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#### CORNERED ON CANAL TOLLS.

Democratic Senators are cornered on the canal tolls controversy. They find no way of escape from the corner except a plain repudiation of one of the principal reasons given by Presiexemption and have adopted it. his address to Congress on March 5 Mr. Wilson said:

The Democratic leaders in the Senate now propose to adopt an amendment to the repeal bill reading:

The passage of this act shall not be con The passage of this act shall not be construed or held as a waiver or relinquishment
of any right the United States may have under the treaty with Great Britain, ratified
November 18, 1901, or otherwise, to exempt the vessels of the United States of its
editizens from the payment of tolis for passage through said canal, or in any way waiving, impairing or affecting any right of the
United States under said treaty, or otherwise, with respect to the sovereignty over
the ownership, control and management of
said canal and the regulation of the conditions or charges or traffic through the
same.

Which is to say: "We don't admit that we have no right to exempt coastwise ships, but we will not exercise our right just now." That is very different from Mr. Wilson's judgment, and "very fully considered and maturely formed," that we have no such

The President said:

We ought to reverse our action without raising the question whether we were right

The Senate leaders now propose to raise that question and deliberately to keep it open.

The amendment leaves the economic reason as the sole ground for The Democrats must convince the people that exemption of ships not owned by trusts or railroads would be a subsidy to the latter class of ships, which are excluded from the canal by a law which they supported in 1912 and which their President is by his oath of office bound to en-If they deny exemption to coastwise ships and admit to the canal foreign ships that are subsidized or for which canal tolls are directly rebated, they must show that they do not thereby subsidize foreign ships to the extent of the tolls paid by Ameri-

A Russian, Austrian, French or Swedish vessel bringing goods through the Panama Canal to the Pacific Coast receives its tolls back from its government; a British or Japanese ship receives a subsidy equivalent to a partial or total rebate of the tolls; an American ship bringing competing goods from our Atlantic to our Pacific ports is to pay tolls and not to receive them back from the Government. Surely exaction of tolls in the latter case is equivalent to a subsidy from the United States to the competing foreigner to whom they are re-

The Democrats are on the run. Their position as to canal tolls is just a leetle too far." shown by their own conduct to be un-They said it was clear as tenable. daylight that we were wrong and that National henor required repeal; now er we are wrong, and they propose to repeal, but to reserve our rights. They but the men whose duty it would be to arbitrate have admitted in advance that the other party is right. They are in the embarrassing position of every party which plays ducks and who has made war on prosperity in

# REGULATION OF FARM LABOR.

There is apprehension among the farmers of Washington over the possible enactment of an initiated eighthour bill applying to all classes of In the proposed act an attempt to recognize the peculiar necessities of the farmer has been incorporated but it is of doubtful con struction. It provides that "in agricultural labor an additional two hours day may be allowed for worl which is unavoidable and necessarily incidental to farm management." It is questioned by some whether this exception applies generally during unavoidably long hours such as those of the harvest period or applies mere

ly to the foreman or manager. struction there is likely to be much unessiness in farming communities concerning the measure. It may be said in behalf of the farmer that in the harvesting period the supply of labor is usually short of the demand. The farmer is not within easy access labor supply, moreover, when there is no labor shortage. Necessity often comes unexpectedly. He cannot provide two shifts of men as can the building contractor in the city, but in the event he employs his men overtime he must pay them for the overtime one and one-half the allowed for the eight-hour period. Practically every farmer would find his farm labor cost materially increased by the operations of the law, provided the rate of pay per day remained at the prevailing figure

and what necessity confronts the farmer that the pay for eight hours at farm labor shall remain the same as the pay for ten or twelve hours? labor is unorganized. the labor supply is scarce and by what the farmer is willing to pay to reduce the pay of the farm hand longer hours, or strike a level which, including regular pay and overtime, would be equivalent to the wages of the present unregulated day.

While it is a general rule that re-

of the past.

cause distributed over a wide area, managers: s problematical in this country. It no means positive that the ef- public service. fect of the law would be more detrilaborer.

It is within the range of possibilities that the farm laborer under an eight-hour law would find himself working for smaller wages than thereofore and compressing into shorter hours the same amount of labor he had performed in a considerably longer day.

#### WHERE THEN?

General Carranza says he expects to be in Mexico City within three weeks. If he shall be, he will be the onqueror of Huerta and the practical

But if General Carranza agrees to mediation he must suspend hostilities. dent Wilson for repeal of coastwise abandon his plan to overcome Huerta In by force, consent to the actual President 5 dential tenure of Huerta at least until In my ewn judgment, very fully considered and maturely formed, that exemption. . is in plain contravention of the treaty with Great Britain. the armistice is over, and submit the

It may well be wondered whethe Carranza will yield to the pressure upon him to surrender all he has and all he hopes to have into the hands

States may find itself through mediation as the ally of Huerta against Carranza. The way out of that dilemma may be to abandon mediation. Where will we be then? Still at war with Huerta over the trifling flag in cident, now almost forgotten?

### THE DEADLY BATHTUB

This is a prophylactic age. All pro cup, the community hair brush, and the public soap cake; the streetcar conditions and by law. strap is under suspicion, the milk, the meat and the plumbing are inspected; but the end is not yet. The hygienic bureau of a New Jersey town has condemned the family bathtub.

The dangers discovered in the bathtub, however, are not those found by an old gentleman in the State of Washington who had always been accustomed to performing his ablutions in the creek in Summer and in a washtub on the kitchen floor in Win into a slippery porcelain tub for the statesmen. Charles H. Sherill, ex-Minfirst time his feet flew out from under him and the fall broke a leg.

It is not the smooth interior which condemns the bathtub to the intelli- that, for all Canning cared for libergent mind of the New Jersey city's ty, South America might have been health department. It is some latent reconquered by Spain. danger of infection. The solution is a private bath for each one in the the dispatches of American Minister

Thus bathing may become a luxury prohibited to all but the well-to-do. end of August, 1823, Canning sounded American ingenuity that invented the him as to whether there could be effolding paper cup will at least be fected some public expression taxed to provide a bathtub substitute mating the joint disapprobation of within reach of all. If it is not suc- Great Britain and the United States cessful we shall perhaps be compelled of any projects which might be cherto agree with the estimable gentleman ished by any European power, of a aforementioned, who, after the deplor-forcible enterprize for reducing the able incident of the bathtub confided to his friends that "the way folks on the behalf or in the name of Spain; bathe nowadays is carryin' civilization

Several months ago President Wilon gave warning to trusts, captains they say it is an open question wheth- of industry and others that there must be no pernicious tampering with the prosperity of the country. Anybody are ready to consent to arbitration, he detected in such depredations would be "hanged higher than Ha man" in the public estimation.

> Haman's altitude record on the gallows is still untouched by anybody order to make war on Democracy. Nobody is even under indictment for the offense, so far as we now recall, Yet from Mr. J. C. Hudson, a Portland Democrat confident in his opinion, we receive a missive of which the following is a part:

Either Mr. Hudson knows more about the villainy of Wall street than does the President or else Mr. Hudson is not an Administration Democrat. We have enough confidence in the President's sincerity to believe that if he knew as much about Wall street as does Mr. Hudson someone would promptly be hoisted at the end of a

long rope in effigy if not in person. But Mr. Wilson says dull times are osychological. We merely think hard times and, lo, we have them. This certainly absolves Wall street to the contradiction of Mr. Hudson. All of which moves us to remark that now is the time for all good Democrats to get together on what is the matter

# with the country.

PUBLIC INTEREST IS PARAMOUNT. When business throughout the country is already suffering from pro- also, without British co-operation and recompense is fixed by what the longed depression, disturbance is as a ripened policy which had long laborer is willing to work for when threatened through a strike of the been forming in American minds engineers and firemen on 140,000 That is proved by the words and deeds miles of railroad between the Missiswhen labor is plentiful. It is not al- sippi River and the Pacific Coast. Detogether certain that the farmer mands have been made on behalf of would not have it within his power 55,000 engineers and firemen for an British Minister to Russia. On Janu increase of wages and have been refor eight hours' work to a pro rata jected by the managers. A strike vote

While it is a general rule that re- mittee of managers. It places the in-

duction in working hours does not crease in the payroll which would recause a reduction in wages, most of sult from granting the concessions de the observation in this particular has manded at 50 per cent, or approxi-been confined to factory employment. mately \$33,000,000 a year. It goes There, too, it has been quite amply into detail as to each one of the emdemonstrated that more and better ployes' demands. In the absence of a work is performed by the employe in statement from the other side and of eight hours than in ten. But what a detailed study of the controversy would be the effect of an eight-hour which could be made only by arbitraday on work that in one period of tors, it is impossible for The Oregothe year is casual as affecting the nian to form any conclusion as to the larger body of workers while in other merits of each point in dispute, but periods it affects individual employ- The Oregonian unhesitatingly indorses ment and large numbers only be- the following statements of the

That "railways are engaged in a That "the public is the chief suffermental to the farmer than the er from whatever impairs the ade-

would be calamitous, and that here again the public would be the chief

sufferer. That, if large increases in pay are made under present business conditions, the railways must either reduce expenses or obtain increased rates on

traffic. In other words, the public must pay in the end through demoralization of business if a strike should ensue; or through inferior service or increased cost of transportation if any material increase of wages should be granted This being the case, we deny the right of the railroad managers and mployes alone to settle the It is a question in which the public is a directly interested third party. The public, therefore, has a right to a deciding voice in preventing strike and in making a settlement By the Newlands arbitration and conilliation act means are provided for adjustment of all such disputes in an amicable manner and without inter-

The public will not consent to impairment of the efficiency of railroad service in order that wages may be raised without increasing rates. Nor will it consent to rejection of just demands of employes on the sole plea that the railroads cannot afford to grant them. Nor will it consent to permanent increase of rates in order to meet this added expense, regardless of whether the railroads are managed with due economy. We do believe increase expenses in order to pay fair wages, the public would consent to a purely temporary increase in rates pending close inquiry into the economy and efficiency of railroad management. This would be justified by gressive people have abolished the the indisputable fact that, broadly roller towel, the common drinking speaking, the railroads' cost of living speaking, the railroads' cost of living has been increased both by economic

## THE CANNING MYTH EXPLODED.

The generally accepted fact that the Monroe doctrine had its origin in the mind of George Canning, the British statesman, and was by him suggested to President Monroe is proved to be a myth by Canning's own letters, which have recently come to light. By quotations from these letters and from ter. When he confidently stepped the letters and speeches of American ister from the United States to Argentina, proves that the Monroe doctrine was of purely American origin, and

> The Canning myth is founded on Rush and on Canning's own public Rush said that toward the boasts. (Spanish) colonies to a subjugation or the acquisition of any part of them to itself by cession or conquest." But this was after Rush had suggested to Canning that English follow our lead, taken in 1822, in recognizing independence. Canning's real inclination was shown by the fact that, when questioned in Parliament "whether the King of Spain would be allowed by this country to seek to recover his Transatlantick colonies," he contented himself with stating "that the mother ountry had the right to attempt to recover her colonies, but that no foreign power had the right to make that attempt in her behalf." On November 24, 1823, after he had made the foregoing suggestion to Rush, he is the best form of government for the

the following is a part:

In The Oregonian, June 5, you say, among other things, that "if we were to be asked to choose between Wilson and hard times and Taft and good times, we should have no difficulty in deciding what to do." This is very true, and was decided by the people in 1912 by an overwhelming majority in favor of Wilson. For those who voted for Wilson well knew that if he were elected we should have dull times just in proportion to the length of time required to reduce the power of the Government. Just how much the industries of the country are influenced by the trusts, may be known by the extent of hard times during the Wilson Administration.

They can no longer deceive the people regarding the cause of dull times whenever there is a change from a Republican te a Democratic Administration. Woodrow Wilson went into office entirely free from prominents and obligations to the bosses of Wall street, and of course, they are doing all in their power to embarrass the Wilson Administration.

We waver between two convictions. Spanish colonies. he following question to his Cabinet: Whether the ministers of the United States as Europe shall be instructed that the United tates will not join in any project of interception between Spain and the South Amerians, which should not be to promote the omplete independence of those provinces; nd whether measures shall be taken to scertain if this be the policy of the British lovernment, and if so, to establish a conert with them for the support of this policy.

On July 31 of that year Rush was sounded by Castlereagh as to joint simple cause and effect.
British-American mediation between Spain and her colonies, but Rush had aiready been authorized to reply that we would not take part "except on the basis of the independence of the colonies—a determination to which his Government had come on much deliberation." Jefferson wrote to William Short on August 4, 1820: The day is not far distant when we may formally require a meridian of partition through the ocean which separates the two hemispheres, on the hither side of which no European gun shall ever be heard.

Independence of the South Amer an republics was recognized by the United States in 1822 without British co-operation and the Monroe doctrine was proclaimed on December 2, 1823, as a ripened policy which had long of American Statesmen. It is now proved up to the hilt by the recently published letters of Canning to Bagot, ary 9, 1824, just after receiving news

Speaking of the differences between

those sentiments and this speech he goes on to say:

tival Queen! The rose bushes, bowed and with bright

The theory that Canning suggested the Monroe doctrine to Rush, that Rush transmitted the suggestion to Monroe and that Monroe adopted it as the inspiration of his message is exploded by the following excerpt from the same letter:

er from whatever impairs the adequate maintenance or efficient and economical operation of railways."

That, "should the Western railways be tied up by a strike, the results would be calamitous, and that here again the public would be the chief

Yet Canning had the audacity to say in the House of Commons on December 12, 1826:

I called the new world into existence tedress the balance of the old. The truth seems to be that Canning feared that some member of the Holy Alliance, to which England was hos tile, might conquer some of the South American colonies and thus extend it He wished to prevent this power. from being done, either openly for purposes of conquest or on the pretext of helping Spain. He had no object tion to Spain's unaided reconquest of the colonies. He had no love for liberty and would have preferred to see monarchies instead of republics in South America. He sought the cooperation of the United States in ac complishing these ends, not in guaranteeing South American independence. When Monroe proclaimed a policy which shut out not only the Alliance, but Spain and England herself from acquisition of Amer ican territory, he was taken by surprise, but made a virtue of necessity and claimed for himself the credit which belongs to Monroe and Clay. Those South American republic which have erected statues to Canning should replace them with statues of Monroe and Clay, if they wish to

# actually made their liberty secure. PLEA OF THE OLD GUARD.

show their gratitude to the men who

In urging postponement of antitrust legislation Senator Brandegee voices the opinion of the old guard, who desire its postponement to the They complained day of judgment. of the uncertainty of the old law, but paring the way for a nation of mollynow that it is proposed to remove the uncertainty, they use the depression as an excuse for delay.

The only way to satisfy the old guard is to let things alone. motto is: "Let well enough alone," but what is well for the trusts is usually ill for the rest of the people. The trusts would be well content to be left alone to work their own sweet will, but to that the people never will consent.

Now that Congress has set its hand to the work of anti-trust legislation, we hope it will go through with the That question cannot remain settled the trusts' way, for the people will keep it open, and so long as it is open agitation will continue to disturb usiness. It can be settled in only one way - the people's way - and the sooner it is settled the sooner business will flow freely in its normal channels.

The plea of the trusts is the plea of drunkard for "just one drink." The people are determined to snatch the bottle from their hands.

of the early demise of the third party. He sees the drift of public opinion and goes with it.

A Washington Democrat running for Congress would annex Mexico and push the American boundary line south to Panama. Still, if elected, he promises that he will be known as ar Administration Congressman. If he gets to Washington we shall expect to see him consulted every day on the Administration's foreign policy.

The man who says his wife has a secret but who professes to withhold it out of consideration for her does as much harm as though he told it. Mr. quoted by Rush as having expressed curious at work on Madame Schuhis belief that a monarchy would be mann-Heink's reputation, and they are apt to imagine something worse than the truth.

Competition among Portland's bustess streets by such enterprises as creation of the "Great Light Way" or Third street redounds to the improvement of the city as a whole. Each spurs the others to greater exertions

found in excavations at Berkeley is a certainty. The bones probably were from Missouri in the tide of '49. That Except we are taught to spell cor-rectly when children we will always be prone to make serious blunders. is enough prehistoric for California.

Mute evidence of a prehistoric race

The President's friendship for legislation beneficial to the West is purely platonic. We should like to see e of the ardor of passion thrown into it.

Polk Republicans have organized for the campaign, although Polk is always safely Republican. It may be

PORTLAND, June 5.—(To the Editor.)—Does the spirit of the constitu-tion of our Government over rule er-The House is playing the old game of the spendthrift-economizing on necessaries in order that it may enjoy

There is plenty of sunshine behind the clouds and some of it must break

Nothing but the glad hand and

The moon changes today, and so

Welcome to our midst, stranger.

'glad rags" will go this week.

Wait till the clouds roll by.

vill the weather.

Rapp, like the other foolish men

had the letter-writing habit to his de-

Naturalisation Law. SALEM, Or., June 7 .- (To the Editor.) -- Can an immigrant be deported after living in this country for five years, if discovered that he has been randum book is the victim of vainglory. here unlawfuly? Also, can he be naturalized if he came under an assumed name? Rains that hurt fruit help hay, and

AN IMMIGRANT. a big crop of hay is not to be despised. 2. He would have to prove a lawful the river freezing over in June. entry into the United States. It is a matter for the court to decide.

> SOUTH BEND, Or., June 7 .- (To the Editor.)—To settle an argument, will you kindly give total popular vote for Wilson, Roosevelt and Taft in last election?
>
> ROLLIN H. VARWIG.

Wilson, 6,291,776; Taft. 2,481,119; Roosevelt, 4,106,247.

#### UTOPIAN FALLACY TOWARD CRIME The Coming of the Queen Such Is Theory That Punishment Should

By Dean Collins.

a-quiver To watch for her coming—the Fes-

blossoms laden, Blush pink as the dawn or the cheeks

And streets are ablaze with the holiday

To rule over Portland the Festival

Heigh-ho! How the broad river dimple:

How petals shall whirl, as it eddles and wimples, And catches them up, where the gar-

Abroad on the banks and the waters between,

Heigh-ho! For the thousands assem-

throng follows after! Ho, ho! It will be a brave welcome,

Judge Murphy Repines That Female

Militancy Comes So Late.

fluences of modern women we are pre-

coddles, "sissies" as bad boys call

them, only fit as an escort and to

render other puppy attentions as may be demanded by the "superior sex." Michael Monahan was born in Cork,

and since tradition has it that a cork

man will never sink, but tranquilly float on the stormlest of seas, here is

ple, are now to all intents and pur-poses living under a Gynarchy (a gov.

prudent man will touch it with a ten-

J. HENNESSY MURPHY.

MORE ORTHOGRAPHIC OFFENSES

Some Are Real Ones and Others Due

to Phonetic System.

tor.)-I have read with interest a letter

appearing in The Morning Oregonian

June 3 about "orthographic offenses."

I delayed writing to see if I could give

a few more examples, and I have suc-

On Stark street there is a firm which

applies its skill to plane "tunning" and

repairing. On Second street a printing

see, this is graciously acknowledged by

lamette Valley.

How often do we see the acute ac-

inroads of phonetic spelling into the spelling by derivation and custom. It is a pity to see so fine an institution of learning as Reed College adopt it.

Should this phonetic system of spelling be adopted wherever the English language is spoken the diversity of spelling will be as great as the variety

of dialect (this, no doubt, accounts for the many inconsistencies evident to me in Reed College literature), and we

will lose not only the only compromise

we have but also all traces of deriva-tion. DE SOUCI.

roneous laws? If so, is not the owner of a cherry crop justified in killing robins to save his fruit? Meanwhile, let popular opinion demand that the

legal protection of robins be removed,

while we still protect the many other birds that are sweet singers and use

ful in nature's economy. The robins would not be exterminated, only kept within reasonable numbers.

CITIZEN.

int on cafe?
All this mis-spelling is caused by the

Washington street a firm invites take a trip thru the scenic Wil-

prints "sho" cards, b

ceeded in collecting a few.

an apostrophe.

PORTLAND, June 7 .- (To the Edi-

"We, the American peo

themselves-no

Michael Monahan calls our lovely

men in the June Forum?

what he says:

read the stuff

manly suffragettes

PORTLAND, June 8 .- (To the Edi-

what do you

виррове

When the portals unclose

And croons to itself as it glides to

morn shall be bringing,

Mid rose garlands swinging

waters go winging

To the Festival call,

the play

ing and keen!

Be Reformative Only. PORTLAND, June 7 .- (To the Editor.)-I have received a circular ask-Heigh-ho! For the call down the rive From trumpet and bugle notes, thrill ing a subscription to a fund to secure the repeal in Oregon of the law imposing the death penalty. The city shall stand with expectance

> of this proposition, there may be an assumption that it meets with general approval. I therefore ask your permission to answer in an open letter It seems like a political platitude to say that the safety of the state should be the supreme law. On this recognized principle 45 out of our 48 states have adopted in their constitu-tions the death penalty for the crime of murder. At the close of the Civil War the 11 readmitted Confederate States all readopted the death penalty in their state constitutions. Since then, in my military service in the West, I have seen 12 states admitted into the Union. With one exception these states have adopted and enforced

the death penalty.

Since Cain committed the primal murder to this day, murder has been one of the commonest crimes. Life is said to be cheap in America. We have lands float free,
When the boats that come up out of
Elifiand are flinging
Bright blossoms, whose leaves o'er the a daily record of its horrors. Travel is safer in Arabia than it is between Scattle and Los Angeles. Convictions are us rare as the crime is common. The reason even the death penalty does And the barge out of Fairyland brings not seem to be effective is because there is such uncertainty in conviction and delay in applying execution But say our philanthropists, as we not give life, we have no right to

And gathering to Portland to join in do not give his, take it.

Do we not give life, humanly speaking? In orthodix belief, two most degraded human beings begetting life draw a sight draft on the Creator for an immortal soul. The soul we do an immortal soul, the soul we do The workaday imps in their corners are For Festival morning shall drive them The spirits of merriment, scattering ot assume to judge, but the sinful ody we have a right to deprive of its Run free through the streets and the human existence when it be omes a danger to the There is nothing sacred in the carnally

There is nothing sacred in the carnally created body.

Life imprisonment might be justified except that it does not strike terror. There is always the hope of escape or pardon from some Governor who sympathizes more with the murderer than his victim. To the Realm of the Rose, and we surge forth to greet her—our Festival Queen. TARDY APPEARANCE IS LAMENTED than his victim.

It is a utopian fallacy that punish-ment should be reformative rather than reventive. Reformation is command able, but it should be subordinate to the salus populi.

Neither does mercy become the throned monarch better than his

crown. That was a bit of feminine sophistry. Justice is the highest attribute of sovereignty. The divine moral law does not punish, it only exacts a penalty. "The American Peril," think of it! He begins his article by eulogizing Admiral Chadwick as a courageous exacts a penalty If our philanthropists of the league man for asserting that by reason of the training of our youth under the in-

will only accept this distinction, they will save themselves vexation of will save themselves vexation of spirit, and the public the needless ex-THOMAS M. ANDERSON.

#### SUGGESTION AS TO FIREBOATS Should Be Able to Go Under Bridges

and Use Gasoline for Power. PORTLAND, June 7.—(To the Editor.)—Everybody but the city officials of former times has seen the importance of the fireboats being so equipped In London, Paris and every other Euro ernment by a woman), and the symbol of government is a powder-puff."
Mike blames the whole feminizing business on the women in journalism, pean city where bridges cross canals and rivers, boats are built with hinged smokestacks to go under bridges that are much lower than ours. Now that the old fireboat is being repaired, and and the writer still remembering the awful fate that befell Pike Davis, does not dare to commit to writing what Mike says of the women writers whom of having additional fireboats built for the city, this feature of their construc-tion should be considered. of the journalistic army, and their spe-

cial function is to impart a sexual thrill to the department under their charge." The female scribes will have The importance of the old fashion he ing discarded was strikingly shown re-cently when it was necessary for a fire-boat to get on the other side of a burn-All women are toasted to not progressed so as to prevent the rown and the men folks are bridge from being raised, but if it had, a coffee brown and the men folks are

a coffee brown and the men folks are warned that if they do not rise and crush this peril of "petticoat supremacy" Schopenhauer's famous nightmare vision will actually take place.

Now I am neither for nor ferninst Mike in his wild plunge; he has been in the newspaper rame all his life instead of with steam boilers. With As a reader of the signs of the times Colonel Roosevelt excels all his lieutenants. His decision to confine his political energies principally to Nork and to countenance Prohis political energies principally to if we Irish had discovered the sur-New York and to countenance Pro-gressive indorsement of acceptable would never have been destroyed and ready to start on the instant when needed, and they would be as efficient quantity. Yea, had we Irish had the in propelling the vessel and working suffragettes with us in '48 or during the pumps as the old style steam enthe fenian and land league days justice would eat tyranny up or hell itself would go into voluntary bankitself would go into voluntary bank-ruptcy. Thank heaven northeast Ulster of this administration.

R. M. TUTTLE. is beneath the notice of the brave and

One Director to Elect. PORTLAND, June 8,-(To the Edior.)-When is our school election? How many directors should be elected this year, and who are the candidates: have understood that there should be two according to law, but have heard it intimated that the school board is expecting or intending to have but one elected. Can you give your readers orrect answer to these questions, so that we may know and understand

exact situation. A SUBSCRIBER. The election falls on June 15. There is one director to be elected. Perhaps the report that two should be elected arose from the fact that one director is on the board by appointment to a vacancy, and the regular term has not yet expired. When so provided by law an appointee does not fill out the full term, but serves only until the next succeeding election. The school law however, provides that when a death Canadian Pacific Railroad between r resignation occurs in a school district of the first class the remaining members "shall fill the vacancy." The candidates are H. B. Miller, Dr. Allan Welch Smith, Dr. L. Victoria Hampton.

Hardships of Parade Night. PORTLAND, June 7 .- (To the Editor.)-Regarding protest of E. A. W. in The Oregonian June 5 as to the new route of electrical parade, it might be well at this time to file a "blanket protest" so to speak, for all of us poor isolated suburbanites who have to brave the "terrors" and "discomforts" of riding in crowded cars to and from the beautiful parades or take walking

as the next best thing.

Would that we could but prevail on
the generosity and kindness of the
Festival officials, the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company and the rest of the bunch to route the elec-trical parade over our several and numerous suburban lines, then we too numerous subtroun lines, then we too could sit in comfort upon our lawns and porches and not have to "drag" our invited guests all the way down to the city to see such a beautiful

sight. If we are willing to come several miles to see such a sight it certainly must work a terrible hardship upon E. A. W. and the other said thousands of Eleventh and Thirteenth streets to walk a matter of a few blocks. Upon the receipt of a few more such protests the Festival authorities will have to organise a miniature A. B. C. media-tion board. C. M. M.

Meaning of Greek Word. KELSO, Wash., June 6.—(To the Editor.)—My dictionary tells me the Greek word "baptizo" means a "dip-

ping in water.' To settle a doubt will you please tell me if this is correct and all that the meaning in the word.

EVELYN PATTON. word means. Or is there a variety of

Baptizo means: To dip repeatedly, to submerge, to cleanse by dipping, to wash, to overwhelm,-Thayer's Greek English Lexicon of the New Testament.

# Twenty-Five Years Ago

From The Oregonian of June 8, 1889. Seattle, W. T., June 7 .- Fire yesterday swept away the entire hustness portion of the city. The loss will reach \$13,000,000, but preparations to rebuild have already begun. A mass meeting was held at the Armory this morning and decision was reached to rebuild only of brick and stone. George B. Adair asked if \$558 raised for the If there is no expressed disapproval Johnstown sufferers had not better be applied to the home relief fund. One hundred voices replied: "No; let her

J. M. R., Diavolo and Lady Beach on the races at the Portland Speed Association's meeting yesterday. The judges were: Joseph Buchtel, G. M. Misner, R. E. Bybee and C. J. Matlock.

The first motor train to the summit Mount Tabor yesterday took 400 in-

The Taylor-street M. E. Church has been presented with two elegant chan-deliers by Mrs. M. A. Smith.

King's Heights is now platted and on

The work of raising the trestle over the guich at the end of Corbett street on the electric motor line of the Metropolitan Railway Company was begun yesterday.

James N. Leach and A. A. Bowen have leased the McLaren will for five years, and will put in machinery for manufacturing oatmeal

Yesterday evening Flora Maud, the 9-year-old daughter of George F. John-son, a salesman for Wadhms & Co., was thrown from a buggy at Front and Morrison streets, but not seriously in-

A meeting of citizens last evening ecided to abandon the Fourth of July celebration and give the funds to the Seattle fire sufferers. Already there is over \$5000 at the disposal of the citizens' committees.

### Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian of June 5, 1864. Multnomah County election returns, ncomplete: For Congress—J. H. D. Hen-ierson, Union, 824; James K. Kelly, Democrat, 332; for State Printer, Henry L. Pittock, 1109.

The returns indicate a large Union najority in the state. Lane and Jackson countles are the only ones which have not yet reported Union majorities.

H. N. George, who has had editorial charge of the Albany Journal since its commencement, has retired from the

Vancouver election returns-Councilman, L. Farnsworth, Union, 69; La Sohns, Dem., 111. Representatives—I. L. Lancaster, Union, 59; Joel Knight, Union, 34; C. H. Reed, Union, 79; John Proebstel, Dem., 88; H. S. Burlingame, Dem., 88; Wm. Bratton, Dem., 95.

Young Newell, of The Dalles, left on the last steamer for West Point Mili-tary Academy to be trained for a soldier by the Government.

Washington, June 6, - The Hancock, Wright and Smith, but were everywhere repulsed. A dispatch from Sherman, dated the 5th at Aliatoena Creek, states that the enemy, discovering us moving around his righ flank, abandoned his position last night and moved off. (Signed) Stanton.

New York, June 5 .- The Tribune's special from the front says that Sheridan's cavalry on the day previous drove the rebels down the Mechanicsville oad to within five miles of Richmond.

'New York, June 6.—The state com-mittee of the War Democracy has reaffirmed a preference for the renom-ination of Lincoln and for Daniel S. Dickinson for the Vice-Presidency.

A packer named Rop and a civilized indian mortally wounded each other with pistols about 12 miles this side of anyon City fast Wednesday,

After the polls closed at the Cas cades last Monday a row occurred in an adjoining room, and Edmond Sul-livan, Sheriff of Skamania County, ar-rested several of the disturbers, when he was fired upon. He turned and a scuffle with Edward Bush ensued, in which Sullivan was murdered. A Cor-oner's jury found that he was killed with pistols and knife by Jarvin J. Bush, Geo. W. Bush and Edward Bush, J. P. Dennison was mortally wounded and died at this city.

three Bush brothers were arrested. Ossian E. Dodge is announced to give a concert in Willamette Theater.

Last week a fine horse belonging to tills & Co. was snagged by a sliver in the planking on Front street.

The water was cut off from the neighborhood of Market and Clay streets yesterday without notice. Major Francis left yesterday morning for Fort Hoskins and Fort Yambill

speed of Pacific Steamships Vancouver, B. C., and Asiatic ports. The story narrated that the Empress of Asia and the Empress of Japan are the fastest vessels afloat on the Pacific Ocean. It was stated that the time for the voyage across the Pacific is now ten days less than before the going into service of the ocean grey-hounds of the C. P. R. Consequently, it was figured the United States malls

may be carried by these steamers to Manila, P. I. My strong impression is that my memory, as usual, serves me right in this matter. However, will you kindly inform me of the number of days that the Empress of Asia requires to steam the voyaye from Vancouver, B. C. across the Pacific. Also, please state the number of days required for the passage of the steamship Minnesota

from Seattle to Asia.

JOHN W. ELLSWORTH. It takes the Empress of Asia ten days to go from Vancouver B. C., to Yokohama. It is true the Canadian Pacific has extended its services to Manila, reducing the time to that port

ten days. It takes the Minnesota 15 days to g from Seattle to Yokohama.

# A Railroad's Happy Thought

One of the railroads wanted to attract the attention of the advertising men to the Toronto Convention. So it got out its circular in the form of a bright, snappy newspaper

Naturally the railroad thinks in terms of newspapers when it thinks about getting new business.

It is a large, consistent user of newspaper space, and it has found that such advertising increases business and wins the good will of the public.