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FIVE PER CENT. . The cardinal fact about the proposed engagement of Waddell & Harrington to be the supervising engithe Columbia interstate cost of the bridge the larger the engineers' fee. declare that it is an improper arrangement. There is no adequate financial incentive to the engineers to mum; there is obvious danger that mum crops from the soil. any proposal for increase in cost through change of specifications or otherwise, will not have the and disinterested consideration it should have. If the bridge ought to cover everything. There are as in rivers, much. The Oregonian is among them. The proposal of Waddell & Harrington basis of a new negotiation for en-

gineer service. Let us see how the 5 per cent scheme works out in actual operation. The amount of steel required for construction of the interstate bridge will be in the neighborhood of 10,000 tons. The price of structural steel today is about \$52 per ton at Pittsburg, making the total estimated cost there \$520,000, or about one-third of the entire cost of the bridge. The rail-road freight on structural steel from Pittsburg to Portland is \$16 per ton, or a total of \$160,000 for 10,000 tons. the cost of the steel in Portland will therefore be \$680,000. A part of the engineering fee to Waddell & Harrington for building a bridge. euglneering fee to Waddell & Har-rington for building a bridge across in their usual magnitude there is no the railroad freight rate on 10,000 tons of steel. yields them \$8000 in Portland; if the bridge were to be built at Pittsburg, under the 5 per cent contract, it would produce nothing.

The services to be performed by Waddell & Harrington include-according to a statement by Mr. Har-rington—the preliminary borings, a study of the proper approaches and the protection of the public against left to propagate the species. And if excess cost for patent rights, of fishing in fresh water streams concourse the preparation of the plans tinued at the same time it is fairly and specifications and supervision certain that before a great while none after the contract has been let. It is would be left. To an unprofessional clear that the supervising engineers observer from the outside there seems can prepare specifications, if they see to be only one way to concerve the fit, that only certain bridge concerns salmon supply and that is to regulate may be able to comply with, either fresh-water fishing with considerable because of their shop practice or be- rigor and forbid entirely fishing in cause of the ownership of certain patented devices. It may be entirely true that Waddell & Harrington, from their knowledge and experience, know what firm or firms are likely to give the best results both in bridge plan and in workmanship, and it may be entirely true also that their purpose is to invite open competition among contractors for the best bridge at the lowest price. It is not assumed here that they intend to pursue any other course; yet it is obvious that under their contract they may do about as

The crux of the situation is that the 5 per cent plan is wrong in principle. A flat sum ought to be paid a consulting engineer for his services and the construction firms should be required to prepare their own plans upon the basis of specifications to be furnished by the engineer. There are bridges of many makes, but there are standards to which all must conform. If the contractor submits his plan as to a certain type of bridge, or several types, the duty of the consulting engineer would be then to recommend the best proposal and thereafter see that the structure was erected in accordance with contract.

The County of Multnomah and the County of Clarke have a heavy responsibility in constructing the interstate bridge. It is not to be expected that they will escape without payment of a reasonable engineering fee, and it is desirable that first-class engineering talent be employed. has been said that it is practicable to employ a member of the American Institute of Consulting Engineers for \$25,000. Other preliminary expenses, such as location and borings, would increase this expense to \$40,000 or \$50,000. But, above all, if such an engineer should be employed, would be free to give the bridge board disinterested advice about the best offer submitted by competent constructors in competition among themselves.

CAPITAL FOR THE FARMER.

President Wilson's recommendation that Congress facilitate the financing of the farming industry promises to bill on the general lines of that which has been prepared by the National record before you. Commission on Rural Credits. credit to meet capital requirementsthat is, to aid the farmer in the purchase of the farm and in its improve ment, such as construction of ings, drainage, irrigation and clearing, or the equipment of the farm so as to operations to the highest such as the harvesting and marketing of crops

annual installments. These mortgages would form the basis of farm-mortgage bonds, and the interest on them would be limited to 1 per cent more than that paid on the bonds. The within a certain state, but competition would be provided by placing no restriction on the number which might be chartered in any state. The amount of bonds to be issued by any bank would be limited to fifteen times its capital and surplus. Banks may be organized on a co-operative basis where desired, but no Government financial aid is proposed. The banks would be under Federal supervision The bonds would be accepted as se-curity for deposit of postal savings funds and as an investment for sav-ings funds of National banks and for trust funds, and would be exempt from

As to personal credit, the new cur rency law makes some provision, but It is proposed to supplement this by enlarging the powers of National banks, and that the states enact laws

to the same end. Experience in Europe has proved that no security is more stable and popular than land-mortgage bonds. The bonds of the Credit Foncier command a ready market in France, and similar bonds should prove as acceptable in this country. Limitation on issue of bonds by any one bank safeguards the investor, and limita-tion of rate of interest protects the bridge is that their fee shall be 5 farmer from extortion. The proposed per cent of the total cost, whatever system would give us the first essenthat cost is; so that the greater the tial to better farming, for poverty prevents many men who have the quali-We imply nothing ties which bring success from buying against Waddell & Harrington when farms, and it prevents many who own farms from buying the implements and fertilizers, erecting the buildings and procuring the blooded stock which reduce the aggregate outlay to a mini- are necessary to produce the maxi-

DEEP-SEA SALMON FISHING, It is pleasant to learn that a change world. commission is irrevocably committed insure a constant supply of that agreeto Waddell & Harrington and the 5 able fish for future generations. Proper cent fee, it is clear that a maximum amount should be fixed. It is clear also that \$87,500—which is 5 per such a thing is easily possible. Accent of \$1,750,000, the expected cost cording to his view, salmon may just of the bridge—is quite enough and as well be captured in the deep sea since they school many citizens who think it is too gether in well-defined localities. Fishermen can explore these resorts and take the fish with proper apparatus. contains the alternative offer of a Thus it will not be necessary to de-lump sum. It ought to be made the pend upon the annual runs in rivers and the world's supply can be provided with ease and certaintly

No doubt Professor Kincald has ma turely considered every possible objection to his plan. One occurs to us, but we advance it only tentatively, feeling sure that he has an appropriate reply to it. Our point is that salmon cannot multiply without entering freshwater streams. Their nature prompts them to run up rivers to spawn and it is while they are per-forming this imperative function that they are usually taken for human Were the annual runs in the the Columbia River is 5 per cent of good reason apparent why Professor freight rate on 10,000 Kincaid's plan with, its expense and Here is an item that danger should be adopted. Moreover, to take the fish at sea would appear very much like eating seed grain instead of sowing it. Every salmon captured before the season for the annual run would mean so much taken

from the permanent source of supply. If the fish were caught in large numbers, as they surely would were the plan adopted, few would be

OH, THIS IS AWFUL! We have received from an anonymous source a manuscript which, judging from its peculiarity of literary style, might be a lost or misplaced front page editorial belonging to or intended for the Portland Mayhap, however, it is a genuine effort of one of the downtrodden, so with this possibility in mind, and also diction, it is herewith given space in The Oregonian:

"Reintroducing to your notice, ladies and gentlemen, taxpayers and was intended to be the home of a agement it will doubtless do so bemutts, Representative Lafferty, first multitudinous population. The title fore a great while. name Abraham, known by his friends

"Remember how the money power News and elected him? Does Laffor him?

"Representative Lafferty has emit-ted another speech in Congress. Laf-Mr. Sachs' device, since every flat ferty is hot stuff on the chatter. We have it all-16 printed pages-in inhabiting family. The grounds in pamphlet form. He says the News is front and rear were to be parks for owned by a multi-millionaire who the use of all and an electric railroad owns 66 other penny newspapers. He was to run from end to end in the says he has more respect for The basement. What could be more com-Oregonian and Telegram than for the

"Do you get that? "The owner of the 67 penny newspapers, says A. Walter, employs reporters and editors trained to play up the misfortunes of the poor. They prate of unimportant matters of local becomes dangerous to monopolistic graft-meaning A. Walter, of course

-they show the cloven hoof. "The millionaire owner 'is simply cashing the misfortunes of the down-

-elected. 'He says so himself.

that all the newspapers in The postal frank will get his

"You toilers are going to be inbill divides farm credit into two formed by franked circulars that Conclasses. One is long time or mortgage gressman Lafferty, first name Abraham, known by his friends as Walter, 'will remain loyal to the end.'

"The same special interests that control the Portland News and other newspaper in the United States

An article by Harold J. Howland in The bill proposes to provide capital Suburban Life attacks the irritating by creating a system of land mort- problem of fraternities in rural gage banks under Federal charter, schools. In such an environment as in the Middle Ages lived which would make loans on long-time a country village affords the fratern- fortably than the poorest hodcarrier

ng merits. It should go and go by all means from the country.

A BIG BIOGRAPHY.

The price of the new biography of Sir Edward George Lytton Bulwer, by his grandson, puts it out of the reach of ordinary book buyers. The two volumes sell for \$7.50 and together they include more than 1100 pages. This is more than there is worth telling about any man. Think of the immortal lives Plutarch condensed into a score of pages and how interesting the world still finds them. Compare his method with that of the modern biographer, who meanders with his hero through a thousand pages or and decide which is the better of the

The bad habit of writing mammoth books is growing upon the world and with it come numerous complaints of the decay of reading. Is there any onnection between the two circumstances? The world's best books are all little ones, the New Testament, for example, Hamlet and the Apology Socrates. Lord Lytton's biography is as well worth writing as most men's, though his grandson would have been wiser had he told the tale more brief-His novels never were accounted among the greatest, but they always had many readers and some of them, like "The Last Days of Pompeli," are still widely popular,

were held inferior to those of Dickens and Thackeray, it would be a little difficult to say clearly. He knew how to compose a good plot and tell his story in excellent, straightforward English. Some of his shorter stories are among the most powerful in the language. "The House and the Brain' is one of the best ghost stories in the Eugene Aram is perhaps the in the methods of taking salmon may strongest detective tale ever written No doubt Bulwer fell short of the highest achievement, because he could The great creations of the latter author still live in all their original vigor and keenness of outline. When the immortal Mr. Micawber is depicted at a moving picture show the audience recognize him and smile; though with half an inclination to

his fame is less than Dickens'.

Bulwer Lytton's works

A NOVEL DWELLING. What the American dwelling will be like when it is fully evolved is a subject for curious speculation. Perhaps Samuel Sachs' new flat in New York comes pretty near to the ultimate perfection which people of this South American awakening. This gentleman, who is they attain a banker, with plenty of money, has rented one entire floor of a huge a third of an acre. On all four the interior includes an open court. There is space enough in this dwelling for ample servants' quarters, bathrooms, dining-room, kitchen and a lozen or more bedrooms. Mr. Sachs' purpose was to avoid the inconvenience of elevators. The practice of racing constantly from one floor to becomes wearlsome even when one has the best and swiftest means of transport. The modern with elevators as the olden housewife with stairs. What the good womhaust muscular energy to go up and down in elevators, but it tries the nerves and Mr. Sachs, by spreading out his dwelling on a single floor has made a distinct saving where Americans sadly need it. His flat is said to be the largest in the world. but, of course, that is a glory which it will not long enjoy. Other men will soon follow Mr. Sachs' example and flats covering a whole acre will perhaps become as common as sky-scrap-

ers in a few years.

long ago projected a model dwelling, which at first glance bore very little with this possibility in mind, and also resemblance to Mr. Sachs' mammoth because of its concise and genteel flat. He called it a "roadhouse," but the reader must not unwarily assume that it was a tavern for the accommodation of jubilant automobilists. It "roadhouse" was appropriate, because as Walter, signs his name simply A. the structure was to extend for mile after mile through the verdant meads and thrifty fields of the country, and the privileged press fought Laf- Along the roof was to proceed the delectable stretches of a promenade followed the lead of the Portland embowered in gardens with fountains and singing birds, the latter, ferty appreciate what the News did course, in proper cages. Each floor of this elongated building was to be cut up into flats and here comes in could be cut to suit the needs of the plete? The news reports have unhappily been silent of late as to the progress this inspired projector making, but we may hope that he will investors as enthusiastic trusting as he is himself, so that the "roadhouse" may ultimately be built. In the clash of ideas and the compe-

concern. But when a public officer tition of schemes we shall discover what is best for us. It may take a long time to decide, but no matter about that. What is a thousand years in the history of the race? What we are seeking with more or less wisdom is a perfect house for "But you mothers, mutts and the indwelling of the families of our looted taxpayers are safe. Lafferty kindred human beings. We have come to the conclusion that evolution alone cannot be trusted to produce Portland, including the News, have it acts too slowly and, for another, it be carried out by the passage of a in for him, he will rely on the postal is as likely to go backward as for-We must apply our minds to the problem and take all the cirtances into consideration past affords some little light, but perhaps not a great deal. The ancient dwelling of mankind was a cave in a hillside, or the top of a tree. From those primitive abodes he pursued his way through tents and log huts houses of hewn planks and stone now wish to see the postal frank of What he sought originally and for Congress abolished.' But it will never many thousands of years afterward state of efficiency. The other class is be done. A. Walter will see to that, was first of all protection from prowlminor considerations. They were not considerations at all for hundreds of generations. It is a commonplace to remark that Kings and great nobles

mortgages payable in annual or semi- ity looks boobyish. It is out of place does now. It may be going too far to RESPONSIBILITY FOR BAD ROADS SOME OF "T. R'A" INCONSISTENCIES in any school, but ridiculously so in say that they had neither shirts to country districts. The absurd fopthey had neither shirts to country districts. The absurd fop-pishness which the school fraternity dows, but they certainly lacked bathapes from the college has no redeem- tubs and spoons, to say nothing of soap and towels. Brooms even were banks would be chartered to operate quickly from town and country, but lacking to those ancestral homes. The floors went unswept for so many centuries that finally the Black Death broke out and taught hygiene by slaughtering half the population of Europe.

In those baronial halls domestic

affairs went on about the same as in the days of Homer. Domestic progress has always lagged behind everything else but politics. The lady of the house soun and wove with her maidens like Penelope in the palace of Ulysses. The clothing for the family was made at home and the year's provisions were provided and cured in the kitchen. Naturally, the dweiling was planned with these in dustries in mind. Since cleanliness valued, no arrangements were made for it. Eating being the foremost necessity everything centered around the storehouse and There was a workroom, kitchen. where clothing was spun and wover and inasmuch as predatory foes swarmed roundabout, the structure had to be built strong enough to keep them out. Mr. Sachs has no armed enemy to fear, so he need not think of drawbridges and moats around his third-of-an-acre flat. His windows open freely to the light and air, while those of his medieval ancestors, if he had such, were cut narrowly through deep walls of solid stone and intended to let missiles out rather than sunlight in. The prevalence of peace has modified our domestic architecture as much as the transformation of industry has. What these and other factors will finally make of it is for the future to reveal. experiment on a scale as magnificent as Mr. Sachs' naturally brings us nearer to the ideal.

-Chairman Barnes, of the New York Republican committee, expresses fear of an alliance between Tammany and the Progressives to organize the Assembly. What he really seems to fear is that the Republican majority will not unite to accept his dictation, and that some progressive Republi cans will join progressive Democrats and third party men to overthrow his machine. If the Republicans should not unite, it will be because of a revolt against Mr. Barnes.

The City of Guayaquil, which is no weep. Bulwer could not create Mitoriously the worst pest hole in the world, is cleaning up. The inspiration cawbers and Urlah Heeps. Therefore under which it is moving toward sanitariness flows from Colonel William C. Gorgas. His victories over filth and disease on the Isthmus have touched a responsive chord in Ecuador and the citizens of Guayaquil are at last ashamed of their hoary slums. Perhaps Centralia will take a lesson from

The project of seeking a home market for Portland's water bonds deserves commendation. Interest paid building for domestic use. Its area to residents and spent here fertilizes the trade of the town. An Issue of sides there are great windows open to bonds marketed in Portland would the landscape, air and sunshine, while provide means to push forward water improvements at a season when labor plentiful and wages moderate. Thus we might be in a measure independent of stringent money conditions

The Interstate Commerce Commission's report is pronounced "dry as Sahara" by the Brooklyn Eagle. might take a hint from heads of departments and other bodies and make home-maker meets the same trouble a readable summary of its year's work and its recommendations, adding the dry details for the benefit of those an desired for the sake of her tired who are particularly concerned. A relimbs was to collect as much of her port in the shape in which it is pre-

> Awful consequences to the scenery are foreseen by the New York Sun as a result of Mrs. Pankhurst's visit to Switzerland, for it says:

Switzerland has been getting too funicular and villatic. When the mountains look on Emmelina they will see how a piece of austree and awful scenery should look. The Jungfrau looks ashamed of herself. The avalanches get ready for a raking and a shaking down. Pilatus is clothed in goosefieth and all the acres of Swiss cheese are sout.

One of the crying needs of the day An imaginative magazine writer not is a supply of trained managers for co-operative enterprises such as stores, fruitgrowers' associations and dairies When these fail it is usually because the managers are incompetent. If the Agricultural College has not already provided a course in co-operative man

> Foreign missionaries are to be especially trained. They should be sure to train down to their lowest possible weight, especially for service among aborigines.

Work is now available for every unemployed man who will accept it. That fact, however, will not fully rout the army of the unemployed.

"Gold production fell off heavily in 1913. But since the production farm produce increased wonderfully we may be able to struggle along.

And what did Harry Thaw get in his stocking-assorted nuts?-Boston Transcript. Probably a writ of habeas corpu and a sheaf of lawyers' bills. Turkey is said to be preparing for

seem ever to get tired of running. President Wilson has learned firsthand from John Lind how he restored peace in Mexico.

A Baker man paid a gambling debt in mining stock. That's trimming

New York officials must let actions,

words, speak for them. That

isn't politics. Costly terminal improvements are in prospect. The New Year sets in auspiciously.

Jack the Hugger is abroad again. Wait till he accosts a woman athlete! About time to make another demand for Huerta's resignation.

John D. gave away \$7000. That man will bankrupt himself yet.

It is only humane to let the Mex-

The pigskin now joins the horsehide among the mothballs.

ican defenders leave Mexico.

Our Bud has been nipped in the bud once again. Glad we're not in stormy California,

Gresham Contributor Agrees That Blame Rests on Taxpayers.

GRESHAM, Or., Dec. 31 .- (To the Editor.)—I desire to call attention to two editorials appearing in different columns of The Oregonian recently. It occurs to us that there is a little inconsistency in the relation of the two items, inasmuch as one commends an Eastern Oregon paper for placing the Eastern Oregon paper for placing the blame for the useless waste of road funds where it rightfully belongs, that is, with the taxpayers themselves, while a brief item casts reflections on the ability of our district road supervisors

as road builders.

I am very much inclined to defend
the attitude assumed by the Eastern
Oregon paper. Under the Oregon system of making laws, the fault unquestionably lies with the taxpayers them-selves and no one else, and, until the taxpayer takes sufficient interest in his roads to work out a scientific system of constructing roads, the waste of funds will go on and on indefinitely.

Will go on and on indefinitely.

Under our present system each road district is apportioned so much money, according to the assessed valuation of property in the district. Oftentimes this apportionment is not sufficient to build and keep the bridges in repair in the district. Yet the much-abused road su-pervisor (I am not a road supervisor and never have been) is expected not only to keep the bridges in repair, but also build and maintain from 20 to 50 miles of road, and if he fails to do this, the taxpayers call mass meetings and express their indignation at what they are pleased to term "waste of their tax money." And every mother's son of them that has a piece of crossroad run-ning past his place will demand and

they appoint a committee, with power to act, to go before the Board of County Commissioners, who are as helpless to

aid them as is the road supervisor.

Let us be consistent in this matter of building roads. Let all the commercial organizations, civic improvement clubs, all the newspapers, city and country, all the farm periodicals, county and state officials unite in a get-to-gether campaign of education on this question of building public highways, and it will not be long until the problem is solved. G. N. SAGER.

The Oregonian agrees with the correspondent that the taxpayers themselves are largely and primarily responsible for waste of road funds, but still it falls to see much inconsistency between this statement and the second deditorial paragraph referred to. That paragraph in commiserating with the rural carrier stated that many Oregon roads are a disgrace to the supervisors who make them. The supervisor cannot wholly he averaged simply bear and the second Roosevelt man. Roosevelt man, Roosevelt paragraph in commiserating with the rural carrier stated that many Oregon who make them. The supervisor cannot wholly be excused simply because the taxpayers who have the power have not compelled him to do good work.

pose of protecting the Republic against unscrupulous politicians, who might endeavor to make a private asset of not compelled him to do good work.

NEW BOURNE BILL IS ASSAILED. Mr. Barsee Contends Paid Circulator Is Reliance of Workers.

Just how Mr. Bourne can stretch his conscience to believe in the initiative and referendum, with all it means for political justice and economic freedom, and then intimate by letter to the pub-lic press that the citizen is incapable of casting an intelligent vote, as his veiled declarations by letter indicate, is a puzzle to right thinking.

Does Mr. Bourne think that the initiative of any measure has any actual

bearing on the demand for its becoming a law? Must such things be guarded by a competent 8 per cent, or do the elec-torate decide this matter? If Mr. Bourne has this idea of the initiative he surely has not gotten very far away from the old precinct boss and slated

envention.

Petition circulating for compensation, by a paid circulator is as legitimate, fair and honorable as the drafting of any measure by any compensated atwork as possible on one floor and that the ground floor. It does not expetition circulating, even though it be avorable to their class. They can, however, by stinting themselves, giv their wage to compensate a circulator, who may forfeit his through serving as a paid circulator.
If all were Johnathan Bournes with financial standing that guaranteed their livelihood wrung from the toil of some mystic nobody, they might agree with Mr. Bourne that each individual cir-

or his own fancy.

To say signatures gotten by a paid droulator are not representative of the electorate is to cast reflection upon the citizen. It is not necessary, legally or otherwise, that I favor or even understand the merits of the measure that I ask to be submitted. Frankly I confess that I do not know everything citizen. and for that reason I am anxious to learn. Who pays the expense of these measures, outside of the ink and extra paper used therein? Surely not the

Is not the day of election and not the filling of the petition the trial of the merit of the measure and the legitinate test of the law to be enacted or rejected?

The working class are now provided The working class are now provided with the law making power. Surely but slowly they are learning to use it. They will not willingly xield to special privilege laws that limit their power. The cure for democracy is more democracy.

C. W. BARZEE. democracy.

Puck. state Henry Tallerby—Aftah we's married, law. we'll hab chicken foh dinnah ebery day, honey.
Melinda Johnson-Oh, yo' deary! But wouldn't ask yo' to take no sech risks foh mah sake!

Her Model Son at School. New York Evening Post. First Fond Mother—My Reginald has to have a new set of school books every war with Greece. Those Turks don't Second F. M .- He should take Harold for a model. My Harold always stays in the same books for three years.

> letter from a fresh youth: "Kindly tell me why a girl always closes her eyes when a fellow kisses her." The aditor replied: "If you will send us your photograph we may be able to tell you the reason." Boston Transcript,
> Bix-What did you give the Scrappingtons for their golden wedding?"
> Dix-A book entitled "Fifty Years of

Breaking It to Him Gently.

Entertaining a Man-Visitor. Woman's Home Companion Mr. Staylate-The other night I heard story that gave me such a start. Miss Muchbored-I wish I knew it.

What One Saves. Atchison Globe. Some people save trash instead of

Men as Itaw Material.

Every one is enthusiastic at first.

Aunt Jane (single) says that so many men are just raw material. Maybe It In Just as Well. ing I found of

Contributor Compares History With

Ex-President's Late Writings. KELSO, Wash., Jan. 1 .- (To Editor.)-I have often wondered how such men and women as Lyman Abbot and Jane Addams were led to espouse the cause of Colonel Roosevelt in the the cause of Colonel Roosevelt in the 1912 campaign and after reading Roosevelt's story as given in The Oregonian of last Sunday, I still wonder how they were deceived by such a subtle argument as that given, the very subtleness of which was and is evidence of its bad faith.

In 1904 Roosevelt gave out the declaration that the wise custom which limits the President to two terms re-

limits the President to two terms re-gards the substance and not the power and under no circumstances will be again be a candidate for or accept another nomination for President In 1913 Roosevelt says that the tre-

mendous power which a President may exert to effect his own nomination falls from him the moment his term expires and that therefore the wise custom which limits the President to two terms loses its potency and is in-It would be unwise, he says, to limit

by statute the number of terms a President may serve, as in times of great National peril it might serve to deprive the Nation of the one best fitted to serve it, and I fully agree with him, but I do not agree with him that such an argument obtains to clear his conduct in 1912.

In the teeth of a practically unanimous demand from the Republican party he claims that he could not do other than he did. Granting that the

demand was practically unanimous, what is there about that that clears his conduct? Was it impossible for ning past his place will demand and many ming past his pro rata of the fund be insist that his pro rata of the fund be expended on this particular piece of him to rise to the situation, forget crossroad.

The shar to emphasize their demands ence behind one of the many Progressive Republicans capable of carrying on the work started by him. The only rational answer is yes. Bu why, if the call was practically unanious, was not Roosevelt selected? Where did the call come from? Did it come from the Republican machine The machine was in control at Chicago, according to Roosevelt. Why then, wasn't he nominated? Did ! come from the Republican electorate The Republican electorate had the privilege of voting for Roosevelt at the polls. Why was he defeated? the polls. Why was he defeated Screw loose somewhere. Perhaps in the unperfected Roosevelt But we were led to believe that Roosevelt didn't believe in machine polities. Perhaps that is only when the machine is in control of an anti

Roosevelt man.

the great office by using the tremendous power of the office to effect his own continued election. But is that the full substance of the custom? Does the mere skipping of a term make that custom invalid? Is it not possible for a President to carry a PORTLAND, Or., Jan, 2.—(To the Editor.)—With regard to circulating petitions it may seem presumptuous for a man of meager standing to speak in different station in life enables us to see things from a different view point.

It was to be a man of meager standing to speak in different station in life enables us to see things from a different view point.

The box Mar Downward was restabled in the custom invalid? Is it not possible for a President to carry a large part of the power which he is record in the power which he is record in the proposition to carry a large part of the power which he is record in the power which he is record He record is an emphatic refutation of the denial. What was Roosevelt in 1900 compared to what he is today? How does Colonel Roosevelt reconcile his unequivocal approval of Taft given at the Saratoga conven-tion and his approval of the Canadian reciprocity treaty with his subsequent conduct? In what way does he excuse his deserting La Follette after having promised his help? P. S. W.

> THE MOTHER'S REWARD. She prassed him closely to her breast, And curled his golden hair, Believing she was nobly blest While he lay sleeping there,

She bore him when her faith was new And nursed him tenderly: But had forgotten bables grew, And often struggled free.

So, as the years grew on apace, With student cap and gown. She saw him win the college race, And don the laurel crown

She heard the people laud his name; It echoed round the world; The while he sat in halls of fame-This babe whose hair she curled. Ah, they had known it all along

They dragged him from his chair, But it was cruel, it was wrong, One night she heard the students cheer

And followed with the crowd, ot knowing whom they went to hear, Or why they cheered so loud. A voice resounded thro' the hall,

Intoned with eloquence-A voice she thought could ne'er en-So vast an audience.

But when they grank in all he said, Spellbound and tense with joy, Her throbbing heart was turned to Where was her Baby Boy?
G. O. FREEMAN.

Portland, December, 1913. Binck Plague Law.

VALE, Or., Dec. 30.—(To the Editor.)—At various times there has been ecommended and agitated in and our of Legislative assemblies of different states provisions to compel the report ing on the part of physicians of all venereal diseases as being contagious and infections within 24 hours after coming under their notice. vision has been adopted in at least one state under the name of "black plague

I wish to bespeak a good word for this law, as to have these reports is the right of society for its own protection. However, in this provision should be one to compel the reporting of those applying to their "druggist friend" as a certain per cent of these cases do in their incipiency. F. L. WILLIAMS, M. D.

PORTLAND, Jan. 2.—(To the Editor.)
—In The Oregonian December 25 appeared an article signed L. L. Bush in regard to war and peace, prophesying that wars will become obsolete. I would like to suggest to Mr. Bush and others who believe the same way, that they look up what the Bible says on this subject and note in Micah iv:2-3 also verses 12 and 13 what "many nations whall cay" and in leateh iv:2-24 when Buffalo (N. Y.) Express, The information editor received this whall say" and in Isalah ii:2-3-4 what "many people will say" namely that in the last days they will predict that war shall become obsolete, just as your correspondent predicts and then see what the Lord "has spoken" as recorded in Joel Hirs. This is a most interesting study and will repay anyone to study and will repay anyone look up. READER, look up.

> Troubles of a Financier. New York Weekly.
>
> Jim-Say, Fred old boy, I'm looking

or some friend who will loan me \$10 Come, now-can't you be of assistance' Fred-Certainly.

Jim-Thank you ever so much. Fred-Yes, it's going to rain, and if ou'll step over to my office I'll lend ou an old umbrella so you won't get wet while you're looking.

How It Is in Literary Boston. Boston Transcript. Library Attendant—A foreign-look ing woman came in today and asked for "cottage cheese." Friend—Hal Did she think the library was a grocery store? L. A.—No; after some question, ing I found out that she wanted "Scot-

### Twenty-five Years Ago

From The Oregonian of January 3, 1889. Ellensburg, W. T., Jan. 2.—Delegates have been arriving all day from all parts of the territory to attend the statehood convention tomorrow.

Olympia, Jan. 2.—The stage from Montesano was held up this evening at Bush Prairie and the treasure box of the Northwestern Express Company and the mailbags were taken by the rob-ber. The driver is N. L. Inman.

Walla Walla, Jan. 2 .- There will be a mass meeting of the citizens of the northern half of Umatilla County at Milton tomorrow in the interest of division of the county.

There was a meeting of the City Board of Charities at Masonic Hall last night. The report of the committee showed an enrolled membership of 250 and subscriptions of \$3006.

The committee appointed to draft a harter consolidating the cities of Port-and, East Portland and Albina met at the Council rooms yesterday. There were present Mayor Van B. De Lashmutt and City Attorney William H. Adams, of Portland; Mayor E. C. Wheeler and City Attorney J. V. Beach. of East Portland; Mayor D. M. Mc-Laughlin and City Attorney P. L. Willis, of Albina, and H. W. Corbett, repre-senting the Portland Board of Trade.

The marriage of Miss Alice M. Winters, of Sunnyside, and August Michus, of Portland, took place at the residence of the bride's parents on Tuesday, Rev. S. P. Davis, of Mount Tabor, officiating

#### Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian of Jan. 4, 1864. We learn from Sheriff Ladd that a nan named Kittemore shot John J. at Sauvie's Island on Saturda

Dr. Bellows has received from Char ofte Cushman, the actress, \$8267 as a conation to the Sanitary Commission. She had received it by giving dramatic performances in some of the Eastern

Washington, Dec. 20 .- The report of the commissioner appointed by the Navy Department showing the pracicability of using petroleum to erate steam has proved satisfactory.

Charleston, Dec. 18 .- The Ironsides and three monitors, while attempting to pass the obstructions, became en-tangled. The Ironsides will probably have to be abundoned. The monitors are also badly disabled.

The California Senate adopted a resclution instructing the delegation in Congress to procure passage of a law granting National assistance in rightof-way, grant of land and bonds to the ompanies about to undertake con-truction of the Oregon & California

The Portland Daily Union, Under this title a new paper appeared on Sat-urday, published by several practical

New Year's eve at Belpassi-The chool under the charge of Professor E. P. Henderson gave a very interesting exhibition last Thursday evening. The pupils of Columbus Brown and Misses C. and E. Brown especially deserve mention.

To our city subscribers—M. M. Southworth will from today carry on the routs south of Alder street and J. M. Doherty north of the same line.

The ship Oregon has risen from her bed, steamed to the mouth of the Willamette, received once more her freight and passengers and gone on her way.

We notice with much pleasure the ef-forts now being put forth by members of the various evangelical denominations towards forming a Young Men's Christian Association in Portland.

## Hands in Wild Acc.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 31 .- (To the Ediis the highest hand in a card game of draw poker, but to settle the question for all time, we ask you to have your authority on card games tell us if the same hand, a royal flush, is higher than five kings in the game of wild acc

As wild ace is ordinarily played there are no hands not possible to held in ordinary draw poker. Occasionally fives" are admitted by previous agreement, but in a conflict of values the established poker hand takes precedence over the hard made up with aces. Thus the royal flush beats five

Kings.

Plain Hint to Late Caller. St. Louis (Mc.) Dispatch.
"Is that clock right?" asked the visitor, who had alrendy outstayed his welcome. His hostess yawned.
"Oh, no!" she said. "That's the clock we always call the Visitor.

The obdurate one sat di The obdurate one sat down again. "The Visitor?" he remarked. "What a

urious name to give a clock." His hostess ventured an explanation. t that because we can never make it

And even then he failed to see the

## Sunday Features

Skiing on Mount Hood is the thrilling sport that is described in a snappy article by the wellknown writer, Anne Shannon Birds in Winter need care,

protection and occasional help. You will be especially interested in this illustrated article. News Snapshots taken by keen photographers in many parts of the world, present true

pictures of recent noteworthy occurrences Gaby Deslys, the vivacous little actress, is interviewed by the camera man, along with some of

her most striking gowns. Grants Pass' Progress is another chapter in the story of enterprising and thrifty Oregon

Centenaries of 1914 are counted by the score. A page of it to keep for reference. Il-

Instrated. Henpecked Husbands have formed one of the most unusual of clubs and will insist upon their rights as mere men.

Tipping is investigated by that gentle cynic, George V. Hobart, in the best article yet from his pen. In the Roosevelt Autobiogra-

to policies of the first Roosevelt administration. These are but a few of a

phy another chapter is devoted

great array of splendid features. Order today of your newsdealer.