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JAPAN'S MARTIAL ACTIVITIES.

It was entirely to be expected that Germany would not accede to the terms of the Japanese ultimatum and that war would ensue. There was a marked resemblance between the Japanese demand on Germany and the Austrian ultimatum to Servia. It was a document that could receive but one answer-or no answer at all.

While the action of Japan is deliberate, even cold-blooded, one must recall the German ultimatum of nineteen years ago, when the Kaiser stepped between the rising young power in the East and the fruits of her victory over China. It is re-corded that the Japanese tauntingly two copied the ancient German phraseology in advising Germany to eliminate herself from the Far East. To Germany the ultimatum must have come as an ancient diplomatic aggression returned home to roost, a sow ing of the wind and a reaping of the whirlwind.

Yet humors of diplomacy do not make for war. Naturally, there is a deeper and more abiding reason behind Japan's action. Nor must it be assumed that Japan is prompted by no greater reason than treaty obligations with England, for by the terms of the treaty she is compelled maintenance of the general peace in India." The treaty calls for Japanese dispatched a full army division of Orient. Attention need not be called to the fact that no such attacks have occurred in the present situation.

However, Japan has shown no evidence that she is acting in other than good faith. She has announced that the German holdings in China will be returned to China in due time. That it is in the public mind to hold Kiau-Chau as a prize of war is suggested by utterances of the conservative Japanese press, yet there is no present reason to question the govour cause for alarm might be vastly increased.

While the trouble between Germany and Japan will be a small affair so far as the great world war is concerned, there is no other aspect of the vast conflict that so deeply concerns and interests the people of the United States. We have been assured that Japan will limit the scope

East. It is inevitable that the Japenese shall win easily and quickly, Overwhelming force of numbers ad-mits of no other outcome. What the ultimate result will be may depend largely on the outcome of the conflict in Europe. Free to give her full attention to Japan, Germany would make a far different showing. There would seem to be little prospect, however, that the German fleets will be free during the course of the present war to head for Pacific waters. If Portland would not fall heavily on the and infinitely happy mutation. they were the Panama Canal might big property owner. Nor should it. enter acutely into the situation; but He is now paying in some instances such a possibility is too remote for twice as high taxes in proportion to serious consideration. Only an unforeseen calamity to the whole British the small home owner. naval force would render such a thing

OPEN THE STOREHOUSE!

possible.

One advantage to the Pacific Coast vill accrue from the war in the other the attempt by Mr. U'Ren to saddle half of the world if Congress is still more on the large owner. The proded into action concerning the chief purpose of the measure, in the Alaska storehouse. There is reason to light of his loose statements about the believe that it will be. The United States' naval vessels in the Pacific have been using eastern coal brought from the Atlantic in foreign bottoms. Foreign ships are no longer available, while every American ship is needed

to carry on our overseas trade. is a subtle part of the game. Geologists affirm that there are large quantities of coal in the Bering River field suitable for naval purposes. The Cordova Chamber of Commerce asserts that this coal can be placed on the market within ninety days after beginning construction.

Alaska now not only needs Alaska coal for home consumption but it gravely needs the additional industry ever strange they may appear at first to revive other industries or take the we need not jump to the conclusion place of those that are declining because of the war. Prices in the terriscience must be reconstructed. Evotory have leaped to war figures and lution as it came from Darwin taught of the largest copper mines have that the species of living creatures ceased work since the war began. have arisen from simple beginnings.

A change in sea control, though The original primitive forms of life hardly likely, would menace the shipwere gradually modified by "variament of coal from British Columbia tions" which arose nobody knows how. to which the Pacific Coast, as well as But really it made no difference how Alaska, now looks for a large part of they arose. The important fact was its supply. It would be good judgthat some variations gave the possesment to open the Alaska coal fields on sor an advantage in the struggle for some basis that would encourage existence. Hence creatures favored American capital to invest or for the with such variations survived and government to undertake operation propagated their kind while the rest itself.

UPHOLDING TRADITION.

have given the word "fit" a moral value. We have made it a term of The German stand at Kiau-Chau is "worth," as the writers on ethics say. a forlorn hope. The little garrison of to act only for "the consolidation and some 4000 men cannot hope success- But to Darwin's mind it conveyed no

A NEW VIEW OF EVOLUTION.

fully to defend the place against the such meaning. By the word "fit" Darwin meant the India." The treaty calls for Japanese dispatched a full army division of "adapted" and nothing more. Crea-co-operation with England when 16,000 men, with siege guns, to take tures which were adapted to their surthere has been an "unprovoked at- Kiau-Chau and it is improbable that roundings lived and throve. Those plan to make the forest reserves as tack upon British territory" in the additional troops will be needed for not adapted perished, just as we see the assault. No better trained nor them doing today. The pride of the more spirited troops can be found any- successful and fortunate makes them more spirited troops can be found anywish to believe that all creatures fit where in the world than those making up this minor expeditionary army and to survive are at the same time worthy every Briton, home-born and colonial. they will be lacking neither in the to survive, but nothing could be farth- Additional words of comfort might courage nor the ingenuity to push or from the truth. Worth is a moral have been given by stating just where home the attack. That warfare is affected vastly by mental. A person extremely unfit doing.

tradition and sentiment is suggested by physically may be of the highest worth the German stand in China. The Ger- morally, as all history shows and as rash apostles of compulsory eugenics man forces, if they persist in the de-termination to fight, will have not the are slowly learning. Small variations slightest chance of gaining any ad- added together through numberless ernment's sincerity. If there were vantage. They can expect no relief generations finally became large ones from the Fatherland. Germany has and thus, according to Darwin's views,

no means of sending re-enforcements the various species of living things either now or at any later time in the came into being. The point is that slege of Kiau-Chau. So the German in Darwin's theory, "variations" were soldiers must spill their blood and that something added to the primitive creature. Neither Darwin himself nor of their foemen needlessly. The only any of his successors explained how thing they can hope to gain is the hollow glory of death in battle. They they came to be added until Bergson solved the mystery. Herbert Spencer thought that the may achieve a place in song and tra-

dition beside that of the Light Brigade. of her operations to the Far East, yet But certainly their action in defending variations were accidentally acquired this announcement is subject to a Kiau-Chau will have no standing in by the parents and then transmitted wide interpretation. The action of the light of reason. Acting intel- to their offspring but Weissmann Kiau-Chau will have no standing in by the parents and then transmitted President Wilson in maintaining a ligently they would surrender promptproved that this could not be so ly in the face of an utterly hopeless quired variations, as he demonstrated, cannot pass on by heredity. A later situation. However, reason is not so much of hypothesis was that new traits are a force in the world as we had, until brought out by crossing different spe- at cles and no doubt there is some truth recently, fondly led ourselves to bein it. Mendel's law throws light on lieve. this particular point. Factors which have long lain hidden in a species may

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to drive German influence out of the still give the small holder an advancan say what barrier may fall next. tage in the exemption. But large, in-Modern investigators see reason to believe that evolution proceeds by "mucome-producing holdings are now assessed at a higher percentage of true tations" rather than by slow changes. Wide breaches are made in the dead walls of resisting matter and revoluvalue than are the small tracts. In Portland high class business property has an assessed value as high as 80 to tionary forces may appear over night.

85 per cent. The percentage graduates Thus the new hypothesis enables us downward in residence property in acto discern meaning in situations that cordance with the class of the dishave sometimes looked hopeless. Pertrict to as low as 35 per cent in the haps the war that has swept over the earth may be the unavoidable tumuit poorer localities. It is safe to say that a readjustment of assessed values in that accompanies some world-wide

MILITARY CENSORSHIP.

Strict military censorship of the the true value of his property as is news on the firing line in Europe is showing serious disadvantages even to the several contestants in the great But nobody knows what the asses sors of the future will do if the \$1500 conflict. The principal drawback is exemption carries. Facts about their an inaccurate or overdrawn statement in many cases of what is going on at the front. When the present system of bearing lightly on the small property owner are more important as showing the injustice of news comes from troop commanders it, apparently cannot be free from The commanding officers are inclined to put their own interpretation upon what is occurring and that rich man's exemptions, and in view without due consideration to the eneof the real facts, is seemingly to my's viewpoint. Thus the conflict promote class warfare. And that, too, ing military claims of the present is apparently the object of his proporstatus of affairs at many points. tional representation scheme. Mr Were competent, unbiased corre U'Ren is at heart a Socialist. He is

spondents permitted to send out working for Socialism. Class warfare uncensored reports the world would know with a greater degree of accuracy just what is happening from hour to hour. Provided the correspondents were prevented from disclos-There is little to disturb the minds ing important troop movements, of orthodox evolutionists in Professor no especial harm could be expected William Bateson's new hypothesis. As from such reports. In fact much good president of the British Association his might come from a true account of words carry great weight and his ideas the condition of affairs and an acmust receive consideration, but howcurate statement of the real course of

battle. Neither side may hope to gain that they are revolutionary or that any advantage by claiming a victory which has not been reaped.

> Let's see! Wasn't there a man by th Let's see: Wasn't there a man by the name of Withycombe nominated for some-thing or other at the May primarles? As we remember it, a man of that name was running for Governor a few weeks ago.— Oregon Messenger (Dem.)

Let us hope that our Salem Democratic neighbor will continue to make his opposition to Mr. Withycombe as emphatic as possible. Mr. Withy-combe is thus advertised by his un-loving friends. Did The Messenger ever hear the classic tale of Ajax and the lightning?

died out. This process was called the "survival of the fit." In our day we The ten-acre Summer homestead bill seems to be well designed, though it may endanger the water supply of Portland and perhaps other cities. Commissioner Daly thinks it best to Commissioner Daly thinks it best to

oppose the bill. Would it not be wiser to propose an amendment to cure the objection? Surely it is an excellent

The news that Nelson's prayer was read on all ships is comforting to

A racing programme that is all harness events are classy, but what the public wants and will pay to see is a number of running races. These provide the thrills that bring men and

Belgium has protested to the United States over the German in-

Italy and Austria are about to be mand of the enthroned, intermarried drawn in, as well as the Balkan states and interbred offspring of the and Turkey. Slowly, but surely, the zollerns, Guelphs, Habsburg, Braganzas conflagration is spreading over the and what-not, who are quarrelling whole world. vhole world.

CONFLICT VINDICATES MALTHUS PURPOSE IS PLAIN SINGLE TAX \$1500 Exemption Amendment Is Dis-

War Will Be Natural Until Man Curbs Own Fruitfulnes

PORTLAND, Aug. 23 .- (To the Editor.)-Perhaps the war in Europe may be explained in one word: overpopulation. The fecundity of the human animal is such that sooner or later popu lation will outrun food supply, and then comes the bloody fight which deter-mines who is to control subsistence. It is pretty generally agreed that the great movements of the Slavic and Germanic barbarians southward upon ancient Rome were caused by growth in the numbers of the invading and mi-grating hordes. Likewise the period of peace preceding the Crusades had re-sulted in overpopulation in relation to the ability of soclety to produce food for its members. Hence an overflow

was necessary toward the east. The equilibrium was again restored by war, famine and epidemic. The discovery of America in 1492 made possible the expansion of popu-lation and relieved the pressure in Europe. Similarly the religious wars of the sixteenth and seventeenth cen-

turies reduced the surplus. The wars of Frederick the Great in the eighteenth century made over-crowding impossible. The Napoleonic wars in the early nineteenth century, with their toll of eight or nine mil-lion lives, kept the population within bounds.

Since the last great conflict, the Since the hast store court, the powers of the western world have been at peace with each other. Sani-tary and medical science has decreased the death rate. The Germanic and Slavic nations have increased vastly in population. Territory in Europe, the cultivable area, is limited. The result is that these two prolific races are is that these two profile races are treading on each other's toes on their respective frontiers. Either one of two things was inevitable from the be-ginning: war or control of human fecundity.

Malthus has again been vindicated in the essential soundness of his theory of population. In only one country in mind with false logic and impossible utopian ideas the story is short, rea-soning simple and the conclusions world has the Malthusian law increase been superseded by the in-tervention of human intelligence, and axiomatic. that is France. She may yet have to pay the penalty for standing at the front of civilization surrounded by navanced civilization. tions less capable of controlling a great natural force, that of human pro-

creativeness. Of one thing we may be certain: will be inevitable until mankind has learned to adjust its own reproductive powers to the capacity of the earth to bring forth sustenance. Any intelli-gent farmer will tell you it is easier

The value of cultivated land will be measured by the value of the improve-ments and cost of bringing unculti-vated land into producing condition vated land into producing condition for the reason that, being owned by the state, raw land will be ready for the taking without original cost. Are the people of Oregon ready for this condition? Are the farmers ready to have their values increased for tax-allon and decreased for transfer? methods of agriculture formitories will science and mechanics, the time will come when population will press upon food supply. Then an equilibrium will be restored either by nature through war, famine, epidemic and natural catastrophe or by artificial restriction. This conscious limitation is practiced today by many, but the vast mass of mankind as yet knows nothing about

homogeneous mass, filled with broth-erly love each for the other, each one doing his part simply for the sake of doing, with no other thought than the granter block of the thought than the Hence, much as we may dislike to do it, we must reconcile ourselves to war as natural until the time comes when intelligence will guide man in the

more efficient control of his own fruit-fulness. NEO-MALTHUSIAN, WHY SHOULD NOT WOMEN RISE!

They May, Not to Make but to End War, Says Mrs. Duniway.

PORTLAND, Ang. 23 .- (To the Editor.)-Sitting at my window, reading, and pondering over the terrible war news, of which the press dispatches are full. I cannot but wohder how much longer it is to be before the women of United States over the German in longer it is to be before the work of vasion. Well, we're sorry, but we the species shall be empowered with sufficient ubiquity and wisdom to arise in their might and refuse to bear soldiers at their peril. to be butchered by hundreds of thousands at the com-

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Twenty-Five Years Ago

guise, Says Mr. Rigby. From The Oregonian August 24, 1889. VALE, Or., Aug. 21 .- (To the Edi-Williams avenue presents a scene of bustle and excitement. A great many men are laying the track from Grant to tor.)-Do the people of Oregon want single tax? That is the question Whether to endure the Ills we have. Morris street. The street is b with teams hauling away o other teams bringing gravel. The street is blockaded without attempt to remedy them logdirt and ically or fly frantically to the tangled forest of theoretical taxation.

Rev. T. DeWitt Telmage registered at On the statute boks today we have the Esmond Hotel yesterday morning. He left on the morning train for Sa-lem and will return to Portland today. the law: "Uncultivated land shall be assessed as cultivated land equally situated." While license is here given

The notes for the subsidy for building somewhat to the assessor, this on clause indicates a long stride toward the Henry George theory as explained the Waverly-Woodstock electric motor the Henry George line are all taken up, with the excep-tion of a few small ones, and work will in "Progress and Poverty." Comes now Barzee & Co., in connec go shead without fail.

tion with Inde-Prohi-Oregon City law-maker and candidate, presenting an-other Henry George joker for the Ore-A force of men were at work yes terday completing the work of making connection between the rails of the electric motor line across the steel gon voter to unknowingly confirm in the \$1500 exemption act. They fill columns with specific ex-amples showing how it would help bridge

A refreshing rain fell from 3 to 4 the payer of taxes as now constituted, o'clock yesterday morning, which laid the dust, washed off the follage, and taking taxation from the poor and placing it on the rich. Great is the dodging of the real facts. Great the to a great extent dissipated the smoke. It must

pandering to the proletariat. It must be conceded at once that the exemp-tion will let those who have but a lit Commencing on September I there will be a mail service on the Portland & Vancouver Railway, with closed pouches, twice a day. the personal property and those who never expect to have but little per-sonal property escape completely from direct taxation at least.

Albany, Or., Aug. 23. - The streetcars will commence running Mouday. The cars were manufactured in Albany the the the nicipality needs \$10,000 and the tax roll is \$10,000,000 the rate must be 1 and are equal in style and finish to those bought in the East. per cent. If there are 2000 taxpayers exempted \$1500 each the tax roll is di-minished \$3,000,000 and the rate made

Salem, Aug. 23 .- Mrs. Charles Clag minished \$3,000,000 and the rate made 1 43-100 per cent. The levy must then be on visible property, land. The farmer who has been exempted \$1500 must pay the higher rate on the re-mainder, and when a new assessment is made land values must be higher if the rate is to be lowered. Attending to fundamental principles, ceasing to cover our tracks with super-ficial and deceitful arguments, if we cease to attempt to fill the people's mind with fails logic and impossible gett, one of Oregon's old pionears, died this evening. She crossed the plains in 1852 and has realded in Oregon ever

Rev. D. O. Ghormley and family re-turned yesterday from Clatsop, where they have been for several weeks.

Elder R. M. Messick, of Trenton, Mo., will arrive here and take charge Christian Church in East Portland by October.

Mr. Charles Francis Adams, president of the Union Pacific Rallway system; Mr. W. H. Holcomb, vice-president, Mr. G. M. Cummings, assistant general manager; Mr. John Sharp, superin-tendent of the Utah Central, and J. H. society and will increase with advanced civilization. If all personal property should be exempted, all tax put on land, there will follow either a higher rate or greatly increased valuation for taxa-tion purposes on used land. There will be no other land to tax, as it must re-vert to the state. Hubbard, a railroad man from Kansas City, arrived here yesterday morning. General Manager Mellen, Traffic ager Hannaford and General Passen-ger Agent Fee, of the Northern Pa-cific, are expected here today. ARGE

The land speculator will unques-tionably be eliminated. No chance for

Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian of August 24, 1584 Salem, Aug. 22, 1864. Gents: I have just received your invitation to ad-dress the citizens of Pertland at my earliest convenience. I shall be pleased to make a speech in the City of Port-land on the evening of Saturday, the 24th inst. GEORGE H. WILLIAMS. 24th inst. Mesars, Failing, Smith and others.

A little boy, 6 years old, son of Dr. J. A. Chapman, of this city, fell into the river at the foot of Washington street yesterday and was rescued by Richard Hoyt barely in the child's life. After the little fellow had been restored to consciousness and taken home he related that he was fishing when another boy pushed him

doing, with no other thought than the greatest benefit to his fellow man, be he peasant, coolie, peon or Hottentot, is utoplan. Are the people of Oregon ready for that condition? Evidence is plentiful, accentuated by the present world conditions, that we fish are so closely related in business and all material affairs no big business can be hurt without all business and we relapse into the confusion from which the world has so lately emerged. A neople is ready to drag down only this The largest raft run down the Willamette river for years has been re-ceived at the new wharves of the O. the world has so lately emerged. A people is ready to drag down only when ready to endure the suffering and privation incident during the in-terim of adjustment between annrchy and the establishment of the new dis-pensation. If the people of Oregon have reached the socialistic condition wherein they are willing to live for the mere sake of living, ignoring ma-terial values and competitive success, they are ready for single tax. The evils attendant on so radical a change will be overcome in time; the . N. Company and Captain

The evils attendant on so radical a change will be overcome in time; the night at the theater building to listen sorrow and suffering of the ruined to the debate on the political questions will crase; the moans of misfortune of the day between J. F. Gasley, of Douglas County, one of the Providential pleasures, its work, its giving and Judge A. E. Wait, one of the unterri-

quality. Fitness is purely bodily or the warships are and what they are

women to their feet.

solation I can gather

strict attitude of "hands off" in the difference is to be commended. He is fully justified in the assumption that it is not our quarrel and that Japan's full sincerity is not to be questioned. But the United States must follow

developments of the future with the deepest concern. Should the Japanese aggression extend to the German posssions in the South Pacific we may feel some cause for discomfort in the extension of the Japanese line half way across the Pacific. The question Smith to one delivered by Mr. U'Ren of whether we might then countenance a Japanese naval and coaling station on our line of communication with Mr. U'Ren is prone to speak of the Philippines, within easy striking distance of Hawaii, and on the route to the Panama Canal, might become world. The following excerpt is taken a pressing one.

As to the Japanese treaty with England, that need be no cause for con- and given light for the edification of cern on the part of the United States the people and their posterity: "A man may invest \$5000 in dia since, so far as it operates upon us, monds and be the treaty was practically nullified by the Anglo-Japanese agreement of who invests \$500 in clearing wild land 1911, wherein England was relieved must pay taxes on the clearing." from participation in war with any was said in behalf of the \$1500 He assumes that all variations in livnation with which she might have an step toward single tax. Possibly Mr. U'Ren does not know ously, this arrangement was devised the meaning of the word "invest" but innate factors and neither by external with the United States in view, since as a candidate for high honors and rewe have such a treaty with England sponsible position it is fair to preand England would naturally have sume that he does. Nearly everybody the momentary impulse of the life deepest aversion to making war else does. It means to lay out money in some other form of wealth as upon us

That England has an explicit understanding with Japan as to the scope An "investment" in diamonds is not present martial activities in exempt from taxation. Diamonds that inhibit latent powers or faculties. the Pacific would seem to be probable come under the head of "jewelry and variation then, in the light of the new in view of England's own deep interest in the matter. England, at this use" only are exempt from taxation time, can little afford to antagonize The jeweler who buys diamonds to sell the United States, even were she so inclined. Then her own people in capital into them in expectation of an Australia are even more apprehensive of the Japanese than are Americans them if the assessor does his duty. in the western portion of the United States. British Columbia is bound by similar sentiments. Naturally enough, to say that the man who invests \$500 England is willing to gain the assist- in clearing wild land must pay taxes ance of a distant ally in thrashing a on the clearing. The law of 1913 mortal enemy, yet it is inconceivable provides that "cultivated and unculagreement as to the scope and limits quality, and similarly situated, shall of Japanese activities.

States is concerned in the present sit- putting land into cultivation. uation our tranquility need not be disturbed to anything approaching the the wild land is paying on a cultivated them. extent that might be occasioned were value before he clears it, and pays no Japan and Germany bound by treaty. more after it is cleared. With two such powerful nations entrenching themselves in the Pacific not now obey this law. But the asseswe might foresee their early domi- sors do not obey another law which pines. Philippines highly. they belong to us we must defend provements are now assessed at one them. Then, too, Germany has never third of their true value and thereopenly hostile attitude with such an original assessment was \$1500 tions that have been made are less nearer the true value would wipe out combinations which might have been of the exemption.

_____ PROMOTING CLASS WARFARE.

exempt, but the man

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cease to be recessive and become The U'Ren organ in Oregon City dominant when it is crossed with anfinds it refreshing to turn from the speeches of Dr. Withycombe and Dr. other. But, as Professor Bateson shows, no such explanation suffices for the varieties of sweet peas. This at a picnic held at Selah Springs. We plant cannot be crossed with any also find it refreshing, in a way, for other. Hence all its varieties must have arisen from its own innate propthings and conditions therefore known erties. This harmonizes fairly well only to himself in the whole wide with Bergson's explanation. In his view all variations arise from the unfrom the Selah Springs address, as foreseen impulse of the "life force" published in the Oregon City organ. which is liable to do anything whatever on the spur of the moment with-

out regard to precendent or consequences. Professor Bateson does not, how ever, accept this view of the matter

must in the sweet pea, that is, from How, then, did they arise, if not from

Variations in living things are brought out by the "removal of factors means of obtaining income or profit. that control, mask, suppress of

theory, is something removed from a similar personal effects actually in creature, not something added to Here is the clash between Professor at a profit or the person who puts his Bateson and Darwin, but it is not a very serious clash. It is more a matter of words than substance. Darwin increase in value must pay taxes upon taught that the new power lay hidden Moreover, if the assessor complies in the external environment. Batewith the law, it is not strictly accurate son teaches that it lies hidden in the creature itself. In either case some fortuitous or purposive independent factor is required to bring it out. Bateson looks upon evolution as the that England should not have a full tivated land of the same character and unfolding of potential faculties, all of which were rolled up in the primal creature itself. To Darwin it was an be assessed at the same value." Clear.

So far as the position of the United ing is but one of several steps toward unfolding of faculties wrapped up in the environment, Practically, then, there is not much difference between If this law is observed the owner of

And yet the Bateson hypothesis is more in harmony with the great trend mission.

It may be said that the assessors do of modern thought. Recent discoveries have shown that an unexplored reservoir of power lies hidden in the deeper nance of the western pathways of commerce. Germany's violation of Belgium neutrality suggests that Hol-make more law for them to disregard? land might be over-run and a pre- If the \$1500 exemption be adopted it geniuses of the race. Professor Bateson implies that all of us might do

text established for seizing Dutch pos-sessions in the vicinity of the Philip-sors of the state to say whether it the same thing if the inhibiting or True, we do not value the shall materially affect the distribution suppressive factors that chain our fac-Yet so long as of the tax burden. If a man's im- ulties were removed. Evolution, in his opinion, has been the gradual breaking of these chains. It has been recognized the Monroe doctrine, to after are assessed at two-thirds, the a continual removal of inhibitions. In which she might have assumed a more exemption becomes nil provided his Bergson's language it has been a gradual interpenetration of inert matter by or ally as Japan to reinforce her. It is more. A sudden determination by the the life force. Both expressions come clear that the combinations of na- assessors of the state to assess at to the same thing. The French philos opher sees the life force at work seekcalculated to disturb our serenity than practically all the so-called benefits ing to drive its way through matter. Bateson sees matter gradually giving

way here and there. He sees bar-It is not overlooked that a propor-As to the immediate effect of the tionate increase in the assessed value riers broken down, pathways opened. Japanese-German conflict it will serve of both large and small holdings would imprisoned powers set free. Nobody

after all.

The proposal to bring German prisoners of war to Canada to clear the land is ticklish enough to produce equine cachination.

Paris food prices, in common with those of Berlin, are lower than usual. We are the goats, thanks to our busy little price jugglers.

At least men in the service of German cruisers in the Pacific are not likely to be bothered by life insurance agents.

A French artillery commander dispatched his own son on a mission that meant certain death. War works weird changes in the human animal.

The bravery of the allies is extolled. But how about their co-ordimilitary operations on nation in large scale?

-----When an automobile can skid onto the sidewalk the pedestrian's safe course is in the middle of the street.

The war office with the speediest typewriter is the one that wins the most battles in the dispatches.

The greatest Rose Festival yet is being planned for next year. We are setting ourselves a hot pace.

Darius Miller is fortunate. His appendix was removed before the trainload of first aids arrived.

The allies will raise a war fund of \$100,000,000 for Belgium. The Belgians are earning it.

But if this thing keeps up, where shall we get our customers for the Panama Canal?

Picking the early hops starts this week. Get your umbrella into com-

France declares that the Germans are to be driven out of Belgium, Into France?

-----Dollar wheat and ten-dollar hogs make the Pacific Northwest farmer rejoice.

Is the neutrality law being violated in selling oats to Canadians?

However, a really great battle remains to be fought.

A Zeppelin flying over London will create a sensation.

Perhaps Germany was too busy to inswer.

The Yellow Sea will be blood red. Sons of Albion, attention!

Although one word of common sense would save them, the Germans at Kiau-Chau announce that they will fight. This is a strange old world after all.

such world-renowned peace advocates as David Star Jordan, May Wright Sewall, Madam Breshkofsky and Carrie

Chapman Catt has been the means of stilling the souls of the women peas-antry into ultimate open revolt? These the tor.)-Replying to the letter of Bertha easant women, having borne butchered soldiers at their peril, and Dallinger in your issue of August 21, now harvesting the crops to feed in behalf of a party whom I will name

butchered soldiers at their peril, and bathinger in your issue of Autom I will name more soldiers for future shaughters, are when details for discussion are ar-studying out the why of it all, as they toll in the fields while their hearts are to publicly debate the vaccination quasbreaking and their sons are rotting in the trenches. The women's late peace conferences, Bertha Dallinger to advise when I

The women's late peace conferences, Bertha Dailinger for advise when t can held at Budapest and Rome, followed, as they are, by the international wars that are raging, are slowly awakening the peasant women of the world, arous-ing them to a future uprising against the future of the statements of the vaccina-tion in Japan, Italy or the United that are raging, are showly awakening the peasant women of the world, arous-ing them to a future uprising against the fiat of the double-and-twisted cous-inship of European monarchies, requir-ing no spirit of prophecy to forestell an approaching time when the monarchs, who create the wars, shall do their own fighting and become the personal vic-tims of their own butcherings. ABIGAIL SCOTT DUNIWAY.

hat the forest fires are doing great damage, also that the late potatoes, gardens, etc., can be greatly benefited

gardens, etc., can be greatly benefited by a good soaking rain. I was much amused upon reading Mr. Hofer's description of the necessary equipment for rain making. We need nothing but a direct answer to prayer. God answers prayer for material things, as well as for spiritual. So let us ask God to send rain when it is needed. God to send rain when it is needed. Christ said: "Whatsoever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them and ye shall have them.". People too often pray like the woman who prayed for the mountains in front of her house to be removed. In the morning when she looked out and saw it she said: "Just as I expected."

she said: Just as I expected." I will say, that we have held two services this week, one Tuesday, the other Wednesday in which we prayed for rain, and that the forest fires might be extinguished. The rain is now being sent in some places in direct

answer to our prayers. I therefore, now, ask that all who nay read this article pray for a general an. CHARLES T. M'PHERSON. may read this rain.

Red Cross Needs Aid.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 18.--(To te Editor.)--The Red Cross is greatly need of funds for its war relief work. It is sending surgeons, trained nurses, surgical equipment and hospital Places like that cost money, and since

nurses, surgical equipment and the countries in-supplies over to all the countries in-volved in the war. There are already thousands of sick in story writing she cannot expect to and wounded men. Their numbers are and wounded men, their numbers are and wounded men, their numbers are all the will experience that a few stories written the story writing she cannot expect to in story writing she cannot expect to live in that manner. We know by experience that a few stories written the story will not pay hotel bills. experience that a few stories written accidentally will not pay hotel bills. Many of us are working harder than Marian and we cannot live at Placid Inn. Kindiy tell us how it is done. and wounded men. Then donnors are growing daily and any great battle will add its tens of thousands to the number. Our people have not yet appreciated the great need for assistance. The Red Cross would be very grateful if The Oregonian could help it to arouse pub-tion interest and urre people to coninterest and urge people to con

Funds could be sent to the Red Cross Washington, D. C., or to your lo treasurer. Donors may designate, Washington, Donors may designed, they so desire, for what countries they wish their contributions used. Diease help the Red Cross.

Challenge Is Accepted.

Taxation is a necessary burden

Bringing the entire country into

As to Taxes. UNITY, Or., Aug. 23.- (To the Edi-tor.) I. On what basis is the tax rate decided in this state?

2. Is the tax rate as high in an iso-

ticket of the so-called Democracy.

 and the tax with very few schools and little worked road.
Should taxpayers receive a state-ment of assessments, a list of lands or personal property with assessed value? Is a Sheriff's notice of delinquoncy correct when the time allowed for pay-ment is not filled in?

5. A vacant, isolated, dry, untilled farm in one county is taxed 65 per cent more than an occupied, irrigated as the date, and request farm with 45 acres in cultivation, buildings, wells and near school in can county. How can this rounty. INQUIRER. adjoining made right?

1. The rate is the levy which applied to the assessed value of all preperty will produce the required needs of government.

2. It depends on the taxable value of property in the county and the economy of public officials.

3. The state statute does not provide for the sending out of assessment

l per cent. Japanese government reports show Mr. Hofer's Equipment Not Necessary to Obtain Rain, Says Minister. CLATSKANIE, Aug. 22.—(To the epidemic of recent times. The fore-deluged with requests to importune Almighty God to send rain. All admit that the forest fires are doing great. notices unless asked for in writing, and then only on property accurately described by the owner. The reason for this is the fact that it is impossible for the Assessor to obtain the name and address of present owners of prop-

4. Yes; the county has not the legal right to specify the time for payments on certificates of delinquency.

Japan. As to Italy, Professor Carlo Ruata, M. D., professor of hygiene in the Uni-versity of Perugia, Italy, says: "We have a thoroughly vaccinated popula-tion. Well, in only ten years (1887-96) smallpox carried off 69,430 persons." The report of the surgeon general of the United States Army for the interest of 1901 records 246 5. Cost of government varies in the several counties and this may affect taxes. Some countles adopt the policy of the United States Army for the first six months of 1901 records 246 cases of smallpox, with 113 deaths, an the three years preceding, there were among the recently vacchated 705 the two years preceding June, 1900, 13,811 cases needed hospital treatment or account of vaccination.

poem by Alfred Noyes.

FOREST GROVE, Aug. 21.--(To the Editor.)--Please inform me as to where I can get "The Wine Press," a

There were 29 cases and five daths of smallpox on the U. S. S. Ohio in-volving Navy officials, which is the official report within the last year.

J. E. BROOKS. Further arrangements for this de-

The publisher is Frederick A. Stokes Company, 442-449 Fourth avenue, New bate should be carried on by direct York City, the price of the book being communication, not by exchange of

Facts Against Fiction.

ONE IN A SIMILAR BOAT.

PORTLAND, Aug., 20.—(To the Edi-tor.)—We protest that "Divorced Life" is not true. It is well written and in-teresting, but we want to know how Marian pays her rent at Placid Inn.

paper advertising campaigns to im-press on the public the necessity of municipal cleanliness.

adoption.

than it is to stop them.

readers and when they see an anofficial in their favorite daily they take it as a message having author 11.7.

60 cents. Any book dealer who has not the volume in stock will obtain it on request. Advertising Good

Health

EVA C. ABBOTT.

Municipal health authorities in various cities are beginning news-

The results are most encouraging and the idea should have general

It is certainly good economy to

spend a small sum in advertising to ward off disease. It is cheaper to prevent epidemics

People are newspaper advertising

Megaphones for Military Use. London Tit-Bits. Two hundred megaphones have been ordered by the British war office for They will be used chiefly

military use. They will be used chiefly by artillery officers to give commands MABEL T. BOARDMAN. at a distance.

ribute to its fund.