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three feet of mud. We fancy the picturesqueness of the experience would fade a little after it was over.

was thus asserted by Secretary Root in a letter to the Colombian Minister in 1908:
We assert that the ancient State of Panama, independent in its origin and by nature and history a separate political community, was federated with the other states of Colombia upon terms which preserved and continued its separate sovereignty; that it never surrendered that sovereignty; that in the year 1821 the United States recognized the other states of Colombia as broken and terminated by Colombia and the isthmus was subjected to force; that it was held under foreign domination, to which it had never consented; that it was justly entitled to assert its sovereignty and demand its independence from a rule which was unlawful, offensive and tyrannical.

scribes the separation of the sheep from the goats.
The sheep are those who fed the hungry, gave drink to the thirsty and housed the stranger, who clothed the naked, visited the sick and looked after those in prison. The goats did none of these things. In this description appears the most fundamental of all Jesus' sayings, "inasmuch as ye did it unto the least of these my brethren ye did it unto me." According to some authorities the whole Christian gospel is implicit in these wonderful words.

Expectation of the judgment day was lively in the early church for some two hundred years after the crucifixion. It then faded out and the divines reasons and with the vanishing of the hope of an earthly kingdom and the millennium. It even became somewhat unorthodox to preach the doctrine of the millennium. William of Occam incurred official displeasure for that among numerous other heretics. The reformers of Luther's time believed in the millennium and expected the second coming ere a great while, but it is needless to say that they were disappointed, just as everybody else has been who tried definitely to determine the date of that momentous event.

Half a Century Ago
From the Oregonian of August 13, 1864.
Rev. Robert Patterson, D. D., exponent of the objects of the United States Christian Commission, arrived on the steamer Pacific and will speak at Salem, Portland, The Dalles, Oregon City and Astoria.

Life's Sunny Side.
At the club the other night, a member of the Seventh Regiment found himself the center of a group who were discussing the likelihood of an invasion of Mexico by the National Guard. Cherrera of the Maser bullet pointed about him. Everybody had kindly suggestions to make—such, for instance, as that a medal neatly adjusted over each bullet-hole would make him look as good as new. The victim took it very well. "I'd like to contribute just one remark to this discussion," he said. "If I'm reported shot in the back, remember that I may have turned around to encourage my men."—New York Call.

PORTLAND, WEDNESDAY, AUG. 19, 1914.
CAUSES OF HIGH PRICES.
There is a variety of causes for the sudden advance in prices which has followed the outbreak of war. Some are legitimate, but will be partially removed by legislation and the fortunes of war. Others are illegitimate and can be removed only by severe prosecution of those who have set them in motion.

THE PARTISAN HOCUS FOCUS
The Oregonian commends the Salem Capital Journal for its frankness, and recognizes in that well-edited newspaper the most effective exponent in the state of the Democratic campaign. Here, for example, is the old familiar non-partisan argument couched in the persuasive language of disinterestedness and apparent candor:

There is a sane person in the State of Oregon that believes the price of foodstuffs or industrial conditions will be changed or affected in any way by the election of the Governor of the state, no matter who is elected or what his political belief. As a matter of fact, all the candidates are running not on party platforms, but on those of the people. In no case have anything to do with the tariff, the stagnation of business in Portland, the condition of the Oregon metropolis. The Oregonian's attempt to run the gubernatorial campaign on a party basis shows how little it has on which to base its arguments.

Why This Change of Mind?
Governor West ought to drop his latest project of calling the Legislature in special session to devise ways and means to complete the various Carey act projects and to do other things the Governor apparently wants done before he retires from office. The Governor may be assured that the Legislature, to be elected in November, practically every member pledged favor upon a new plan of spending the state's money, no matter whether it comes from the Governor's office or from any other source. The temper of the people is for lower taxes and for fewer adventures, costing great sums, in new fields.

AMERICANS ARE LOSING HEART
Governor Harrison Makes Philippines No Place for Them to Live.
MANILA, P. I., July 18.—(To the Editor.)—I am sending you by this mail a pamphlet containing the maiden speech of Commissioner Winfred Denison in this regard, which was called "The white boy." It speaks for itself. The few remaining Government officials—I mean those who gave up their homes and youth, and many of them their lives, to aid the cause of good government—are more than ever disheartened. But for their work, such as it is, in this country a month ago, they would have been in Manila. Since this pamphlet was published Mr. Denison presented a resolution at the meeting of the Board of Commerce and the funds belonging to that section be placed at his disposal for the purpose of establishing schools for the wild children of the Philippines.

Little Editorials on Business
The Hominy Boy.
Some years ago a young man living on the south side of Chicago was compelled to quit school and support his mother and three little sisters. The family took stock of their financial resources and planned their campaign. The new head of the family decided to capitalize his mother's ability as a cook.

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Community music is not going to stop with singing the "old songs whose charm is sad and deep." It now proceeds to the music drama, in the form of the masque and pageant, which requires thousands of participants and flights of fancy that color, form and melody. Portland will not be the last city in the country to popularize the music drama.

James Davidson's recent letter to The Oregonian on the second coming of Christ will probably cause a great deal of talk. Information upon that subject, as Mr. Davidson justly remarks, the question is momentous. Anything that sheds light upon it is of consequence not only spiritually but practically also. Think of what would happen to business if the last trump should sound in the North Sea, this end of the world will draw a long breath.

Transatlantic mail goes under the American flag and all the world knows what interference means—at least what it used to mean.
It might be well for the wise producer to lock his meat and sugar in the vault these days, and leave his mere cash standing out.

USE OF TWILIGHT SLEEP DRUGS.
Claims of General Availability Are Subject to Reservations.
PORTLAND, Aug. 18.—(To the Editor.)—In reply to Mrs. M. H. on the "Boon of Painless Childbirth," permit me to say this is another class who realize even mothers the participants in the birth struggle, and that class constitutes the well-trained, conscientious physicians.

THE CASE AGAINST COLOMBIA.
If the attempt to secure ratification of Secretary Bryan's treaty with Colombia should ever be renewed, its friends in the Senate will find great difficulty in answering the statement of the author of the treaty, which has been made to Representative J. Hampton Moore by Wilfred H. Schoff, secretary of the Commercial Museum at Philadelphia. In presenting Mr. Schoff's statement to the House, Mr. Moore described him as "one of the most careful students of the American history of whom I have knowledge" and said he had "gone over the Spanish and American records with great care." Mr. Schoff's exhaustive history of Colombia's relations with Panama and her action with regard to the canal shows Mr. Moore's praise to have been deserved.

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At last Kitchener has allowed the news to leak that British troops are in France. Now, if somebody will allow a little more to ooze from the North Sea, this end of the world will draw a long breath.

Senator Root says the Democrats have not made good. Still Nature and the international situation have done much to help them out.

Damage by Stock.
GERVAIS, Or., Aug. 16.—(To the Editor.)—A and B own farms joining, and C has the place belonging to B under lease. A takes out the line fence between the two places and then leaves his (A's) gate next the road open. The fence comes in and goes into C's grain and destroys a good deal of it. Who would C look to for damages—A or B or both? A took the fence out without saying anything to C.
A SUBSCRIBER.

When Women Voted Wrote Allen.
GRESHAM, Or., Aug. 17.—(To the Editor.)—My husband came from England when he was 8 years old. His father took out his first papers, which I appear as all that was necessary at that time (1869). My father took out but one set of papers, but I was born in the United States. Therefore I consider myself an American. My right to vote has been questioned on the ground that, having married an Englishman who has not taken out two sets of papers, this classifies me as an English subject.

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