there are no vacant lands in Western or content of the soil of th licenses because they want the for municipal purposes and this is

of late. It is that "prohibition does tion having a vital relation to the moral and educational welfare of Oregon. If the mothers of Oregon take up the cause of the State University, there can be no doubt of its future yore some of the reasons why prohibidoes not prohibit. The mittee at Salem agrees on a reasonable appropriation by the State Legislature When Congress has definitely for of liquor without much restraint in for the University. It ought to pass; and this time we think there will be no see whether there is not something see whether there is not something referendum. There ought to be none, more than has been supposed in state For it is clear that the greatest use-fulness of the University can be onstrates to the candid mind that it is achieved only through adequate finan-cial support. If the University is to rear a generation to whom the saloon with its sordid evils is virtually un-known. If the population of every state in the Union had the firmnes of character and indomitable pendence of spirit which we see in ng to risk the loss of three years' The price of farm land in New Eng-dest kind of labor by filing on land has doubled in the last twenty fice to regulate it when the people years. This may not be a very rapid are firmly resolved that it shall be Such is the case of the newcomer or increase, but it is an increase. The regulated, come what may. Oregon, the first increase in similar plight. They have the West seems to have passed. Polish degree, not because it is not strict. one on unsurveyed land in good tenants now pay a yearly rent of \$40 enough, but because the people as a aith, have built homes, slashed tim-

As to the plea that the toper de prived of his rum is sure to resort to The new state of things is owing to morphine or cocaine, it is certainly ertain much-despised foreigners. It true of the old sot. But how about able conditions they will have a doing what the American farmer raries elsewhere. We dare say the abiling chance, but if a reservation-failed to do in the East. They are Lord knew what he was about when making the difficult soils of New he taught the prayer, "lead us not into temptation." So much for the Recorded, such settlers will have no vestment of \$200 and \$300 an acre. such settlers will have no vestment of \$200 and \$300 an acre.

The Finns are doing something of which keeps the saloon in existence.

means to pay railroad fare.

The "social directors" who have them to be different, nothing under been sent out by the University of heaven could prevent it.

who is crying for economy in the Naval bill, secures substantial provision for improvements in his district through the public building bill, we are led to reflect on the frailty of buman nature.

Note mass in all proof, for the last tender of the care is a whole surveyed so he can file on it and make his final proof and get his title. Mr. Fisher says this is to keep the home are led to reflect on the frailty of buman nature.

decisions jibe accurately with common that remarkable city. They will do it, sense. Municipalities grant liquor for they have the energy and the material.

not the predatory, rich, and all unite in birthday congratulations to him. Some way must be found to prevent the walkout of 40,000 Eastern train-

whom we count among the beneficent,

men. The economic loss all around is too great in such procedure. Nearly \$20,000,000 seems a large im for the Government to spend for

relief.

marching on to trembling Washington.

An emblem is being devised for the ew aviation corps of the Army. Why not crossbones and skull?

Why does not Roosevelt go to Idaho and denounce the Idaho Supreme

this happen in the canning season?

LAW AND THE HONEST SETTLER WHAT CAUSES EXTREME POVERTY?

THE MORNING OLDBOANN, PARLICAL PROMINGS ON THE MORNING STATES OF T the honest homesteader. In his article he did not mention the ruling that homesteaders or settlers who have lived on unsurveyed land for periods up to 20 years must come under the new

towns seem to have done excellent work toward bettering the situation in trural sections, though hundreds of them are needed instead of scores before the evil will be materially remedied. In the cities the new science of social hygiene is moving in the right direction. A very little practice in matters of this kind is worth more than thousands of sermons, particularly fithe practice is based upon adequate study of the situation.

THE SALOON AND THE LAW.

An esteemed and exceptionally able contemporary, the Pilot Rock Record, makes an attractive argument for municipal ownership of saloons in an article which The Oregonian has all ricky who is crying for economy in the strain.

When Representative Fitzgerald, who is crying for economy in the strain of the sex of

tion than is provided by the bills now before the Legislature is the task your correspondent has undertaken to make succeed him.

clear. for municipal purposes and this is mainly the consideration which decides the question in the minds of most citizens.

There is another plea which often counts heavily for the saloons, though it seems to be losing ground somewhat

Edison is one of the millionaires

Since every citizen is subject to accidental injury or death, it naturally follows that all have a personal and vital lows that is intensified by the fact that the state can provide insurance at cost, Kenworthy at auction yesterday at since all profit and waste will be eliminated. Such a great, useful public lows that all have a personal and vital lows that all have a personal Since every citizen is subject to acciinated. Such a great, useful public House-Washington, Feb. 13.-A bill function should be for all and not for was introduced by Hermann, of a part of the people. A law making partners of the state, employer and employe to serve some special interest is a subversion of government not to be tolerated. Such a principle, if once established, would grow and could easily become an ugly and dangerous

surance has been provided. It can be assumed that the average workman earns \$1000 per annum, the correctness of the estimate being immaterial, the object desired being to establish a basis for the computation of assessments, and reckon the damage done to the cause.

Colonel Blethen's losses by fires are great, but his other name is Phoenix and the ashes bring him into bold relief.

the same is Phoenix be regulated to suit the needs of every trade or occupation.

Under the plan herein proposed any citizen of the state could elect to become the beneficiary of the state accident insurance fund by paying his or her assessment covering a certain period of time.

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A law should be enacted to bar any employe from civil action against his 541 vessels of all classes, valued at employer providing the employer has reimbursed his employe for the cost of insurance while in his employ. The large water well as the entire amount is British capital.

James Watson Webb is our representations.

Thank goodness, one war is ended—
that between Fritzi Scheff and John
Fox, Jr.

The boid Briton declined and took refuge aboard one of Her Majesty's ships of war.

lected, would lead to trouble and expected.

The Sentinel is agitating the questional party of the citizen which, if negative ships of war. PHIL WITHYCOMBE,

A Mere Inadvertence.
Chicago Record-Herald.
"One of the preachers comes forward with the declaration that the devil is not mentioned in the Old Testament."

Harper's Bazar.

An overdressed woman of a certain age met an old acquaintance on the

about the condition of the bridge on East Twelfth street between J and K.

Company, has resigned and on March I The guardian sale of land on the

established, would grow and could easily become an ugly and dangerous barnacle upon our body politic.

The state should deal directly with the citizen for whose benefit the insurance has been provided. It can be assumed that the average workman carrs there are annum the correctness.

Those Mexicans must have been gathering inspiration from the Balk-ans' dispatches.

Men must go back to 1830 for the latest style. It pays to store up the family clothes.

This would preserve the citizen's pered by legal complications. It would simplicity, which is much to be the family clothes.

The supploye for the cost of the amploy. The self-insurance will complete the operation of the law so far as the court of the Emperor sentative at the c The bold Briton declined a

The Sentinei is agitating the ques-tion of opening a road from Jackson-ville to the John Day & Powder River mines. It is the only possible outlet for the superabundant produce of the southern part of the State. Flour is worth \$5 a barrel at Jack-sonville, and \$40 in those mines.

Sugar stays down. But why can't this happen in the canning season?

Well, he claims that, there being normant of him in the Old Testament. The steamer Pacific sailed for San mention of him in the Old Testament, there cannot be a devil. That's no proof. The Old Testament does not mention the Illinois Legislature is still in session.

boys having come to treat these in-teresting relics of the primeval forest with kindness and consideration. Many the lows, born last April, who in the early Spring will set to home the prime with the carly

Norfolk, Va., dispatch. The dress Miss Eleanor Wilson will

Boston Transcript.

"Oh, Jack, I'm awfully glad you

proposed."

He—"Then you accept me?"

She—"Well, no: but, you see, your proposal puts me even with Kitty Cobb, who had the most of any girl in our

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