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PORTLAND, THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1914.

It was once true in Oregon, in acact might commit three crimes. ment, the state and the city.

municipal character may be conto forcible notice by the decision of living? the Supreme Court holding that the Oregon motor vehicle law is unconstitutional in so far as it applies to

The city has power to regulate vehicle traffic conferred upon it by its charter. It has exercised that power. In the damage case in which the decision was given, Judge McGinn the Circuit Court held in effect that the city ordinance was of no The Supreme Court decides that the but that the city ordinance controls. But the case has a broader signifi-

prevent appropriate action by the law makers upon any of the topics regarding which the constitution sanctions legislation, but only in respect to those phases of purely municipal government properly regulated by charters and embracing matters of internal municipal regulation.

Again:
The electors of municipalities are, subject to the constitution and criminal laws and such general laws as may be enacted by the Legislature affecting the relation of the state to the locality, made the legislative assembly to enact the laws germane to the general purpose and object of the municipality, free from legislative molestation, which autonomy in a sense constitutes a sovereign city. Subject at all times, however, to the supreme will of the state reserved by the people of the state through the initiative and referendum provisions of the fundamental law.

The decision makes possible a wide

The decision makes possible a wide range of speculation as to what constitutes "matters wholly involving state-wide policies and activities," ject to legislative regulation and the Supreme Court has heretofore held that the local option act is a criminal law and therefore extends to incorporated cities. But the motor vehicle defines certain offenses and fixes penalties.

tion declares them to be—reserved waiving, impairing or affecting any the fire. penalties.

If a certain rate of speed is dangerous to life on a country road it is certainly dangerous to life in a crowd-Does the state law apply to were ten feet long. Portland? If not, the Sheriff has no

state law a minimum wage for certo apply to Portland alone. Certain traffic in Portland. If the state has why has it the power to interfere in fore probable enough.

affairs? It may also be inquired whether, if The last Legislature extended to cities of more than 10,000 inhabi- the last hundred thousand years. acquire power plants and railroads

activities. might be mentioned where the divid- phatically true of the African negroes ing line between municipal and state authority must be finely drawn. something to study over.

Gray resigned from the United States

settled the anthracite strike. Judge peace as some men, but he has accomplished more for peace, both international and industrial, than hosts of them. He might have been nominated for President had he come his reputation by declining and is honored with ex-Secretary Olney as one of the great living Democrats.

THE PROBLEM OF REVENGE. The Psalmist's lament that the der, express order or personal check on your discounty and state.

The Frainist's imment the beauty state at wicked "spread themselves like the bave no worthy National drama. All green bay tree" was never better expression to 16 pages, 1 cent; 15 to 32 pages, 2 cents; 24 to 48 pages, 5 cents; 50 to 60 pages, 4 cents; 62 to 76 pages, 5 cents; 62 to 76 pages, 6 cents, Foreign post-barries, 62 to 76 pages, 6 cents, Foreign post-barries, 62 to 76 pages, 6 cents, 62 to 76 pages, 62 to 76 bermald in a Sacramento hotel. To-day she is the blooming and beaute-and the whole flock follow pell mell see Office-R. J. Bidwell Co., days of her poverty Mrs. Cook was them. Then they take a plunge persecuted by the haughty house-keeper of the hotel where she tolled new leader. and moiled. When she left she cursed HOME RULE THAT IS HOME RULE, threatened to return bringing furies piece for the stage which happens to

with her hot from Tartarus. The furles took concrete form cordance with an early decision of the Supreme Court, that when the the millionaire whom she presently state, city and Federal Government married. With funds plucked from derworld. No matter what the play had each enacted a statute prohibit- his capacious purse Mrs. Cook bought is about, as soon as its success is asing a certain offense a person by one the scene of her former tribulations act might commit three crimes. For and forthwith discharged the houseexample, if one chose the Postoffice steps as the location for an assault the offense was against the Governnent, the state and the city.

It appears, however, that each inorporated city is now set up, by virwho rules the world and forbids "Too Many Cooks" and "A Pair of corporated city is now set up, by vir- who rules the world and forbids tue of the home rule amendment to whatever he does not like permit one constitution, as an individual human being to wreak inexorable principality so far as laws of purely vengeance upon another? Mrs. Cook has her millions, but what will the This status has been brought discharged housekeeper do for

BEWARE OF THE SIGNATURE-CHASER The sponsors for the initiative and referendum bill in Massachusetts are trying to make the way easy for signature-chasers. An amendment has been proposed for certification of signatures that every person who signs should be identified by the city town clerk and the signature made in the presence of that officer. Joseph force and that the state law prevailed. Walker said to the committee: "You state law has no force in Portland, as to insert an amendment like that." might as well kill the bill at once The Springfield Republican, however, says:

cance than the mere matters of regulating the speed or fixing traffic
routes of automobiles. The Supreme
Court in rendering its decision has
this to say about the home rule
amendment:

In adding this constitutional mandate
there was no design to emancipate any city
from general legislation by the Legislative
Assembly affecting the body of the people
of the state in those matters involving
wholly state-wide policies and activities or
to prevent appropriate action by the lawto go as far as the City or Town Clerk's law or a proposed constitutional amendment to go as far as the City or Town Clerk's office to sign his name, under suitable auspices, his desire for the legislation may fairly be reckoned negligible. If the polling booths were carted around on wheels to the houses or shops of the voters on election day, in order that voting might be made easy to the lazy and indifferent under a democratic form of government, people would conclude that the end of democracy was in sight. Something very like the portable polling booth, in principle, is that familiar scene in which a paid signature hunter fastens upon his easy-going, goodnatured, indifferent-minded victim. How some people sign petitions is well known.

Yes, we in Oregon know only too

Yes, we in Oregon know only too tion. We know it to our cost. The free and easy method of initiating and referending bills has so cumbered up our ballots with all the freak ideas of are seeking a soft place to alight. Of modern civilization? ill-balanced minds that it is impos-sible for the majority of voters to ment five are Republicans, including form a judgment on all of them. Half Senators Root and Lodge. creasing number vote "no" to be on the safe side. This last fact encour- they are surrendering American ages the hope that a way will soon be found to eliminate the signaturelaw is in a sense a criminal law, for it referendum in fact what the constitu-

ed city thoroughfare. Yet it appears Reck, has brought back with him that a city may permit vehicles to from Africa the skeleton of a human operate at an excessive rate of speed being which he estimates to be 150,restrictions the state law may name.

If the city has exclusive power to regulate vehicle traffic, why has it mot the same power in regard to gambling? It is equally destructive to morals in city or country. Gambling is declared a misdemeanor by moth teeth were found buried with both state law and municipal ordi- the human skeleton, some of which

The remains were disinterred from power to make raids on gambling a deposit which has been made in an houses in Portland. The police only ancient lake bed. Sand and chalk gradually covered the bones after The same question may be applied they had been finally left at rest and to numerous other statutes. Under a in course of time the strata solidified, forming the rock in which the excatain female employes has been fixed vations were made by Dr. Reck. The age of 150,000 years which he assigns factors incident to life in a metropo- to the fossils is not excessive. Scienlis entered into the fixing of the wage, tific investigators estimate the durafust as certain city conditions are tion of human existence upon the considered in regulating automobile globe at anywhere from 100,000 to 300,000 years. Dr. Reck's figures lie no authority to interfere in the latter, between the extremes and are there- amendment could not muster enough

The skeleton discovered by Dr. The last Legislature attempted by Reck is doubly interesting because of stated an abstract proposition. -But law to divest the City of Portland of its high development. The skull is at the votes of the repeal Republicans control over bridges across the Willeast as well formed as that of a mod-lamette River within its borders and make the county the ruling author-ably better. The fact of the case is Was this a regulation of state- that the human race as a whole has the amendment directing President policies or of city internal not made any marked progress physi- Wilson to open negotiations for arbically since the ice period. Mentally tration, This amendment appears to we have advanced, but not in our leave in suspense the question the State Legislature may not amend bodily capacities. The skull has about whether we have the right to exempt a city charter by depriving the city the same shape and size now as it had any of our ships until the dispute has of certain powers asserted therein, it then and the same is true of the lung been arbitrated. It thus enables Mr. may amend the charter so that the cavity and the limbs. As a material Root, Mr. Lodge and the few Repub-city has more power than its charter machine the human animal has not licans who think with them to slide become more efficient or beautiful in from under the charge of surrender

tants which had not already asserted There is a theory that man's men-that power in their charters, the right tal development, which of course canequire parks and public squares. not be denied, has taken place only in It also conferred upon them power to a restricted area. The only nations fect any nation's vital interests, honor which have actually progressed very and buy and own land for power pur- far are those which have inhabited the dispute is arbitrable under poses outside city limits., In neither the Mediterranean basin. Most othcase, it seems to us, the matters in- ers have become dormant after volved regard state-wide policies or ascending to a certain moderate height. There are numerous other laws that the Chinese, the Japanese, and em-

and the Polynesian races. Some of these races are capable of same terms as those of the United therefore may at least be said that renewed advancement upon contact States, hence interests of third parcourt has given the lawyers with the really progressive peoples and some are not. The Japanese has said that all the world believes went off like firecrackers as soon as we are wrong; then all the nations One of the great Democrats retired they felt the influence of Europe and represented at The Hague must be from public life when Judge George they have continued to detonate ever prejudiced against us. Dr. Gallinger since, but they are an exception. The reminded the Senate that at least two Circuit Court bench. He has served Chinese have gained inspiration more members of the court who would repthe Nation repeatedly as a member slowly and to a less degree. It is still resent the United States have deof commissions to arbitrate disputes a question whether they will not re- clared their opposition to coastwise with other nations and is a member lapse into their old stagnation and exemption; hence they are disquali-of The Hague court, but the service lose everything they seem to have fied. The only way to arbitrate, then, which will be freshest in the public gained from the Western world. As is to make a special treaty submitting The Colonel gets a clear memory was that which he rendered for the Polynesians, they never have the dispute to a disinterested civilized through France as an ex-ruler.

velopment. Some of them die off tion-Switzerland. Gray was not so vociferous about when they associate with the whites. Others do fairly well physically, but

are mere animals in other respects. but only a single one of continuous from a larger state than Delaware, and irrepressible progress. The only or for Vice-President in 1908 had he story of mankind that is really worth story of mankind that is really worth been willing to take second place to telling relates to the peoples around should go into court and announce the Chautauquan. He strengthened the Mediterranean and their colonies. his belief in his client's guilt. The

OUR SHEEPLIKE HABITS.

William Archer, the British drathe United States, explained in an adous bride of a millionaire. In the until something scares or distracts

As far as our plays go this National her cruel superior, and, like Cataline, habit is obvious. Somebody writes a hit the popular fancy. It may discuss a question of politics or the plot may turn upon adventures in the unsured all the rest of our aspiring writers for the theater set about imitating it. A shining example of this tendency is seen in the history of Cohan's play, "Sewen Keys to Sixes" were written in frank imitation of it. This is what continually happens. The public will not permit young playwright to follow his own honest bent, but compels him at the ost of his popularity to follow the fashion of the moment.

The effect of all this upon originality is only too apparent. ome scores of men all imitating either their own early successes or some-body else's. Mr. Archer might have very much the same thing about our fiction. It goes by fads and fashons. Now we have a "school" of historical novel writers all trying to do over again what Mary Johnston or Anthony Hope has done extraordinarily well. Now we have the whole mad crowd exploiting the slums, and when that rage is out they rush with one accord upon the plains after the cowboys. Only here and there do we find a novelist who is calmly pursuing his own bent without regard to the wisdom or folly of his contemporaries.

REPEALERS LOSING GROUND.

committee to report a resolution directing the President to negotiate with Great Britain for special arbitration of the tolls dispute. All of those committed to repeal of coastwise ex- not Uncle Sam emption, while those who voted platoons-if possible? against it are divided on that ques-The inference from what has

Ever since the bill reached the Senwithout justifying the charge that treaty rights on demand of Great the rockpile in order that he may get the bill should not be construed "as United States." The adoption of that amendment would leave the way open for negotiation or arbitration at any A German geologist, Dr. Hans future time. A week ago, however, a group of Republican repealers com bined in support of another amend-

ment, which reads:

This, it will be seen, is a more speexempt from tolls either our coast- of peaches to jolly the editors. wise or other American vessels. Its advocates were prepared to force its repeal. If it were adopted, they prodeclaring that:

The protest filed with the Government of the United States by the government of Great Britain against such a construction of the treaty of November 18, 1901, between said governments, commonly known as the Hay-Pauncefole treaty, is hereby recognized as presenting an international question suitable and proper for settlement by arbitration.

Apparently the supporters of this Democratic votes to carry it through committee, probably because it only

to England. Mr. Root has recommended arbitration before The Hague tribunal, asserting that canal tolls do not afor independence, and that, therefore, treaty with Great Britain, but Senator Gallinger pointed out that questions which concern the interests of third This is true of the Hindus, parties are not arbitrable. The repealers contend that ships of every other nation as well as Great Britain must be admitted to the canal on the ties are concerned. The President

as chairman of the commission which shown any capacity whatever for de- nation. There is only one such na-

But President Wilson and Secretary Bryan have disqualified themselves to uphold the American posi-Human history presents us with tion as to tolls, for they have both many cases of arrested development, declared it to be a violation of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty. They would be in the same position as an attorney defending an accused person, who question should be submitted to armatic critic, who has been visiting terances as refuting his own argucommittee.

Dr. Steinmetz, the famous electrician, predicts the speedy production of an automobile cheap enough to be then, he thinks, cease to be an aris- start, tocratic sport and will become part of the routine of business, like cycling. Dr. Steinmetz is probably wrong. For many centuries the horse has been mainly used in industry, but least encouragement I can." at the same time particular breeds have been cherished by sportsmen and aristocrats. It will be the same with automobiles.

According to some authorities, the anti-trust law frowns upon associamore severely than upon the trusts. According to this view, the loganberry growers committed a punishable offense when they met at Salem to fix a reasonable price for their products. A law which even threatens to penalize farmers for acts obviously essential to the public welfare needs to be modified.

The rain of fish in the Alsea country last Tuesday was characteristic of that blest and bounteous land. Some times it rains quails there, as it did for the Israelites in the wilderness, developing his own genius, we have and on special days there is a shower of milk and honey. These natural phenomena make it necessary to use umbrellas of peculiar style Alsea country, but upon the whole the inhabitants find them agreeable.

"It is my candid belief," says Lafferty, "that my defeat would post, play "When Knighthood pone for at least ten years a realiza tion of National laws giving to the general public the prosperity and But what an unbelieving world. For Lafferty is alone in that opinion.

It has been decided by the University of Illinois faculty that fair co-eds fret the evening away.

Germany will mobilize six full divisions this Fall into a wonderful show of military strength. By way who voted for the resolution are of a military anti-climax why should mobilize six full

Statistics show that the demand well how some people sign petitions, gone before is that the amendment for matches is falling off. Well, originated among the repeal Repub- we've got to economize some place, licans, who have found themselves haven't we, in order to buy gasoline, very much on the defensive and who tires and other dire necessities of

A local man is to be released from

A Sacramento chambermaid, mar-

Secretary Daniels can do a gracious

the salute. That chap would not miss any if they counted against an enemy. Inspector Stansberry is to be mended for condemning yesterday a carload of potatoes from Los Angeles infested with tuber moth. Oregon

cannot afford to admit the pest. Irish militants sent a couple of fecific assertion of American right to ican way would be to send in a couple

Huerta is ready to resign adoption by a threat to vote against Mexico is politically pacified. Which is a characteristic Latin-American reposed to offer a further amendment iteration of his stubborn determination never to get out.

> That young fellow up at Oakland who is raising polecats to provide a fund on which to marry has all the "skunked" on potential posworld sibilities.

More than 70,000,000 feet of lumber shipped out of the Columbia in May records one item of the Oregon Country's prosperity. Lebanon will open a great strawberry fair today, for Lebanon is where

strawberries grow to great size and Another American executed as a you know, even to kill an American.

By refusing to deal in any way with Huerta the rebels run the risk of losing the world's moral sympathy.

to work, they will be well done.

Twus far it hasn't been revealed just what part the llama will take in William's chautauqua stunt.

Time is coming, so says a prophet, when autos will sell at popular prices. Speed the day,

The municipal garage is proclaimed Galsworthy. Granville Barker, by itself.

Mediation is something that really

It is a fine thing to be a city em-ploye with prospect of a rise in salary. The Colonel gets a clear track Stars and Starmakers BY LEONE CASS BAER.

A wee little note from Mary Edgett Baker tells that that young actress is delighted with Denver and is up to her delighted with Denver and is up to big eyes in superintending the furnishing of a cozy little cottage in which she will be domiciled with Mina Crolius of the city and railroad.

Gleason. Mrs. Gleason has for years appropriately appropriatel been one of the best beloveds in Pacific bitration, but not by Mr. Wilson, for Coast stock. She was a Baker Player he could not defend our rights with- and one of the finest players of charout being confronted by his own ut- acter roles this company has ever given ments. The arbitration amendment been one of the standbys of Ye Liberty dress not a great while ago why we first proposed by the Republicans is Stock in Oakland. Now she is with have no worthy National drama. All preferable to the one adopted by the the Elitch Stock in Denver for the Summer, where Mary Edgett Baker is playing.

A stage-struck kirl approached Walbought by the masses. Motoring will Players, for assistance in getting a

> "If you will only give me the least encouragement-" she began. "My dear young lady," interrupted Mr. Gilbert, "I am giving you the very

> Answer to Tillamook-Myrtle Gayette was in Portland week of February 1912 for a week at the Orpheum, playing a heavy thinking role with Wilfred Clarke. She is booked for Portland this Spring.

Yes, in answer to a dozen letters to coming to Portland. Next week sit opens in San Francisco for a two weeks' engagement at the Columbia, with Richard Bennett and the same cast that supported him in New York when the play created the sensation of the theatrical season. After the San Francisco engagement "Damaged Goods" turns Portland way.

Mrs. Bob Fitzsimmons has asked the ourts in Chicago to free her from her famous prizefighting husband forever because he beats her. She is a vaudeville singer.

E. H. Sothern and Julia Marlowe sailed Tuesday on the Mauretania to spend the Summer abroad.

Miss Marlowe has not accepted any propositions for movie work, although Flower" during her stay abroad.

share of wealth produced which it innovation at the funeral of Louise at 15 years of age, who earned dur-deserves." The modest Lafferty! Cunningham in Philadelphia last week. The modest Lafferty! Cunningham in Philadelphia last week. in unbelieving world. For alone in that opinion.

Cunningham in Philadelphia last week. In President Wilson's first year just \$378.25' as a carpenter—well, I cannot only think it but can feel it in my chair instead of in a casket at her funeral. This was done in accordance of the president Taft's Administration I earned \$874.75—quite a difference. with a wish of the woman, who was formerly a vaudeville dancer and the must not attend the Thursday night wife of Jerry Cunningham, a minstrel, kindly allowed me to put in potatoes dances, as studies are thereby neg-lected. So hereafter the girls will remain home and study—on what a The Administration is losing ground lected. So hereafter the give on the canal tolls bills. That is the remain home and study—on what a hands were peacefully folded and the hands were peacefully folded and the my little savings. People wanted a little to one side as change, and they've got it with a venteral tolls be drawn from the dethough in slumber. The body was geance, and I think this Fall we'll have also desired.

of New York managers, to put in an all-star stock company for the Summer months, commencing June 22. It so disappointed when I told them I exhas been demonstrated that the brightest and most successful periods in the Columbia's history were associated with the Summer stocks that used to descend from New York during the Summer time, and it looks as though a sense enough not to think that times are not hard or who merely thinks his rying money, has bought the hotel where she once worked in order to discharge the housekeeper. That's will be a series of revivals of the most that the housekeeper. That's will be a series of revivals of the most that it is not empty. state-wide policies and activities, of the voters in disgust refuse to go and what policies and activities may therefore be regulated within a city by the Legislature. The constitution puts criminal laws in the class subhigh-class comedies, forming as it I am a good carpenter—usually get were a cycle of the most brilliant contributions of Oscar Wilde, Bernard but I would be glad to work for \$2.50 Shaw, Cylde Fitch, Bronson Howard, if I could get a steady job from now etc. The company will be headed by "ONE WHO THINKS." Britain. An amendment was tacked married. Were we not a glowing op- Rose Coghlan, Charles Richman, chaser and to make the initiative and on by Senator Simmons providing that timist we might say something about Charles Cherry, Charlotte Tittell. Ada WHY HOLD PRIMARY ELECTION? jumping out of the frying pan into Goodrich, Frank Kingdon, Horace Mitchell, George Christie, Lucile Gardner and others equally well known. Charlotte Tittell is one of the trio of famous Tittell sisters. She is Mrs. Waldeed by ordering release of the gunner's mate who missed one shot in lace Munro in private life. Rose Coghlan was out here last season in "Fine Feathers."

> Maude Leone is going to play Summer stock engagement with the Avenue Players in Seattle.

Oliver Morosco's next important conmale sluggers in to beat up the editors of opposition papers. The Amer-which is now being worked into shape which is now being worked into shape with a view of producing it for prewith a view of producing it for preilminary hearings at his theater in
Los Angeles before sending the same
East for the final verdict. It is likely
that Peggy O'Neill, who has made a
personal success in the title role of personal success in the title role of expressed their choice between all, and "Peg o' My Heart" with the Western Road Company, will be featured in the leading role of the new comedy. leading role of the new comedy.

William Hodge is coming to the Heilig in "The Road to Happiness." Also "Omar the Tentmaker," headed by the noted actor, Guy Bates Post, will mary altogether, let every candidate go be with us soon.

be with us soon.

Blanche Bates is playing the Orpheum in San Francisco, but by some juggling of bookings did not visit us. She is accompanied on her tour by her husband, George Creel, ex-Police Commissioner of Denver and also well istered altogether, let every candidate go direct to the people at general elections, and give the offices to the high men, counting both first and second choice to reach the result?

Perhaps the people will then vote. Now they will not Out of an estimated population of 750,000 we must have 200,000 legal voters. Only 229,500 registered altogether, let every candidate go direct to the people at general elections, and give the offices to the high men, counting both first and second choice to reach the result?

Perhaps the people will then vote. So, which is a second population of 750,000 we must have the offices to the high men, counting both first and second choice to reach the result?

Perhaps the people will then vote. So, which is a second population of 750,000 we must have the offices to the high men, counting both first and second population of 750,000 we must have the offices to reach the result? known as a writer. On Thursday of thirds of those who registered voted. last week the actress and her husband were entertained at a mid-day lunchspy. Got to have some slight pretext, eon given in their honor at the St. Francis Hotel by the San Francisco Civic Center.

These are rare days in June, but by and by, when Old Sol gets down by and by well done.

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Vaudeville is picking up. If you don't believe it, consider the authors and players that have but recently gone into this field. Among the former there are Bernard Shaw, Sir James Barrie, Pinero, Henry Arthur, Jones, Charles Klein, Edwin Milton Royle, a failure. Still, it is not in a class classic, Sheridan, and writers who have up as follows: Indians 38 per cent, gone to Dickens, Thackeray and Tol-

stoi for their plays. From the English and French-speakomes under the head of psycho ing stages during the last 12 months pean stock and Indians. such players as Sir George Alexander. Sir Herbert Beerbohm Tree, Arthur Bourchier, Violet Vanbrugh, H. B. Irving, A. E. Mathews, Mme, Rejane, Mme. Bernhardt, Mme. Simone, Ethel Barrymore, Blanche Bates and Bertha Kalich have gone into the vaudeville theaters.

Newlywed (disturbed over purchases)

—You had very simple tastes before I married you Mrs. Newlywed—I had to in those days. I never could get any money out of father.

CORNER IN SHOVELS ACQUIRED How Ranch Foreman Obeyed Orders

Literally and "Stuck" Employer. PORTLAND, June 3.—(To the Ed-or.)—In The Oregonian last Thursday I read a very interesting article by Addison Bennett concerning the growth of Sutherlin, the railroad under

extremely amusing incident that closely oncerns one of those owners, and hap-ened when, some years ago, the rail-oad question had once before been ery much agitated.
This man of whom I write is very opular, and has an exceeding sense of

humor, albeit at times a hasty temper. It seems that he had ordered some especial work done on a certain day, but when he went to inspect it found that it had not been done as requested. Calling his foreman he inquired the reason and was informed that the ter Gilbert, stage director at the Baker shovels were all at the upper ranch Players, for assistance in getting a and in use. Hence he had put off that particular piece of work for that day, thinking that it could be done as well the next when he could have the shovels without interrupting the men else-

where.
The owner, exercising the aforesaid hasty temper, told the man to go straight down to the store and buy up all the shovels in the place, then see will immediately erect a new a if he could have the work on his ranch mill on the river nearer town. done when he wanted it.

As I have said before, there had been great deal of talk at this time about that hoped-for railroad, and the pro-prietor of the little store, being a somewhat forehanded man, had just a few days before received a consignthis department, "Damaged Goods" is ment of fourscore shovels, so as to be prepared in case of need. Only eight of them had been sold to date. But our oreman, too, had been blessed with some sense of humor, and grimly comlied with his orders, and had the lot ent up.

Imagine the surprise of our friend when a bill for 72 shovels was handed him the first of the month. But be it to his everlasting credit that all he ever said about the matter was said right then and there, and consisted of but four words: "Well. HORACE WILLIAM MACNEAL

INCOME IS NOW LESS THAN HALF.

Carpenter Not Only Thinks Democratic Times, but Feels It in "Innards."

EUGENE, Or., June 2 .- (To the Editor.)—I see that President Wilson says we only think times are hard, in other an effort is afoot to have her photo-play "When Knighthood Was in Flower" during her stay abroad.

words, it is all in our eye. Of course it is. A man with a salary of \$75,000 it is. A man with a salary of \$75,000 a year, guaranteed for four years, can't even "think" hard times, but when it comes to a poor davil like myself, A grewsome note is sounded in the man with a wife and five children from an an arm of Louise 2 to 15 years of age, who earned dur-

cremated, as Mrs. Cunningham had another change and after 1916 I don't think the President's name will begin with a "W," either.

The Columbia Theater management.

It is an insult to intelligent Ameri-The Columbia Theater management in San Francisco has just concluded arrangements with Wallace Munro, recognized as one of the most far-seeing days are easer to put in some slabwood days are easer to put in some slabwood.

Judge Lowell Thinks One Vote, With Second Choice, Is Enough.

PENDLETON, Or., June
Editor.)—The publication of the official results of the recent primary
election gives rise to the inquiry, why
hold primary elections at all? If they PENDLETON, Or., June 2 .- (To the ever had any proper place their ne-cessity passed with the abandonment of conventions. Under existing condiions the primary serves no purpose either in party or Governmental econ-

Roughly speaking, the state and Oliver Morosco's next important con-tribution to American theatricals will be the new comedy drama by Richard private individuals spent half as much fore, with a result that would have cen in substance the same had all the candidates appearing in the primaries must go through another campaign and another election, solely as a matter of habit, wholly without reason.

About Those Mexican Indians. SALEM, Or., June 3 .- (To the Edi- ficient to set the springs down solid. Francis Hotel by the San Francisco
Civic Center.

Carol McComas, a Los Angeles girl, who is known as a "whistling comedienne," has been engaged by John C.

Mayico are nure Indians, ignorant

> lightening turn in establishing the facts, and is due to the Indians, who now stand charged with being gullty of 80 per cent of the contents of that witches' cauldron of double trouble that seethes below the Rio Grande. H. M. IRWIN.

> Use of the word "pure" was an inadvertence. The International Year Book states the population of Mexico is made mestizos 43 per cent, white 19 per cent. 'Mestizo" is a term applied in Mexico to the offspring of persons of Euro-

Twenty-Five Years Ago

From The Oregonian of June 4, 1889. The Oregonian acknowledges the receipt of \$5 from A. J. Hamilton, of Beaverton, Or., for the Jonhstown suf-ferers, and will make this the nucleus warded free of charge.

Salem, June 3 .- The State Board of Railroad Commissioners today re-ceived a communication from the Board of Trade of Junction City asking them to recommend to the Southern Pacific Company extension of its line from Corvallis to Junction.

Albany, June 8.—J. M. Moyer, F. J. Craft, John Waters and J. P. Galbraith arrived from Brownsville today, and will at once begin the erection of woolen mills in this city.

Salem, June 3. - Albert Whyte, s prominent lawyer of Tacoma, was married here to Miss Frances May Misnen sister of Mrs. Professor Arnold.

Chehalis, June 3 .- The Saymour & Spaulding shingle mill was sold Saturday to Alpin Bros. recently from Stillwater, Mina. for \$2500. Seymour & Co. will immediately erect a new and larger mill on the river nearer town.

The Seventh-Street Terraces Company, through its president, W. W. Spaulding, has purchased Hoffman's or Robinson's Hill, a tract of about 24 acres, on Seventh and Grant streets, and will open it for settlement.

The typewriting machine belonging to W. H. Holcomb's stenographer has been found. It was stolen and carried out into the brush near S and Twentythird streets, where the bottom was broken out in search of valuables. It was found by a man looking for his ow, and Albert Cookingham went out and secured it. There were a lot of letters in the case and some cipher books.

Plans for the proposed free bath-house are being drawn by Otto Klee-

mann.

The Northwest Loan & Trust Company on Saturday elected the follow-ing directors: George B. Markle, J. Thorburn Ross, Herbert Bradley, G. A. Mooney, C. F. Beebe, D. F. Sherman, Richard Williams, J. A. Sladen, Van B. De Lashmutt, E. D. Shattuck, C. A. Alls ky, S. B. Willey, A. Thielsen.

Two huge barges belonging to the Columbia Lumber & Fuel Company came down over the Cascades yesterday in charge of H. B. Borthwick, who were safely moored at Bonneville The smelting works at Brooklyn were

sold yesterday at auction to Mr. Chase, George Langford will begin laying brick today on Henry Weinhard's build-ing at the corner of Oak and Second

streets. The East Portland City Council last evening passed a resolution declaring the East Portland Water Company's rates and appointing John H. Hall and Thomas R. Turnbull commissioners to meet with commissioners for the com-

pany and fix new rates Miss Emma Arrington has gone east f the mountains, where she nain all Summer.

The Portland Speed Association met last evening in the parlors of the Pan-theon. Present: F. S. Rothschild, R. C. Smith, C. M. Forbes, S. A. Gunst and William Frazier. It was decided to canvass the city for the sale of tickets

Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian of June 4, 1864. A L Lovejor writes to The Oregon-lan: "I notice in The Oregonian of this morning my name as an inde-pendent candidate for State Senator for Clackamas County. Allow me to state that the same is wholly without my knowledge or consent and under no cir-cumstances will I allow my name to be used as such, nor will I serve if I should be elected."

Some disaffected persons have been circulating a report that Judge Williams was in favor of the Independent candidate for the Legislature. The statement is a base slander. Judge Williams was a delegate to the union county convention and introduced the resolutions indorsing the platform of the union state convention and pledg ing support to the candidates nominated by that convention and by the county convention. On May 22 he wrote from Salem to J. J. Hoffman: "I would advise you to flave nothing to do with any tickets or candidates except those on the regular Union ticket. If any use is made of my name in connection with any opposition to the regular ticket, it is wholly unauthorized and contrary to my wishes."

Hon. David Logan and others will address the citizens of Multnomah County at the Willamette Theater this evening in support of the regular Union

ticket. The largest Indian expedition ever fitted out on the continent is now moving towards Idaho, having for its object the subjugation and extermination of the Sioux Indians. It has been organized by General Sully at St. Louis, and will number 2000 cavalry and mounted infantry, with eight or top pieces, and a force of friendly Indians to act as scouts, spies or warriors.

The water in the river is now above the high mark of 1861, and within about seven feet of the high mark of

At Couch's wharf Thursday evening a small scow was floated over the lower dock, containing several live hogs for shipment. They were landed immediately under the office window of the agent's building.

The letters, bullion and packages taken by Wells, Fargo & Co.'s drayman to the steamship Oregon Thursday loaded one dray, the weight being suf-

A pack train of 54 animals arrived yesterday from Placerville, Cal., and were shipped to Vancouver. These animals were purchased by Levi Frieden-

rich from the Washoe and Moro routes for use on the Boise and Owyhoe trails. The Crane & Driggs appears to be the favorite stock in market. Another sale of 10 feet of the reserved stock was made yesterday at \$100 per foot to one of the best business firms of

the city. Again we are without dispatches. This time the wire is down beyond Al-

bany.

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