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er part of the time and their common sense will insist upon a more efficient the state. use of their property. There will ultimately be a demand for the constant pening of the schoolhouses to poances, debates, dances and all sorts of social gatherings. Already the question of dances is troubling the school di-ting should be made unlawful unless rectors. Folk dances have been taught some reasonably adequate substitute some extent during school hours lat least one request has been received available. If there are to be no paid to open a schoolhouse for a public dance. The authorities should make up their minds to meet this growing demand in a spirit of broad toleration and decide it with the utmost wisdom they can bring to bear. The lack of suitable places for social gatherings has wrought much evil, both in cities and in the rural sections. In some country towns neighborhood life has been almost extinguished by had roads combined with the want of pleasant halls for public meetings. Undesirable gatherings have held their own, but we cannot derive much consolation from the persistence of evil.

In the cities, while the schoolhouses

been closed and dark, young people have danced in low dens to the companiment of beer and vice. Amusement has been commercialized it could not be free and for the sake of profit the worst has thriven and the best been stifled, Now the public is moving toward better The schoolhouses offer an opportunity for both entertaining and instructive meetings under safe management, with the eye of the whole neighborhood upon them, where young people may associate with their par-ents, instead of being left to themselves. This movement is full of the most promising possibilities. Democracy means equality of opportunity both for profit and for amusement. Open schoolhouses mean broader and ner public relations. They mean the continuance of education beyond the erdinary schoolbook curriculum into the fundamental relations of life. They mean the abolishment of class lines and social snobbery by mutual contact under healthy and uplifting con-

But if we are to attain these desirable advantages we must consent to pay the price for them. Every blessing that is worth having implies some Neighborhood use of the choolhouses cannot be carried to its legitimate extent without a wider spirit of tolerance than some of us which some do not approve. The nat. ural tendency in cases of this kind is pense greatly mitigated. ural tendency in cases of this kind is to force our own views upon others if we can. We all dearly love to re-strict everybody else within the bounds strict everybody else within the bounds the neighborhood idea prevail in the schoolhouses. The principle, "live and let live," is the only one that will work. Those who do not approve of dancing should not try to compel everybody else to think exactly as they so on that subject. They must acwith them completely and still be just innings by delivering a lecture on the sin of those who tripped the light

The point to keep in mind in regard to dancing is that it has always been practiced by young people and to be of good family. Upon his fathgard to dancing is that it has always The children of well-to-do parents almost invariably are taught to dance, the man and rolled him into the say to the children of the people that either they shall not bandit. dance at all or else they must do it dance at all or else they must do it that was fifteen years ago. Since of all Progressives who care more for under viciously debasing conditions then he has been a murderer, bankthe discrimination seems to tack fair-ness. It is perfectly proper to argue his followers with the lure of loot. Last with them on the subject. If we can March he returned from the United convert them to our own ascetic views so much the better, perhaps. But when sacks of flour and nine men and reit comes to forbidding them to use cruited a band of kindred spirits in ficers except Governor. Lieutenant-the schoolhouses for dances under the constitutionalist cause. By forced the compulsary workmen's we are going too far. The attitude overcome one body of federals after taken by Mr. Sabin and Mr. Piummer another, and success has swelled his is far more rational. Mr. Sabin said forces until now he is at the head of at the Board meeting, where the subo his humanity and good sense. Mr. Plummer pointed out that his own easiest and best way." He has thus on the direct primary and in his re-children learned to dance and he acquired thirty-eight large fieldpieces, fusal to carry opposition to the state could not see why all the public fifty rapid-fire guns, a trainload of chairman to extremes. When Mr. should not enjoy similar advantages ammunition and other trainloads of Barnes proposed reaffirmation of the

all have an equal right to the use and ported to have taken \$3,000,000 cash nating Mr. Barnes as chairman of enjoyment of neighborhood property. from there. He has looted Chihunhua the state committee was raised at a The ideal condition is attained when and compelled the rich to add to his meeting of that body it was shelved each group of individuals gets its full treasure. He has issued decrees con- with the understanding that he would share without unduly restricting the fiscating the vast estates of the Ternobody else shall do" is, fatal to all diers. neighborhood life. The true maxim to follow is that "what I don't like I successful leader would become the party unity on which Mr. Root laid built not do, but it is not my province chief power in the government, and stress, but personal humiliation of "bawl"

initiative and referendum petition abuses, invites the attention of The Oregonian to a proposal that no county be permitted to furnish a greater proportion of names on any

spondent, who approves the suggestion, has carried out the plan to its mathematical conclusion. In filling a petition under the proposed system it route.

PORTLAND, SATURDAY, DEC. 20, 1913. would be essential that every county be represented thereon. On a proportionate basis no twelve or fifteen

The public demand for a wider use ties could produce a valid petition.

Every one of the thirty-four counties diminish. It is a new thing in our would have to furnish its quota of dimfnish. It is a new thing in our day. People are just beginning to discover what an opportunity for enterfainment and profit they have been missing by permitting the schoolhouses to remain vacant for the great. were signed by fifty per cent or all When the transportation arrange-er part of the time and their common of the voters in every other county of ments of this part of the world are

The Oregonian believes that whatment of the paid circulator. It is not content that the paid petition circulafor the paid solicitor's services is made circulators and a requirement is put in the law that a petition shall be circulated and names obtained in every county in the state the initiative and referendum will be practically inoperative.

THAT TREATY WITH HOLLAND.

Sacretary Revan meets with success in negotiating peace treaties with na-tions with which the United States is never likely to have war and which are hopelessly outclassed by us in military strength. Holland is decid-edly more respectable than Salvador, but in military resources it is not in and with petty Central American states are one-sided bargains. We might find it necessary to chastise them as we chastised the pirates of ago, but the treaty would forbid us. less freight, proportionally, than they There is no probability that any petty do for us. state would wish to declare war on the United States, hence the treaty

Mr. Bryan will not have accomplished anything of value in the cause of peace until he has negotiated treatles with nations which are some-ruin. This was all very well in the where near a match for us. If he flush times, when it required no great should arrange for postponement of effort to pay comparatively hostilities pending inquiry into a dispute with such powers as Great Britain, France, Germany, Austria, Russia or Japan, he would have some cause for self-congratulation. He has already dropped an important part of his original scheme by not including in the agreement with Holland the stipulation that war preparations be deferred until after the year of in-If he should make treaties quiry. If he should make treaties with any of the great powers without this stipulation and if a dispute with any of these powers should become the subject of inquiry, a year of feverish war preparation might ensue. This would make the year's truce a

spirit of tolerance than some of us are in the habit of practicing. Political opinions will be expressed which we deem destructive. Young people will indulge in amusements expense would be avoided and the sus. papers of all political stripes

which we prescribe for ourselves. But so far taken shows that he has made Colonel Roosevelt's remark that Senno real progress. Tieing our hands in our dealings with the little fellows is public life of this or any other counnot progress; that would gained when we tied the hands of our Republicans of New York to equals in strength at the same time that we tie our own.

MEXICO'S POSSIBLE NEXT BULER.

wa honest and conscientious as they villa who has made the constitutionare themselves. Should a dance be alists masters of all Northern Mexico held in one of the schoolhouses no- and who himself rules with military body is obliged to attend it. Any man rigor a large part of that area? The may stay away and in good time get answer will help us in forming an opinion as to the prospects of permanent peace, order and good government in Mexico, should Huerta fall before the assaults of the rebels.

always will be. Our only choice lies er's death he became guardian of his between holding dances under good sister. A neighboring Sheriff cloped auspices with friends and parents on with her and Villa pursued and overguard or seeing them slink away into took them. He forced a marriage, dark dens, where no one restrains and compelled the Sheriff to sign his own where evil marshals all its incentives. The principal amusement of that society which we all agree to call "the best" is dancing. When, therefore, we door. Villa fied to the hills with a

That was fifteen years ago. Since od supervision and at proper times marches and sudden attacks he has up for discussion, that he procured 95 per cent of his guns and ner as to prevent us from knowing ammunition and all his artillery by who did it." His sympathy did credit capture from the federals, saying, in the fight with William Barnes on the direct primary and in his registed but that his own easiest and best way." He has thus find the direct primary and in his refusal to carry opposition to the state supplies. By robbing banks and by direct primary planks in the In deciding matters of this kind we forced contributions he has accumuform of 1912 and 1913 Mr. Root
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The supplies is same and true. minds are concerned and that He led in sacking Torreon and is re- margin,

to prevent others from doing it." Of any attempt to restrain him would be course the line between what is proper and what is not must be strictly ranza, who has himself countenanced military executions and forced contributions, may become President, but vilia would be the man behind him.

Too DRASTIC.

A Eugene correspondent, who with many others is honestly interested in methods and who stayed his hand when the execution of Felix Diaz when the execution of the conference in conjunction with the return of Mr. Prendergast to the party, the conjunction with the return.

Away From Surgery.

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PORTLAND'S FUTURE. Professor Lyman's opinions upon the future greatness of Portland harmonize very well with predictions which The Oregonian has often published. Our situation at the head of navigation on a great inland water system ought to be decisive of the matter. When the * transportation arrangeemplete it will undoubtedly be practicable to transport heavy ever plan is devised for regulating the from Eugene down the Willamette g of the schoolhouses to po-meetings, dramatic perform-have for its foundation the abolish-way. And it will also be practicable way. And it will also be practicable to ship wheat and other produce from points far up the Columbia and Snake by water direct to Portland. This will be accomplished by systems of locks and canals, which, compared with the cost of such works elsewhere, will not be very expensive.

Before a great many years regular lines of steamers will traverse both the Columbia and Willamette Rivers through the greater part of their courses and freights will then be much cheaper than they are now from internal points to Portland. This city will be the natural distributing for for Western Oregon and the entire Inland Empire and its growth correspond to the extent and resources

of those great regions. No part of the United States has kept pace with European countries in the development of inland waterways. France and Germany have built caour class. Peace treaties with Holland nais to eke out the transportation capacity of almost every one of their rivers. This, together with channel improvements and the protection of river banks against wash, has made the Barbary Coast a century ago and internal navigation expeditious and as we chastised Spain fifteen years cheap, so that the railroads carry far

The European countries are con-stantly improving their water transbinds it to do only that which it portation, while we, for the last half would do without a treaty. Not only have we built comparatively few canals, but some old ones have been allowed to fall into disuse and This was all very well in the

Senator Root, who was denounced less than eighteen months ago as a leader of reactionaries, has placed himself at the head of the Progressive Republicans of New York. occasion of his doing so was also the occasion of the reappearance as a Reublican of W. A. Prendergast, a leader among those who followed Mr. Root, by the speech which he

made at the Republican conference and by the readiness with which his advice was accepted, earned endorse ment by hosts of Republicans of be try in my day." He called upon the orient themselves, to clarify their ideas and to seek greater efficiency." They should have an affirmative and progressive programme which benefit the greatest number of people What manner of man is Pancho and the party should have strength and efficiency enough to have the programme adopted What the party needed, he said, was solidarity, loyalty and an honest desire on the part of its leaders and subordinate individual members to ambition and individual opinions in matters necessary to party efficiency.

He went on:

As to efficiency, no party can be fit to govern that does not act as a whole. To insure efficiency a party must afford an opportunity for the expression of opinion by every member of the rank and file. Every voice should receive its due weight. When there is no such opportunity we have the situation which makes revolution respectable in Mexico. When there is that fair opportunity, then the main who takes office and repudiates his honorable obligations is obtaining office under false pretenses.

The programme which he set forth and which was adopted by the con-He went on:

and which was adopted by the con-ference is distinctly progressive, but door. Villa fied to the hills with a price on his head and became a contains no parts which can reasonably cause division in the party. It commands approval of Democrats and progress than for revenge on the Re-publican party. It includes "a primary bill that is real, and not a sham like the last Democratic bill": short ballot, with no elective state officers except Governor, Lieutenant-Appeals; a compulsory workmen's compensation bill; a state budget and "that will prevent the smothering of legislation in committees in such man-

Mr. Root showed his wisdom equalresign voluntarily in the Spring. Thus rs. The "dog-in-the-manger" at-is is to be shunned at all hazards. as traitors prisoners taken in battle maxim that "what I don't like and women fall prey to his brutal sel-voted on a matter of detail, the Barnes forces can cheerfully yield to Should the revolt succeed, its most the majority in the interest of that

The Globe cannot lose the opportunity to deliver a homily on Mr. Root's part in the split of 1912, but calls the resolutions of the conference admirable, though their good effect "is marred by the fact that the conference did not call for the retirement of the men identified in the public mind with everything reactionary." It was nothing uncommon in the old days in Chicago to have dozens of cases of locked jaws, for which we had to operate, after a Fourth of July. Now we rarely have a locked jaw. Antitetanus serum has done it. Take diphtheria. You have heard of operationacto relieve a patient.

By some oversight, did Senator Root hap-en to repeat one of his 1896 campaign pecches?—New York World-

Since the man against whom Mr. Root spoke in 1896 is now in the saddle, the occasion would seem to require the repetition.

Dentists in session at Ashland faor a dental education movement in the schools. The schools are heavily with frills already, but primary teaching in the movement of the toothbrush will not overload the pupil. The small community that holds a

public Christmas tree, on which some-thing is hung for every child, large and small, comes nearest exemplifying the true holiday as well as Christian spirit

The city is being overrun with voodsaws, say the operators, because

wood to be cut is not aware of it. Chief Wappenstein has been par doned on condition that he remain away from Seattle. Want to keep him

the license is too low. The man with

ouncing this policy.

is opposed to Parliament Governor West is opposed to the Leg-The truly great want no opposition. New York property sold for \$307 a

square foot. Takes a millionaire to get his feet muddy on that sort of Chicago bee men would take their

hives to California for the Winter. Think they would survive the frost? If Northern bees can be induced to work during Winter in the South, why

not try translation of the hen? A local couple eloped in a racing auto. By aeroplane, however, is the up-to-date way,

Habit developing is urged in the chools by Professor Alderman. Habit moves the race.

Fresno has established a rockpile for tramps. Exit Fresno from the bo

French suffragists are using smiles and violets. They'll win,

Holland agrees to the Bryan peace We know what should be done

Lothario Ghormley. Just watch Troop A. First Oregot

Cavairy, on parade,

Dugdale believes in continuous

their leader might have driven them NEED OF KNIPE GROWING LESS WE DON'T WANT WHAT WE WANT Serums and Antitoxins Are Taking Us That Is, After We Get It or Are About

methods and who stayed his hand when the execution of Felix Diaz might have averted the revolt which ended in Madero's death. There may have been some excuse of political necessity for Hueria's murder of Madero, and by comparison with Villa for Huerta. The outcome of American policy finay be substitution of Villa for Huerta. After Diaz, the dictator who brought peace, order and prosperity to Mexico, came Madero, the idealist revolutionary chief; after Madero came Huerta, his murderer, a military chieffain; after Huerta may come Villa, the bandit chief and mankiller. Are lower depths possible? Are we mending matters by freezing out Huerta without offering a better man for his place?

Take the control of the five litems or the litems on the least when any chieff in any say:

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The progressite progress, they are progress, thing in surgery is that we are trying to get away from it, and it is stive, sand the pursuit of these policies by the same for instances, we have alsoovered the many aliments, at one time supposed to be due to different causes, are traceable to exactly the same germ. It is progressive in the true sense. Democratis as well as Republicans of a set will not say:

The World says:

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mind with everything reactionary." It adds:

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a locked jaw. Antitetanus done it. Take diphtheria. You have the eard of operationation relieve a patient. A surgeon is only a retailer. Supposing he saves a patient or two by an operation. What becomes of the untold multitude he cannot treat because of his physical limitations? The discovery of the antitoxin for the cure of diphtheria was their salvation. It works wholesale. In Paris, where they keep their statistics very well, the mind with everything reactionary." It adds:

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The Marine Corps is always ready for an emergency for it is the first to be called upon. When riot or revolution endangers lives and property of Americans, the Americans which also order dare not pass. They fight, and ight well, when occasion requires, as they have often proved. Honor to the marines!

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fore, there is no higher purpose to which a rich man can put his money than endowing original rosearch laboratories. The men who work in them work for a pittance—enough only to keep alive. Few of them reach fame. They may be compared to the bricks in a great architectural construction. Hardly anybody notices the bricks. A few notice the capstones, but everybody halls the setting of the keystone, yet were it not for the bricks there would be no place to set the keystone. The genius who comes along in research work and sets the keystone depends absolutely upon the work of the search work and sets the keystone depends absolutely upon the work of the
humble and unsung workers in the research laboratories. Every great discovery has been due to their work except, perhaps the X-ray, which was
discovered by apcident.
Serums and antitoxins are going to
take the place of the knife and the
saw. The research laboratory will be
the physical salvation of the race.

HOW TO SAVE VEHICLE ACCIDENTS Route New Oregon City Cars on Milwankie Street, Says Writer.

PORTLAND, Dec. 19.—(To the Editor).—The reference in The Oregonian to "daily wreeks on Milwaukie street" is an exaggeration of facts, calculated to influence the public mind adversely

wankie street.

The inference that the railway right of way will solve the controversy of the opening of Seventeenth street through Midway is entirely without merit and misleading. The opponents of the previous opening movements of the previous opening movements in certain districts. Most Westmoreland owners, taxed from \$7 to almost \$100, were in favor of opening Seventeenth of the comming Summer season by the owners of all lots at resorts all along the constst of North America. The season for tree and shrub planting on the Pacific Coast is after the first cold weather of March is past or between the 20th and last of that generally windy month.

J. ALBRIGHT. out of temptation, you see.

Villa says he will protect foreign property. He carefully abstracted everything in sight, though, before announcing this policy.

Ind owners, taxed to the same of opening Seventeenth long ago, but some as far south as Sellwood demurred when taxed \$1 and \$2 for the improvement, which would certainly have benefited them tenfold, and so defeated the nouncing this policy. them tenfold, and so defeated the opening. These latter folk have now been misled by agents of the company into the belief that the Seventeenth street opening cost will be assumed by the ratiroad and are now great boosters for a carline and an open Seventeenth through Midway.

for a carline and an operation of the width of a railroad track—or two if the Portland & Oregon City two if the Portland an otherwise chooses so to burden an otherwise chooses and the chooses so to burden an otherwise chooses so to burden an otherwise chooses and the chooses so to burden and the chooses chooses are chooses and the chooses are chooses are chooses and chooses are chooses and chooses are cho most but reduce the cost to the former obstructionists 50 to 75 cents each, and obstructionists 50 to 75 cents each, and it seems to me that for this paltry mess of pottage citizens would not sell out the best interest of all that great number who must have access to this great wide Southeast section. JOHN BESSON.

HIGH SCHOOL MAIDEN ON GIVING Five Dollars Father Saves on Her Christmas Presents Goes to Poor.

PORTLAND, Dec. 19 .- (To the Editor.)—There has been so much about poverty said and printed these last few weeks, that I thought perhaps my plan of charity work might be a suggestion to some of the young readers of The

I belong to a family having an averi belong to a family having an average income, but my father and I made an agreement several years ago that we have carried out each Christmas. I suggested to him that, instead of his spending so much on the standard of his With a minimum temperature of 40. Portlanders think the weather is cold.

Wilson is up and about again. Hope he's in a better humor.

We will be up and about again. Hope he's in a better humor.

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I suggested to him that, instead of him spending so much to him that, instead of him spending so much on my present, he spending so much on my present, he balance on myself. He immediately fell in with my plan, and each year I have been able to help some one who would have gone without a Christmas.

Five dollars, however, is a small sum when the list of poverty cases is in-

when the list of poverty cases is in-creasing so rapidly. This year, as we all know, Portland has more poor fam-

all know, Portland has more poor lamllies than ever.

There are many of us girls who can
spare at least \$1, and if every high
school girl gave \$1 what a great deal
of good could be done with the sum!
Let us form the habit, then, as we can
never start younger, and feel that we
are not doing more than our share in
aiding our poorer fellow-men. Let us
show the charitable institutions that
the rising generation is back of them
in their good works! n their good works! A WASHINGTON HIGH STUDENT,

to Acquire It. PORTLAND, Dec. 18 .- (To the Edltor.)-It's a painful duty, an immense responsibility to keep the editors in the straight and narrow way, to see that they continuously walk the chalk line of correct conceptions of the many great and momentous questions that agitate and worry us. But, like Josish Allen's wife, two or three times I had to do it, yes, just had to do it. But just now I have a still greater responsibility; I've had to sound a note of warning to the Postmaster-General regarding Government ownership of telephones and telegraph.

regarding Government ownership of telephones and telegraph.

I've always been strong for Govern-ment ownership of telegraph, but now that there is a possibility of getting it, as you will note from the attached let-ter to the Postmaster-General, my at-titude is somewhat like that of Port-land voters toward Commissioner. land voters toward Commissioner Brewster. Sure we wanted efficiency. That's what we elected him for. We demanded that the payroll be pruned of all useless timber, and that only the most efficient be employed, but Mr. Brewster couldn't understand that when it comes down to brass tacks we merely want efficiency in the abstract. Here he goes and fires an old man when many of us are supporting old fathers while nearly all of us are worrying about what is to become of us when we get old. Away with such a Commissioner; throw him to the

Therefore I cannot think of permitting the Postmaster-General to have his way until he fixes it just right. This is what I wrote to him:

SEA RESORTS NEED BEAUTIFYING. Const Climate Not Antagonistic to Ornamental Shrubberf.

PORTLAND, Dec. 19 .- (To the Editor.)-While visiting various ocean Coast resorts during the late Summer and Fall, the writer observed with regret that few attempts at beautification, by means of shrubbery, had been made, although there is no place like ocean beach homes for delightful, re-mantic and highly interesting devel-

opment of lovely dens.

Most people appear to believe that
because many trees and shrubs fail to grow when planted near the coast, all spirit.

The case involving the boycott of the Danbury hatters amounts in judg. ment and costs to more than a quarter-million already. When settlement day comes there will go up a howl.

A German Army lieutenant has been sent to jail for cutting down a cripple with his saber. They should also kick him out of the service, which is no place for a mangy coward.

A War Department order directs that a lot of Kansas militia generals and colonels must be dispensed with. Walt, until that order reaches Kentucky!

Is an exaggeration of facts, calculated to influence the public mind adversely to the referendum petition for the provide the provide of track laying on Westmore vention of track laying on Westmore with vind, yet there are a few varieties of the real-way will thrive quite vention of the Portland and Oregon City Railway apparently has subtly obtainate conditions will thrive quite ventions of the Portland and Oregon City Railway apparently has subtly well while enduring such common ocean coast exposure. There are others which when planted under the part protection of these hardler ones will also grow, and because they are making g must eventually perish in a salty sell, a saline atmosphere and a strong coast wind, yet there are a few varieties of both trees and plants that under certain obtainable conditions will thrive quite well while enduring such common ocean

New York World.

. What elsewhere is a matter of con-fecture the State Welfare Commission of Oregon has reduced to a certainty. By unanimous vote it decides that "the minimum sum required to sustain a self-supporting woman in frugal but decent conditions of living is \$8.25 a week."

No commission could have reached this conclusion without the support of public opinion and the concurrence of many women likely to be directly affected by it. The solution of the problem even in its incipiency, so far as one commonwealth is concerned, is a noteworthy achievement in the field of social and economic progress.
Whether the decision is wise of

wise, time alone will prove, but the fact that an issue everywhere dis-cussed can be put to the test in a free and enlightened state under the most favorable conditions is of the greatest value to all states. The value of this system of local self-government is too often lo

everything regulated by National de-cree at Washington. Our numerous states are the proper fields for experimentation. What is good will vive. What is bad will perish.

Self-Made Men Incligible. PORTLAND, Dec. 19 .- (To the Edi-

tor.)-The new rules for admission to practice law in this state require that the applicant "must show certifi-cates of graduation from a high school or literary institution of equal or betor literary institution of equal or bet-ter standing." How about self-edu-cated men who have never attended even a common school? Could Abra-ham Lincoln, if living, be admitted to

This new rule strikes me as being of the disphanous gown variety. Are the dentists and lawyers of Oregon afraid of open competition by self-made men? How about it? R. H. ROY.

No to Both Questions. ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 17.—(To the Editor.)—Is a woman owning property jointly with her husband and subject

to taxation, entitled to vote at a school election held in the district where she resides if her name does not appear on

Since women have been enfranchised does it make any difference in school elections? S. GETTE,

Twenty-five Years Ago

From The Oregonian of Dec. 20, 1888.
Washington, Dec. 15.—Senator Edmunds introduced a resolution stating that the Government of the United States will look with serious concern and disapproval upon any connection of any European government with the construction or control of any ship canal across the Isthmus of Darien or across Central America.

Washington, Dec. 19,-The President sent to the Senate the nomination of Thomas Burke, of Washington Terri-tory, to be Chief Justice of the Supreme ourt of the territory.

Vancouver, W. T., Dec. 19.—At 5:20 this afternoon engine No. 1, of the V. K. & Y. Ralicoad was safely and amid great cheering and blowing of steam whistles transferred from the C. R. & N. Co.'s barge to terra firms, the first rallroad engine that ever touched the

Albany, Dec. 18 .- The stranded vessel

Albany, Or., Dec. 19.—A. B. Siauson, associate editor of The Oregonian, and Miss Mary Irvine, daughter of Hop. S. A. Irvine, were united in marriage this evening at the residence of the bride's parents, Rev. S. G. Irvine offibride's

Salem, Dec. 19.—Uncle Ed De Leabnutt, one of the best-known pione of the Valley, died at his home callas this morning, aged 74 years.

In the United States Circuit Cour yesterday E. C. Singletary was awarded judgment for the possession of certain lands described in his complaint against C. F. McKinney, J. H. Wood, Robert Ivers and Charles Riley.

Rhetoricals will be held at the Holla day School Friday, December 21. School then closes for the Christmas vacation. Among those who will take part are Kulla McFadden, Jennie Floyd, Bennie Kulla McFadden, Jennie Floyd, Bennie Patterson, Etta Moody, Guy Phillips, Floy Breyman, Anna Mac, Ethel Bond, Jessio Jones, Tommy Russell, James Cannas, Mark Bogart, Ethel Taylor, Floyd Dillon, Hart Rappleye, Eva Tut-tle, Pearl Empkin, Lora Gard, Logan Roe, Curtis Merrick, Minnie Crozier. Madeline Crosby, Marian Morris, Nora

The Carleton Opera Company pre-sented last night at the new Park The ater Collier and Stephenson's comedy opera. "Dorothy." nter

Half a Century Ago

Governor Gibbs has replied to Rob-ert W. Wincapaw and 27 others, of Canyon City, who complained that they had not had adequate protection against Indians and asked that their section of Wasco County be exempted from enrollment. He says he has done all he could to raise troops to fight inclans and promises to send troops to protect them. Ee explains that en-rollment is a preliminary to draft, but that no draft has been or is likely to be ordered, and that persons who im-pede enrollment will be arrested and

The office and printing establishment of The Orogonian daily and weekly newspaper have been removed to Carter's new hrick block, corner of Front and Washington Streets, upstairs Entrance on Washington Entrance Washington street, first door from corner.

The pupils of the public school will give an entertainment on next Wednesday, commencing at 1 o'clock P. M. Visitors will be treated to a variety of exercises in vocal music, composition, declamation and dialogue.

Wednesday, December 30, at 19 A. M. I will sell at my auction-room, corner of Front and Coak streets, lots 1 and 2 in block 139, situated on Third street, running 109 feet westerly on College street. This choice homesters property is inclosed with a good, substantial fence, a new cottage, containing seven rooms, closets, etc., hard-finished, a good woodshed and stable on premis

A. B. RICHARDSON, Auctioneer

THE SUNSHINE WINDOW. There's a beautiful sunshine window In a neat little church I know; Whatever the state of the weather

'Tis built in the north of an alcove Where least you'd be thinking to find Continuous, radiant shining. As the from a lamp behind. Now, whence does it gather its sun

In dark, gloomy days, will you tell? I'd almost aver in its own heart Some wonderful sunbeams dwell.

May light shed that clouds cannot dim; Kind words, kindly deeds the reflection Of sunshine that glows within.
-MATTIE J. T. BENSON.

Christmas Features

Scores of bright Christmas features have been provided for The Sunday Oregonian.

The fiction features are especially attractive, the contributors including a number of noted writers, including Robert Barr and John Kendrick Bangs. A Christmas Storm is a de-

lightful Christmas romance, strikingly illustrated. Slaves of St. Nick is a brilliant full-page in colors that will delight young and old.

Interviewing Santa Claus-The bounteous old sprite of the Northland tells all about Christmas toys, Christmas gifts and the Christmas spirit. Christmas in Bygone Days-

The day was not always what it is now. A full page, with brilliant illustrations, is devoted to Yuletide celebrations of long ago.

Christmas Shopping - John Henry goes into the subject through the medium of George V. Hobart.

Luck-This is what explains Anne Swinburne's remarkable stage success, according to her version. An illustrated page interview with a Portland girl who is a glowing star in New York.

This is just a hint of the many good things in the Christmas number, which includes the Semi-Monthly Magazine with its array of fine stories and clever illustrations.

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