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### INDEFENSIBLE.

The action of Governor West in suppressing the Friars' Club at Mil-waukie through the militia is further notice to the world at large that the Governor of Oregon purposes to igthe constitution and trample beneath his feet the established guarliberty whenever he is seized by a lawless whim to take the

law into his own hands.

The Milwaukie resort may or may not be an offense to public decency, and its proprietor may or may not be a violator of law. We do not know But we will assume that the Friars Club is a disgraceful and disorderly place, and that the complaints against its methods and practices are abundantly justified. The proprietor is nevertheless entitled to his day in If he shall be deprived of his rights by the petty persecutions of any minor police officer, or by the high-handed and arbitrary acts of the state's Chief Executive, it is yet a violation of the commonest precepts of

What are the courts for? Is the of Oregon at once prosecutor, trial judge and executioner? Are we living under civil government or a military despotsm? If the Mil-waukie roadhouse keeper has no rights, and his liberty may be invaded and his property destroyed by mere executive flat, without recourse of any kind, so then is every other citizen in jeopardy through the en-croachments of executive power. The courts cannot protect him; the law is no refuge for him; he is at the mercy of a Governor who may be actuated by passion or prejudice, or by an un-worthy purpose to strip him of every-

It would appear to require only the barest statement of the extraordinary acts of Governor West to elicit from and most earnest reprobation; yet it is true that, for his pretended policy of law enforcement, he has open favorable shipping laws, it might occupport in influential quarters. It is cur to the Senator, were he not not law enforcement; it is law viola- Democrat, that it would be a good tion by the highest official of the thing for his constituents to restore state, who has taken a special oath to the tariff on lumber. But of course obey the constitution and uphold the there is not a word of that in his laws. He utterly disregards the constitution and he himself interprets the

it may be preserved only by the most as a menace to their industries. It zealous and watchful guardianship; would seem, therefore, that all that yet it has become a mere plaything is needed is widespread knowledge of with the Governor of Oregon. It Senator Lane's private information. may be—probably it will be—a good cause to shut up the Milwaukle recause to shut up the Milwaukle resort; but it is a far more important over nothing they quite naturally would subside in chagrin and no may be-probably it will be-a good If the Canadians should learn that cause to shut up the Milwaukle re- they had been making all the fuss

The flagrant nature of the Milwaukie episode is accentuated by its spe-cial circumstances. The Attorney-General of the state had been directed does not differ from his other two. feiting the charter of the Friars' Club. He had complied, and the case was put in the hands of the County Attorney of Clackamas County, an appointee of Governor West. On Frilast, Circuit Judge Eakin had made a ruling on demurrer favorable to the club; it was not final, but was mere incident in the hearing. Then the Governor, impatient for immediate action and determined to have his own way, usurped the constitutional function of the court, and with his nilitia descended upon the Milwaukie tavern. If the Governor had any facts about disregard of law by the Friars' Club, he has not deigned make them public; but it is a likely enough assumption that he had no only suspicions. But whether he acted upon well-grounded complaints, or mere surmises, his in-vasion of the Milwaukie tavern is yet

an indefensible proceeding.

Governor West overrides the constitution by setting the military above the civil power; by instituting the right of search without court authorby depriving a citizen of his property without due process of law; by usurping the province of the courts to try an accused person; by suspending civil processes without egislative sanction. There never was such another Governor in Oregon; there ought to be none other like him, for the safety of the state and the protection of its institutions.

# WHAT WILL MEDIATION EFFECT?

The mediators' plan of composing the differences between the Mexican factions before undertaking to ar-range satisfaction of American demands has miscarried, owing to the refusal of Carranza and Villa to participate. The Constitutionalist chiefs see in Huerta simply a murderer, in his quarrer with the United States merely a scheme to raily the people to his failing cause, and in the move for an armistice pending mediation a trick to gain time for Huerta to recruit his forces. They reason that they "have got him going" and their assay offices are all Republican terest in everything he saw. The The Constitutionalist chiefs

contrast with the caution of the adjust all our points of disagreement with Huerts, Mr. Wilson could not omy have big delegations, the weakest well reject their good offices, but the refusal of Carranza to accept their

mediators have done so by diplomacy ractically no subject of mediation mains except the insult to our flag. That is hardly a subject for media-tion. It is equivalent to a slap in the face, for which satisfaction can take the form only of an apology—between nations a salute—or a knockdown blow. But Mr. Wilson seems willing to negotiate about anything, even an insult to the Nation.

Were the mediators to go about their work in business-like manner, they could adjust the matter in a week, but they are likely, after the fashion of diplomats, to stretch it over months. While they are doing so, Huerta is mining railroads, fortifying his capital, making dynamite bombs, recruiting armies on the pretense that they are to repel the invaders and then sending them against the rebels He has gained that inestimable boon time, for doing all these things, while our forces sit idly at Vera Cruz, ready for the campaign, but compelled to wait while their foe makes their probable task infinitely harder.

The state constitution, revered by our fathers, and yet respected by many of our citizens, is something of an obstacle, it appears, to the Napo leonic designs of Governor West, and he proposes through the initiative an

he proposes through the initiative an amendment reading as follows:

The Governor shall take care that the laws be faithfully executed and to this end may command the co-operation of every District Attorney, Sheriff and Constable. He is hereby empowered and it is made his duly to remove from office District Attorneys, Sheriffs or Constables who, in his opinion, refuse or fall to perform the duties of their respective offices or to co-operate with him in the enforcement of the laws of this state.

He shall have full power to fill by appointment any and all vacancies caused by such removals.

The Oregonian agrees that the Governor of a state might properly have the power to suspend from office for cause any subordinate officer; but it is unthinkable that the accused should not have the right to a hearing in court. Yet that is what the Governor proposes. The Governor, in his power of removal over officials elected the people, is not to be restrained, in any way, or for any cause, from his right of summary dismissal. The Oregonian thinks the people of

Oregon have not lost their senses.

TWO WAYS OUT. In his quest for evidence on the tolls exemption question Senator Lane has hit upon an interesting bit of information. Canadian ships, says, can pay tolls and still carry freight cheaper to the Atlantic Coast Victoria or Vancouver than American ships can carry freight be tween American ports, to get Coast benefit from the canal. he argues, is to change the shipping laws. Until that is done free tolls to American coastwise shipping will be of no benefit.

As the Canadian ships will carry principally lumber from Canadian public severest condemnation ports to American ports on the Atlantic, and as they have an advantage in cheap Oriental labor as well as more

letter. Aside from that, if Senator Lane laws to suit any given emergency.

It is no justification for Governor West that he has acted in a good cause. The best and greatest cause in civilized states is human liberty. It has been achieved through a thousand years of struggle and bloodshed, and

> Other than the novel view that the tolls question in the present status of shipping laws is a matter of economic indifference Senator Lane's letter to take action for- He still duplicates the open-mindedness of the famous Oregon jurist who announced: "The Court will take this case under advisement for three days and on next Monday will render a decision in favor of the plaintiff."

# ANOTHER BLOW AT THE WEST.

Among the public institutions over which the economy advocates and the pork advocates in the Democratic party are struggling are the mints and assay offices. The appropriation committee of the House proposed to abolish the assay offices at Carson, Boise, Helena, Salt Lake and Deadwood, and promptly had a fight on its hands with the Representatives of the states interested. It proposed to retain the assay offices at New York and Seattle and the mints at Phila delphia, New Orleans, Denver and reasons, but it urged abolition of the other assay offices on the ground that it was not the business of the Govern his bullion to the mint, when the business was done at a loss

That is where the committee got itself into trouble, for the Western men showed that the loss on the New York assays office business was much higher than that on Western towns, and that there was less excuse for an office at New York because the mint at Philadelphia was only ninety miles away. The New Orleans mint was shown to lose heavily on bullion purchases, but it was declared neces sary to purchase gold from Central

Orleans has been hit so hard with free sugar and denial of a regional bank that it was probably considered In contrast with the caution of the Constitutionalists not to be beguiled into concessions to Huerta is the unsafe to deal another blow at it. The slighted states have only one or two slighted sta mediators were empowered to Representatives each, while those all our points of disagreement which do not feel the knife of econ-

So commercial advantage is a good

small delegations, particularly if they are Republican. The sole plausible tives stalked down the page like midefense of this discrimination—that litiamen on training day. Now there the Government pays freight on bulhe Government pays freight on bul-don from assay offices to mints— could have been met by increasing the charge sufficiently to cover freight. Then the action of the House the charge sufficiently to cover freight. Then the action of the House could have stood out nakedly as an much in politics as he has in literary stempt to deprive the weak of the style, not that any improvement was

manuscripts by magazine editors. A with boundless confidence in his unpeculiarly flagrant case has been failing luck, but not without some called to the attention of The Orego-little anxiety. The Colonel is a Nanian by an Oregon writer.

This individual is able, by display

of certain birthmarks, by quotations from the scriptures and by an intel-ligent application of the mystic number "seven" to his name and career, to prove that he is the Messiah.

Now there is returned to him from an Eastern magazine his manuscript on the subject, accompanied by neatly-printed slip stating, "We ready have more of this class of mat-

ter than we can use."
"I wonder how many Messiahs is the one and only Ruler of the Universe, but is insulted with the state-ment, "We already have more of this

class of matter than we can use."

There ought to be a law against rejection of manuscripts except on reasonable grounds.

### THE COLONEL'S RETURN. Colonel Roosevelt has emerged into

civilization from his Brazilian exploring expedition and his first words to the representatives of the press are big with interest. Although his travels have been extensive and hazardous, health. Once he almost lost his life interior wilderness. Five canoes out of seven went down and the travelers had a hard fight with the boisterou waters, but they came through safely On another occasion they fell in with a tribe of savages who fought with poisoned arrows. The timely death of a dog which they had wounded re-vealed the peril to the adventurers in time for them to make their escape. Thus, through "most disastrous "moving accichances." through deats by flood and field and hairbreadth escapes," the dauntless Colo-nel penetrated the untraveled wilder-ness of the Amazon. When we read his complete story we may be sure that it will abound with accounts of antres vast and deserts idle, rough quarries, rocks and hills whose heads to his subordinates,

Anthony Fiala, one of his com rades who has come back ahead of him, says that nothing could surpass the endurance either of the Colonel Idaho Statesman in the days ndurated Brazillan woodsmen. one occasion, as Mr. Fiala relates, the Colonel and Kermit kept up a lively one occasion, as Mr. Fials relates, the Colonel and Kermit kept up a lively pace through the fallen logs, underbrush and swamps for a whole day, underbrush and swamps for a whole day, with the Brazilian helpers toiling painfully and hopelessly in their rearrange in inghifall the foresters lay down to rest. Kermit and his lireless father shouldered the servants' guns, hooked each an arm through a load of shoes taken from swollen feet, and thus accoutered marched valiantly to camp. The Colonel's contributions to science will be considerable. He has collected birds by the hundred, discovered and named a river and amassed a rich store of animal specimens in many forms. The party seems to have had its worst luck with a payment of \$100 is month alimony to his actress wife. While the amount seems in many forms. The party seems to have had its worst luck with a payment of \$100 is month alimony to his actress wife. While the amount seems in monters for his part and we read the form of the fallen logs, understood, has finished a three-act linding give space in your paper to the middle and the read and the cacustomed to the idea of parting with so much money.

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August Belmont's son escapes with his appendent of \$100 is month alimony to his actress wife. While the amount is trivial for the Belmonts, just suppose that August Belmont's son had fash there are many others "besided to me by Mr. D. F. Cooper and published in The Oropromite Antereactive to the middle of the received to the hard to the count in the received to the flow of the cause of the surface of the cell Summer.

Sugurd Ibsen, son of Henry the mids a threegather from some melancholy remarks of the Colonel that he fared but little better. "The poorest part

of our collection," he told the report-ers, "is the snakes." Mr. Flala tells a snake story or two, at second hand, which will go far to soothe the country's disappointmen n this particular, and we feel confident that Mr. Roosevelt himself has ome still better ones laid up for the delectation of the public. If they are as good as the fish story he told in the Outlook among the most avid ap-the Parana River, the most avid ap-petite for marvels will be happily ap-Outlook among his adventures on very big, but it is gifted with a terribly sharp set of teeth. The fern clous little monster lies in wait for a ow or a man who may incautiously wade the river. At an opportune mo-San Francisco, which also do the ment it rushes out and snaps off a work of assay offices, for commercial teat or a finger as the case may be ment it rushes out and snaps off a The flowing blood attracts a countless shoal of its insatiate kindred and before the victim can struggle ashore ment to furnish the miner a market he, or she, is devoured alive. The for his bullion and then to transport account of this cannibal fish is one of the best pieces of literary work the lonel ever did. It is calm, minute, fascinating and ineffably plausible. Defoe never wrote anything better in

his happiest moods. Mr. Roosevelt has been pouring forth exhaustless accounts of his South American wanderings ever since he started and they are all captivating. The southern half of the trip is recounted in the Outlook. The northern and more exciting portion is contributed to Scribner's Magazine. Mr. Roosevelt has covered about all and South America and to store sil- there is of any interest in South ver dollars.

The outcome was that amendments to reinstate the Deadwood, Boise, into Chile, finding a host of things to Carson and Salt Lake assay offices admire and describe all the way were defeated, while the committee the Chileans, the Greeks of South America except the northwest corner.

He crossed Argentine and the Andes into Chile and describe all the way were defeated, while the committee the continent. The lively chileans, the Greeks of South America except the northwest corner. that they "have got him going" and that their assay offices are all Republican except Nevada and Montana, and neverything he saw. The except Nevada and Montana, and Nevada has but one Representative, by an armistice, while he would gain while Montana has but two. New sects, the institutions of the country, its resources, history and prospects were all studied with equal zeal and described in the same vigorous English.

As the Colonel's pen becomes more prolific it does better and better work. In the account of his Arizona trip last year he dropped into a poetical style which was new to him but extremely charming. His South retinate of Carraina to accept their aid has rendered them practically worthless to us. While South American diplomacy follows its leisurely course, Villa will keep hammering away at the Federals until he may eliminate Hueria by force before the cipies are to apply to cities backed by balanced sentences, the martial array

of formal connectives, the stiff adjec-

would have stood out nakedly as an attempt to deprive the weak of the convenience of assay offices, while the strong are left in possession of those advantages.

A NEEDED REFORM.

The much in pointer as it is possessed in the has, we advise his enemies to look out for him.

From the trip up the Parama the Colonel passed into the Brazilian wilderness, where, amid unexplored foryear. There ought to be a corrupt prac-lices act governing the rejection of manuscripts by magazine editors. The country has expected his return few hours' notice.

lailing luck, but not without some little anxiety. The Colonel is a National possession that we could not afford to lose, and while everybody felt perfectly certain that he would come back safe and sound, nobody could help worrying a little as the vague stories of his perils drifted in. Now that he is restored without low that he is restored without ever the smell of fire on his garments, the whole Nation joins in felicitating him while it wonders where he will go next in search of new adventures.

A contemporary bewalls the hard lot of our candidates for office who, have written to this magazine," writes the only true Messiah to The Oregonian. Sure enough. So do we. Think of it! A man proves that he the order of the corrupt practices act. At any path of the corrupt practices act. graft. We had supposed they were pretty well protected by the corrupt practices act. At any rate, as far as we can discern, they bear their troubles right bravely. We are no gam-blers, but if we were we would bet a cooky that most of the candidates weigh more than they did when they set out on their thorny road.

Senator Lippett, of Rhode Island, has quite an ear for alliteration. His "villainous Villa" is as good an example of that pleasing figure as have ever seen. Should the Senator from our smallest state, to which his mind conforms wonderfully well in magnitude, devote himself to alliterhe returns to the world in good ative poetry we see no reason why he health. Once he almost lost his life should not rival our Saxon ancestors running the rapids on a river of the with whom he agrees so accurately in interior wilderness. Five canoes out his views of current events.

The United States troops have not taken sides in the Colorado trouble They are dealing out even-handed justice, setting an example which some judges might find it profitable to imitate. The Nation is too great to uphold any corporation in wrongwithstanding their employers the country wants is exact justice to all parties, no matter whether they speak English or Greek.

crime have been offered up as a sop to justice. The master criminal is enjoying a new trial, a luxury denied ouch heaven," and much more of the paratively poor and friendless. Should same kind, all which to hear the he be convicted again, no doubt American people will seriously incline. For they are fond of the Colonel and proud of his quenchless vigor, both of of justice hurtless breaks.

William Balderston, who died Tuesday, was editor of the or of Kermit, who went along. If the capital city emerged from its vilage that anything, Kermit could outwork his lage clothes, and he kept the newsindefatigable father, though either of paper a little ahead of the municipalthem was more than enough for the ity's progress, which is to his credit, On although all in the day's work.

It is reported from Albania that 250 Mohammedans have been crucified at among those to be brides of Vincent the church in Kodra. There are parts Astor, has scored the biggest hit yet to of the world where Christianity is be registered by an American woman more of a form than a true religion. at the Palace Theater in London, in

Woman suffrage and Nation-wide prohibition were passed unanimously in committee. In the House, however, the measures will begin to encounter rougher sailing. A Benton County horsethief was

landed in the penitentiary within twenty-four hours after arrest, which ocedure beats hanging by an excit-One of the Roosevelt party went mad and disappeared in the jungle. Perhaps Teddy was trying to conver-

him to Bull Moo The war among candidates for Coroner is not as bitter as customary, but more than a week remains until the primary election.

If some of the Democrats could have their way, our Navy would soon on a par with Mexico's and we'd have no Army at all.

Villa has ousted his lieutenant Chao, says a dispatch. Now if he would reduce his ally chaos it would be more to the point.

The House of Lords is a self-important body, looking upon woman as a chattel. Rejection of suffrage was to be expected.

Of course, the usual methods of enforcing the law are not spectacular snough for some publicity-craving

Funston has rare fighting judg-ment and will extend the lines to the Rio Grande if necessary.

Events of recent days tend to con-firm the belief that Carranza is mere ly Villa's puppet. But the Colonel is out of the woods nly so far as it relates to Brazilian

Funston has been given full authority to extend his lines. On to Mazatlan!

President Wilson is considerably uman. He took the children to the The hope of suffrage is faint in

that uses women for tend-The seashore is beginning to call,

### Stars and Starmakers BY LEONE CASS BAER.

From San Francisco comes the more less disconcerting information that nly brunettes are to be engaged for chorus of the musical comedies to be presented in San Francisco during the Pacific--Panama Expesition next The reason, blandly given, is that Californians have siways chown a marked preference for dark-haired coryphees. The subject is one for argument. And, anyway, it's a poor blonde who cannot become a brunette at a

Also if they confine the lightness to

Madame Sarah Bernhardt made a diemal failure in a new play, "Tout a Coup," at her Paris theater last week. The play was withdrawn after its only performance, and Madame Bernhardt revived "Jeanne Dore" for the rest of the season until mid-May, when she goes on a tour through France and Belgium in this play. A correspondent says that

to the front.

Ottumwa, out in Ioway, has put the

Robert Edeson has bought his first automobile, says a news story. I am in-clined to believe this, but when I read of an actor getting "another one to add to his collection," I take it with a pinch of sait. Mr. Edeson, by the way, is playing a stock-star engagement until June 1 at the Academy of Music in New York. He left the "Fine Feathers" Company, claiming he was "ill and tired." His contract called for three more months with the "Fine Feathers" and Mr. Edeson has been served with papers by H. H. Frazee to prevent his accepting any other engagement until his time with them expires, which will be in August.

I wish the jugglers, acrobats, ventriloquists and men who demonstrate athletic development clad in white union suits would all be called upon to enlist.

Isabelle Fletcher and Charles Ayres, who have been playing leads at Ye Liberty in Oakland, Cal., for several months, will close May 10. Miss Fletcher has accepted an engagement with the Redmond Stock Company, Sacramento. Beth Taylor, one of the cleverest leading women on the Coast, will take Miss Fletcher's place and will open in "The Amazons," May Ivan Miller, a former member of the Bishop Stock, will also make his re-appearance at the opening.

Lew Hearne and his buxom frau, Bonita, are in vaudeville in London and will stay there all Summer.

something like six years. Ina Claire, at one time reported

has a claim to attention in being the divorced wife of George M. Cohan, and also the "biggest hit scored by an American woman in London," until the slim little Janis with her line of correct imitations came along. The cause of the pow-wow is that on Miss Janis' opening night Mies Levy sat in a stage box and attracted attention from the stage. When Miss Janis did her imitation of Miss Levy, that lady led the applause, while the audience divided its smiles in the direction of both There was a fine howdy-do after the performance and Miss Janis absolutely refused to appear any night that Miss Levy sat out front. As Miss Levy is not independent of theatrical managements she has to stay out-or

and Commission Government Lakes and Commission Government.

SHANIKO, Or., May 4.—(To the Editor.)—I Are the important lakes in Southern Oregon salty, alkaline or fresh? Have they any outlets? Are they getting smaller? Are the conditions swampy? Is the land around them arid? 2. Is the commission form of government proving satisfactory?

V. M.

1. Klamath Lake is fresh and has an outlet. The waters of most of the other lakes east of the mountains carry quantities of salts and other minerals solution and have no permanent outlets. Some overflow and form large marshes. Some very productive lands are found on the shores of several of the lakes. Around Summer Lake is a fruit district famed throughout Central 2. Most cities that have established

ommission government look upon it as an improvement over the old form.

VANCOUVER, May 5.—(To the Editor.)—Can you tell me what an old Bible is worth and the best place to sell it? I have one between 400 and 500 years old. C. M. TAYLOR.

Mere age does not make a Bible particularly valuable. The writer may be able to get information about his particular possession by addressing a letter to "Brentanos, New York City."

SEATTLE, May 5.—(To the Editor.)
—Can a foreigner or alien buy and own property, and if he wishes to sell it, can he give a good deed if he has not declared his intention to become a citizen of the United States, in the State of Oregon? CARL NELSON.

## Half a Century Ago

From the Oregonian of May 7, 1864 Our candidate for Congress, Rev. 1 Henderson, will address the citizens Portland at 1 P. M., today.

The Oregon Steam Navigation Company have in process of construction a line of telegraph from The Dalles to Celilo, a distance of 14 miles, for their exclusive use. So soon as a boat from above appears in sight of Celilo, the fact will reported by telegraph to The Dalles and a train of cars immediately sent to meet it and by the time the passengers are fairly landed at Celilo, they can step into the cars for The Dalles.

Also if they confine the lightness to their feet we should bother. It's better than having it all in their heads.

A fire occured in the rear of J. G. Brooks' store on the corner of Front and Taylor streets yesterday. It was speedily subdued, doing but trifling

The site of the Monitor Hotel, corne The site of the Monitor Hotel, corner of Front and Alder streets, has given rise to a fine structure, three stories high, 75 feet front by 100 feet deep, under the supervision of P. Sinnott, late of the Columbian, and to be occupied by him as a hotel.

on a tour through France and Belgium in this play. A correspondent says that "the diva appeared personally and received much applause, but her age is naturally apparent, and her persistency in still acting does not add to her glory."

Beginning the war is putting an awful crimp in the white slave picture industry. All the photographers have gone to the front.

Ottumwa, out in Ioway, has put the kibosh on Sunday shows.

Two theaters in San Francisco have been listed at auction. The Princess, on Ella street, and the Valencia, in the Mission, are to be sold to the highest bidder on May 21.

Robert Edeson has bought his first automobile, says a news story. I am inclined to believe this, but when I read

The bark Helen W. Almy will leave this port today, touching at Spring-ville, where she will take on 2500 bush-els of oats and proceed to Rainier to load with lumber for San Francisco.

We are without telegraphic dispatches this morning. The wire parted between Yreka and Calaban's yester-day, making seven breaks this week.

Married—At the house of Dr. W. B. Magers, Waconda, Marion County, May I. by Elder James Magers, Mr. Albert Woodington to Miss Sarah E. Magers; at the residence of the bride's father, Philip Foster, Esq., Washington County, May I. by Hon. Hyer Jackson, Mr. John G. Henrict, of Multnemah County, to Miss Victoria E. Harris, of Washington County; at the residence of the bride's mother, LaGrande, Baker County, Or., April 21, by Rev. W. T. Lawrence, Samuel G. Gray to Miss Mary A. Howe, all of LaGrande.

Died—At the residence of James Cat-lin, Esq., near Monticello, W. T. Alva McWharter, aged about 25 years; in this city, May 5, of acute meningitis, Clara Minnie, daughter of W. P. and L. S. Abrams, aged 8 years and 8 months.

SHIPPING LAW MUST BE CHANGED. Free Tolls No Benefit Until Then, Says Senator Lane.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 20.—(To the Editor.)—A few days since my attention was called to a letter which was addressed to me by Mr. D. F. Cooper and published in The Oregonian. I would esteem it a favor if you will kindly give space in your paper to the inclosed communication to Mr. Cooper in reply to his open letter to me.

HARRY LANE.

yourself" who hold the same opinion that you do respecting this question and the position which you assume that

Vincent I occupy in relation to it. I occupy in relation to it.

In reply I beg to say that I thank you for your candor and wish to assumption that I have every reason to believe that you are quite right in the assumption that I will part company with many of my former friends and supporters if I vote for the measure now under consideration. Others, who seem to be equally as sincere as yourself, assure me that I will fail in my. "The Passing Show." She has just had believe that you are quite right in the a great pow-wow with Ethel Levy, who assumption that I will part company self, assure me that I will fail in my duty in upholding the honor of the Nation and will be assisting in granting a subsidy to certain shipping in-terests if I vote against the measure and there you are, or rather there I am, with the assured certainty of losing friends whichever way I vote, which position, you must concede, is an interesting one for a person to oc-

an interesting one for a person to occupy.

Ihave replied to these gentlemen, as I do here now to you, that I have reserved the right to investigate the subject carefully and to hear both sides of the question fairly and fully presented before I decide how I will vote upon the measure. In the meantime, and until I have done so, I will esteem it a favor if you will give me plenty of rope and hold your criticism in leash. I think you know me well enough to feel reasonably sure that I will do what I think is right without fear or favor, either to "Johnnie Bull" or to anyone else. else.

There is one aspect of the situation

which, it seems to me, is of great im-portance, and to which you do not give the consideration it is entitled. Under the consideration it is entitled. Under our navigation laws foreign ships can pay the tolls and still carry freight from Vancouver or Victoria, B. C., at a lower rate than can American ships sailing from Puget Sound, Portland, or San Francisco. At this time it looks as though our coastwise shipping will suffer severely when the British Columbia ports take advantage of the lower rate of shipping thus afforded them by the laws of their countries. Under our laws foreign bottoms are not allowed to compete for coastwise traffic. Quite naturally this country will labor at a great disadvantage in competing for the markets of the world. If the Coast is to benefit from the canal, we must either change our navigation laws in such a way as to place our ships on an equal footing with foreign vessels or allow the latter to enter freely into our ports. One of these things we must do, whatever position we take in regard to the tolls, if we are to profit from the construction of the canal. To do either would our navigation laws foreign ships can position we take in regard to the tolls, if we are to profit from the construction of the canal. To do either would fill our ports with ships manned by Asiatic sailors. If, after that, we grant free tolls to our own shipping a great advantage will accrue to our ships, and not otherwise.

It is unfortunate that the agents of this Government did not definitely settle the tolls question in a way which

the the tolls question in a way which would admit of no doubt when the treaty was made.

In closing allow me to assure you that my only desire is to have this question settled equitably and honorably.

HARRY LANE,

# Twenty-five Years Ago

From The Oregonian of May 7, 1889. Paris, May 6.—President Carnot to day opened the great international ex-position.

Walla Walla, May 6.—G. W. Hunt is about to submit a proposition to return all the subsidy heretofore advanced by the people of this county and then bond the county for \$500,000, for which he will build a road from here to Grand Ronde Vailey; also the contemplated line to Waltsburg, Dayton and Prescott. The proposition meets with hearty approval. earty approval.

Pendleton, May 5.—The Supreme Court is in session, Judges Straham and Thayer and Clerk Young present. E. E. Sharon was appointed deputy clerk and W. W. Nye bailiff.

McMinnville, May 6.—Asa H. Hudson, a prominent hardware dealer, died to-day, aged about 60 years.

Walla Walla, May 6.—Hon. C. S. Voorhees and L. H. Platter, of Colfax: J. J. Hughes, of Palouse City, and Thomas Griffiths, of Spekane Falls, are here in the interest of the Whit-man County Courthouse injunction suit.

The East Portland City Council yes-terday received from the East Port-land Water Company a protest against the appointment of Thomas L. Turnbull and J. H. Hall as commissioners to ad-

The second annual meeting of the Portland Woman's Union was held in the Unitarian chapel yesterday. An address was read by Mrs. Ross F. Burrell, the president, and the following officers were elected: Mrs. Ross F. Burrell, president: Mrs. H. J. Corbett, first vice-president; Mrs. D. P. Thompson, second vice-president; Mrs. C. W. Knowles, recording secretary; Miss H. E. Failing, corresponding secretary; Mrs. F. Eggert, treasurer. E. Failing, corresponding. Mrs. F. Eggert, treasurer

Professor R. E. F. Burns, the celebrated mesmerist, who was to have given an entertainment at the New Park, died at 185 Washington street Sunday night.

The trotting race between Susie S. owned by Alexander Lewis, of Montana, and Lady Maud, owned by Andrew Bray, of this city, will take place at City View Park June 1.

The Hoffman tract, comprising 22% acres, situated south of Robinson's Hill and west of Sixth street, was purchased yesterday by W. W. Spaulding for \$55,000. m A new rockcrusher is being con-structed by Bays & Jeffery on the Barnes road, about half a mile west of the City Park entrance.

H. S. Lubboch, supervising inspector of steam vessels, is at the Esmond. He has come to Portland to select a suc-cessor to Captain J. L. Ferguson.

Articles of incorporation of the Portland and Ciackamas Railway Company were filed yesterday by William Reid, F. E. Habersham and D. W. Cummins.

SALMON FISHING IN WILLAMETTE. Writer Thinks It Should Be Preserved

For Rod and Line Fishermen. PORTLAND, May 6 .- (To the Editor.) —A week ago last Sunday I enjoyed a few hours sport trolling for salmon at Oregon City. It was indeed, a pleasure to visit the locality and witness the enjoyment the large number of men and women had while received. and women had while rowing up down the river or anchored, casting trolling for the king of Western

when the far East was as plentiful in game of all kinds as a few days ago the salpon at Oregon City. The same extermination took place that there is

The results of netting adds but little to the food supply of the people at large, whereas it destroys the happiness and enjoyment of many. I do not advocate the pole and reel to the exclusion of everything else, but I do say let netting cease in the Willamette, unless the nature of the fish itself de-

less the nature of the fish itself demands this wholesale slaughter.

Is not the Columbia River and especially the Alaskan shore sufficient territory for the canneries and cold storage houses? What is the cure? Let the next Legislature take such ateps as may lead to the maintenance of this sport and place the gill-nets where they belong—in the Columbia.

ARTHUR COTZHAUSEN.

Shooting From Trains.

FORT CANBY, Wash. May 5.—(To the Editor.)—If a man was on a car going 100 miles an hour and a man was on another car behind 100 feet going 100 miles an hour and shet at the man on the front car and the bullet was going 100 miles an hour, would the bullet hit the man on the front car or not. A claims that it would not hit and B claims that it would, as the bullet would be going 800 miles an hour.

A and B have agreed to let The Gregonian settle this argument.

ALFRED B, PHILLIPS. Shooting From Trains

Air currents caused by the motion of traveling from one train to the other out aside from that the disputants can get a good object lesson by tossing a ball from one to another in the passenger coach the next time they go on

### a journey together. Spend More Time Out of Doors

Fresh air and sunlight are the worst foes to ill health.

Look now to your sleeping-porch and your living-porch. Furnish them with the same care that you do the rest of your house. Awnings, shades, screens, rugs, hammocks, and cots, benches and chairs appropriate for outdoors are investments that pay for themselves many times over in complex. many times over in comfort and good health.

Keep in touch with the advertise-ments for suggestions in porch fur-niture. Manufacturers and mer-chants are vying with one another to bring to your porch every con venience you now enjoy indoors.