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WHERE DUTY CALLS.

of the United States that its position cost, short of the sacrifice of honor or the National integrity, have led fair weather. What would our Salem President Wilson to insist that Con-friend have us do? gress abandon its plan of early adjournment and remain in session indefinitely. It is a crisis that calls for the highest expression of patriotic devotion to duty from President down to the humblest citizen.

The President will not be found wanting. Nor will the American Con-Nor will the great body of

ommission or omission, to endeavor entangling alliance in this goods? mighty crisis, or to precipitate the country actively into the disastrous

Only one member of Congress from the Pacific Northwest remains absent from his post of duty in this momentous emergency. He has been away from Washington since April. He is the Representative for Oregon from tween a Democrat and a Republican, the Third District (Multnomah County). He alone is deaf to the call to ferred to the Democrat? By his persistent absenteeism, and by his flippant, irrelevant and untruthful statement of his reasons for his presence here, he makes it clear that he thinks he can well be spared from Congress. He can be; but he is nevertheless derelict, and he ought to be held accountable to his constituency for what he fails to do in this important matter, as he falls in all other important matters.

A NEAR-WAR EXPERT.

Some queer literary productions are doled out these days by a certain class fathers. of publications under the representation that they are the work of milltary experts. About the most weird the signature of Dr. Carl Armgaard Graves and is presented in Collier's have been one of the Kaiser's military chine-the German army.

machine except his own lack of defwriter launches into an awe-inspiring anything to speak of, either in peace word picture of the terrible German or war. dirigible air craft. With a few deft there is no escaping these aerial mon-As for aiming, the dirigible gunners don't have to aim. They merely soar line, over London or Paris and let drop a couple of tons or so of special explosives and the town catches fire im-

mediately. It is probable that Collier's imported military expert prepared his enlightening article before the German fighting machine got fairly into action. Otherwise the thought might have occurred to him that the Germans should have used one of these dirigibles at the Liege forts. The spectacle of infantry and cavalry charges on these forts was doubly sad if the Germans had the means at hand to destroy the forts by dint of a little aerial voyage in a Zeppelin monster. He might also have wondered just why the English fleet is being permitted to sweep the greater portion of the North Sea and why the Germans are having such a desperate time forcing their way past Namur and French artillery positions.

CANCER HOUSES. The British have an Imperial Cancer Research Fund which has just issued its annual report. Part of the report was written by Dr. Bashford, is a common belief that certain houses infected with the cancer germ or virus and that they communicate it do need it nothing could be more by vote of the people. to their inmates. A person dwelling profitable to them. in such a house is supposed to be far

Dr. Bashford makes light of this He reminds us that every male in ten at least of dying from cancer any effect from infected houses in determinants with keen relish. A order to account for a group of can. Madame Kowalewski would smile to cer cases. The law of chances dis- learn that algebra had injured her. poses of them satisfactorily if we may selieve Dr. Bashford. In his opinion it is perfectly safe to live in a "cananywhere. In this age of the world the danger is great enough wherever one may happen to have his abode.

This is all very well from the standpoint of pure science. Dr. Bashford's posed to be infected with cancer. Bu of facts which may readily yield the we can dispense with common sense opposite conclusion. The whole sub-ject of cancer is enveloped in mystery we can in feeding and clothing them. and "cancer houses" are as mysterious as the other circumstances connected with that terrible malady. As long as there remains a bare possibilfrom a house to its inhabitants the ings. There may be no danger from to listen to such nonsense. them, and yet there may be serious

Bashford's work is useful beconfidence in an unproved theory but on the other hand the theory which he opposes may be true. The public believes that certain houses are infected with cancer. They believe the same of certain tracts of country Until the contrary is proved beyond doubt it is best to heed the popular faith.

TWO QUESTIONS.

Our displeased friend, the Salem Capital Journal, does not understand now, without inconsistency, The Oregonian can complain of dull times. labor and declining unemployed wages, when it prints conspicuously and even jubilantly the fact that the ouyers of the state bought a million dollars' worth of goods in Portland last week -- "buyers' week" -- and when it comments favorably upon the optimistic and confident speech of Mr. Mills as to the banking situation. Evidently the Capital Journal would deny to The Oregonian the consolation of being hopeful under adverse circumstances. We agree with Mr. The turmoil of the world through Mills that the position of the country, the great war and the acute anxiety so far as the banks are concerned, is fundamentally sound. We permit ourof neutrality be maintained at any selves to rejoice when the barometer of trade shows an occasional sign of

But The Oregonian on its part desires to direct an inquiry or two to the Capital Journal as the representative organ of Oregon Democracy in its appeal to the public for nonpartisan consideration of the merits of all candidates, particularly the important candidates.

Does the Salem paper support the Oregon campaign for made-in-Oregon It would be nothing less than trea-son for any American, by any act of the tariff which encourages, and directly brings about, the importation either to commit the United States of made-in-Europe or made-in-Asia

> Does the Salem paper know of any Democratic Oregon newspaper that through its professions of nonpartisanship or in any other way, has been led to the support of any other candidate than a Democrat for an important office? In other words, when there is a fair choice to be made bewhen has the Republican been pre-

MARRIED VOLUNTEERS RESTRAINED.

The Canadian young man who would go to war is being required first to secure in writing the consent of his wife. Without this precious document no married man is permit ted to cast his lot with the British army and go forth in quest of adventure and the glories of war. a wise measure. It indicates that the Canadian government is more solicitous as to the welfare of wives and children than are many husbands and

In the last stages of a great racial struggle, of course," it might be well enough to take every available manthat has come to our attention hears and force to go those who showed no wfilingness. But the head of a family who would rush off at the first beat-Weekly. Expert Graves claims to ing of the drums should be restrained. He may not be needed. Certain it is sples and he undertakes to tell all that there are plenty of single men about the Kaiser's great fighting ma- to fill up the ranks. Besides, how is his family to subsist on the miserly After wandering through a couple allowances that are given the man in of thousand words without shedding the ranks? In no army does the reany light on the subject which heads muneration suffice to maintain a famhis article, and revealing little about tiy; and this is particularly so in the the reputedly great German fighting British service, where a few shillings a month make up the soldier's pay. inite information on the subject, the Even British officers do not receive

A man has reached a sad stage ballot. a Zeppelin into action, drops a few first blare of the trumpets, led away minority organizations proportionate has dropped so that the boarding tons of explosives from the clouds and by a mere lust of battle which is given representation in the sets ablaze such villages as Paris and a halo by the much-abused senti-London. Furthermore he shows that ment of patriotism. Such a man is in "fair discussion of minority meass no escaping these aerial mon-They can rise to such height man and it is well indeed to restrain licity of the merits and demerits of woods today he will find that history that the aeroplane cannot well follow. him, at least until such time as he bills offered by the minority mem- has made rapid strides during his becomes a real necessity on the firing bers favorable action cannot then be brief absence.

ALGEBRA FOR GIRLS.

We have just read in a contempoly opposed to it as a study for girls. of the assembly. A majority is He says nothing and apparently to girls he is convinced upon the authority of J. H. Francis, superintend- as promptly as it desires. ent of the Los Angeles schools.

Mr. Francis propounds five objections to algebra. ment is that it isn't true. Women if they are preparing to teach, algebra chemist. A woman architect out algebra, exactly as a man would. We wish Mr. Larkin had been a little more moderate in his first objection, and in his second too, for that an eminent investigator, who treats matter. He says "it is a total waste the subject of "cancer houses." There of women's time to study algebra." matter. He says "it is a total waste

Mr. Larkin says in the third place more liable to acquire cancer than that algebra injures women's minds. were told that any serious study in jured women's minds. Algebra afmen's. Some it injures, some it beneand every woman one in seven. It is fits. There are women mathemati-

The fourth objection is that algebra has "permanently injured women's health in hundreds of cases." cer house," or as safe as it is to live statement requires proof. Any study may be injurious if it is unwisely pur Algebra is like all the rest in that particular. Neither sex is immune from such injury and neither is exceptionally subject to it. Eating remarks will be reassuring to persons pie has "permanently injured the who are obliged to live in houses suphealth of hundreds of women" and hundreds of men, too. So has drinkafter all he may be mistaken. He ing ice water on a hot day. Unhapdraws his conclusions from a series pily the time has not yet come when

Finally, says Mr. Francis, in view of all these hideous facts, it is "a crime to teach algebra to girls." Mr. Francis' address was delivered before ity that cancer may be communicated the National Educational Association at St. Paul. It is a pity that the will avoid suspected dwell- teachers of the land were compelled It is not a effect. "crime" to teach any branch of stand on its own bottom. It is not short memory.

danger. Nobody really knows. It is knowledge to girls. It is foolish and all guesswork. The judicious will often injurious to teach them subjects for which they have no aptitude and no use, but it is just as foolish and cause it warns us not to put too much injurious to teach such subjects to

Mr. Francis might have spent his allotted half hour before the association to noble advantage had he enarged upon the folly of forcing indigestible knowledge into the heads of either sex. Applied to girls only and not to boys his remarks bespeak a narrow mind swayed by antiquated superstitions.

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INCORRECT EXPRESSIONS. A correspondent at Salem writes The Oregonian to inquire whether such expressions as "blacksmith shop, barber shop, carpenter shop" and the like are correct. There is no authority for any of them. He also asks the question about "blacksmiths" shop, barbers' shop, carpenters' shop, These are also incorrect. In the first list the apostrophe is omitted. In the second it is placed after the final "s. The proper usage is to place the apostrophe before the final "s." correct expressions are blacksmith's shop, barber's shop, carpenter's shop. The same rule applies in all similar

There is hardly a rule of grammar does not have a great many qualifications and exceptions.

AMEND SHIPPING LAWS.

The bill now before the Senate permitting the registry of foreign-built only benefit the American merchant marine, if Americans take the opportunity to buy foreign ships and regis ter them in this country. The United States is precluded by treaty from admitting to American registry ships owned by citizens of belligerents, and belligerents will treat as enemy's ships any vessels transferred within thirty days of the declaration of war unless they have passed into American own ership. Americans can, however, se cure the rights of neutrals for vessels of belligerents which they buy and register in this country.

The benefit of this law-in enlarging our merchant marine will, however, prove only temporary unless Congress revises our navigation and shipping laws generally. As these laws nov stand, the cost of operating ships under American register is much greater than under foreign register. The nattendency after the war will be for American owners to sell ships to foreigners, who will then get the advantage of lower operating cost. We should then become no better off than we are now. The only means of gaining permanent accessions to our merchant marine is to revise the laws in such manner that ships can be operated as cheaply under American as under foreign ownership. should be lost about this, for the war reverse? may be over before Congress meets again in December. A commission to examine into the whole matter should be appointed at the present session and should report at the next session, that a law may be passed and that the shipowners may get the benefit of it before competition forces them to sell,

NOT A SAFEGUARD

One of the fanciful arguments in support of proportional representashorten the initiative and referendum which he draws pay. The theory is that proporrepresentation would insure which would result in the Assembly pie for dessert.

long delayed on their good measures. Introduction of a bill and the presence as a member of some one Another drop in the international or several men who approve it do rary some remarkable observations not necessarily mean that there will upon algebra. The author is furious- be discussion of its merits on the floor majority whether it be one or twenty knows nothing about its value to in excess of the minority and a maboys. But that it is sadly injurious jority in control of membership and committee assignments can kill a bill

But were the facts otherwise and had there been proportional repre-The first is that sentation in the last Legislature there "women absolutely and positively is absolutely no indication in the list have no use for it." The only re- of measures submitted for the comsponse one can make to this state- ing election that any one of them would already have been enacted. The have as much use for algebra as men Legislature does not pass constituhave. If they intend to be engineers, tional amendments. They must be as many women do in these days, or submitted to vote of the people. Nineteen of the twenty-nine measures are is indispensable to them. It is needed proposed amendments to the constiby a woman chemist as much as by a tution. None of the ten bills is a measure offered by party or organiwould find herself in sad straits with- zation of sufficient strength to se cure distinctive representation even

under the proportional system. Of the ten bills submitted two were proposed by the Legislature itself. They are not such as should have been adopted by the Legislature It is a waste of their time if they do They provide for millage taxes to supnot need it in their careers. If they port two normal schools now closed chools are to be reopened the people

themselves should so elect. Undoubtedly six of the remaining It was not so very long ago that we bills would be duly discussed and de bated were they submitted to the Legislature as it is now constituted. above the age of 35 stands one chance fects women's minds just as it does Two perhaps would be summarily disposed of, whether the Legislature were "proportional" or not. One regnot necessary, therefore, to introduce clans who study algebra, calculus and ulates the hours and working conditions of female workers in certain employments, which is a matter already delegated by law to the Public Welfare Commission, an earnest, capable body which makes its orders and rules after careful investigation. The other creates a tax code commis sion, something we already have Neither one should be on the ballot or occupy the time of the Legislature. The six remaining measures are the

> following: Nonpartisan judiciary measure. Authorizing municipal wharves and

ocks. Consolidating state corporation and surance departments. Dentistry bill.

Abolishing Desert Land Board. Providing for primary delegate elections. The voter should not have been bothered with the necessity of considering several of the foregoing, but here is not the alightest assurance that he would have had that relief were proportional representation in That particular proposal must

an adjunct or safeguard of direct leg direct and definite representation by naking the Legislator's constituency widely scattered and unknown to him. In exchange for representation based on population, residence and wellidentified constituency, it offers representation on the basis of the Legislator's general political beliefs and on constituency throughout the state unidentified except as having so much numerical strength.

Russian millionaires expelled from Germany say they "now for the first time in their lives know what poverty Having learned the lesson it is to be hoped that they will not forget it and will feel sympathy for those who suffer poverty not merely for a few days in an emergncy but all their lives long. Many wealthy persons are cruel to the poor, not so much from intention as from ignorance Experience never has taught them 'what poverty means.

Of late years a great many old stables in New York have been made over into dwellings. They are spa clous, well-built and readily Peo

Edinburgh has been celebrating John Napler's tercentenary. He was the man who invented logarithms, the greatest labor saver ever devised for calculators. He was a contemporary of Kepler and Shakespeare and 4n his own province was as remarkable as either of those geniuses. His logarithms were calculated by delving into the inner nature of numbers without help from the higher mathematics. Now they are readily reproduced from easy formulas Edinburgh has been celebrating ships without restriction as to age can arithms were calculated by delving of duced from easy formulas,

> treasury deficit onto the war. their other shortcomings.

Just one gleam of humor glints through the murk of war. If the Kaiser should win there are not enough crows in the world for the subsequent big feed.

There is here a Federal Commission to learn what is the matter with Oregon. That is easy work. There is nothing the matter with Oregon. Oregon is all right.

After thirty-five years of wedded life a local couple seek divorce. After sticking it out that long they should have learned to adjust all difference between them.

An American just back from Berlin says he saw in the streets of the Imperial capital Russians kicked by Did he expect to see the

avoid complications Germany To would like to give her territory-over to China. But China very naturally sidesteps the troublesome gift.

caped being forced into Mexico two weeks ago. The possibility still looms ominously on the horizon, It was high time John Barrett

broke loose on American opportunity tion is that its effect would be to in the dinky republics. It is that for Anyway the price of dried fruits

> Legislature house habitues will be able to have When Knowles emerges from the

It is reported officially that the British army has landed in France.

bucket. Canadian wives object to their husmands going to war, but they will warm up when the big fighting be-

gins. Transfer from Brussels to Antwerp is said to be not of immediate necessity; just merely to be on the safe side.

Although the distance in miles is small the Germans still have a long way to travel before they reach Paris.

The hunter who starts a forest fire to run the deer out of the woods should get at least a life term.

The vaudeville end of it will be staged when Turkey, Italy and Greece begin in the Dardanelles. With the international lineup

welve to three some interesting fighting may be looked for. Well-oiled machines handled the

Nebraska primaries. Nearly everybody was renominated Colonel Hofer might at least make

an attempt to break the drouth with material at hand. It appears as if Italy will have to

Victory seems to rest with the country which gets out the last dis-

Now that the Czar is done "making medicine," his troops will begin to

fight. The President urges us not even to take sides psychologically in the

That is a "ripping" fine board of directors for next year's Rose Festi-

Villa, who is a real fighter, must regret he is not living in Europe. Western Oregon's most delightful

eason is now at hand. The real victim of the war is the Swiss hotelkeeper.

Are you still able to afford sugar with your tea?

Alfonso and his minister have

islation. It is a proposal to sacrifice For That Reason Contributor Ques-

tions Value of Dr. White's Plan. PORTLAND, Or., Aug. 19 .- (To the Editor)—Be his views ever so Editor.)—One who devotes any time to study and reads the Oregonian must remark from time to time such editorials as the one entitled "Commercialized Muse," published recently.

In The Oregonian a few years back one poet contributed his wall captioned ance of those doctors on whom falls

Briefly, he advocates the socialisation of medicine" with a view to extion of medicine" with a view to examining every man, woman and child at least once a year. The doctor very at least once a year. The doctor very business deals to future generations. We are so ashamed of them ourselves that if there was any possibility of that if there was any possibility of that if there was any possibility of their hecoming known even though we ent regime people "don't go to a doc-tor until they are forced to," so it is natural to conclude that the doctor's ourselves were dead and forgotten we Ctopia would involve examination that

was compulsory.

He is reported further as affirming that "efforts to get people to have themselves examined at least once a year have borne some results, but not swidespread enough. The only way this can be managed is for the state itself to take hold of it."

Of course, the avowed end in view is the lengthening of our days and destined to the day he wrote "Savan that of the source that the language about the swine and sees how exactly he has depicted the human heart today as well as in the day he wrote "Savan that "Savan the lengthening of our days and destined to the language about the swine and sees how exactly he has depicted the human heart today as well as in the day he wrote."

the lengthening of our days and de-populating our eleemosynary institu-tions. The question is, "Will it do it?" inatingly. If two blacksmiths owned a shop together we might properly speak of "the blacksmiths' shop" and in like circumstances it would be correct to write "barbers' shop."

Good English is not a thing that can be attained by following blind rules without thought. It requires both knowledge and sound judgment.

There is bardle.

In 1910 Dr. Richard C. Cabot read a revelations of the post-mortem examinations. The net result showed that the diagnosis was correct in only about 50 per cent of the enure aggregation of cases; in the other 50 per cent the other 50 p to blame their tariff failure and treasury deficit onto the war. The weather, no doubt, is to blame for their other shortcomings mistaken in his diagnosis, either by commission or omission; i. e., he*had either diagnosed conditions which were not present, or had overlooked those that were there. According to Dr. Cabot's statements, the percentage of correct diagnosis reached the low figure of 16 per cent in acute nephritis, 20 per cent in acute pericarditis, and be found who has devoted his life to study instead of the sporting page 22 per cent in chronic myocarditis, and

In commenting on this, the National

In commenting on this, the National Druggist says:
"Now, if a man of Dr. Cabot's recognized supremacy in the field of diagnosis, with the courage and candor to face the real facts, confesses that he is only able to make a correct diagnosis in something has 50 per cent of all the cases that he undertakes, and considerably less than that in those diseases which make anything like a considerably less than that in those diseases which make anything like a tax upon expert skill—what is the irresistible conclusion concerning the thousands of practicing physicians whose skill in this direction is admit-

There is much evidence that might be submitted on this subject and that might prove more damaging than the above. Under the circufstances I submit that the state would be actoring outside of its province in enforcing outside of its province in enforc-ing the physical examination of its or Federal Council, representing the citizens when such examination is states, is necessary.

fraught with so much uncertainty.

THOMAS R. REED.

Thomas is necessary.

In making treaties the Kaiser's power is limited by this clause of the It appears that we narrowly es-

ALARM OVER WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN Correspondent Sees "Medical Trust" at Work Again in Health Suggestion.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Aug. 18.—(To the Editor.)—In The Oregonian, Sunday, August 16, there appeared an article headed "Periodical Health Tests Are Advised." Rose of Which Work and Advised." sed," most of which was quoted Dr. Calvin S. White, secretary of Advised,"

the State Board of Health.

Dr. White states that "The question of universal periodic medical examination is now a foremost topic in the big Eastern centers." Who is keeping it "foremost," the people or the doctors. "foremost," the people or the doctors
Are the people crying for and insisting n compulsory medical inspection? Further on Dr. White says, "Efforts

to get people to have themselves examined at least once a year have borne some results, but not widespread enough. The only way this can be managed, he says, "is for the state itself to take hold of it." In other words it is is plainly evident that Dr. White is in favor of a law in Oregon which will make medical inspection compulsory a least once a year, and if such a law is enacted, every man, woman and child will be compelled to present themselves

will be compelled to present themselves before a doctor and be examined.

Who will the examining physician be? Consider this question for just a moment. This is to be a state law and it is advocated by the secretary of the State Board of Health. From this we can be reasonably sure that the enforcement of this law will be left to the of Health and that the State Board Board of Health of each county, city and village will be instructed to look

only this, but other states? They are, almost without exception, members of the American Medical Association, who pathle physicians.

If such a law is passed will we be permitted to choose our own physician for this examination? Will the State Board of Health be satisfied with a cer-Board of Health be satisfied with a cer-tificate of health from a Homeopathic or an Osteopathic physician, or anyone else not a member of the American Medical Association? You can rest as-

sured they will not.

The doctors complain that the legal The doctors complain that the legal price of examination for a marriage licensa is too low. Suppose we set the price of this compulsory examination at two dollars each. With a population of 672,765 (1810 census) the American 672,765 (1910 census) the Am Medical Association in Oregon would reap over \$1,345,530, to say noth fight after all in order to keep out of ing of the amount that would be added to their coffers through the treatment of diseases they would "find." No wonder they want compulsory medical examination under their supervision. A.e the people of the State of Oregon

to be compelled to consult a physician and yet be prohibited from having the physician of their c FRANK B. CRAM.

Sugar in United States PORTLAND, Aug. 19.—(To the Edi-tor.)—What per cent of the suger con-sumed in the United States is home production, including American pos-

What is the percentage that is im ported from Germany? The United States has been getting its supply from Porto Rico, Hawaii and the Philippines, with occasional very small importations from Java, Mexico and Chill-none from Germany. The beet sugar crop of this country is 609,000 tons, which will supply the

domestic demand for two months. The consumption of sugar in the United States in the calendar year 1912, estimated by Collett & Gray, tablished mints, Each coin bears an in New York, was as follows: Imported from Hawaii, Porto Rico and Philippines, 2,608,632 tons; domestic total (cane, maple, beet and manufactured from imported molasses), 789,200 tons, cisco, Denver and Carson City.

DIAGNOSES FAR FROM CERTAIN MORE QUANTITY THAN QUALITY Commercialization Extends to General

Literature as Well as Poetry. MULTNOMAH, Or., Aug. 19,-(To the

the duty of acquainting the public with the policies of the American Medical Association. Dr. Calvin S. White's views as reported in last Sunday's Oregonian are as fair an example of this as can be found.

Briefly, he advocates the "socialization of medicina" with a view to a was probably taking in washing?

was probably taking in washing? We don't want any prying and impuourselves were dead and forgotten we fear it would disturb our rest.

Our railroad embankments will speak some kind of riddle in the 75 or 100

as well as in the day he wrote. "Seven Cities begged Homer dead where living Homer begged his bread." The poet drawing down from \$20,000 to \$100,000

We add more volumes to the shelves

to study instead of the sporting page and has met with his reward. I sincerely hope you give the enter-prising people who also claim themprising people who also claim them-selves to be the true seed more nuts to

D. HOLADAY.

KAISER'S POWER IS DISCUSSED Extent of His Authority in Making Peace and War.

TACOMA, Aug. 18 .- (To the Editor.) The Amen Corner of the Tacoma Commercial Club is an institution where the members "contradict" and tedly far below that of Dr. Cabot, who lave not the facilities that lie at his command, and whose opportunities for verification or dispropor are practically nil?"

There is much side of the definition of deciaring was a singular institution where the members "contradict" and read the Oregonian. One member from the Dailes calls it his Bible. Reference is had in this contribution to an editorial upon the powers of the Kaiser in the matter of deciaring was a singular institution. erification or disprooof are practi-ally nil?"

There is much evidence that might of the war ford quotes the imperial

onstitution: "When a treaty with a foreign state involves matters which come under article four of the imperial con-stitution not only is the consent of the undesrat necessary for their sion but the approval of the Reichstag is essential to their validity."

Another bone of contention in the corner is the right of the Kalser to dissolve the Reichstag. His friend says, in substance, that he cannot dissolve at his own sweet will the Reichatag. That power the constitution lodges with the Bundesrat with the consent of he Kalser. The dissolution is upon the nitiative of the Federal Council. When ussolved, an election of new members always for five years, must follow and thereafter within 90 days the new Reichstag must be convened. THE AMEN CORNER,

The Encyclopedia Britannica says: The executive power is in the Emperor's hands. He represents the empire internationally and can declare war if defensive, and make peace as well as enter into treatles with other nations. For declaring offensive war the consent of the Federal Council

(Bundesrat) must be obtained, Of the 58 members of the Bundesrat 17 are appointed by the Emperor as King of Prussia and his influence is such that he dominates that body and is therefore practically absolute in forign affairs. For the same reason he can bring about dissolution of the Reichstag at will, for he' can cause the Bundesrat to take the initiative. We may have erred as to the form of after their respective districts.

Who comprises the membership of the constitution, but we were substantially right as to its practical working.

> Law of Descent in Washington THE DALLES, OR., Aug. 18,-(To the Editor.)—Kindly tell me to whom property would go in the state of Washington if said property was left by a ceased wife who was survived children by a first marriage and by a second husband, if property was ac-quired before the second marriage and with the help of the children? The lady's first husband being deceased, and having no children by the second could the second husband marriage, could the second husband claim a share of the property according

> to the laws of the state of Washington' INQUIRER. The property would go to the children: the husband would receive no part

> Garnishment of Wages PORTLAND, Aug. 19.—(To the Edi-or.)—Kindly inform me if vendor can attach vendee's wages to enforce pay ment of account. A SUBSCRIBER. Wages up to \$75 earned in the 30

days preceding attachment are exempt, except that one-half of such amount may be attached for indebtedness inurred for actual family necessities. Would Starve Belligerents.

ROSEBURG, Or., Aug. 17.—(To the Editor.)—In The Oregonian today you have a lengthy article, "We Must Feed Europe." I believe you are right about the source of supplies for the fighting countries, but would it not be far better for the United States to notify the elligerent nations that they can have neither food nor money to continue their warfare, but both as soon a

CURTIS P. COE.

Where Mints Are Located SYLVAN, Or., Aug. 17 .- (To the Editor.)-Please enlighten your country readers as to the various places where the United States Government has es

peace is declared?

itial indicating point of origin, but some of these are unknown to our citi-zens. COUNTRY SUBSCRIBER. New Orleans, Philadelphia, San Fran-

Little Editorials on Business

The Value of a Trade-Mark.

The trade-mark is the manufacturer's "coat-of-arms." As the aristoeratie families of Europe are known by their heraldic emblems, the American manufacturer is known by the trade-mark on his

It is a mark of identification, the assurance of quality, and a guaran-

No trade-mark yet devised was worth very much until it was advertised. To name a piece of merchandise is like naming a-child. In either case the name isn't worth very much until it stands for some-

The President of the United States is one of the products of the Wilson family. His name didn't make him any different from any other baby, but now most any man in the United States would be glad to take the name and place of Woodrow Wilson.

Uneeda Biscuit is a product of the National Biscuit Co. When it was named it wasn't much different from any other soda cracker, but now the Unceda trade-mark is worth several million dollars. Any cracker manufacturer could in crease his sales a thousand -fold with this name on his package,

There are just two things that make a trade-mark valuable. The first is the good, honest quality of the article that bears the name the second is advertising. Honest values and advertising must go to gether.

There are probably many lines of iosiery as good as Onyx Hosiery, but few lines have as large a sale. The Onyx trade-mark has been consistently advertised. The own ers of the Onyx are not manufac

turers, but jobbers.

The label H. S. & M. or Alfred Benjamin in a suit of clothes means something to the wearer and to the dealer, as well as to the manufac turer.

The Keen Kutter brand on tools and the trade-mark on the heel of a shoe stand for unvarying quality and honest values. The well-known advertised trade-

marked merchandise is sold with-

out question or argument concerning its value. The great American consumer is buying the things best known to him. This is human na-The largest selling lines of food, clothing, and other necessities, as well as many of the luxuries, bear the brand and trade-mark of the

The Oregonian has been a big fac tor in creating a demand for these articles. As a consumer it will pay you to ask for and insist upon having advertised goods. As a retailer with a trade-marked line of your own it will pay you to advertise the

manufacturer. For over 50 years

goods to the homes reached every day by The Oregonian. If you are a manufacturer or a jobber we will be glad to help you extend your market and increase the consumption of your trade-

marked product. You can make your trade mark more valuable to you, to your dealers, and to the users of your goods.

Lightning Rods Wall Street Journal

agent can soon be expected. According Reappearance of the lightning rod to a bulletin of the Ontario Department of Agriculture, 13 years of investigations demonstrate that lightning rods are now 94% per cent efficient in the province. In the state of lows they are 98.1 per cent efficient, and in Michigan 99.9 per cent.
Total lightning claims paid by insur-

ance companies on rodded buildings in lowa during eight years was only \$4464, while on unrodded buildings, which were of the same number, they paid were of the same number, they paid \$341,065. In Ontario, out of every 200 farm buildings insured, 42 are redded. Yet out of every 200 struck by light-ning in 1912 only three were redded.

But don't let the agent put up rods that run through glass insulators. According to the Ontario bulletin, they hould be in metallic connection the building and no insulators should be used.

Growth of Western Canada.

Toronto Globe. It is predicted that by 1915 Western Canada will produce 600,009,000 bushels of wheat amoustly. The population is increasing more rapidly than the rail-road development and there is serious apprehension that it will not be possiole to handle the enormous crops.

The Better Part of Valor By Denn Collins.

My grandsires were of Irish stuff, tough and Britains bluff, And Highland Soutchmen wild and

rough,
A bunch of fighting stock;
So of a warlike mood I am—
A modern son of Uncle Sam—
I like to see them smash and slam
And make old Europe rock;
I like to watch the distant fray, Where varied nations cut and It makes me want to yelp "Hooray! The riot and the rout of it-But still I guess

Is better off left out of it. I'm strong for Mars, the god of fight; The victor's might; the foeman's flight; I like to see the thrilling sight Of armies in a scrap; And so with gies I contemplate The powers as they congregate From every kingdom, clime and state,

To modify the map. I like to see the big turmoil; like to see the hosts embroil, In battle, plunder, loot and spoil And make a mighty bout of it-But Uncle Sam,

Well pleased that you're left out of it. The world is mingled in the fray In every way, and every day We read about some brand new way

That armies smash each other. Indeed it is a brilliant thing To think how heavy forces fling Themselves on center, flank and wing Beneath the powder smother. This is a time that doth produce And turn a bunch of heroes loose In camp and field, in fight and truce,
And myriad poets spout of it-But still I say

Does very nicely out of it.