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THAT ANTI-TRUST PROVISO.

The proviso in the sundry civil bill that no part of the special approprialaw should be used in prosecution of labor unions or farmers' organizations led to a most illuminating debate in the Senate on the relation of the Sherman law to such organizations. This is the proviso which President Taft denounced and which caused him to veto the bill as passed by the sixty-second Congress. The same bill with the sixty-third Congress and passed the House with case, but the Republican Senators who had countenanced the proviso in the first instance turned against it with few exceptions when out, while the Democrats, joined by a

union leaders, is attached to an approof the anti-trust laws, and reads:

in view the increasing of wages, anortening of hours, or hettering the conditions of iabor, or for any mot done in furtherance thereof, not in itself uninwful: Provided further. That no part of this appropriation shall be expended for the prosecution of producers of farm products and associations of farmers who co-operate and organize in an effort to and for the purpose to obtain an effort to and for the purpose to obtain and maintain a fair and reasonable price for their products.

It would be unfortunate if the candidacy of Clyde should result in the Debate on Senator Gallinger's mo-

stances against them. It was denied personal record is clean; and his pub-that the proviso would license them to lic record is consistent and good. violate law, since it did not bar proseoccasion arose for such prose the general appropriation for the Department of Justice would be avail- course. able, the special appropriation anti-trust suits being designed only for suits against capitalistic combinations, which involve great expense. The proviso was held to be merely a declaration from Congress that any labor and amend the Sherman law generally.

violation of a law instead of repealing sult to chance. it. If that was not the meaning of the proviso, said Senator Borah, "it is a able lack of sincerity. The candidate vain, ineffectual, duplicitous, insincere who can gain a majority of first-choice and hypocritical thing." The admis- votes need have no fear of second or sion that other funds would be avail- third-choice votes-they cannot able for prosecution of labor and farm. counted against him. If he cannot obing combinations left the way still tain a majority of first-choice votes he open for such prosecutions, hence a must have some second and perhaps pretense was made at giving immunity third-choice votes in order to win. In without really giving it. Senator Root the case of Commissioner, if he be denounced the proviso as a declaration that the Senate was in favor of ed, for no candidate among the four-permitting some people to violate the score or more running will be able to law with imposity and punishing other men who violate the same law. If The only conclusion possible is the a provise in an appropriation bill.

There seemed to be little real difference of opinion on the point whether all choices is a sincere conviction that labor unions should be free to strike a second or third-choice vote would for higher wages, shorter hours or bet. have to be in support of an unfit canbe free to combine for the purpose of not enough worthy candidates running marketing their crops, but fear was ex- to give the voter three honest choices. pressed lest the proviso might be taken as a license for tying up railroads or conducting secondary boycotts by labor unions, or fixing prices of farm products the country over by a combination of farmers' unions. The feeling was strong that, if any exemption should be made, it should be by direct smendment, carefully safeguarded. Senator Cummins went so far as to eve for delay in consideration of the bill and for instructions to the interstate commerce committee to report a bill exempting the organizations in question from the operation of the Sherman law, if it found such action advisable. This, however, was voted

objections to insertion in an appropriation bill of legislation so important are obvious. But labor unions are not content to await the leisure of Congress in amending the Sherman They want some action now. Public opinion is with them to the exbelieving that the anti-trust law should not be used to restrict the legitimate activities of labor unions At this time, when attention is turned to improvement in methods of distributing farm products by co-operation among farmers, public opinion would oppose classing such co-operation as There is small danger, in any case, that the present Administration would proceed against labor unions or farmers' associations except in aggravated cases where pub-He opinion would approve such action, Congress might well have deferred acuntil it could undertake the general revision of the anti-trust law.

of an international commission for set- and more varied. It is the last treas- on quite smoothly in spite tlement of all foreign claims growing ure-house of American wealth, only venturous experience. Nor have we

ta is anxious for American recognition ergy to open it. because it would facilitate raising of a foreign loan, which has been arranged in France. Mr. Bryan keeps Entered at Portland, Oregon, Postoffice as prodding Senor Huerta to agree to the claims commission and he may gain claims commission and he may gain against the Senate is founded is given his point unless another government against the Senate is founded is given should suddenly supplant that of Ma- in a letter on the compensation law

> SCRATCHING A "NON-PARTISAN." Senator Myers, of Montana, a Demo rat, announces that he will support a protective tariff on sugar and on wool, "despite the attitude of the Demo-

party."

The Democratic party is for free raw wool, for the ostensible benefit of the posed to have done to this law. consumer, but for the actual profit of the manufacturer, and for protected Senate proposed no amendments manufacturer, and not for the benefit of the consumer. The Oregon Senators, being ortho-

dox Democrats from a Republican desires to have the wool industry fostered, are going to vote with the Dem- labor and three representatives of the ocratic party against the interests of taxpayers.

ocrat appears. There will be a new kind of scratching, however, when raised the annuities provided in cer-Senator Chamberlain comes up for reelection in 1914.

LET THEM WAIT FOR LIGHT.

It is fair to assume that Mr. Roses who writes a letter to The Oregonian there were concurred in by the Sen today in behalf of Mr. Clyde, as Com- atc. missioner, desires to know the facts about that worthy's record; for he a par with the one made by this corconfesses that he is not acquainted respondent. The Senate is elected by with Clyde, but esteems him a "cap- the same voters that choose house able and responsible man to represent the common people" for the reason between the two branches of the As same proviso was reintroduced in the that he is "against special interest and sembly the Senate is a little more effi-Very likely Mr. Rosen has graft." that notion because Clyde has often smaller membership and the tendency publicly said so.

It is disquieting to observe the evident strength of a person like Clyde, experience, and for the further rea-Gallinger moved to strike it Just what form of special privilege or son that a little more honor is supgraft Clyde has ever exposed and de- posed to attach to the position of Senfew Republicans, voted to retain it and feated, no one knows, but all ought ator, which fact brings broader men to know he is the type of "shouting" into the field of candidates. The proviso, which was inserted in demagogue that discovers dishonesty the bill at the instigation of labor and oppression lurking behind every proposal of Big Business, so-called priation of \$390,000 for enforcement No matter whether or not it is there Provided however. That no part of this some shall be spent in the prosecution of speech, dangerous in method, and no rorganization or individual for entering the any combination or agreement having a view the increasing of wages, shortening fhours, or bettering the conditions of lamps, or bettering the conditions of lamps, and the speech, dangerous in method, and foolish in action; and he is no true friend of the people. Big Business has many sins to atone, and it has been so, or for any sot done in furtherance put on the rack by better men than leves of, not in tiself unlawful: Provided Clarks. Clyde says it is. He is reckless in one of la-ritherance put on the rack by better men than Provided Clyde. For the sake of all concerned repriation of the solution of the problems affecting

didacy of Clyde should result in the defeat of a worthy candidate repretion to strike out this proviso continued for three days and included some represent, such as W. H. Daly. Here sches, particularly by Senators is a man with a long and honorable Townsend, Borah and Root in favor of record of active and useful service for stroy the home, introduce free love the motion, and by Senators Hughes, the labor interests, and for the gen-Norris and Martin against it. In favor eral interest as well. His sincerity of the proviso it was contended that and devotion to his ideals have imthe Sherman law was not intended to pressed not only his friends, but the apply to labor or farmers' unions, but forces and elements that stand for difthat it had been invoked in several in- ferent views and purposes. Mr. Daly's

We venture to suggest that Mr. cution for acts not in themselves un-lawful. It was also contended that, if made public by the newspapers or melodrama turning the preachers into otherwise before they determine their

VOTE THREE CHOICES.

The candidate or campaign committee working in his behalf who makes a "first-choice" campaign—that is, uniform which might offend the prosecuted until the "big been disposed of. It was arbeen disposed of. It was arbeen disposed of the first choice is handling as the candidate in the light of holding to be largely inspirational. To say, it is that Colonel Watters and their followers and their followers and their followers and their followers are seemingly becoming imposed out, root and stump.

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The only conclusion possible is that such an exemption were made, others such advice is offered in the hope that be made. The end sought those with whom the candidate is first should be attained, if at all, directly, choice will follow the advice, but that by amendment of the Sherman law, not those who have some other first choice will disregard it.

The only justification for not voting conditions, and that farmers should didate-in other words, that there are

LANE'S ALASKA POLICY.

.Secretary of the Interior Lane's declaration in favor of Government con- leaders are "empty-headed girls. struction and operation of railroads in They are among the shrewdest people Alaska will bring cheer to the thou- in the world. sands in that territory who have been from being empty, and their power to think they are worth? waiting for the Government to lift the lay out a campaign and direct its embargo put upon it by Pinchotism. strategy is at least equal to any that It is important as a definition of Ad- men have shown either in politics or nothing to frighten Japan. Japan ministration policy, for Mr. Lane war. It might help Colonel Watterwould not have made it without the son to get a better concept of the approval of President Wilson. It ren- struggle he derides so amusingly if he ders irrefragable the case in favor of would remember that Joan of Arc the policy described, for it adds the and Charlotte Corday each did some Wilson Administration's seal of ap- pretty serious work in the world and proval to that of Secretary Fisher and that there are now thousands of the Alaska Railroad Commission. The women in both hemispheres animated Democratic party and the progressive by their spirit of daring sacrifice. Republicans as well as those Republi-cans who adhered to President Taft please, but hard words will not obliterare of one mind on this general policy. ate the fact of their activity and abil-There is a bill now before the Senate, ity. introduced by Senator Chamberlain. public opinion who calls such women authorizing the issue of bonds and the as Ellen Key and Anna Shaw "empty execution of the plans outlined by the headed girls"? The first rule of war Commission. With such unanimity of sentiment, there should be no difficulty are afraid Colonel Watterson violates in bringing about speedy action. The it. May he never see the day when bill can be passed in the intervals be-tween stages of action on the tariff, if misunderstanding of the plainest the Administration will but give the facts. But what of the accusation that

Mr. Lane's statement is encouraging home, introduce free love and turn to those interested in the development women into weak imitations of men" of Alaska-and they include the whole Has anything of the kind happened i Pacific Coast-for another reason. He the suffrage states? It may be worth powder trust. shows a true conception of the possi- while to refer to some of the actual bilities of that great territory, land not only of mines and fisheries, the world. but of towns, farms, mills and facwill probably be at its next ses- tories, supporting millions of people of stable in Oregon, California and the hardiest and most wholesome of Washington as it ever was. There is the race." That is the Alaska of the no evidence that women are neglectthe race." It is said that the United States future as it is conceived by every man ing their domestic tasks to camp down Government withholds recognition who has seen it. It can excel Norway at the polls and stay there. They have from the Huerta government in Mexia population just in proportion as its registered in large numbers and voted, ico until Mexico agrees to appointment area is greater and its resources richer but their family affairs appear to run

out of the revolution. President Huer- waiting for American brains and en-

HARPOONING THE SENATE.

An example of the lack of knowlpublished elsewhere today. The correspondent who signs the name "Pat" thinks the compensation act is inadequate and faulty, and seems to be-lieve that the bill was amended out of all appearance to its original form by "a controlled Senate." Throughout his letter the despised Senate is held up to repronch for things it is sup-

As a matter of recorded fact, the woolens, also for the benefit of the the compensation act. The bill did not originate with any member of the Legislature, House or Senate. It was drawn by a commission appointed by the Governor. This commission constate, which supports protection, and sisted of three representatives of labor, three representatives of employers of

The only amendments were pro Oregon.

Scratch a "non-partisan" in Oregon, posed in the House. These amendments increased the compensation ments increased the compensation organ appears. There will be a new granted widows with children, and tain cases. Another amendment gave right of appeal to the courts from findings of the commission that administers the act. All these amendments were in the interest of the workers, and although not originating

Other attacks on the Senate are on members. If there is any difference cient than the House, because of its to select its members from among men who have had previous legislative

THE SPECTER OF FEMINISM.

The much admired Louisville Courer-Journal has seen a frightful apparition. Perhaps we ought rather say that Colonel Watterson has seen it, but it comes to the same thing. Ad vancing upon the land with destructive strides, he beholds the specter of publican to remark: woman suffrage and his cries of apprehension are enough to wake the lead. Marse Henry's fright seems even to have disturbed the articulation of his thought a little. Sometimes the oncoming horror presents itself to his heated fancy as an alliance be tween woman and the Bull Moose Sometimes it is a devouring monster without distinct shape, which will deand turn lovely woman into "a weak pick off his man. imitation of man." The campaign would be simply terrible. whether against the home and the comfort of poor, wretched man or against all established institutions under the banner of the Bull Moose, is to be led "by lots of pretty, heady and empty-headed girls playing John of Arc on horseback and posing as Charlotte Corday on foot," the whole affair being "a resplendent and noisy political headquafters and by revivalist methods lashing the unthinking There are two into emotional fury." columns of this illuminating sort of talk about woman suffrage in a recent number of the Courier-Journal.

The first thought that occurs to one prints. "Suffragettism" is not in any way related to Mr. Roosevelt's politiassociates have chosen to attach them- bound to break out. selves to the cause of the women, but the movement began without their help and would go on just the same the House to be counted against the were they all to desert it. We imagine Underwood bill, there were only fouronel Watterson would be, but they are not leaders, and they will find it impos- muster? sible, whatever secret plans they may have formed, to divert it to their ends. The feminist movement is world-wide. It takes different directions in differ ent countries, but everywhere it seeks the enlargement of woman's opportunitles and the liberation of her faulties. In Germany and Sweden women demand a voice in settling the terms of the marriage contract. they are forcing their way into indus-In England and America they demand the right to vote. But in all cases they seek through one means or another recognition as free human be ings and the privileges which belong

of right to their faculties. Mr. Watterson sadly deceives him self when he fancies that the suffrag What shall we say of a leader o woman suffrage will "destroy

"as a workings of suffrage in this part of The "home" seems to be about a of their ad-

raff of tough women" has offended them at the polls, as Colonel Watter-son fears. Indeed "tough women" have been remarkably scarce on elecedge on which much of the prejudice against the Senate is founded is given in a letter on the compensation law supplied a law of the prejudice and their male adjuncts show a decided inclination to keep out of sight, and for the best of reasons. The truth is that supplied a law of the prejudice and their male adjuncts show a letter written by L. H. Vincent, of McMinnville, in which he makes the following statement: "In a recent letter with the compensation law truth is that supplied a law of the prejudice and their male adjuncts show a letter written by L. H. Vincent, or more than the compensation law the compensation law truth is that supplied a law of the compensation law truth is the c Both the creatures themtruth is that suffrage for women has perceptibly tightened the reins of morality in this part of the world. It is not not longer a joke to be arrested for "white slavery," or for some other victous practices which are often victous practices as a sort of worse than useless institution, and school as a sort of worse than useless institution, and school as a sort of worse than useless institution, and school as a sort of worse than useless institution, and school as a sort of worse than useless institution, and school as a sort of worse than useless institution, and school as a sort of worse than useless institution, and school as a sort of worse than useless institution, and school as a sort of worse than useless institution, and school as a sort of worse than useless institution, and school as a sort of worse than useless institution. smiled upon, even in Kentucky. Far from any tendency toward "free love," woman suffrage has made marriage a more serious matter than it ever was before. It is looking toward laws to prevent had heredity, to punish the desertion of the family, to protect women wage earners and defend the rights of children.

rights of children. private morality without much delay. Whether that will please us or not deends of course upon how we feel toward morality.

We are accustomed to consider Arabia an unchanged remnant of antiquity, but Consul Schulz says of the atives of Aden:

He is not only wearing American ectings, trimmed and cut by American issure and sewed on American sewing schines burning American kerosene, is children are now being rolled about merican collapsible baby carriages, whi e also rides in automobiles made in colt, uses American safety ranors and trops, American garters and American tarch, harnesses his wells with American umps and windmills, builds his houses with merican expanded metal and American ammers, and when in his coffee shop sips is beverage seated in an American chair.

But the interior is almost unchanged since the days of Mahomet and there is plenty of scope for the enterprise and inquisitiveness of the explorer.

The New York World's comment or the zeal shown by the police in seek-ing the murderer of Policemen Heaney and Teare moves the Springfield Re-

This is in singular contrast to the apathy hown by the police in the search for the our "guamen" who murdered the gambler tosenthal. The difference is that in the present case two policemen were shot, which is contrary to the rules of the game. Of course there is a great difference etween a policeman and a plain citi-Killing of a citizen does not impair the graft system, but if a police man may be killed with impunity, every man the police blackmail might The slaughter

Spelling reform in mild state has een adopted by Northwestern Univer-Students are permitted to spell sity. 'mamma" with a single "m," as the French spell it; "woe" without the "rhyme" as Coleridge wrote it, "rime," and plough with a "w." Such spelling reform is rational and easy to introduce, and, if the simplified Spelling Board would offer its revised orthography in installments instead of as a whole, we might incorporate it without too great shock.

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country, especially that of the time and that the acquisition when Buchanan held the same job.

cal maneuvers. He and some of his been, and the "old Adam" in him is

they are welcome in the ranks, as Col- teen of them. Where are the rest of teen of them. Where are the rest of the fifty members they said they would muster? Oregon University girls must here-

> curing partners. It is true that we are not prepared for war, but so long as we have the peerless William we are admirably qualified for the subtleties of diplo-

Carnivora in the City Park are becoming expensive pets since beef be-gan ascending. Why not feed them "something just as good"?

macy.

But wouldn't you like to buy some of those candidates for what they are Their heads are far worth and sell them for what they Wilson intimates that he will do

The man who is sane enough to know when he should go to the asylum

might at least be accommodated. Spring apparel having put him on stogie diet, pa must shortly meet the bill for graduation finery.

Suggestion to the Committee of One Hundred: Ask the wives of candidates and get real information. In many respects it is cruel to dig

up the pasts of some Commissioner-ship candidates. In spite of peace delegation activities, these are promising days for the

Suffragette bomb-throwers threaten to use aeroplanes. Encourage them!

The 13,000 barbers on strike in New York must be at a loss for listeners.

Snapshot divorces will still be the ile in Kansas City courts, But where on earth is Hobson?

It almost cleared up yesterday,

Mr. Mitty Opposes Vocational Training at Public Expense.

EOLA, Or., May 15 .- (To the Editor. In The Oregonian recently I noticed hundreds of self-taught men, but my ality in this part of the world. It is criticism was directed at those who

ights of children. well as people in other vocations, have instead of loosening it. Indeed, the Christian family was woman's invention, and she is not likely to throw in the elementary grades learning away any advantage she has gained chicken raising, school gardening and from it. The cry that suffrage is inimical to the home and dangerous to
matrimony is the wildest of speculation. There is not an atom of fact
to base it upon. No doubt the hope,
or fear that feminism will make radior fear, that feminism will make radical changes in our institutions all at once is baseless, but it is easy to see from its workings here on the Coast and onlons were thrown away in Call that it will tone up both public and fornia last Fall. As the men and women of today acquired such agricul-tural knowledge and ability, without being taught it in the public school, I feel certain the children of today can do likewise, unless they possess less self-initiative and self-reliant abilities. and if they do, much of the fault lies with the present teachings in the public schools.

Another correspondent, Mr. Vincent writes about a certain class of people attempting to solve the example regarding the number of board feet in a tel graph pole, and after mentioning the mathematical errors of some, he makes the following statement: "The moral we wish to point is that even with all their fallings the public schools have the so-called practical self-made men 'skinned to a frazzle' when it comes to

real practical experience."
In applying the previously-mentioned example to such industry, he attaches too much importance to the educational ability to work a tapering-stick problem, and not enough to the ability to manufacture and handle such timbers. He should remember the following words of Samuel Johnson "Knowledge is of two kinds, we know Johnson a subject ourselves or we know where we can find information upon it." Now, a practical lumberman, who can manu-facture such poles, if he wishes to know the exact number of board feet in such a pole, and cannot do the figuring himself, generally knows how to use some other fellow's brains to work it for him, while he himself con-tinues to produce more polos for market, although he may be considered an impractical worker while doing so Further, in the average sawmili, such tapering sticks are not sawn, because such timbers are difficult to saw, require more time, thereby reducing mill output, and increasing mill-waste; output, and increasing mill-wasis hence in actual business, all these mat ters are considered and estimated in an approximate way, and the result is that such timbers are sold either by ce or lineal foot, depending upor the length; consequently, the example mentioned is not of practical use even

in the sale of telegraph poles.

Mr. Vincent also states, "if no young person could be licensed for employment until he had finished the high school, there would be a better at-tendance in our schools and greater

and that the acquisition of further ing could be done in the leisure time education cesses when our school days of the year, but do not fire them until are past; that every one should have a dry time, an opportunity and should learn some I have but escence of Buil Mooselsm' exhibits a provincial narrowness of view which would be incredible if we were not forced to believe that the Colonel actually thinks what he writes and made him forsake his vegetarian cult at times. That is just the point. Man is not a grass-fed animal, never has been, and the "old Adam" in him is bound to break out.

When the Bull Moosers stood up in the man but would lead to disastrous results, for the simple reason that a vast amount of work does not require specially trained, skilled labor. Such eduction of what the public school should accomplish, and a false conception of what the public school should accomplish, and a false conception of the vocational training needed.

A. A. HENRY. by the young people of our Nation,
The public schools should imbue children with a deep sense of honor and guage so they can express their own thoughts clearly and comprehend other people's expressed views; also, teach manding payment. He said suit would them how, and imbue them with the be instituted to collect it if not paid them. after dress simply at dances. That places the homely but clever girl at a disadvantage in the matter of se- study, their own initiative selections and selfresponsibility, after school days are

> can they be properly classified, and if this notion through the public schools, or otherwise, attempts to teach every-one some special vocation, it will simply in making those that are com pelled by circumstances to perform the common, unskilled labor of the coun-try, to be discontented with their lot, through the teaching of false aspira-tions. In fact much of the discontent of today among the laboring class is traceable to such false teaching, in as well as outside the public schools. Such people through false aspiration and egotistical feelings, look upon their present positions as beneath their dig-nity and ability, and the result is they perform their work in a listless. perform their work in a listless, thoughtless, careless and indifferent The executive committee of the Democratic National Committee is beginning to count its next year's chick-

Efficiency in German Cities. EUGENE, May 15 .- (To the Editor.)
-Veritas strikes the right chord in the communication addressed to The Ore-gonian May 14, as to municipal and commission government. These ideas are conclusively demonstrated in the splendid showing of German city ad-

German cities. Theirs is not business, but a profession. They must be thoroughly prepared in theory and practice. They receive large, sufficient The "Star-Spangled Banner" remodelled salaries, according to the importance of their office. Liberal pensions await them after many years of efficient hard work. Thus they can well assume that them after many years of efficient hard them after many years of efficient hard to work. Thus they can well afford to devote their life, time and knowledge to their profession. No grafting is dreamed of nor needed; politics in the derogatory sense does not figure.

Efficiency is the watchword, sense of duty, devotion the impetus to thorough, around the profession of the community, and the twilights last beaming, whose nice stripes and white star

Washington (D. C.) Star,

She—Mr. Tompkins gives his wife a certain amount each week to provide for the table and buy clothes for herself.

He—I thought Tompkins was look.

He—I thought Tompkins was look. He—I thought Tompkins was look-ing rather thin,

heard any complaints that "the riff- THOUGHT ON NEW SCHOOL METHOD SENATE AND COMPENSATION LAW Writer Declares New Act Faulty and

Blames Upper House. PORTLAND, May 16 .- (To the Edior.)-I crave a short space to voice my opinions, regarding the much dis cussed compensation act and the threatened referendum. The poor referen dum seems to be the goat, just at present, that will help to butt the Senate of the State of Oregon out of existence. Yet, it seems particularly appropriate, considering that the new thoroughly-discredited special election originated in that august body. Chickens will come home to roost, ever though they do have an emergency clause tied to their tail.

chause tied to their tail.

The compensation act received the solid support of the press and the corporate interests. The press have sometimes erred as a whole, and very often individually, but have you eve seen big business or special privilege collectively err on the side of leniency to the working class? When they supported this compensation act is it no probable that they saw or rathe foresaw the recent decision of the Oregon Supreme Court? It is a facthat the corporations always employ the best legal talent and if the con sensus of opinion among them was that the Supreme Court would interpret the employers' Hability law as they have done, it was not unreasonable for them to suppose that the workers would be glad to accept the compensa-tion act, inadequate and faulty as it is, thanks to our beloved Senate

The compensation act met considerable opposition at Salem from organized labor as a whole, and I am in a position to know that that opposition has not subsided, particularly since the recent decision of the Supreme Court. It is inadequate in its provisions, car-ries no guarantee of permanency beyond what may be provided as an immediate cash settlement, and provides no way to continue annuities should a corporation go out of exist-ence leaving no assets, their usual methods-and its compensations are in sufficient and indefinite in most case leaving too much in the power of commission to decide—and right th omes the rub so far as the work ingman is concerned.

I notice that a certain member o

this commission who after a long resi dence in Salem, at the public expense takes upon himelf the authority to an nounce what future legislation the peple of Oregon will enact should the ref-erendum be invoked on this compen-sation act. Who made him the spokesnan for the electorate of Oregon? what right does he consider himself and his two fellow-commissioners superior to the voice of 10,000 voters who may sign a referendum petition To what length will not some of ou best citizens" go to obtain a chance t the financial milk of the publi

We are going to have a compensation law in Oregon, a far different one power and adaptability of this new from the present makeshift act, and steamer to the purposes intended to be without the kind assistance without the kind assistance of a controlled Senate to amend it out of all appearances to its original form. But in the meantime we will take steps to repair the damage done the liability law by the Supreme Court, through the initiative, and trust that the casualty companies will continue to play the goat until the battle is over.

PAT.

WISCONSIN STUMP - BURNING PLAN Alberta Farmer Would Like to Sell Out and Try It in Oregon.

LACOMBE, Alberta, Canada, May 13. -(To the Editor.)-I saw in The Oregonian recently an article about clearing stumps from land. It seems to me might slip in. the best and cheapest way of all is overlooked. Drill or bore a two-inch hole down level with the land from the

I have burned trees down in Wiscon-

PORTLAND, May 16 .- (To the Editor.)-My letter of inquiry in The Oregonian in regard to the payment of r own personal tax this year, brought the other Sheriff to my office that afternoon deteach manding payment. He said suit would to acquire knowledge through by the 20th of the month. He observation and work, upon the attorneys were paying their sonal tax rather than fight the issue I suppose I will have to submit t the bunco game, and pay up, regardles of the fact that I am charged than twice as much personal tyear as I was in 1910 or 1911. have not as much property as I had in those years.

However, I will pay under protest, and maybe get it back sometime in future. As I see it, it is a case of future. people be d-d"-their voice L M. DAVIS.

Expurgated Patriotism. By Dean Collins.

Seekers of peace, in the schools of Seattle Fearing that dittles descriptive of battle, And bloodshed and strife that our fore

fathers made
Till Liberty came to this country and stayed-

and steady, That war through the minds of the children may run If they sing of the deeds by our forefathers done, Have formed a peace plan; and 'tis now contemplated That songs of our country shall be

expurgated, So all the school children may sing ministration.

Experts, and such only, in all branches are employed by the leading branches are employed by the leading and still keep a pretty good notion of

(Dulce; soft pedal; in measures that

With courteous eyes lifted up toward

profitable service to the community, which employs them. The office seeks the man not vice versa.

E. SCHWARZSCHILD.

At the twilights last beaming, whose nice stripes and white stars, Made a beautiful sight, From the pole of the postofice

Wave long—and all people be perfectly nice?"

Twenty-five Years Ago

From The Oregonian of May 17, 1888. Astoria, May 16.—The stockholders of the Ilwaco Steam Navigation Company had a meeting this afternoon at which T. R. Strong, of Portland, representing the Portland Coast Transportation Company, made an offer for the two steamers, the Gen. Miles and the Dol-phin, now running on the Grays Har-Shoalwater Bay and Tillamook routes.

A remonstrance was presented to the Mity Council from a number of South Portland, saying that they be of south Fortaind, saying that they be-lieve that a tannery is about to be es-tablished on South First street, near Grover, in the midst of a thickly set-tled neighborhood, to the detriment of the health of the city.

Henry Weinhard asked that C street e improved by grading and macadam-zing from North Tenth to North izing

John J. Holland, the well-known boatbuilder, formerly of this city, says he will have the new steamboat for the Ellensburg & Conconully Railroad Company completed by June 1.

The dwelling of Ernest R. Gherke, orner of Twenty-second and P atreets was destroyed by fire yesterday morn-Road supervisors are now busy mend-

ng their ways. Mr. Redman has been road. William Kern is graveling a mile on the Milwaukie road.

Half a Century Ago

New York, May 11.- The Times says that Hooker has transferred his army to the south side of the Rappahannock, with the purpose, no doubt, of again ssuming offensive operations.

Washington, May 12 .- Official information has been received announcing the death of General Van Dorn at Spring Hill on the seventh.

Columbian Fire Engine Company No. , with quite a number of citizens, in-luding members of the City Council, about 140 in all, started on their exby Denison's band of 13 pieces.

The new, substantial and atout steamer John Couch (Charles Holman master) made a trial trip on Saturday evening last down to Coffin Rock and towed up to this city the bark William A. Banks proving the running speed power and adaptability of this a complete success

The steamer E. D. Baker started up this morning with a large party aboard, bound for The Dailes.

GIVES A BOOST FOR MR. CLYDE This Voter Says He Is Friend of the Common People.

PORTLAND, May 16, - (To the Editor.) - The Oregonian counsels the good citizens of Portland to get together and elect responsible and capable Commissioners, with the added advice that if they did not do so, such undesirables as Clyde and Wagnon might slip in. Personally I am not acquainted with either of the gentlemen but in talking the matter over in-formally with my neighbors and friends I find it the desire of a great

That is what a good many voters in the Seventh Ward, who have no axes to grind, but a sincere desire for good men, would like to know,

E. J. ROSEN. 6902 Fifty-fifth avenue, Southeast.

do you think so? Gyer—He has held a Government job for 30 years.

A Man Who Loves His Country. Chicago News. Gyer-There goes a man who cerinly loves his country. Myer-Why

SUNDAY **FEATURES**

Face Reading - You may tell lies, but your face can't hide them, says a noted Oriental face reader who gives the inner secrets of his art.

Theodore Roosevelt - Another chapter dealing with the days when he was first embarking on his notable career.

R. S. V. P .- A Potash and Perlmutter tale by Montague Glass.

Living on \$23 a Year - That is what the thrifty Japanese are able to do in their own land. How they do it is gone into exhaustively.

Business Is Woman's Field-

So says Anne Shannon Monroe, a Portland woman who has attracted wide attention as a writer. Are Preachers Lazy? - Rev. Mark A. Matthews says they

are, and goes into details on the subject. Frivolous Girls - The kind that never mean to marry are discussed interestingly by Laura

Jean Libbey. Eating and Speaking - It is revealed that what you say depends on what you cat and, in

a degree, on how you eat it. Women Fans-They are now the most ardent of baseball enthu-

The Broncho Buster - A short story by Gifford Hall.

Shaking Down the Rich - A study of the income tax which will be paid by one man out of every 120 who has more than \$4000 a year.

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