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PORTLAND, SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 1914.

Colombia is to be paid \$25,000,000 by the United States as a salve to was signed, the wound her feelings received by

There are two versions of the events leading up to this treaty. One Bryan now propose to pay to Colom-represents Colombia as an innocent bia a large part of the biackmall and deeply wronged people; the other which Mr. Roosevelt refused to pay. as a nation beaten in a great black malling scheme. Colombia claimed that she was entitled to compensaaside from the \$10,000,000 cash and the \$250,000 a year she was to have received under the Hay-Herran treaty, and that this compens should come either from the Unit-Canal Company. acquired both the canal concession, other persons will not believe it, for which required payment of a share of every Democrat everywhere protests profits to Colombia, and the rails on every occasion that it is so. received \$1,000,000 cash and \$250,000 racy) doth protest too much? a year. This annual payment was to which time the road was to have re- as the to the United States.

Under the terms of the concession it could not be transferred with-Colombia's consent, for which Minister Concha, in 1902, came to Washington instructed demand from \$10,000,000 to \$20,000,000 cash and an annual subsidy of \$1,000,000 a year from either the canal comthe United States. Mr. Concha's successor, Mr. Herran, came down to the terms finally arranged when Senator Cullom warned that the United States might seize the Isthmus on the ground that canal was needed as a world treaty was signed on January 22, 1903.

No man can say Colombia was not fally warned of the probable consequences of refusal to ratify the treaty But Colombia was determined to squeeze all it could out of a bankrupt concern which was unable to finial the enterprise and which was selling its assets for a fraction of the amount invested.

A Congress was elected in Colombia early in 1902 in the manner usual in South America. Mr. Bunau-Varilla

The treaty was unanimously re jected by the Colombian Senate on august 12, 1303, after the leaders had informed Minister Beaupre that it would be patified if the canal com-August 12, 1903, after the leaders had pany would pay \$15,000,000 for the right to transfer. On August 29, after the treaty had been rejected, a motion was made naming as terms of a new treaty payment by the United States of \$28,000,000 eash and a rental of \$400,000 a year until 1967, after which date the amount was to be increased 25 per cent every cen October 31, 1904, when the original concession would expire, and then to declare invalid the six-year extension from that date which had been granted under dictatorial rule, the rity to annul this decree. After the Panama revolution Mr. Beaupre gress "with new and friendly members" to ratify the treaty. In other words he would pack Congress in along with the immigrants.

The special session of Con treaty.

to adopt the alternative Nicaragua Spooner law, for he was convinced of entitled to his mileage; and Lafferty the superiority of the Panama route. Another was suggested by John Basactt Moore in an interview with Mr. Bunau-Varilla, 'who states reasons for believing it to have been recom-mended by Mr. Moore to Mr. Roosevelt. This was to claim that the treaty of 1846 with New Granada (now Colombia) granted the right to dig the canal. That treaty provides: he government of Granada guarante Government of the United States

canal route under the treaty of 1846 great distributing centers with steam- to transaction of business and leave the question of payment to ship lines which can give as prompt cities with that city. The fact that future settlement. He certainly had delivery to goods from Atlantic and a bank is the Federal reserve bank the courage to do so, but from Guif ports as the railroads can give, of its district does not prevent a many quarters he learned that a revthat threatening statements made by Gulf ports will get much traffic from reserve bank will be the largest in Mr. Roosevelt in private conversation the Middle West. He thinks our manits city. It will be overtopped in indicated he would indirectly favor it.

Mr. Bunau-Varilla shows how he pete with Europe for South American banks, just as the Bank of England could do so consistently with precedent. In 1885 a revolution broke mands. He foresees an enlarged description of the provided they cater to its description of the foresees an enlarged description of the foresees an enlarged description of the foresees and enlarged description of th

ration criticised Captain Keane, of the Galena, for not having prevented fighting at the latter place. The United States landed troops at Panama, which arrested the rebel leader and compelled him to sign an agree-ment not to fight in Panama. When covernment troops arrived the Amer-Bunau-Varilla says:

This established that in the eyes of the American authorities the obligation resulting from the treaty of 1846 was to prevent by force of arms all conflict on the railroad

All Mr. Roosevelt need do was to follow established precedent as to the interpretation of that treaty and Panama might become free to grant us the canal concession. Knowing that a revolution was probable, he or varships to the isthmus and obtained nformation as to means of defending the territory. He followed precedent by preventing the Colombian troops rom going from Colon to Panama to attack the rebels and by compelling them to depart for Cartagena on No vember 5, 1993. The same day the United States recognized the new reand on November 13 ublic Bunau-Varilla was received as its Minister by Mr. Roosevelt. Five days later the canal treaty with Panama.

This is how Mr. Roosevelt the secession of Panama. We are to Panama. He simply followed the obtain no concessions in exchange precedent established by a Demofor this sum; it is simply the price cratic predecessor and took prempt we are to pay for Colombia's good will after having incurred her ill will that which he had vainly endeavored by recognizing the republic of Pans to obtain by friendly negotiation with ama, and by paying that republic for the canal concession the sum which canal route under the implied rights Colombia had scornfully rejected, but given by the treaty of 1846 and left which, when too late, she offered to the price to be settled at leisure by which, when too late, she offered to accept. We get no Atrato River con- arbitration. He considered himself cession, and no coaling stations as we should have got under the treaty proposed by President Taft. We get Co-posed by President Taft. We get Co-posed by President Taft. iting out of our conduct on the have imposed on the commerce of the Had he the have imposed on the commerce of the Istimus. By implication we admit world a burden which would have that our conduct was reprehensible, grown heavier century by century. President Wilson and

> President Wilson is popular, un doubtedly. Everybody says so. The Democratic orators tell us all about it sation with undiminished vigor, and appar ently with undiminished enthusiasm the New Fanama it appears to be a fact, however, that . That company had some persons are fearful that some

The Wilson popularity appears to continued for 99 years, after have reached what may be described verted to Colombia. The canal com- recent tolls debate in the House, made pany owned the majority of the rail- by the correspondent of an Eastern id stock and sold it with the canal newspaper, revealed the following interesting uniformity of expression and qualification:

wonder if the lady (viz., the Democ

dent of this Nation is a patriotic, sincere and able mun. He is, in my opinion, the greatest President this Nation has seen alone the days of Jeffeeson. But—
Alter Knowland, of California—I ententain a high regard for the President of the United States. His patriotism and bonessy of purpose I would not attempt to question. But—
Mr. Knowland, of California—I ententain a high regard for the President of the United States. His patriotism and bonessy of purpose I would not attempt to question. But—
Mr. Gishaunessy, of Rhode Island—Que of the greatest Presidents this country has ever seen. I how to his magnificent states—manship in many matters. But—
Mr. Flood, of Virginia—His wide vision, his arracedinary acquirements, his acute insight into the heart of economic, political and international questions. Therefore—
Mr. Staphens, of California—I honor and respect President Wilson for his honesty and sincerity. I have commanded him often; so has every member of Congress. But—
Mr. Curry, of California—The President is an exceedingly crudite, well-meaning, kindly, polished gentleman; more highly educated and possessing more knowledge, if not more wisdom, than any of his predecessors. But—
Mr. Pou, of North Carolina—He would preserve the honor and good name of his country. He would preserve involute the quatracts his predecessors have made. Therefore—
Mr. Fitzgerald, of New York—The results

POOR LAFFERTY.

The aristocratic Mr. Lafferty, Conalong on \$7500 a year and the usual Congressional perquisites, without the the realm. Hence they commit their 'most rigid economy," as he delefully crimes with impunity. having moved thither from a sumptuous hotel. Finding he cannot make persons.

scrupulous Congresamen desire to British But not Lafferty. He travels from court. Washington to Portland and from Portland to Washington in luxurious theory being that the Congress had palace cars and draws 20 cents per round trip-a total of something like cabled an offer from President Reyes that if the United States would preserve Colombian sovereignty on the the middle of his journey, and takes Isthmus he would declare martial law his bath, manicures his nails and polthat he has been obliged to travel to

favor of the treaty as it had previously been packed against the December merged into the regular session, and members were unable to President Roosevelt was reluctant so to their homes during the recess yet the greedy proposal is neverthe less made that the Congressman is demands his share of the spoils.

If Lafferty, with no family, no home and no visible dependents, unable to live in Washington on \$7500 a year, he ought to be relieved of the for a precarious existence in

SHONTS' OPINION OF THE CANAL.

official life.

of Government of the United States that or right of way or transit access the 1sthis of panama by any mode of communicais of Panama by any mode of communicais of Panama by any mode of communicais that may already exist or that may be
reafter constructed shall be open and free
the Government and to the citizons of the d States.

enced railroad manager. He looks supremacy will continue to draw thus Mr. Roosevelt could seize the for the Pacific Coast ports to become thither the banking funds necessary on was brewing on the Isthmus. than New York will get a larger share in another bank in another city. That Herran telegraphed to Bogota of Pacific Coast trade and that the fact does not imply that the Federal

make up for loss of coast-to-coast traffic by the increase in traffic be-tween interior points and the coasts. The canal will stimulate shipment of Western products as canned goods, dried fruits, lumber and other products to Europe. He expects the canal to prove an aid to world peace by making our Navy a unit and by enabling war vessels of other nations their destinations more readily and thus to forestall trouble.

Mr. Shonts' opinion is chiefly re-markable for the admission that railoads will not suffer by canal compe tition. Railroads opposed construc-tion of the canal through fear of such They now covertly oppose exemption of coastwise vessels When their treasuries are enriched by the dense traffic between coasts and interior points they may desire more of it. Then they will re gret having helped to discourage it by opposing coastwise exemption

USING THE PARCEL POST. The efforts of the Postoffice Department to make the parcel post as useful as possible should receive support from both producers and con sumers. It is now possible to send farm produce in convenient parcels at very low rates. The Postoffice will not only transport the goods, but it will deliver them and collect the pay. Preparations have been made for extremely useful service if only the

They are not yet doing so for many doubt stand in the way. It takes a long time for people to realize what an efficient and economical insirumentality the Government has provided for them. Farmers will no doubt continue to ship their produce to middlemen and consumers will pay out their good noney for inferior articles for a time to come. Fundamental changes usually evolve slowly. But it is possi-ble to hasten them a little.

should not last as long as those the Romans built? Governor Glynn thinks The postoffice has compiled lists of farmers who are willing to ship food not if we will spend the time and to city people by the parcel post. These lists are at the service of anydo not get forward with our roads be ody who will ask for them. Lists are also being made of the names of be done over again next year, and so people who wish to obtain product on in endless futility. It is time for rect from farmers, and these will a change. also be given out freely. Thus it is hoped that consumer and producer will be brought into friendly commu-

nication to the benefit of both.
But something more is needed than
his. There should be a propaganda post clubs. Similar work is needed in the country. It is not sufficient to offer advantages to the public. People must be taught and urged to use them. There is no better work for them. spirit of the Civic League than this.

JUSTICE AND JUSTICE.

ciently the British government deals the suffragettes than it does with the bold rebels who are defying bellion against home rule openly col lect arms, drill soldiers and utter the most outrageously treasonable threats against the government. none of them have been disturbed. In one or two instances Mr. Asquith has made meek concessions to them. of his fellow conspirators has seen the inside of a jail. There has been no occasion to feed them forcibly, nor have they been driven to seek an asy lum in France.

With the suffragettes the case stands far differently. Although their disobedience has gone no farther than to break a few windows and set fire to a house or two in remote rural dis-tricts, they have been handled with severity. Their meetings are forcibly dispersed. They are arrested on every provocation and bundled into jail, where, if they refuse to eat, they Mr. Fitzgerald, of New York-The results are fed forcibly.

Mr. Fluxgeraid, of New 1 or the feature intained during his brief incumbency of his bresent office have awakened hope in the present of many patriotic men who were legalizing of the useful continuance of our party under his enlightened leadarshic have been little less than marvelous. But What next for the popular Presidence with the contrast?

What next for the popular Presidence with the Ulster rebels receive. How shall we explain the contrast? How shall we explain the contrast? It is easy enough to do so. The Ul-The elections in Colombia are what the party in power wishes to make them. For the most part they are but sham elections the most part they are but sham elections. A dotachmant of soldlers spontaneously take the place of the electors and pack the ballots followers disagree?

What next for the popular President with whom so many of his loyal the easy enough to do so. The Ulstee place of the electors and pack the ballot box with votes. and family friends are in the Cabinet and in both houses of, Parliament. Many of them have all sorts of relahands upon the sacred aristocracy

describes it. Mr. Lafferty practices But the suffragettes are nobodies economy by living at the exclusive Some of them perhaps could claim But the suffragettes are nobodies. and expensive Army and Navy Club, kindred with the aristocracy, but for the most part they are very humble Their cousins are not lords. both ends meet on \$7500 a year, he Their uncles are not in the govern tury. If these terms were rejected the scheme was to delay action until after age graft, which many honest and fore, to punish their misdeeds, and justice wears its severest frown when they are brought into

RESERVE BANK DISTRICTS.

While Chicago is serenely satisfied with the treatment it has received from the reserve bank organization committee, New York is consoling itself with the reflection that the reserve banks cannot change the course Isthmus he would declare martial law and then ratify the treaty by decree, or would call an extra session of Control of the call an extra session of Control of the call and extra session of Control of the call and extra session of Control of the call of the that in any event the work of the committee is subject to revision by the Federal Reserve Board.

There is no doubt that the com-mittee deliberately sought to diminish financial importance of York by taking out of that city's die trict territory which is directly trib-utary, for example, parts of New Jersey and Connecticut. The New York Times quotes Chairman Glass father of the currency law, as ex-pressing a purpose to "deprive New pressing a purpose to York of its prominence in the banking field," and to "take these funds of the clutches of Wall street. But the Times truly says that bustness does not divide itself according to state lines with se many The opinion of Theodore P. Shonts many acres, so many banks to make on the effect of the Panama Canal a district. It says that the Federa

> next week have resourceful attorneys. Join the Federals and get a job for

A rainy Easter-horrors!

Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian of April 11, 1884.
Union state ticket—For Congressman,
J. H. D. Henderson, of Lane County;
for State Printer, Henry L. Pittock, of
Multnemah County; for Presidential
Electors, George L. Woods, of Wasco
County, H. N. George, of Linn County,
J. T. Gasicy, of Donglass County, Judicial district nominations, Second distracted to Wall street for stock speculation which, without that artificial suction, would have been applied to other uses of commerce. The cyll of the old system was twofold. It offered a premium on lending of money dicial district nominations, Second district, for Judge, R. E. Stratton, of Lane
County, Prosecuting Attorney, J. F.
Watson; Third district, for Judge, R.
P. Bolse, of Polk County, for ProsecutNote that no change is made in nomand thus stimulated stock speculation unduly. It thereby di-verted capital from trade and compelled trade to pay higher interest in competition with the stock maring Attorney, R. Mallory, of Marion County; Fourth district, for Prosecuting Attorney, G. W. Hodgkinson, of Mallonmah County; Pfith district, for para on the ballot. The only chang Judge, J. G. Wilson, of Wasco County. et. That condition will cease. The present districting is not final for the Federal Reserve Board may from time to time readjust it, and undoubtedly will do so. As the working of the system shows it to divert busi-

Knoxville, April 3.-General Stoneman has advanced to Bull's Gap.

New York, April 3.-The Columbia from New Orleans March 26, reports our army still pushing up Red River. The Eighty-third Ohio Cavalry reached The Eighty-third Onio Cavarry remained made by the bill.

Alexandria on the 14th, having marched made by the bill.

With regard to a short ballot the

rendered necessary by changes in the course of business as the country and

Washington, April 4.—General Meade in a written statement to the war combilities asserts that he never issued an order to retreat from Gettysburg on July 2. It seems to have been written by General Butterfield without orders.

Liverpool, March 24.—Maximilian embarks for Mexico on April 14.

The people of Oregon now have this constitutional amendment and there is no popular demand to abolish it. It is the certection of the evils it is subject to that is desired and I can white of no better plan than, as stated, proportional representation. If The Oregonian has a better plan let us have it and compare them and draw right conclusion. C. W. BARZEE, wned by 89,000 stockholders, whose average holding is worth \$12,500, and 48 per cent of them are women. They are being punished on the false as vestors are frightened away from rail-

the American people are being pun-Governor Glynn, of New York, has come out for durable roadbuilding. Is there any good reason why our roads

Rev. Mr. Atkinson was surprised last Thursday with the presentation of a purse of \$365 and Mrs. Atkinson with one of \$52.50, the latter contributed by the ladies exclusively.

Company B, Captain Mills, on Saturday elected the following officers: First Lieutenant, William Young: Sec-end Lieutenant, T. B. Borst: First Ser-geant, B. B. Decker; Second Sergeant, J. M. Howe: Third Sergeant, C. C. Phillips: Fourth Sergeant, L. C. Henrichsen; First Corporal, Charles Hull; Sergend Corporal, H. Cock; Third Corporal, T. J. Johnson; Fourth Corporal, W. R. Legislature Miss Davis, head of the New York

Jackson County will address the citi-sens of Portland at the Courthouse this Writer Cites Statistics of Commerce as outside. If she will provide for cure

of the drug flends, she will do much good. If she does not, the prison may Since girls have taken to politics A bill drawn by Senator Nesmith, of

Since girls have taken to politics, boys have taken to cooking. A boy beat the girls at making biscuits in a school contest, but the girls will probably beat the boys at the primaries.

Huerta is not likely to admit that Villa has won a battle until the bandit general enters Mexico City, but Villa has a hard road to travel before he guts there.

Removal of the appendix may be, as Dr. Moore, of Minneapolis, says, "interference with the designs of the Lord," and the undertaker will agree with him.

"T. R." turned down in Maine and the "T. R." reported lost in South America are the same "T, R." who will turn up when time for trouble

A bill drawn by Senator Nesmith, of Oregon, to provide for suitable protection to the provide for suitable protection to the overland emispration to the part of the sagacious, and the overland emispration to the part of the sagacious, to provide for suitable protection to the provide for suitable protection to the provide for suitable protection to the corriant emission to the part of the sagacious, and remphatic comment on public affairs that is making "B. L. T," of the Chicago Tribune, internationally famous as a writer and thinker on current events. It was evoked, too, by what "Benton route; \$10,000 shall be used on the liver from Niobrara on the Mission Flore from Niobrara on the Fort "R. L. T." calls the "yappery" of the Sentation Flore from Niobrara on the Mission Flore from Niobrara on the Mission Flore from Niobrara on the Mission Flore from Niobrara on the Miss

penance for the folly of another person.

Maine Republicans refuse to indorse Teddy for President in 1916. Teddy has got to come back to the fold. The fold will not go to Teddy.

The Republican state committee of Indiana has established a school for 3000 politicians, as though all Hoose takes are so that apply in 1918.

The Assessor of Cook County is T. J.

The Assessor o

Debt in United States.

3000 politicians, as though all Hoo-siers were not born politicians. high taxes. The causes that apply in in 1913.
one locality are generally found in Hearst and our Senator keep should The Bulgarian Queen, however, will

not be the only one in the country in June. She'll have to divide honors Laws of Descent. MOSIER, Or., April 8.—(To the Editor.)—A marries B; to them are born four children; the youngest is 16 at the time of B's (the wife's) death. with the Rose Festival Queen. Villa impressed a British Consul into service as a messenger boy. He knows he's on safe ground since the British sold out for free tolls.

Dr. Equi says she is a nervous activities. Bitter agitation harms only those, who participate in it.

Florida has been hit by frost and hall. Oregon seems to be the only place left where the weather can be depended upon to behave. The captain of the California idle army was sentenced to sixty days and

the Major to ninety days. How'd you like to be the Colonel?

October 1, 1913, it was \$2,926,434,343. We know just how it must seem. Reports of casualties in the swat

BRUSH PRAIRIE, Wash. April 8.—
(To the Editor.)—Please tell me if one who is a taxpayer and not a citisen, or has taken his first citisenship papers has a right to vote in public school elections in the State of Washting campaign indicate that Portland is no place for the dirty little fly. White cottons will be the rule for graduation day in will spare many heartaches ington?

To vote at any election in Washing-The Republicans will win at the election, says Senator Cumi ton one must have final citizenship It's a cinch. papers. Lodge in Portland. Rain tomorrow would suit the

oman who hasn't a new Easter bon-The New York gunmen due to die

> land. The state manager is C. A. Am- water fund. brose, 32 Lafayette building.

SHORT BALLOT NEW IDEA TO HIS Mr. Barnee Not Aware of Movement is Which President Has Shown

Interest. PORTLAND, April 10 .- (To the Edior.)-For the purpose of correcting a possible erroneous impression gleaned from the comment on my letter, "A shorter ballot, a truer registration and a fair representation" by way of pro

Note that no change is made in nomnation of the candidates or districts cuting Attorney, C. R. Melgs, of sider but one candidate of any political group where more than one appears of the ticket.

> dring to acquaint himself with another so and cast his vote for the same by writing or sticking the name of the candidate on the blank space on the ballot. This is all the voting change

Cincinnati. April 4.—By order of the length of the regular ballot. It Governor Morton the entire Indiana is the irregular ballot coming through Legion hold themselves in readiness to the initiative that has been questioned take the field at any moment required.

Liverpool. March 24.—The Times' tel. egram from Vienna states that England's proposition for an armistice busbeen accepted by Austria and Pruesia. The territorial integrity of the Danish monarchy under the present dynasty will be maintained. The conference in the open accepted that any but the most at once. ment in Mr. Barnee's former letter.

Mr. Barsee needs to inform himself before he makes promiscuous use of the term "short ballot." heard of the National short ballot or gantzation with one Woodrow Wilson The bark Ocean Bird, Captain Blake, as the head? But his assertion that The bark Ocean Bird, Captain Biake, as the head? But his assertion that turned turtle on the lower coast on April 2. The Ocean Bird was an old acquaintance in Portland, having been one of Abernethy & Clarke's lien of packets in the earlier years of Oregon lumber producing and was subsequently sold to George A, Meigs, proprietor of the Port Madison Mile. Mr. Barnee means that proportions representation would take the abusfrom the iniliative and heap it upon the abuses in the Legislature he has supplied an excellent argument for defeating the amendment. As a better ment of paid petitioning and the elecof representative men to the Legislature.

O. Jacobs and Samuel Culver, of GREAT BRITAIN OUR GOOD FRIEND, Indicating Sentiment.

A little child of S. R. Holcomb fell into a well some 26 feet deep containing about 16 feet of water. The little one clung to a board until he was research."

PORTLAND, April 9.—(To the Edditor.)—"If Great Britain is not America one clung to a board until he was research." PORTLAND, April 9 .- (To the Editor.)-"If Great Britain is not Ameri-

The above is not taken from the harangue of any London Socialist or

A boy of 16 has been sentenced to life for murder. By the time he reaches maturity it will be like doing penance for the folly of another person.

High Taxes.

High Taxes.

PORTLAND, April 16.—(To the Editor) of words and phrases and sentences of the Assensor of Coom County. I have some acreage there; it is improved but has some timber. I am proved but has some timber and the manue and additional timber. I am proved but has some timber and the manue and additional timber. I am proved but has some timber. I am proved but has some timber and the manue and additional timber. I am proved but has some timber and the manue and additional timber. I am proved but has some timber and the manue

one locality are generally found in Hearst and our senator one locality are generally found in ing: "Great Britain, it is universally understood, is not the friend of Ameria," but "figures speak louder the

Apple Box Bill in Jeopardy

MEDFORD, Or, April 9 .- (To the Editor.)-Word has just been received (1) Has A the right to sell or deed any of the real property owned by them at the time of B's death?

(2) Do the children come in for their mother's share? If so, how much is it?

S. P. Share with the apple box bill which was introduced by Judge Raker on December 12 and referred to the committee on coinage, weights and measures, and on which a hearing was held before said which a hearing was held before said 1. If the property is in the husband's committee February 11 and 12, "has name or held by joint deed, yes; if in been laid on the table for this session the wife's name, no, without order of of Congress."

the wife's name, no, without order of court.

2. If the property is in the mother's name it descends to the children subject to the father's curtesy of a life interest in the income from one-half terests having this bill at heart. Strong telegrams and letters should round to the court in the line of th telegrams and letters should pour in upon Hon. Thomas Hardwick, chair-man of the committee, urging that this matter be taken from the table and VANCOUVER, Wash, April 3.—(To the Editor.)—How does the total amount of municipal indebtedness in the United States compare with the National debt?

J. F. the total Letters and telegrams of the same

The patrons of the Shattuck School have given a logical turn to the situation by leaving choice of site to the School Board.

The local playhouses are in the periodic juggle. A man must know whither he is bound before he starts.

Montreel, by a freak of election time, finds itself without governors.

We know just how it must seem.

The patrons of the Shattuck School amount of municipal indebtedness in the United States compare with the Character should be sent to the Representatives in Congress urging them to use their influence with the committee to have this done.

Public sentiment is a powerful factor, in securing action, and a strong demand will doubtless bring the result. Much time, money and effort has been to have the done.

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Public sentiment is a powerful factor, in securing action, and a strong demand will doubtless bring the result for in securing action and a strong demand will doubtless bring the result for in securing action and a strong demand will doubtless bring the result for in securing action in both for in the same year the debt of the Nation was \$2.175.248.168. On the Nation was \$2.175.248.168. On the Nation was \$2.225.424.242.

mittee of one to do something, and is now. C. E. WHISLER, President Oregon State Horticultural Society.

Taxes in Portland. HOOD RIVER, Or., April 8,-(To the Editor.)-1. What is the tax rate in

the city of Portland? 2. What are the city activities aside from street improvements, etc., not supported by the general tax? 3. What is the assessed valuation of the property in the city of Portland? 1. Twenty-seven mills.

BLIND SLOUGH. Or., April 5.— (To the Editor.)—Should esteem it a great favor if you would give me any information regarding "The Modern Brotherhood of America," viz. whether this society is organized in Portland or not.

THOMAS PINTA.

The Water Department is supported by water rates. Some other departments are in part self-sustaining favor if you would give me any information regarding "The Modern Brotherhood of America," viz. whether this society is organized in Portland or not.

The order has three lodges in Portland or the general funds the general funds and the several funds and the general funds and the several funds and the general funds and the several funds are the several funds and the several funds and the several funds are the several funds and the several funds and the several funds are the 2. The Water Department is sup-The order has three lodges in Port- current funds, the general fund and the

3. Assessed valuation is \$314,195,777.

Twenty-five Years Ago

From The Oregonian of April 11, 1882.
Washington, April 10,—The Administration has announced its intention of vigorously enforcing the laws against and grabburs and persons trespassing on the public domains. Jesse D. Carr. and the large land grabbers in California and Southern Oregon have renewed their efforts to have the civil and criminal proceedings for unlawfully enclosing 38,000 aures of land in Modec County noise prossed, but Herretary Noble has refused to interfere Modec County noise pressed, but Sec-retary Noble has refused to interfere

Seattle, April 18 .- Mayor Moran has suspended Chief of Police Mitchell pending investigation of charges of maffeasance and collusion with gam-blers. Captain Willard has been ap-

Lafayette, April 10 .- The Presbytery of Oregon assembled today. The or-ganization of a Fresbyterian Church at Oregon City was reported. Rev. J. V. Milligan was re-elected state clerk and Rev. W. O. Forbes permanent clerk.

Salem, April 10.—The Governor today granted a full pardon to Captain Hora-tio Cook, of Portland, who was by court martial dishonorably discharged rum the service of the state for dis-

Spokane Falls, April 10 .- S. C. Hyde day bought the Warren property or Main street for \$80,000.

The Oregon Humane Society, sustated by the children of the public schools, gave its ninth anniversary entertainment at the Tabernacle last night. On the stage sat Rev. T. L. Eliet, Rev. Dr. Bloch, D. P. Thompson. W. T. Shanahan and the pupils of the high schools.

Several gentlemen of this city have bought the road from Hood River to Eliot Glacier on Mount Hood and will construct a hotel at the glacier. A Raymond and Whitcomb excursion

arrived yesterday

At the office of the brick trust on First street, Mr. Caywood has a pho-tograph of the old Washington Guard. Portland's first military company, tak-en in 1864 on the day they received their uniforms and had a grand picnic in a beautiful grove of tall timber where is now the corner of Columbia and Eleventh streets, on which occasion they were addressed by George Francis Train.

Charles Rivears has taken a centrac to clear off the timber and stumps from 140 acres owned by Mr. Hale, railroad contractor, in the northwest portion of the city formerly owned by the water

## FEATURES FOR EASTER SUNDAY

EASTER IN ART A full page in colors of Famous Paintings That Illustrate the Story of Christ's Death and Triumph. In THE OREGO NIAN tomorrow.

LOVE YE ONE ANOTHER A striking half-page cartoon by an eminent illustrator. Cupid has the pulpit for the Easter sarmon.

MUSIC AND SERMONS A directory of services that ill be held in Portland's Hiw churches tomorrow.

**FASHION FEATURES** Dame Fashion right up to the minute occupies a total of three elaborately illustrated pages.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE A page of communications to

the editor setting down varied ideas and opinions on current

events and topics of interest. ELLIS PARKER BUTLER, The anthor of "Pigs Is Pigs" contributes another "Breezy Suzanne'' story to The Sunday Oregonian. "Breezy" tackles

the new feminism in the true breezy Butler style.

SEEING A JOKE If the wedded pair cannot see the same joke, pity them, says Rita Reese, who writes on the effect of humor upon wedded

MRS. CHAMP CLARK

Contributes a special article on Thomas Jefferson and his descendants, on the occasion of Jefferson's approaching birth anniversary. Mrs. Clark knows many of Jefferson's descendants personally, and her article is both timely and interesting.

THE PANAMA CANAL Theodore Roosevelt writes cf stirring days when canal history was not in the making.

WITH THE CONFEDERATES A Portland veteran presents the first of several reminiscences of his service with the Southern army, in which he served as both enlisted man and officer.

AX HANDLES BREAK STRIKE

Furthermore the strike was in New Zealand. Just how it was broken and broken quickly and effectively is told by an Auckland correspondent. Illustrated

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