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PRESIDENT WILSON. "The Oregonian gives the Wilson Administration credit now," says the Salem Journal, "for one great beneficial act, though it could not before the election find anything connected with it worthy of commendation." The reference is to the new currency

The Journal's statement is false. The Oregonian has many times, before election and after, commended the currency act as a great and valuable piece of constructive legislation. for which the President is entitled to unqualified praise. It has given endorsement of the original Wilson antitrust measures, though it knew that industry was sick and business everywhere weary of constant legislative agitation; but it has disapproved the measures as finally modified and weakened by Congress, with the President's consent. It would approve other Administrative policies, if could, for it has a greater interes in the prosperity of the country and the wellbeing of its people than it has in the fortunes of any political party; but it must say that President Wilson. handicapped by a Democratic Congress, and influenced by Democratic leaders, has fallen far short of its ex-The President and his Administration cannot escape respon-sibility for the depressed industrial ndition of the country today, except in so far as the foreign war divides the burden, and he can hardly point to one important act where he has rise

Wilson's complete subservience to the Democratic party was afforded in the recent campaign when he wrote letters of indorsement for various Democratic candidates because of their support of "me"-the word is the Presi--and gave a blanket approval to all the rest. In Alaska, for example he gave specific indorsement to the Democratic candidate for Congressional delegate against James Wickersham, independent, who had generally taken a stand with the Fresiment in Congress; and in Washington he found a way of sending word to the people that he desired the Democratic candidate for Senator, of whom he had probably never before heard, to be elected. So it was everywhere. There was not a syllable of encouragement for any Republican or Progressive who had ignored

above the requirements of the nar-

A striking illustration of President

rowest and strictest partisanship

President was justified in asking the country to elect a Democratic Conor a Progressive majority would have been a distinct repudiation of him and his Administration. So it would have been; and so indeed it was in so far as there was a great reduction in the But that does Democratic majority. not excuse the definite descent of the President into personal politics, which he displayed by his participation in individual campaigns, nor his failure, Democrats with useful and disinterested public service. We doubt if any other President In recent years has permitted his office and his Presiential influence to be used to the same unlimited extent, and in the same wholesale way, for various candidates, no matter whom, so long as they were Democrats. Not Roose-yelt, nor Taft has given any such ex-hibition of definite partisan feeling and purpose.

It will not be forgotten that President Roosevelt publicly refused to go to a banquet at Chicago unless Senator Lorimer were excluded; but no one has heard that President Wilson candidate for United States Senator in Lorimer's state. If President Wilson has at any time appointed a member of any other political party to prominent place, as President Taft and President Roosevelt repeatedly did. Chief Justiceship of the United States.

tion that the Democratic tariff policy subjects are all pressing for action. is a disastrous mistake; and it is sure its opinion. It believes a moderate on Congress. President Wilson has are likely to become law before March. to frame, and signed, a tariff meas-

The Oregonian believes in peace but deplores and condemns peace at state government. Mexico, but it would not obtain present peace with Mexico at the cost of overwhelming ruin of that country ing the aggregate wealth which carand future necessity by this country ries it. to save what is left of the wreck, for our own security and protection.

litical parties.

pay for Mexico in the end.

We should be pleased to be informed by our Salem neighbor, or by Entered at Portland, Oregon, Postoffice as Second-class matter.

Subscription Rates—Invariably in Advance: the has done against the spoilsmen, What has he done for economy in What has he done for economy in the control of the civil service, and what has he has done against the spoilsmen, what has he done for economy in the civil service, and what has he done for economy in the civil service, and what has he done for economy in the civil service, and what has he done for economy in the civil service, and what has he done for economy in the civil service, and what has he done for economy in the civil service, and what has he done for economy in the civil service, and what he has done against the spoilsmen. in public office? What has he done for the landless people of the country, who are trying to get homes on the public domain? What has he done for National preparedness for possible war? What, above all, has he done for a Greater America?

NO HOPE FOR WETS.

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Mr. Nolan reasons that the people n adopting the home rule amendment conferred upon municipalities exclusive power to permit or prohibit the manufacture or sale of liquor with-in their limits; that this was a constitutional grant under which numerous cities have acted in good faith; and that it would be retroactive and therefore ineffectual legislation to attempt to prohibit the manufacture or sale of liquor in those cities which have affirmatively permitted it by charter or

But it so happens that the state cannot surrender its sovereignty to the municipalities and that that sovereignty in this state resides in the people. The Supreme Court in construing the home rule amendment has said in

"They (the people) have retained and referendum provisions of the constitution, power to create, amend or annul a municipal charter, though denying that privilege to their represen-tatives through which they commonly In other words, the Legislature may not amend or annul a city The prohibition amendstate may. flict therewith. The grant of exclusive subject to the sovereign right of the garden truck and gone elsewhere, have now exercised.

Without a doubt every city and dinance provisions.

COME TO THE AID OF BELGIUM. Oregon must not be behind other states in the work of relieving the dire need of Belgium. The movement begun by the local relief committee, of which Samuel Hill is chair- his mother's garden. man, should receive the united, wholehearted support of every Oregonian. Support should take the practical

orm of donations to the extent of each person's ability. If a ship loaded with Oregon's bounty can arrive in Belgium about Christmas it will cheer many a sad heart in the brave, warstricken little country and will evoke blessings on Oregon which will enhance the Christmas joy of every

It is sadly true that we have at home many in need and that our own prosperity is at a low ebb, but by comparison with Belgium's plight, Oregon is revelling in abundance. While not neglecting to care for our own poor, we should share in the partisanship, and had supported the work of providing for people reduced Provident in his trust bills, currency in a few months from prosperity President in his trust bills, currency in a few months from prosperity measure and the Mexican war. Not homes, many without clothes sufficient to combat frost and snow, many on the world's bounty for food.

The United States as the greatest and richest neutral nation gladly takes the only part it can in this hideous war - the part of the one who, without inquiring into the merits of the quarrel, strives to alleviate its horrors. Our surgeons and nurses are on every battlefield, our Ambassadors and Consuls have become ambassadors of mercy, our citizens abroad are laboring continuously to relieve sufferor refusal, to credit any others but ing. Those who remain snug in their Democrats with useful and disinter own homes cannot do less than put the means in the hands of these noble men and women to rout hunger, cold and disease when they attack the in-

nocent victims of war. Portland, as the metropolis of Oregon, should lead the way by giving without stint and by enabling the Belgian relief committee to charter a ship and to load it to the guards with Oregon's gifts. Through the proposed public meeting, through the churches and through every public organiza-tion, the people of all creeds and races should do their part. There is no occasion to wait for the public meeting or for Belgian Sunday at the refused to break political bread with the unsavory Sullivan, Democratic now to Samuel Hill at the Home Telephone building.

THE COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE.

By preliminary discussion of three of the most important subjects with we should be glad to be corrected by called upon to deal, the Common-Democrats are now on guard and few, wealth Conference at Eugene will impossible for our mills to buy their but Southern Democrats. Yet President Taft appointed a Democrat to the down the lines upon which the men port tax on logs that is practically greatest office within his gift—the most deeply interest in and most con-The Oregonian has a clear convic- that legislation should be drawn. The cedar. This practice tends to make

We have unemployment every Winthat the majority of the people share ter, but in the coming Winter it threatens to come in aggravated form. protective tariff-not a high protective The need of economy in public affairs tariff, nor any partisan tariff is was never more acutely felt, and the necessary to our prosperity. A scien- pledges of Governor-elect Withycombe tific tariff, framed by experts, who are and of the elected legislators justify not controlled by politics, is the belief that much practical gain can of Consul Mansfield, of Vancouver, on greatest need of the day, except inter- be made. Development of hydro-elec-

The three topics are closely allied, for power development will, by inure, largely favorable to Southern in- creasing manufactures and by improvdustry, and prepared by the same ing rural conditions, go far to reduce clumsy and discriminative methods unemployment. Public economy will followed in previous years by all po- be promoted, for expansion of industries will add to the resources which contribute to maintenance The burden of It believes in peace with taxation can be lightened by direct reduction in state expenses, but it can prices which have caused the Oregon be lightened still further by increas-

ries it. west consumers have been benefit Free discussion by such a body as ed?" As for ourselves, our sympa It the Commonwealth Conference should thies extend not solely to the lumber our own security and protection. It the Commonwealth Conference should thinks the Witson policy toward Mexico has been marked by deplorable vacillation and by iamentable and inexcusable evasion of our clear duty before the world. No weak nation, can be a great nation; and a nation's strength or weakness is to be measured evactly by the strength or weakness.

ness of its foreign policies. We shall real progress and what steps would be

THE OREGON AND THE CANAL. There is little incongruity in a man of peace like President Wilson opening the Canal from the deck of a battleship, With half the world at war and done to destroy the pork barrel? the other half wondering when it shall What has he done to prevent the be dragged into the conflict, the batgross discrimination against the negro tleship properly must displace the merchantman, and in this event it will, for the leader of the armada will be the Oregon on what is to be

her final cruise. Justly it may be said the Oregon built the Canal. Harking back sixteen years, men will recall her as she lay at Bremerton, fitting for the longcruise of her class, and nobody can forget the interest in her trip bition question. Mr. Oak Nolan, a from San Francisco, down the west-Portland lawyer, has discovered a coast, through the Straits of Magellan mare's nest of them which he presents and north to Key West, where she for general edification of the public in arrived "fit as a fiddle" in time to take part in the battle that settled the war.

That trip was forceful presentation of the need of the Canal and it was built. Now the time of her passage from ocean to ocean of sixty-eight days is reduced to much less number of hours, and the glory is hers. made a chapter of history of the United States and she will be remembered a thousand years after "her tattered ensign" shall be lowered.

Oregon has more rabbits than the state wants. There is even a demand that a bounty be put on scalps. In some sections they are not merely

nuisance, they are a costly evil. New Jersey, however, loves rabbits. The state has gone in for rabbit con-servation. There is an open season on rabbits and also a closed season unto themselves, under the initiative The bloodthirsty culprit who destroys a long-eared bunny in closed season may be fined \$100 or sent to jail for ninety days. He will get worse punishment if he slays with a repeating

rifle instead of a shotgun. If a rabbit is destroying cabbages in a New Jersey garden the owner of charter, but the people of the whole the premises may write to Trenton for a permit to trap the animal. He may ment specifically repeals all city char- get the permit and he may not. If he ter and ordinance provisions in con- receives the permit he may capture the rabbit alive, provided the rabbit authority over liquor regulation was has not by that time eaten all the people and that sovereign right they captured the rabbit must be turned over to the state.

There our information ends. What town in Oregon will go dry January 1, the state does with the live rabbit is 1916, regardless of its charter or or- not told by the exchange which gives not told by the exchange which gives us this valuable information, for there seems to be more interest in the rigors of the law just now than in the fate of the rabbit. The finger of scorn is pointed at New Jersey because a Plainfield boy has been sent to jail for 120 days for killing with a repeating his conceit that Great Britain can rifle one rabbit that was digging up "lick" the world he will rally to the rifle one rabbit that was digging up

The facts are chiefly valuable in offering a possible solution of the rabbit problem in Eastern Oregon. If New Jersey wants rabbits, New Jer-Jersey rabbit commission or whatever they call the distinguished body which rules over the destinies of the pests which New Jersey thinks are game animals, come to Oregon and get 'em. They are theirs for nothing.

MILL MAN WHIPSAWED.

The comforting thoughts come from the Scio Tribune that the increase in importations of Canadian lumber are not due to tariff revision, but to ex-Central states and to prohibitory prices demanded for timber by the forest barons of Oregon and Washington.

But is it not somewhat strange that these factors became influential exactly at the time the Underwood law ecame effective. That was on October 3, 1913. In the nine months of 1913 ending September 30, or three lays before the new tariff law became effective, the British Columbia ex-

ports of timber products to the United States had a total value of \$1,325,023 In the corresponding period of 1914, under the operations of the Underwood law, British Columbia exporte timber products to the United States having a total value of \$4,021,635.

Here is disclosed an increase of lumber imports from British Columbia of \$2,696,612, immediately follow ing the enactment of the new tariff

attempt to exact an excessive price for a product, of which crime he accuses the Oregon and Washington "timber barons," is only profitable in event there is a monopoly or a prospective one in that product. That there not a monopoly is indicated by the inroads of British Columbia lumber manufacturers at the American markets. The case proves itself. British Columbia has enough virgin timber to defeat any profit from hold-up tac ties in this country during a period that will outlast the lifetime of any of our "timber barons." Nobody will hold timber for fun. Moreover, the depression in the lumber industry is affecting as seriously those American mills which own their own timber and bought when it was much cheaper.

Our kind neighbors across the line, too, have whipsawed us by making it versant with those subjects believe hibit the export of unmanufactured logs still cheaper for the British Columbia millman, while his cheaper labor and open American market put

hlm in clover If our friend is in doubt about the accuracy of the statements herein let him apply to the Department of Commerce at Washington for the report the subject. Mr. Mansfield, after disnational peace. Both Taft and Roome- tric power promises to proceed rap- cussing the embargo on log exports velt urged a non-partisan tariff board idly, for the powersite leasing bills from British Columbia, remarks that cussing the embargo on log exports "The removal of the duty on shingles and certain grades of lumber imported into the United States has enabled the British Columbia manufacturers to compete successfully with the mills of the Pacific Coast states, and has en a factor in increasing the export

trade in this class of products."

But possibly our Scio neighbor does not care anything about it. He asks: "If they (shingles) have been sold at and Washington shingle weavers limit their output, who but the North-

ured exactly by the strength or weak- It will bring to light what steps are Yes, we even have some sympathy the city lying withing his county.

cheap shingles have not made times better for him. Generally he is lookng for a job. Building has greatly fallen off in spite of the fact that "it is a good time to build." The con-sumer who is benefiting from cheaper shingles and cheaper lumber is might rare, and those who are suffering from the same causes are without

RUSSIAN EGGS, NOT SOLDIERS.

An amusing explanation is offered of the rumor that Russian troops had passed through Great Britain to France. It is that a London proviion merchant was expecting a large onsignment of eggs from Scotland Not receiving them, he telegraphed to his Scotch agent: "Have not received any eggs." The reply was, "Fifty thousand Russians arriving tonight." A clerk who saw the telegram is supposed to have assumed that the 50,000 vere soldiers, not eggs, and to have spread the news.

The false rumor grew and gained ircumstantiality as it spread. nite statements were made that the tussians had embarked at Archangel, anded at Aberdeen and been trans ported by rail to the English Channel. Private letters were received in this country stating that the writers had actually seen trainloads of Russians. Perhaps they did, but the Russians seem to have been eggs, not soldiers.

As implements of offense dirigible balloons have achieved nothing of military value. France sent a fleet of Clement-Bayards over the frontier when war broke out, but they accomplished nothing except the dropping of bombs in Nurnberg and the killing of civillans, which gave the Germans in excuse for reprisals at Paris and Antwerp. The Zeppelin, Parseval and Schuette-Lang airships have nothing o their credit in the shape of offensive war except the killing of non-combatants and the destruction of houses in those two cities. Such acts are volting to the moral sense of mankind hestoged city

How could any man expect the pure fabrics bill to pass a Congress con-trolled by the South? Yet all it does

sey may have ours. Let the New alds or deters his fighting qualities

Link by link the Pacific Highway through Central Oregon is growing. When the Willamette Valley wakes up we can have two Pacife highways through Oregon. Until then traffic will follow the good roads.

Arizona will hang them by whole sale in a few weeks, although the warden of the penitentiary declares haustion of the forests of the North he will resign if compelled to act as executioner. Wardens have upon oc-

on the Siberian railway. Only Austrians are in evidence. What becomes of the Germans captured is Russian mystery.

With a Democratic Governor and a egislature Republican by so small a majority as to be vexing, Idaho will figure in political history during the Two million Chinese are on the

verge of starvation and \$2,000,000 is needed to save them. States is the only great Nation that can be charitable this Winter. Having made his name famous by

als writings, Reginald Wright Kauffman perhaps wishes he could change it without sacrificing his stock in

The difficulty about the school tax appears to be that everybody wants economy except in his own district. Economy, like charity, begins at home Vera Cruz is in what the Mexicans

"the hot country." The name

will be doubly appropriate after the American troops withdraw. This is the beginning of the seaso when country roads must be kept in repair and stoppage of work on them

s of doubtful wisdom. Completion of the Vale irrigation work will make homes for 1000 more families on Oregon farms. They are

the state's greatest need. Turkey explains to the satisfaction of Uncle Sam and will be absorbed by proxy Thursday. All is well that

Discovery of alum stone and potas slum and sodium nitrates in Malheur simply adds to that county's list of possibilities.

will end well.

The most deadly missile which Russian artillery could hurl at the German army would be a Polish name.

"Painless" Parker is convalescent and again able to elucidate the horror

The war tax comes in time to trim the amount to be spent on Christmas

PORTLAND, Nov. 21.—(To the Editor.)—To settle a dispute I would like to know if it is illegal for a town or a city to occupy territory in two or more counties? Also the method of paying city and county taxes in a city situated on both sides of a county line. on both sides of a county line

City Attorney La Roche says, no, it is not lilegal. The tassessor in each county assesses the propery within his county and when the County Treasurer county assesses the properly within his county and when the County Treasurer collects the tax levied by the city within his county he pays it over to the city, so that the city would receive taxes collected by Treasurers of both counties, each collecting for the part of I thank you for your editorial. counties, each collecting for the part of

for the carpenter. Cheap lumber and GUN LAW DESTROYS PROTECTION SOME CITIES TO REMAIN WET! LIEN LAW CHANGE ILL-ADVISED Argument- Against Statute Seen

Murder of Miss Ulrich. JUNCTION CITY, Or., Nov. 18 .- (To olumns of the papers, prompts me to olce my sentiments on a few subjects. Having a slight acquaintance with Miss Ulrich, which was acquired while serving as lettercarrier in Portland three years ago, this, shooting incident has struck me more forcibly than it otherwise would. It is the same old story of the crook and the degen-rights.

will continue to carry a gun, as long as the world stands, regardless of all your freak laws; while the law-abiding dizen, who goes unarmed in fear of the law, is the victim. Result—the murderers go on murdering and the esislators settle back in their chairs, imagining they have accomplished something for the good of the people. The authorities say—"Let the law take its course, and the murderer will be punished (?)." That may be all well and good, but will that bring back to life the loyed one who have sufficient and good, but will that bring back to life the loved one who has suffered death at the hands of that fiend, and will it right the wrongs that have seen committed, and restore happines that blighted home? No, most em-

The proper way was for someone, for instance Miss Ulrich herself, to have had a gun and let daylight through that man before he had a chance to do his work. Such a person would have been doing the community a world of good—a thousand times more good than all the police departments can do now, after the deed is done, and when it is too late. If I walk down the street and a policeman area of the street and a policeman area.

had threatened the girl several times, constitutional right to open and use and she reported his advances, and Washington street. Could it be claimed made known her fears? Can't decent that the people at large would have the people even get protection in such right to pass a valid law which would cases? If I was the parent of the girl, compel the City of Portland to close the Chief of Police and I would "mix" up that street? Or could it be said that

trolled by the South? Yet all it does is to compel cotton to sail under its true colors. Cotton manufacturers would do well to exploit the merits of cloth made of mixed wool and cotton instead of attempting to pass it off as "all wool." They would then permanently enlarge their market.

Reduction of standard of height to five feet three inches is not bringing to police recording to police records and the law to problem to manufacture and state shall have power to enact a law which is in confining to pass it off as "all wool." They would then permanently enlarge their market.

Reduction of standard of height to five feet three inches is not bringing could be and I would "mix" in the people at large could compel the City of Portland to abolish the people at large could compel the City of Portland to abolish the people at large could compel the City of Portland to abolish the people at large could compel the City of Portland to abolish the people at large could compel the City of Portland to abolish the people at large could compel the City of Portland to abolish the people at large could compel the City of Portland to abolish the people at large could compel the City of Portland to abolish the people at large could compel the City of Portland to abolish the people at large could compel the City of Portland to abolish the people at large could compel the City of Portland to abolish the people at large could compel the City of Portland to abolish the people at large could compel the City of Portland to abolish the people at large could compel the City of Portland to abolish the people at large could compel the City of Portland to abolish the people at large could compel the City of Portland to abolish the people at large could compel the City of Portland to abolish the people at large could compel the City of Portland to abolish the people at large could compel the City of Portland to abolish the people at large could compel the City of Portland to abolish the people at large could compel the City of Portland to ab Reduction of standard of height to five feet three inches is not bringing the number of recruits the Brtish officials expected. However, patriotism is not measured with a yardstick and when the average Britisher gets over his conceit that Great Britain can "lick" the world he will rally to the colors.

The French-soldier is said to wear four of five shirts, adding as the weather gets colder. Whether this can be told only by the tables of losses, and these are censored.

Crime has increased 20 per cent according to police records, and the law is probably doomed to defeat in the next Legislature. Anti-gun laws have been tested and declared unconstitutional by the United States Supreme Court, in seven states, within the last year, and it is only a question of time when all other "civilized" states will be given to the American citizen. During the month of September, the Supreme Court erased the anti-gun laws off the books of the States of Colorado, Kentucky.

Tennessee and Wyoming, and there is four that the intent of that law must be determined by what it says. It does not purport to make it unlawful to manufacture or sale in the same. The most that could be said of the amendment would be unconstitutional right of self-defense will be given to the American citizen. During the month of September, the Supreme Court erased the anti-gun laws off the books of the States of Colorado, Kentucky.

Tennessee and Wyoming, and there is four states today than there is four states today than there is today than there is four states today than there is all laws in conflict with it, but we have right here in Oregon. I have always carried a gun when I deemed it necessary, and always will, regardless of all the "freak" laws that were ever no laws regulating the manufacture or sale by the state and for that reason all the "freak" laws that were ever no laws regulating the manufacture or sale by the state and for that reason of Christian Science towards sin. And he says the attitude of Christian Science towards sin is of Christian Science towards sin is other than that which I have described.

It is said no Germans are seen among the prisoners going eastward on the Siberian railway. Only Austrians are in evidence. What he 1916. We could have had him groom and in the midst of his political oppo-ments when the happy moment should arrive when the familiar click, so common to bankers, should announce "ready for business." The explosion that would follow would clear the trenches of the enemy; those that were not mangled beyond recognition would be overcome with gas, many of then left in standing positions as they wer-trying to explain "Why is a Democrat." There is a statewide, *screaming courtesy Tom Lawson' demand that a 42-centimeter silencer, with permauent attachment, hermetically scaled be left at Oregon City; the one de-livered November 3 will answer tem-

will find a few thousand cases of Chinese eggs, which, contrary to the "victor helong the spoils" will be passed back to them "one at a time."

Here are a few questions:

1-Do women vote no when they mean yes?

Brewers' Association first guess 2—Do women vote as their husbands do? If so, how many very dry men does Oregon contain? Taxpayers' League answer.

3-How many Democrats and sore-head Republicans does it take to make these strenuous times?
Any business man may answer 4-How many of our leading citizens

husbands voted the same way as their Juveniles may answer.

When I think of Roosevelt it always recalls a case of mistaken identity that occurred in Iowa several years ago.

A wealthy man suddenly disappeared. A lone daughter offered a large re-ward for his finding. A few days later a body was discovered answering his description whiskers, clothing and all. The daughter visited and thought she recognized in the somewhat decom-posed body, her father, and gave orders for a coffin and burial in keeping with his means. After the undertaker had added a thousand to the expense and her supposed father was presented in an elegant coffin, it was necessary to put a band around his head and jaws to keep his mouth closed, and just as they were saving the last words before they were saying the last words before aw drop, exposing a mouth full of gold

The daughter, surprised, exclaimed That is not papa, he had no gold

JOHN W. TOLLMAN. To Stop Continuing Appropriations. LEBANON, Or., Nov. 31.—(To the Edi-or.)—I have read with much interest, and have put away, your editorial of the 17th inst, in regard to "The In-

I thank you for your editorial.

LANDON GARLAND.

Mr. Nolan Argues That Prohibition Law Business Legislation Should Emanate

Cannot Affect Certain Municipalities. PORTLAND, Nov. 22 .- (To the Edthe Editor.)—The sad case of Miss itor.)—I have been asked a number of tor.)—In The Oregonian of November Emma Ulrich, which has occupied the times as to the legal construction and 13 under the caption "Legislature May

ing certain acts in derogation of those rights. It reserves to the people the right to trial by jury and it provides that no ex post facto laws shall be passed. In other words, that article is a restriction as against the state and has no application to the individual control of the passed.

is a restriction as against the state and has no application to the individual.

Section 2 of article XI prohibits the ness better than the real estate dealers, their lawyers and many of the lawmaking or town and vests that right in ing theorists whom we met there. Laws the larget voters of each city or town. the legal voters of each city or town. It also vests in the legal voters of each city or town the exclusive right to reg-ulate or to prohibit the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors within their

corporate limits.

Many cities and towns of the state have exercised their constitutional right to incorporate under that law and have adopted charters and made regulating or prohibiting the liquor traffic within their corporate. In recent years we have had a superlimits. This has become in the varies abundance of legislation. Laws have liquor limits. This has become in the nature

of a constitutional grant or the delegition of an exclusive authority. The grant is exclusive and the people at large have waived any and all right to pass a valid law which would prohibit now, after the deed is done, and when pass a valid law which would prohibit it is too late. If I walk down the street and a policeman sees a gun in my pocket he arrests me for carrying concealed weapons: If a crook is caught "pulling off a job," and is arrested, traffic. It might be otherwise if those cities and towns would cancel or relinpocket, is he ever prosecuted on that extra offenses. No!

Why did the Police of the street and towns would cancel or relinpose done without the consent of such wolding to the moral sense of mankind and render no aid to an army except to terrorize the civil population of a constitutional right to open and use

lieved that they were in fact passing a law to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor by the indi-vidual, but the intent of that law must

none could be repealed except by im-plication.

How He Would Rout the Democrats in 1916, Exclaims Correspondent.

Descripting Or Nov. 21.—(To the Editor.)—One great mistake our Grand to ask the Legislature to act. They bave tied the hands of the Legislature because that body has no authority to nature to pass any valid law in favor of prohibition and contrary to the express provisions of the constitution.

The result is that the prohibition measure which was passed at the recent election has no force or effect as against the cities and towns which have exercised their exclusive right and the same should be disregarded OAK NOLAN.

> LET OFFICIAL PAY BE REDUCED Balance Effects of Hard Times.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 21 .- (To the Editor.)-Your somewhat vigorous editorial in The Oregonian of November 17. under title of "The Insidious Annual Never mind; 1916 will soon be here, Appropriation," is timely and is preg-Never mind; 1916 will soon be here, the two Democratic hard years not-withstanding intervening. When we have seated Senator Borah with the about the approaching taxpaying day greatest vote ever given a President and are busy taking stock among the wreck left by the Democrats, we likely will find a few thousand cases of Chinese eggs, which, contrary to the "victor belong the spoils" will be passed back to them "one at a time."

Appropriation, is timely and is president that naturally put the taxpayer to thinking about the approaching taxpaying day some time early in 1915. The farmer is fully alive to the fact that hops are that naturally put the taxpayer to thinking about the approaching taxpaying day some time early in 1915. The farmer is fully alive to the fact that hops are truly alive to the fact that hops are truly presented to the president and are busy taking stock among the price; cloverseed hardly half a crop; prunes one-third of a crop, and the wheat yield short; no price for fruit and no money being made in the dairy business. The lumber business is prostrate; not 10 per cent of the maris prostrate; not 10 per cent of the mer-chants of the Williamette Valley will make any money this year, and manu-facturers are pulling along from month

to month as best they can.

Therefore, with the entire incomeproducing element of our state, which producing element of our state, which includes the taxpaying portion, are all pulling against the tide with shrunken incomes, why would it not be fair to ask the entire officeholding element, especially those holding lucrative positions, to cut their salaries about one-fourth? Begin with the Secretary of State. State Treasurer, Railroad Commissioners, Judges of the Supreme Court, all Circuit Judges, the heads of all commissions? Let no office in the state pay over \$3000 except the Governor.

Why should the officeholder not feel why should the omcenoider not feel the depression of the times the same as the taxpayer and producer? If the dif-ferent granges in the state would ask the different county delegations in the coming Legislature to pass such a bill several hundred thousand dollars in the way of relief of taxes to the people and all the people of the state would feel the depression alike.

PORTLAND, Nov. 22.—(To the Editor.)—Kindly tell a young bride how to introduce her husband to her friends whom he has never met, and how to introduce her brother and sister to her friends. YOURS IN IGNORANCE. friends.

Just say simply, if to a girl or wom-an friend, "Miss S., allow me to in-The funeral was halted, the under-taker returned the body to his parlors, dumping it in a back room with: "You old fool, had you kept your mouth shut, you could have had a respectable mate you may of course say "Grove mate you may of course say, "George I wish to introduce my husband, Rob ert J." The simplest forms of introduction are always in the best taste A gentleman should always be presented to a lady. The same rule applies for your brothers and sisters. You might say, for instance, Brown, I wish to introduce my sister. I wish to introduce you to my sister Miss A." If two men, que your brother, are being introduced, say, "Mr. B. I want you and my brother Tom to

From Business Intellects, Says Carr. PORTLAND, Nov. 22 .- (To the Editimes as to the legal construction and 13 under the caption "Legislature May effect of the prohibition amendment Change Lien Laws," you voiced an atwhich was passed by the people at the tack calculated to discredit the existrecent election and I take this means ing Hen laws, which for more than 20 of expressing my views.

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If this prelude discloses the permanent attitude of The Oregonian upon that question you certainly stand upon danguestion you certainly stand upon danguestion and untenable ground. Under story of the crook and the degenerate with a gun, taking advantage of the law, and "putting it over" on the unarmed law-abiding citizen.

The Journal and Telegram have fought for this anti-gun law for years, and now they have it, but, what did they get? The law simply takes away the protection of the peaceable citizen, and gives the crook and thug kil the advantage. The latter two have and will continue to carry a gun as long will continue to carry a gun as long in derogration of the state from domestic and prohibits the state and of the cities and much protection and untenable ground. Under the pretense of "protecting innocent the pretense of "protecting innocent the pretense of "protecting innocent the protection and untenable ground. Under the protection and untenable ground. Under the protection and untenable ground. Under the protection and untenable

merit.
The business men of Oregon are not unseemly clamorous; any one of the "lobby of dealers" who went to Salem to defeat the mutilation of the lien originate with the business men actually engaged in the particular business. Lawyers and legislators may frame and enact measures, but the character and nature of the legislation should ema-

In recent years we have had a superabundance of legislation. Laws have been enacted which hamper and prostrate business, and it is the sense of the sensible masses that the coming Legislature will be less prolific and wise enough to let well enough alone, "Labor only lien basis!" When the ndustrial concern which employs labor is protected then labor is protected, and to strip such concerns of legislative protection is to strike a cruel blow at labor. The best way to patronize home industry is to relieve it of the burdens of excessive taxation. Give it a chance to live by removing legalized restric-

A mortgage is only a lien, though effective and exhaustive, the quintescence of legal protection. The real estate dealer wants it for his property, out in his eyes the property of the material man is not quite so sacred. He wants the privilege of placing his mortgage lien upon a vacant lot for twice the actual value of the lot, and then have an impecunious owner erect a building upon it which will make it rent-earning and adequate security under such a legislative scheme as will make his mortgage a prior lien and force the material man to turn for payment to an execution-proof decoy JAMES B. CARR. 508 Everett street.

The Oregonian expressed no opinion n the article mentioned by Mr. Carr. It was a news story of a movement to amend the lien laws.

WHY WORRY ABOUT THE UNREAL! Dr. Hinson Quotes Mrs. Eddy on Nothinguess of Sin.

PORTLAND, Nov. 21 .- (To the Edior.)-I observe by The Oregonian that Mr. Seeley objects to my representation of the attitude of Christian Science Well, there is a simple way of settling the matter: Appeal from Mr. Seeley and W. B. Hinson to the founder

and high priestess of Christian Science, even Mrs. Eddy.

Now she says, "Man is incapable of sim." Just that, identically that, Surely if I am "incapable of sin" I am warranted in giving myself slight con-cern regarding it. For why worry about that which I am "incapable" of

performing?
She further declares that "all sin is unreal." We bid the child give itself to concern about the "bogy," because no concern about the "bogy," because it is unreal. And if sin be unreal, wh) se concerned about it? she asserts sin to be but "a false be Hef. tail he should soon be unable to enter his house. I told him it was a false belief, and bade him entertain it no lunger.

"Sin can do nothing," says Mrs. Eddy. If it can "do nothing" it certainly cannot affect either myself, my brother, or God. Evil is "but a delusion," she affirms. And delusions are to be explained away, and disregarded, and destroyed. She speaks of "the nothingness and unreality of cvil." But that which is unreal, and which is nothing, need not seriously concern us. That she means this is evident from her additional statement that "the sinner and sin are alike, simply noth ingness." And surely nothingness will care naught for nothingness. In addition, she teaches that we should "de-stroy the sense of sin, and then sin itself disappears," for it is the sense of sin and not the sinful soul which

must be lost."

Now all of this is to be "understanded of the people": and it is all flarly contradicted by the word of God, as all Bible readers know; and as I show

Who Is to Blame?

DUNSMUIR, Cal., Nov. 20.—(To the Editor.)—It is surely a laughable farce to read how the recallers put it over on our Mayor and Commissioners. It was certainly "some one's busi-ness" to find out what they were doing. Who authorized the election? Who ordered the ballots printed? On or by whose authority did they do so? Where was our wise Commissioner of Finance? Would The Oregonian kindly let the public know really who is to blame in this matter, and why such carelessness is shown when \$25,000 city money is at

This is written at the solicitation of a number of traveling salasmen out of Portland. RALPH PERRELL.

Belgian Refugee Fund. PENDLETON, Or., Nov. 21.—(To the Editor.)—Please give me the address of the Dutch committee in Portland that is to hold a collection for the Beigian refugees in Holland, of which a picture appeared in The Oregonian

few days ago. JOHN RIEPEN, JR. Write to John H. Hartog, care Hart-

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nan & Thompson, Portland, Or.

the Hand Is

A successful pugilist in telling of his methods said he always "hit from where the hand is" When an enterprising retailer gets behind National products advertised in his home newspaper "he is hitting from where hand is."

He is putting in the business blow that counts. He is pulling customers to his own store. Retailers are coming to see this more and more. They are backing up the National products in the newspapers with displays of the goods.

They are cashing in on the manufacturer's business enter-