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## RESULT OF RIOTOUS SPENDING.

The Democrats propose to raise

down expenses. They now control the Senate and have greater power to hold down expenses. They were responsible in both years.

War taxes have been made necessary not by the war, but by Democratic extravagance.

The revenue laws now in operation would have produced within \$2,000,000 of enough money to meet the exigen cies caused by the war, if they are to be measured by the \$105,000,000 the By practicing the same economy for the present fiscal year as they practiced for 1913, the Democrats could country with the announcement that the Nation could stand a shrinkage of \$100,000,000 a year in customs celpts and still have a margin of safety. When you pay more for gasoline, theater tickets and all forms of amusements than you paid before the war: when you attach a revenue stamp to a legal document, insurance policy, warehouse receipt, bill of lading, telegram, you will be paying for Democratic extravagance, not for the exigencles of war.

Americans must pay a tax on almost every move they make in business or pleasure because the Democrats have been wasting the Nation's substance in riotous spending.

## INTERPRETING MAINE'S VOTE.

Although partisan newspapers prelines were obscured by the prohibition mission was elected over a Repubattempt such brutal evasive measures, lican who favors enforcement. The but he has not. Republican is the same man who won Progressive who polled 17,443 votes, he fell short of election by only be- Vote 335 No. tween 3000 and 4000 votes. There is or Progressives.

When we compare the vote on Govhelps to account for part of the Demo-The rest probably came from deserters from the Progressive ranks and from cisely that thing. anti-prohibition Republicans. The Republicans and Progressives

for the Democrats. They fought it on tained. National issues and the Democrats slumped nearly two-thirds.

the vote for Governor, continues:

wave of hysterical enthusiasm. \* \* What has been witnessed in Maine is what there is every reason to believe will be seen in practically every state at the coming November elections.

The same in on corporate-ow plants. And let t

November, the Post says:

able dimensions.

This is the conclusion reached by the New York World:

if these Maine returns are representative of the present sentiment of the country toward the Progressive party, Mr. Roosevelt has virtually retired from politics, although he may not know it.

The Boston Herald infers that "the country is not disposed to rebuke Mr. Wilson's Administration very severely," that "the Democrats are deriving an advantage from the Progressive break-

indoubted advantage." The Chicago Evening Post tries to

ing force of 19,000 votes." vote a demonstration that the Repub-lican party cannot hope to regain pub-

be regarded as showing that the as-serted weakness of the Wilson Admin-ing abilities, but it is also unfair as it affects persons of the same wealth. divide, and each power will want its than a fact."

## SOUTHERN CONTROL.

The brigadiers of the South are always on deck in the present Administration.

Demanding free trade or a lower foreign competition. Then they managed to upset the financial balance of the country by establishing reserve bank centers at several Southern proportionity to intervene by prompt and vincial cities, putting Richmond, At-

cape, except for a small tax on dealers and distillers.

on whisky?

cigars?

House is now providing. President decisive and unmistakable vote (41,- Wilson asked for only \$100,000,000. 951 ayes, 64,578 nays), refused to ness for the big stick, which would murder. There had been a full and shining crown. have faced the country at this time with an excess of \$3,000,000 over that with an excess of \$3,000,000 over that of five murderers until after the electric department of five murderers until after the electric thus make the people responsible for Atlantic on the same ship. a grewsome and terrifying exhibition, unless the death penalty were to be abolished. The people were not to be intimidated by the Governor's shocking expedient, and the executions, or

ome of them, went ahead. Now the advocates of a living death to swift death for capital crime are Panama Canal. They were willing to at it again. It would seem to be un-

The Governor once more, with sneering and flippant disregard of the public sensibilities, postpones the executions of two murderers so that the Legislature may determine whether it will cause them to be hanged or electric district the public sensibilities, postpones the executions of two murderers so that the Legislature may determine whether it will cause them to be hanged or electric district the proposed to draw ships from the last. The narrowness and injustice of the last. The narrow tend to find comfort in the Maine elec-tion returns, it is not apparent to cutions of two murderers so that the newspapers which take a more un-biased view of the result. In a cam-will cause them to be hanged or elecpaign for Governor, wherein party trocuted. It would seem that the Governor should have learned his lesson, issue, a Democrat who favors resub- two years ago, and would not again

The bill should be defeated by an 1912 with the united support of overwhelming vote, in sheer resent-Republicans and Progressives. Alment at the trifling and indefensible though he was opposed this year by a methods of the busy-body promoters

ernor this year with that on President proposed by the same men who created put a quietus on foreign shipbuilding, fin 1912, the result seems to forecast a polltax bugaboo in 1910 and obtained its demolishment at the hands party as an important political factor. Halnes for Governor polled over polltax and the \$1500 exemption are Haines, for Governor, polled over polltax and the \$1500 exemption are the Jones amendment, trade through 31,000 more votes than Taft polled in similar. The proposed exemption is the Canal would have been very lim-1912, while Gardner, the Progressive, a personal one. That is to say, it is ited until the war was ended, and polled more than 30,000 fewer than a poll or head exemption applying to Pacific Coast trade would have lan-Roosevelt. The total vote was about owners of improvements and personal 12,000 larger than that of 1912, which property. The polltax is condemned because it bears so unequally on men crat's gain of 11,000 on Wilson's vote. In proportion to their ability to pay. The \$1500 exemption would do pre-

fused on Congressmen in 1912 and cap- the moderately well-to-do-persons France, she has been able to send to tured three of the four seats. This well able to pay. While it would im- the aid of her ally an army which conyear the Republicans, though opposed pose havier taxes on the wealthy, it stitutes a mere fraction of the allied by the Progressives, held the same would also raise the taxes of the poor. forces. After war has begun, the Brit-three seats unaided. All that the Progressives accomplished was to aid the of exemptible property, he would se- which may approach in size that which Democrats in electing a Governor on cure the whole exemption. If he has France already had in the field. a local issue and in re-electing their but \$200 worth of personal property last accounts something, more than one Congressman. If this be cause for and improvements, he would get but 200,000 new recruits had been enjubilation, let them make the most \$200 exemption. In the latter case rolled; Cabinet Ministers and political This record was made in the face heavily taxed and his exemption in exhorting men to enlist for what they of participation in the campaign by many instances would more than off- term a life and death struggle; women onel Roosevelt for the Progressives set to make up the larger exemption were threatening to decorate with the

In other ways the gross inequalities gained nothing which can affect those of the measure are apparent. Being nity from invasion has combined with issues, while the Progressive vote a personal or head exemption, it would undisputed naval supremacy to give not apply to corporation property. The the average Britisher The Brooklyn Eagle says: "On the small corporation, developing an or- such security that he deems a large tariff the Republicans have come chard tract, would receive no exemp- army unnecessary. He assumes that, nearer to holding their own than on tion, while its tax rate would necessa- in order to clear the sea for the and, after quoting rily be increased. Adjoining orchard passage of an invading army, Germany land owned by individuals or men in Those figures, following every other test partnership would receive the exemp- naval battles and then would have to of the Progressive party, where Roosevelt was not personally an issue, have shown that as a party the Progressives have become of improvements and there were four system of coast defense, consisting of of improvements and there were four system of coast defense, consisting of "also rank."

The New York Evening Post makes a fairly dispassionate review and says:

partners, each would get \$1500 and submarines, destroyers and land fortithe whole \$6000 would be exempt from fications. The Briton, therefore, contaxes. The four or more men who siders it next to impossible for a for-The story told by this comparison is one owned the corporation property ad- eign army to make a landing in any that plays havon with the craim of the Pro- joining, even though individually and force and that, if it did, its communigressives to the rank of a solid and genuine party, and not a mere band of followers of a personal leader, railled to the polls in a wave of hysterical enthusiasm. \* \* pay higher taxes.

The same injustice would fall plants. And let the voter not become As to the bearing of the Maine elec. impressed by the arguments in favor tion on the Congressional elections in of this measure that all corporations are big and wealthy. Incorporation offers inducements to the small init indicates that the Progressive vote will be small, but yet large enough to enable the Democrats to carry by plarailty out a considerable number of constituencies in which, if the Republicans and Progressives were united, they would be victorious. development of Oregon which would be burdened with higher taxes Conceding that there will be some by this measure, while many uninreaction against the Democrats, the corporated enterprises of the same Post says it will not be of formid- character would be relieved of a part

of their present tax payments. In its practical application, injustice crowned British arms in practically and tax evasion would creep into many every continental war of the last two quarters. Remember that each person centuries, ignoring the fact that in John Jones' beach cottage, has no in-formation as to whether John Jones wherein Great Britain stood unshaken which he is securing an exemption. bled. He recalls that in the great Tillamook County has no practical struggle following the retreat from vantage from the Progressive break-more than offsetting any losses in Smith is entitled to an exemption on clothed and fed with British money. their own ranks, and that the effects his partnership in a sawmill or cheese He claims the crowning victory of of business depression seem to have factory, because James Smith may live Waterloo was won by British arms,

mill property or on his home. But in the battle. Smith and Jones would demand, and The prese console the Progressives with the in many instances get, double exemptions thought that "they created in rock-tions. On the other hand, George military history. If the allies are to ribbed Republican Maine a solid fignt-Robinson, who has all his interests in win decisive victory—and British and

## HEARST'S MEDIATION SCHEME.

The reason is that the Southerners low the mention of the Colombian and must become a nation armed. are in the saddle. Administration by treaty. Mr. Taft and Mr. Bryan might discrimination is the rule.

BUSYBODIES ONCE MORE.

The people of Oregon in 1912, by a decisive and unmistakable vote (41.-951 ayes, 64,578 nays), refused to abolish capital punishment for murder. There had been a full and straight and str

All in all, we think it better in the

## SUBSIDY SENATORS FIGHT.

The Senators from the ship-owning states made a determined fight against Senator Jones' amendment to the ship registry bill permitting foreign-built, American-owned ships to engage in for murderers in prison as opposed the coast-to-coast trade through the Oregonian. The Governor once more, with and adopted the amendment, but the

they proposed to draw ships from the coastwise trade for foreign service. This would deprive the lumber trade mit Robert Dollar to continue carrying lumber from Vancouver to the Atlantic Coast in British ships at rates far below those paid by Portland lum-

bermen in the coast-to-coast trade. The war having withdrawn from our WORST OF THE "VICIOUS SEVEN." | Which we relied for carrying our com The \$1500 exemption measure is merce through the Canal and having guished.

## BRITISH MILITARY POLICY.

The question is often asked: Why does not Great Britain maintain a The effect of the exemption would larger army? With a population be to relieve from a part of their taxes larger by five millions than that of the land he owned would be more leaders were going about the country and by Messrs. Redfield and Daniels that his more prosperous neighbor ob- white feather men who did not heed

the summons. The explanation is that long immuwould need to win three successive cations would soon be cut off. points to the fact that never since the corporate-owned manufacturing aid of one party to civil war, and he

Norman conquest has a foreign army invaded English soil except with the onfidently believes that none ever can. This confidence in immunity from invasion goes far to explain the rooted opposition of the British people to enforced military service. While ever other European nation has adopted conscription, Great Britain relies upon voluntary enlistment. Great Generals m Wolseley to Roberts have urged the arming and training of the nation for war in order to form a last line of national defense, but in vain. Briton has argued that victory entitled to only one exemption of every such war his country has had Clatsop County, in assessing allies. He points to British victor owns a home in Portland on while the empires of her allies crumbeen overshadowed by the war issue, in Washington or some other county making light of the valuable aid given

from which Mr. Wilson derived an and be getting an exemption on other by Blucher's army at the critical point

g force of 19,000 votes."

one county, could not deceive the tax statesmen say they will be satisfied the New York Mail finds in the authorities. He could get but the one with nothing less—Germany must be beaten on land. Unless Great Britain be a demonstration that the Republican party cannot hope to regain public confidence so long as it remains under control of the men who led it in under control of the men who led it in 1912, and says that "the figures must be regarded as showing that the as-It is the most pernicious measure of the "vicious seven" on the ballot. Share. Rivalry might spring up among men were the "vicious seven" on the ballot. them about the division and a power tined to finish the which had done less than the others journey. Magellan to gain success would not get the best, Among the various extremely premature suggestions of American intervention in the cause of peace in tariff, they continued to protect, in Europe is that of the New York Amer- the war may not break out again. bears the navi Underwood tariff, practically all lean that President Wilson immedi- This might not accord with the desire gator's Southern industries except sugar, leaving about 70 per cent of Western products exposed to the tender mercies of rope on this mission. The American foreign competition. Then they man they man the sum of the su

The Democrats propose to raise \$105,000,000 of revenue by war taxes. The Democrats increased the expenses of Government, excluding river and harbor bills, \$103,055,437 for the fiscal year 1915, as compared with the fiscal year 1915.

Had the leaders in the House practiced the same economy for the year again. Wine, beer and gasoline are ticed the same economy for the year 1915 as in 1913, no war taxes would have been necessary. The Democrats to be taxed under the war emergency started on the voyage than the captain would find it necessary to interpolate the property of the pacific. Ten to be taxed under the war emergency started on the voyage than the captain would find it necessary to interpolate the property of the pacific. Ten the pacific to be taxed under the war emergency started on the voyage than the captain would find it necessary to interpolate the property of the pacific that silent sea of the pacific tha vene in the cause of peace among the word. Unless the dreams of those who lay between him peacemakers. Colonel Roosevelt would predict that this war will be the death If a tax on beer, why not a tax be apt to express his candid opinion of militarism, as we all hope, but as of human beings, m whisky? of the Taft arbitration treaties and of all cannot believe, should be fulfilled, If a tax on wine, why not a tax on the Bryan peace treaties, while it is Great Britain must follow the example the Bryan peace treaties, while it is Great Britain must follow the example water and food impossible to imagine what might fol- of Russia, France, Germany and Italy, alive with worms,

The Oregonian has not been telling tion, under the threat that he would siderable period of time. It would not formed a kind of Senatorial trust. It was disastrause all to be hanged at once, and be adjusted for all three to cross the The Oregonian invites the Salem paper lost his life. The to examine its files for proof of its converted natives assertion. It does not ask a retracture of the tion, in case of disproof. It isn't Spaniards, massa-worth while. The only sequel would are do of them be, of course, that the Salem paper, being quite ingenious in its resources to s of calumny and falsehood, would sub- their stitute some new invention about The

at it again. It would seem to be unnecessary once more to reopen this threadbare subject for discussion on its merits. The re-submission of the question, merely because a few agitators refuse to accept the verdict of the people, is a first-rate example of gross abuse of the initiative.

The Governor once more, with

What need is there of an English sailed into the boycott on German goods, when imports from Germany have stopped? Spain. ports from Germany have stopped? after were adapted to foreign trade, ported before the war, a boycott would certain cure for insomnia which is not the case. It would per- injure the English buyer, not the German manufacturer. Times of excitement always bring out such absurd suggestions

Facts brought out at the by-products foreign trade many of the ships on convention indicate that a familiar western fruit-growers to read: "Export what you can, and can what you can't." If they evaporate what is not good enough to can, and feed to stock all that is left, they will eliminate waste.

In advising women and girls to stay away from the State of because all the jobs are filled. Labor Commissioner Olson overlooks the many situations that lead up from the marriage license bureaus.

Deep snow on Southern Oregon nountains is a sign of early Winter up fore he damns a man of his birth. there and that much fuel will be used.

There is much in "signs" and there is nothing in them. It depends on the noint of view.

Tore he damins a man of his direction of the damins a man of his direction.

A grand dame once said to De Torqueville: "I have been reading with great satisfaction the genealogies which prove that Jesus Christ depends on the provention of the pro

The war will put domestic skunks, cats and rabbits into greater use among the fair sex this Winter, although the furriers will not advertise them that way. If Colonel Roosevelt's handling of

terion, he would long ago have settled the Colorado strike had he been President. Wounded soldiers in the hospitals are described as most cheerful. No wonder, since they get sleep and food,

Technically the captain of the Idzum dolated orders in revealing the presice of his cruiser, but he deserves Carnegie medal for humane action.

which are uncertain on the firing

If the destruction of the splendid monuments of antiquity in Europe con-tinues, our tourists will have only ruins to see when the war is over.

Southern Senators are losing their grip on their fat pieces of pork, but genuine rivers and harbors are likely to get their due. That young buffalo at the City Zoo

is a real aristocrat, with Martha Washington for mother and Joe Wheeler for father. Wholesale bloodshed is not nec sary to draw out nerve and daring. The Frontier Days show at Walla

Walla proved that. When the war is over many will lay the foundation of fortunes by assaying the dirt of battlefields for the metal

wasted. Farrell's nerve saved him. The railroad tie upon which he floated was a mere incident in his rescue.

talks to his Welsh friends and they understand him. Jupiter Pluvius became jealous and tried to stop the work of Mars in

The change of the moon must have brought the fair weather.

## Then and Now.

and ninety-six years ago today Ferdinand Magel-lan set sail from around the world is a matter of gators required years. The whole complexion of ocean traffic has by a motley crew of 280 men, only the speed of ships, but the ingenuity of man has lesone ship and 18 sened the actual was to die in globe by at least Suez canals— have accomplished miles a day, set sail from Magellan's starting point in Spain maintain its high est speed through-out the journey, it would arrive putrid drinki they sailed on the sonne towarde March 16, 1521, they sighted the offers a safe, swift and com-Philippines. Confortable voyage verting a tribe to Christianity, Ma-gellan turned companied

canals have re-duced the world-voyage by at least 8000 miles, converts to war making the total more than 22,000 miles, according to the estimate of the United States Hydrographic appear like pig-mies beside the modern ocean liners—all could to sea. One of be placed on a single deck of the burned: anothe largest steamer. Their crews of 289 men would searce-ly be enough to make up the gang of stokers that shovel coal into the bollers of some of the modern ships, today has a total

Just Take Family Geancalogy to Bed

and Rend It, Says Writer. PORTLAND, Sept 20 .- (To the Ediwound received in battle. You lack a fine sense of feeling toward pride of ancestry and the elect of deity.

Have you never heard of the French Duchess, who, when her end drew near,, consoled herself with thought as to her future state, when she declared that heaven would surely deal politely with a person of her quality and position?

You recall that other Duchess, in Saint-Simon, who, on the death of a great sinner of illustrious race, said: scended from King David. It shows that our Lord was a gentleman."

Now as to genealogy, the medical world to date has not discovered a remedy for insomnia. Now, I do not desire to venture into the field of medicine, as I am only a doctor of law, but when one has made a discovery that would be beneficial to his suffering fellows he should not monopolize

the Pennsylvania coal strike be a criit to himself alone. If you suffer from insomnia, suffer no longer; simply take to bed with you a copy of the family genealogy read it and take my word for it, in-somnia will find no place in your lexi-EMMETT CALLAHAN.

### PASSENGER PIGEONS IN OREGON Contributor Positive He Has Seen

Flocks in Lincoln County. PORTLAND, Sept. 20 .- (To the Editor.)-Your editorial about the passenger pigeons so numerous 50 years ago is true to life at that time. I have seen them, as you say, by the millions. In Southern Michigan, after we had sown our wheat in the Fall, I have often seen the ground blue with them picking up grain. They did not dig or pull up the grain, as some birds do. At such times they would fly in bunched flocks like blackbirds, but when on the wing trav-eling north or south in Fall or Spring, they flew in parallel columns, the col imns being about 100 or 200 feet apart,

in length, making a sound like wind or distant waterfalk. I do not think they traveled by night, as some migratory birds do.

I do not think they are extinct, as I am quite sure that I have seen a few of them in this state. I spent the Summers of 1908 and 1909 in the wilds of Northeastern Lincoln County, Oregon, township 7 south, 9 west, in which I presume there has never been a wagon wheel. All went by trails. Several times I saw in the vicinity of my cabin a flock of 50 or 60 large blue pigeons, the males having reddish breasts. They were very wild, but at times I was gratory birds do. were very wild, but at times I was close to some of them. They appeared to me precisely like the passenger pig-

Farrell's nerve saved him. The raiload tie upon which he floated was a
here incident in his rescue.

Lloyd-George is plain-spoken when
the talks to his Welsh friends and they

Fancy and Reality. Boston Transcript.
Wifey—Do you recollect that once when we had a quarrel I said you were just as mean as you could be? Hubby—Yes, my dear.
Wifey—Oh, Tom, how little did I structing entrenchmen know you then.

O. J.

## SAMOANS ARE ROBBED BY MANY Deceptions Practiced by White Man

Related by Native of Islands. GARDINER, Or., Sept. 17 .- (To the Editor.)—I noticed in The Oregonian an article about the Samoan Islands. the writer explaining the way the Germans get land of the natives by trick ery. The writer says that the Germans go to the native chief and offer him a gun or desirable article in exchange for the chief's signature to a mortgage on his land. The chief does steam increased not know what a mortgage is, and so he signs willingly, delighted to get the gun. At the end of three years, when the mortgage falls due, the Ger-

man forecloses it and then the chief is driven off his land.

The writer is right, but he does not say anything about the American, who is doing the same thing as the German not a merican. I am a native of Pago Pago. Tutuila. Samoa. I was born there. The writer does not say anything about the way the missions of differtrans - Atlantic ent churches rob the missions of differ-liner, some of they have. One so-called mission so-which are capable of more than 500 miles a day say listands around once a year on tour of the islands. The natives are told that the children in England are starving. The natives have pity on anyone going hungry, so donate sums of money to feed the white man's child in London; for the native does not know what hunger is, for everything grows for him. He may work, making copra for a year or two, to make the money he donates to the mission. He takes his copra to a trader, for which do gets

back in port in l cent a pound.

less than two Another thing the writer does not months of the say anything about is the way Uncle day of sailing. Sam uses his natives to put a stop The Panama to some of our ways of living. Not Sam uses his natives to put a stop to some of our ways of living. Not only that, but the writer does not say anything about what a man has to pay only eliminate the journey around South America. but the cold and danger of a trip around Cape Horn. Likewise the Suez Canal removes the necessity of following the course around Africa and offers a safe, swift and com-This is my native name: LOE.

My white name: BEN YOUNG. Tunnel 6, Camp 1.

### Roosevelt Admirer, Not Partisan. LA GRANDE, Or., Sept. 19 .- (To the Editor.)-Your multi-partisan editorial in The Oregonian last Monday is unfair to Mr. Cleaver, because you infer that he followed Roosevelt to defeat, when he did nothing of the kind. He

was the Prohibition candidate for Con gress in 1912 and received almost 2000 votes without any campaign.

Mr. Cleaver had a great hope that the new-born Progressive party would espouse the Prohibition cause, and he did what he could to encourage such

movement, even to approaching consevelt personally on that issue. The comparison of George Cleaver and Bill Hanley is absurd from any standpoint. Cleaver has been openly fighting the saloons for the last ten years, and much of the time has been a trustee of Willamette University with R. A. Booth and other prominent men of the state.

GEORGE HUNTINGTON CURREY.

The Oregonian still clings to its opinion that in one particular Mr. Cleaver and Colonel Hanley are comparable. That is in their gracefully inclusive multi-partisanship. sure, their political ideas are not the Colonel Hanley is a "wet." anti-Roosevelt, pro-Wilson, Progressive, late of the Republican party, while Mr. Cleaver is a pro-Wilson, pro-Roosevelt Prohibitionist from the Republican ranks, running as a non- been conscripted. partisan. In kindly friendship for many shades of political belief they

tor.)—In a recent editorial in The Ore- Why England and Germany Are at War. gonian you seem to cast some doubt as to the degree of solicitude of the Editor.)—Please advise me as to what this season of the year.

Almighty as to Prince Joachim's circumstances led to Britain's declarations. tion of war against Germany, and what is the difference between the triple alliance and the triple entente?

England was one of the signatory powers to a treaty guaranteeing the neutrality of Belgium, and, moreover, her statesmen looked upon the possible permanent occupation by Germany o the Belgian sea coast as a grave menace. War between Germany and England directly resulted from Ger-"They may say what they like, but many's violation of Belgian neutrality no one shall persuade me that God in her attempt quickly to get at does not think of it at least twice bethat there is evidence that England was preparing to aid France before Belgium was invaded. The triple alliance included Germany, Austria and Italy, from which Italy has, in effect, withdrawn. The triple entente is the name given to the now existing alliance between France, Russia and Great Britain.

> Mark Twain's Remarks Applicable. HOOD RIVER, Or., Sept. 19.—(To the Editor.)-In The Oregonian I read an article entitled "Democrats Throw Economy to Winds," that calls to mind what Mark Twain says in his work, "Christian Science," page 358, etc.:

"Christian Science." page 358, etc.:

The present Christianlty makes an excellent private Christian, but its endeavors to make an excellent public one go for nothing, substantially.

It is an acceptable law of public life that in it a man may soil his honor in the interest of party expediency—must do it when party expediency requires it.

They have filched the money to take care of the party; they believe it was right to do it; they do not see how their private honor is affected; therefore their consciences are clear and at rest. By vote they do wrongful things every day, in the party interest, which they could not be persuaded to do in private life. In the interest of party expediency they give solemn piedges, they make solemn compacts; in the interest of party expediency they repudiate them without a himsh.

I wonder if he lied when he said it?

J. M. BLOSSOM.

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Oldest Public Building Degraded.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 19 .- (To the Edi tor.)—There is in The Oregonian Sep-tember 19 an account of a young woman called Gladys Hardy who rode up the stairway of the Capitol Build-ing of the State and received the hand-shake in compliment of the Governor and his endorsement by his use of her horse to ride through the corridors. The stairs are not steep but well constructed for aged lawgivers, and

bannisters probably not yet surpassed in Oregon. As 70 years an Oregonian and having from 1862 to 1890 responded a wagon four terms to a seat in the O Several Legislature, I have no words to my cabin to the Governor's conduct but I neither he nor his will ever again be called to a public office JOHN MINTO.

"Saw Bayonet" Not Weapon

PORTLAND, Sept. 20.—(To the Editor.)—The article by Mr. Richard Harding Davis, in The Oregonian, descr the "gruesome saw-tooth bayonet, which three were found in the trenches

the Germans had abandoned.

I am astonished to read that a warcorrespondent, with Mr. Davis' experience, does not know that every petty-officer, of the German infantry resi-ments, is equipped with one of these bayonets, not to use it as a weapon, saw when con-O. J. HENTSCHEL

## Twenty-Five Years Ago.

From The Oregonian, September 19, 1899. J. A. Logan, F. Logan and Frank Morgan left on their Eastern trip yes-

S. P. Dunning has returned from his trip to North Yakima, where he spent several days on business.

The Portland Railway Cable Comany filed a request, at the meeting of he City Council last night, that their franchise be amended so that they can build a branch down Alder street from Fifth to Front. An ordinance to that effect was introduced, read twice and referred to the street committee.

Sol Hirsch and Colonel L. Fleischner, who have been sick ever since their return from Europe, have so far re-covered as to be able to drive out. Both visited their store yesterday. As soon as his health is completely re-stored, Mr. Hirsch will return to his "pastorate" at Constantinople, taking his family with him.

Charles R. Hoyt, of Hoyt Bros., died at the home of his father, Captain Henry L. Hoyt, at 123 Seventh street,

Mrs. Elizabeth McClellan, mother of General George B. McClellan, died yes-terday. She was 30 years old.

Louis Maas, famed in the Old World and the New as a planist and com-poser, died Tuesday night at Jamaica Plains.

Sacramento-E. H. Pratt and John Allen, who left New York City on horseback on May 14, arrived here last night. They rode on the horses the entire distance.

Washington-The Giants took two games from the Senators today. In the first the two Keefes were pitted against each other, and to the tenth inning both were equally effective. The features of the game were the wonderful running catches by Hoy and Beecher.

Forest fires on the hills to the west of the city have been causing great havon to property of all kinds for several days past. The whole semi-circle of hills from Guild's Lake on the north to South Portland are either in flames or smouldering asher

Mr. and Mrs. James Troop have re turned from the East, where they have been spending the past month

The quarters of Company C. O. N. G., in the Armory, were thrown open to the public for the first time last Tuesday.

## Half a Century Ago.

From The Oregonian September 21, 1864. The troupe composing Dan Rice's circus performed in this city to a rowded pavilion last night. They per-

Young men very often get into disoutes and fight, which is bad enough but a case recently came to our notice which is much worse. A couple of venerable and well-known citizens. ach bearing the title of distinction. "Colonel," entered into an argument in front of the Courthouse and waxed warm over the subject, when at last they nervously laid their canes upon the sidewalk and prepared to pitch in for a regular "rough and tumble," which was only interrupted by the presence of the Sheriff.

A Washington special says that over 3000 rebel deserters have arrived from the Army of the Potomac. One man left his wife and six children in Rich-mond, and says his grandfather has

By the arrival of Wells, Fargo & Co's express last night we are in re-ceipt of papers from different sections of the Upper Columbia country. port from the Boise Basin says

Colonel Frush, because he witnessed the working of his new steam ferry-boat. He stood upon the deck, apparently as full of satisfaction as did Ful ton at the time of his first rewarded effort at navigating by steam. We em-barked on the new institution and witnessed the trial trip.

Lieutenants Clawson and Egan ar-rived in town on Monday evening from Fort Walla Walla, on their way to Fort Lapwal, whither we understand they have been summoned to attend a court-martial.

Salem.-The first street from the river is now lined with tasteful residences, built within a year or two, and here the scattered caks are almost smothered with the forests of young fir. Bowered among these and wrapped in a quiet that never knows excitement are pretty little houses that answer "Love in a cottage" to perfection

General Alvord has ordered a military post to be established on the Can-yon City road at Camp Watson. on Rock Creek. Captain H. C. Small's Company G. First Oregon Cavairy, is directed to quarter themselves there for the coming Winter.

The news from Atlanta has produced reat despondency among the rebels and corresponding joy among the oyal people. Hood's army is reported loyal sources to be greatly

Our fellow-craft brother, W. A. Daly, arrived home last evening from the Boise country, bringing with him avidence of the increasing profits of developing quartz leads. Mr. Daly is tale and hearty and feels much better than a "poor print." Take him in his natural element and he is a perfect "brick," of a different species from those he brings with him, however

Wife "Rends" a Husband

Mrs. Houck—I can read you like a book, George. Houck—Then I wish you'd do more reading and less ques-

An Estimate of Truth. Washington (D. C.) Star. "Truth is stranger than fiction." "I lon't know," replied Miss Cayenne, whether it is stranger or only

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