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GETTING US INTO TROUBLE. Our most pacific President intends would almost surely involve the United States in a dispute with some of the helligerent nations. This is the Gov-ernment merchant marine bill, providing for Government purchase of merchant ships to be operated by the

Government in foreign trade.

The Government could not buy either American or other neutral ships except at an exorbitant premium, for there is already profitable business for all such ships, and their owners would only part with them at a handsome profit. It could buy belligerent ships interned in our ports, but would risk their capture by other belligerents which deny the right of such ships, transferred after a declaration of war, to exemption from selzure as prizes A German ship transferred to Amer-ican register has been seized by the allies on the Pacific Coast. Though the belligerents might concede the neutrality of the Government-owned ships, they would still enforce their rules of contrahand as to cargoes. The lists of contraband commodities published by different nations vary and are constantly changed. Germany, for example, declared wood contraband, would selze a cargo of lumber going from Portland to a British port. If more than half the cargo were con-traband, the ship also would be seized. The declaration of London having been practically abrogated, there is no international law governing contraband, and each nation decides the case of prizes in its own courts according to its own law.

When such are the conditions under which ocean commerce must be carried on, this Nation would embark on a sea of troubles by engaging, as a Nation, in commerce. When private parties send a ship to sea, they take the chances of seizure of ship or cargo, or both, and our Government is not involved except that its duty is to see that owners get a fair trial under the law of the Nation which makes the capture. If our Government should engage in commerce and if its ships should be seized, the fact might be taken as an unfriendly act to our Government and might cause serious fric tion. The belligerents might fairly object to being offered the alternative between a quarrel with this country urge repeal of canal tolls exemption would seem small compared with the endless troubles which Government ownership and operation of merchant

ships would bring upon us The Nation might be willing to risk these troubles if there were no other permit Americans to buy foreign ships operate them in either foreign or coastwise trade at will; also to operate them at the same cost as foreigners incur. Abundant private capital would then engage in the shipping business, and no excuse would exist for using Government capital in that manner.

SETTLE IRRIGATED LANDS,

All who are engaged in promoting irrigation need to have the fact upon them that several stages of progress are essential to first is construction. kind of men and the third is assistance to the settlers in putting their inant causes Dr. on tracts irrigated by private corhas been to leave the settler to shift for himself.

Companies which had undertaken son. construction under contract have sold land before it was watered, in order union of near relatives produces in-to procure money for completion of same offspring is also more or less justhey could borrow no money on mortgage to be used in improvement.

The work of developing an irrigated tract should not be considered to avoid. complete until the land has been covered with farmers, each producing crops sufficient to pay for his land and water without pinching him. This requires that construction be followed up ely by systematic effort to get settlers on the land, to see that they are the right kind of settlers, and to get them started right, D. W. Ross, of Colorado, dwelt on this point in a speech at the Irrigation Congress at Calgary and made some excellent suggestions, but adoption of some of these would require that the settler be a capital-Necessarily he must have some money to start with, but if the finan cial requirements were made too burdensome, a great majority of desirable Settlers should, of course, have industry and some knowledge of farming. They should be selected according to their not at random. They should have the assistance of an ag-

cially. What can be done safely by sistance that corporation should be practicable for a state.

GOOD FAITH? OR BAD FAITH?

rrigation project in Central Oregon.

through the Reclamation Service and in Mexico is "still confidently looked the Secretary of the Interior, there-upon set aside a like amount—\$450,-000—for an irrigation project in Cen-into the story of pillage, robbery and trai Oregon. The declared policy of murder of Americans both in Mexico with the state of Oregon

state was for the Tumalo project; and ments that have come in recent days the specific recommendation of the from Washington. to make a leading issue in Congress of reclamation engineers, approved by the a measure which, if it became law, Secretary of the Interior, was in ac- vember 15, we find the announcement cord with the state's plan.

\$450,000 in Central Oregon when the tion would be given foreigners and state appropriates and expends \$900,- perfect order maintained. 000—two to one. Shall the Government of the United

States break faith with the state of in their departure and shortly after Oregon? Or shall it keep faith?

PROSPERITY.

Julius L. Meier displays an attitude of mind which should become the popular mental state. In an extended interview he shows his abiding optimism in the present and future of Portland and Oregon. He sees pro which is saying a great deal. As an indication of his own faith he notes that he and his associates are spending \$1,250,000 in improvements; that the word retrenchment has never occurred to them; that this is a time when there should be no retrenchment, Portland and Oregon are growing and have gott the wise man is keeping pace with this difficulty. growth regardless of a trifling flurry of depression which has now passed us

Mr. Meier is entirely right. Fundamentally everything is right in Ore-gon. All the conditions that make for the blessing of full prosperity are with We have but to see and to embrace them. The wise man feels the strong undercurrent of development and advancement which is rapidly coming to the surface and builds accordingly, thus helping himself and others in a vanishing hour of industrial and commercial tenseness. days lie ahead of the pessimist. will awaken to his opportunities too

THE BROOK WHERE PONIES DRINK.

There is a good poem in the Amerble prizes escape. The matters of "greater delicacy and nearer consequence" which prompted M. Tribe and from the grassy mass. ican magazine for December. It is and drink. Then they rear their heads in the air and make ready to gallop away. The old vaquero slips up and sees among them his cow pony that he rode for eighteen faithful years and then turned out on the mesa to enjoy what was left of his life. The pony is way of expanding our foreign trade, a little stiff in the knees but his heart but there is another way, which is is gay. He neighs and prances with simplicity itself. That is to amend our the best of them. At the sight of his This treaty is quoted as proof in shipping laws in such manner as to old friend and master he comes for-permit Americans to buy foreign ships ward a few steps. The habit of obedi-

ence is strong upon him.
But just then the spur chains jingle and remind him of the pains of slavery. The love of liberty triumphs over old habit. He turns and gallops away with his comrades. The poem is strong, human and genuine. The author ha attained to beauty by resolute fidelity to simple truth.

THE CAUSES OF INSANITY.

causes of insanity, read to the Salem Six o'Clock Club and reported in The the second settlement by the right Oregon Statesman, was full of interest and instruction. Among the predem-Griffiths farms on a paying basis. Many enter- heredity. Not that actual aberration prises of this kind have failed be- of the mind can be transmitted from the programme either stopped parents to children, perhaps, but cerwith construction or provided only for tainly brain lesions and weaknesses in sale of land to all comers without care the nervous system can. And it is that the purchasers should be actually these lesions and defects that lead on The disposition, especially to insanity. Hence the popular dread of marrying a person whose ancestry shows insanity is well grounded. though often exaggerated beyond rea-

to procure money for completion of same offspring is also more or less justine work. They have thus attracted tified by facts. If both parents are settlers who could not raise crops and perfect beings mentally and physically complaints gave irrigation a there is no danger. But suppose they bad name. They have also attracted both lack certain essential units of speculators who bought land with the heredity? In that case the child must intent of reselling at higher prices necessarily tack them also and noth-and who did nothing to make the land ing can help him. Moreover, parents productive. Where water has actually who are near relatives are very apt been put on the land, no care has to possess the same recessive qualities, taken to procure settlers who If such qualities are undesirable and would succeed; the one aim has been if they happen to become dominant to sell land and get money. Some from both sides in the offspring his have gone on the land with little more case is pitiable indeed. Reluctance to capital than the first payment on their marry between near relatives should farm and with no knowledge of irri- be encouraged rather than suppressed. Not being able to get title Dr. Griffiths favors it only when the until they had completed payment, mating couple "have no similarity of constitution." In that case, of course, they could not both possess identical

units of heredity, which is the thing Practically Dr. Griffiths fixes upon syphilis and alcohol as two of the main causes of insanity. Syphilis enters the very seat of the mind and destroys the brain itself. This it does by obliterating the cerebral blood vessels The neighboring regions of the brain then go unnourished and must decay. As for alcohol, its insidious work may be detected in every part of the body and mind. Dr. Griffiths repeats the of alcoholic liquors deteriorates both they choose. Thus treaties, unsup-mind and body and predisposes to ported by force, are once more proved

one fact in mind. Drinking opens a should be a warning to this country

Pacific Railroad picks the settlers has conquered the citadel it is useless through" lest they be put at a disadcarefully and then backs them finanfor the outworks to set up any reGreat Britain and France are the

POOR MEXICO. Latest dispatches from Washington announce that President Gutierrez is The state of Oregon, through the obe installed immediately as the guid-egislature, in 1913 appropriated ing hand at Mexico City. In the \$450,000 for the construction of an meantime Zapata and Villa are said The United States Government, "continues to be optimistic," and peace

Without going into the distant past, the United States was to co-operate and on the American side of the Mexican border, it might be interesting to The specific appropriation of the review briefly a few of the announce-

Going back no longer ago than Nothat Villa and Carranza were to leave Now the astounding proposal is made the country. November 16 Bryan had by the Secretary of the Interior that another of his peace visions and fore-the Government will not expend the saw immediate tranquillity in Mexico. \$450,000, already allotted for Central November 17 Carranza said he would Oregon, for use during 1914, until the not quit. Later in the day Villa denied state of Oregon shall again appropriate having had any intention of leaving a like amount—\$450,000.

In other words, the Secretary of the Interior now promises to spend and gave assurances that full protec-The next day President Wilson decided that the American troops should not be delayed that Zapata took possession of the It is for Secretary Lane to decide. Mexican capital. Then came Villa and

now Gutierrez. days and the whole situation is as uncompromising as ever.

prosperity than we have ever known, away from the Wilson-Bryan programme which is largely responsible for Mexico's present plight. Public confidence in spineless diplomacy and have gotten us into far more serious

A JOKER IN HAGUE TREATIES.

Most useful service has been done perished from the world. y the New York Sun in removing seious misapprehensions as to the culpability of the several belligerent na-tions in violating The Hague treaties Sad the United States is bound to take tunity. He forcible measures against belligerents who have disregarded these rules. The

but the Sun has set it right. 1829, each dealing with a separate branch of the subject of war and peace. The one of these treaties which is most often quoted is the fifth, defining the rights of neutrals. It declares the territory of neutrals inviolable, forbids belligerents to transport troops, munitions or supplies across neutral territory and asserts that "the fact of a neutral power resisting, even by force, attempts to vio-

This treaty is quoted as proof, in addition to the original treaty guaranteeing Belgian neutrality, that the ac-tion of Germany in invading Belgium was a violation of international law and that, in resisting, even to the extent of sniping by private citizens, Belgium was only exercising rights which

Germany herself had guaranteed. The Sun has discovered in this and each other of the series of treaties Arkansas, what would be termed a "joker" if found in a law passed by Congress a State Legislature, rendering all of the Dr. L. F. Griffiths' paper on the treaties inoperative as to the present war. This is the joker:

> The provisions of the present convention to not apply except between contracting cowers, and then only if all the belligerents are parties to the convention.

Although the representatives of all the belligerents may have signed each or any one of the treaties, ratification alone makes a nation a party to treaty. France and Great Britain did not ratify the neutrality treaty, therefore their entrance into the solved Germany from observing it and the indictment against the latter power for treaty-breaking rests only on the treaty of 1839 among five Euro-The other popular belief that the neutrality. In like manner the fourth pean powers guaranteeing Belgian convention, prohibiting the bombard-ment of undefended towns, looting outrages on noncombatants, levy of excessive penalties on captured cities, destruction of historic monuments and forth, was rendered inoperative by the failure of France to ratify, so soon

as France entered the war.

The nations are barred also from charging that others of the series of treaties have been violated, for as to ost of them the facts are as follows:

VIII. Relating to the laying of automatic submarine contact mines. Ratified by Ger-many, Austria and Russia, but not by Great Britain and France.

IX. Concorning hombardment by naval forces in time of war. Batified by Germany, Austria, Great Britain, Russia, but not by France.

France.

X. For the adaptation of the principles of the Geneva convention to maritime warfare. Ratified by Germany, Austria and Bussia, but not by Great Britain and France.

XI. Relating to the right of capture in raval war. Hatified by Germany, Austria and Great Britain, but not by Russia and

rance. XIII. Concerning the rights and duties of neatral powers in case of maritime war, Ratified by Germany, Austria and Bussia, but not by Great Britain and France. XIV. Prohibiting the discharge of pro-jectiles and explorives from balloons. Rat-filed by Great Britain, but not by France, Russia, Germany and Austria.

The plain conclusion is that only by nanimity among the nations can the familiar observation that an occasional horrors of war be mitigated in a gen-"spree" is less harmful to an indi-vidual than habitual drinking, but soon as one nation which is not a parneither practice is particularly to be ty to the treaty is drawn into the war, recommended. "Moderate drinking" all the belligerent nations which have may be permissible in its way, but signed and ratified it become free to there is no question that excessive use fight in the most barbarous manner

"idiocy, epilepsy and criminality" in to be scraps of paper.

the drunkard's offspring.

The manner in which The Hague treaties have been rendered worthless

ricultural instructor on their own pathway for disease to whatever part not to bind itself too lightly to observe land and of a demonstration farm on of the system is weakest. It is a traitor conditions which an enemy may evade the project. Some plan should be de-which opens the unguarded doors to and not to place too much faith in the the project. Some plan should be devised by which a settler who has proved his worth by his work can borrow money at reasonable interest without waiting until he has obtained a patent. Some provision of this kind might be made in any rural credit scheme which may be adopted. In colonizing its great irrigated tracts in the Canadian Pacific Raiiroad picks the settlers who has carefully and then backs them finan-

> last among European nations one would have expected to abstain from ratifying treaties designed to mitigate the evils of war, yet they seem to have been the most frequent abstainers. They now champion Belgian neutrality, but they weakened their case by failing to ratify The Hague neutrality treaty. They have been loudest in denouncing bombardments, looting and outrages on non-combatants, but France did not sign the treaty forbidding such practices. Great Britain has denounced Germany for laying mines, but neither she nor from Battle Creek gave the rheumatism France ratified the treaty against that a battle. I go to work and back to the practice. Those two nations seem to have desired not to be hampered by the restrictions of the Geneva convention on maritime warfare. They cared neither for a clear definition of the rights of neutrals at sea nor of the right of capture at sea. Failure of in America, will end its career next to ratify the prohibition of bomb- 30 years. throwing from balloons suggests a purmode of warfare.

arise in war. Europe still agrees with \$4500. heaven by treaty.

Meanwhile Carranza is on the east year. He has a good deal to make it many contemporary players of promoast preparing for resistance. Several precious, but very likely his cheer inence have had their beginning at the other factions are up in arms. Inter-mittent fighting on the border is claim-a great deal upon his money. He tioned Frances Starr, Florence Roberts, ing its toll of American lives every few would be serone and smiling without a Laura Hope Crews and Ernest Glonpenny. Some millionaires grow sour and withered with age. Carnegie mel-Some millionaires grow sour denning. In view of such circumstances it is lows. His flavor is as rich as his bank life to him!

> At this year's session of the Amerfor truth's sake, for justice's sake." Kindly internationalism has not yet

How would it do for everybody at work to walk up to a specified place some day next week and drop one day's and as to the obligation of the United pay into a box for a permanent relief States to uphoid those treaties. It has fund? No lists should be kept and No lists should be kept and been assumed that all the belligerents nothing published but the total. There are bound to observe the rules of war are many people in good circumstances laid down at The Hague, and some who desire to avoid publicity in doing persons have gone so far as to say that good and this would be their oppor-

Food Commissioner Mickle's pro public seems to have a very hazy idea posal to stamp Oregon eggs reads bet-of the terms of The Hague treaties, ter than it would work out. A hungry man does not want his food tagged The Higue Congress of 1207 adopt-ed not one but fifteen treaties, re-who violate the law as to Chinese eggs. If his alert deputies catch the dealers vising the terms of those adopted in there is a Municipal Judge who will punish them.

> President Wilson has gone out of his vay to thank the Mikado for something or another. Of course he will take similar action when the Shah of to Persia does something pleasing.

Unprotected girls, by which is meant silly girls, have no business at the fair next year; but as they will go there, it is just as well to arrange to care for them.

England is still fretting over possi ble aerial raids. Still, we believe the airman is the last thing in the world England has to worry about.

An electrician has been found who s willing to execute ten Arkansaa mur-A job's a job these days in

An Albany man of sixty-one has secured a marriage license. But many of 'em out here in Oregon are mere Villa and Zapata are keeping order

in Mexico City. But how long will they continue in a docile frame of mind? Cheaper taxi service is promised.

But what we are more interested in is cheaper beefsteak. Berlin reports that 80,000 Russians

ave been captured. Mere dropowich storer. in the bucketsky.

after, doubtless

stablishments. Germany may later conduct raids on

to Tipperary. Thanking the Mikado for some ob-

The statement that fifty-six.per cent

family jars. It is now too late to say shop early. but not too late to avoid the eleventhour crush.

The Bull Moose favor a drifting poly. A burial policy would be more to he point.

Nome is now locked with Jack Frost a real catch-as-catch-can struggle. Mexico will have a new president eday. Order the flowers.

Nome must be the most desolate spot sake fancy diving exhibitions, in which n earth during a blizzard. Yes, Cholmondeley, the hockey see

on opens this week. Portland dogs will celebrate Nev car's day.

The Progressives will stay on ice for while.

Even Berlin utters a pessimistic

Stars and Starmakers

opening on December 14. After that Miss Jewel contemplates a season in vandeville.

Trixie Friganza and Bonnie Thornton re playing hospital time in vandeville this past fortnight. Both of them have inflammatory rheumatism and both have important vaudeville engagements. So they live in the hospital at whatever town they are playing and go to the theater when it's time for their act to go on. Trixie, who is the only woman Mut in the world, says she likes hospital vaudeville. She says, writing from Memphis, Tenn:
"Two wonderful doctors who blew in

from Battle Creek gave the rheumatism a battle. I go to work and back to the hospital, and it's great being petted by a gang of nurses; the salt rubs and oil rubs, etc., are fine."

White battle, I go to work and back to the hospital, and it's great being petted by them to rout;

White forty-odd thousand of Germans surrendered
And twice that of Russians their rifles

The Alcazar Theater in San Francisco, the most celebrated stock house France, Russia, Germany and Austria | week, after a continuous run of nearly

Frederick Belasco, its manager, as pose on their part to resort to that serts that it is the most expensively operated stock theater in the country, These nations exercised a caution but that the public has failed to appre worthy of imitation by those American ciate the efforts of the management statesmen who, in their enthusiasm for The average weekly expense of the humanity, forget the necessities which house, according to this authority, is Fifty families have been sup-Sherman that "war is hell" and cher-ishes no illusions that it can be made roll numbers 100 names. Besides its stage equipment, the Alcazar maintains a warehouse, a studio, a small sawmill Andrew Carnegie, at 79, says life and other accessories for the produc-grows more precious to him every tion of settings.

Olga Nethersole is making lint and perity at the threshold-a greater mevitable that the public will turn account, winey, rips and spicy. Long knitting sweaters in London for the soldiers at the front. Likewise stimilated by the highest humanity she has undertaken and carried forward a selfican Academy of Arts and Letters, M. imposed and self-suggested task of idealism run riot is not far from an Brieux spoke for France. He said that end. And perhaps it is just as well Western democracy "is arrayed against gian brother-at-arms with tobacco for ly there has appeared in The Oregonian that the disillusionment comes over all forms of tyranny," and that the his comforting pipe. Something like a poor Mexico. Such tomfoolery might theater stands "for civic betterment." thousand pounds of tobacco each week Mr. Howells crowns M. Brieux with are the fruits of Miss Nethersole's and heralded as the one dress destined the compliment that "he uses his art activities in behalf of the soldiers. It to revolutionize the present style of is a common-sense benefaction,

> laugh in a list of "conventional stage settings:"

The crook's room Common pine table. Oil lamp with green glass shade (to be .(bedass Dumb-waiter whistle, Old horsehair sofa. One window, with movable shades (will

raised as a signal). Cracked mirror Oil stove (hot water simmering). Drawer in table, containing pistel, Exi: B (to "dimly-lighted hall"). Package of soda crackers. Bottle of

overty stuff), Home of redeemed courtesan: Four gilt chairs. Vase of pink ros Baby grand plane with open copy of "Nar

picture in gold frame on mantle Writing deak with dain'y stationery

Door opening into bedroom. Fireplace (for burning photographs or let. Time-table (first train to Paris).

Mauve sofa pillow (to be angrily punched). Open floor space at K (where "his" pearls ay be thrown).

Another Pacific Coast actor has nade a bit of a success in New York, and promptly the seasons he worked out here have faded entirely from his memory, Thurston Hall, sometime beliboy and principal in a scandal, has attracted Broadway attention in a musical comedy, "The Only Girl." Babbling away in an interview Thurston says: "I've also played in stock mpanies in Philadelphia, Chicago, Pittsburg, Minneapolis New Orleans, Detroit, St. Louis, Milwaukee and Buffalo."

Not a word about Portland, Los Angeles or San Francisco. But just let Thurston be interviewed when he reaches the Coast and he'll rave about us, and our climate, and our roses, and our prosperity and how our village do be grow. It is to laugh!

An English company had two German conductors. One played "Lohengrin" with long cuts. But when the other got hold of "Lohengrin" he called a rehearsal and put all the excised music back again. The company nicknamed one Herr Cut and the other Herr Re-

Chick Sale is surely in the optic of A new president of Mexico will be the public just now. He is playing installed today. And deposed the day vaudeville engagements of his "Village School" in two New York theaters, and over in Urbana, Illineis, he is being People who fear ghosts object to headlined in the papers as the father of iving near cemeteries and undertaking a new baby girl, who has been named Cherry Virginia Sale.

Jean Havez and William Collier met Great Britain. It's a long, long way at the Friars' Club at noon and Havez was visibly agitated over something, says an exchange.

"These Thanksgiving urchins give cure act appeals to us as appearing me a pain," remarked Mr. Havez. "Coming from my office to the club I was stopped by a hundred of them, dressed in grotesque fashion, who soof the world is at war does not include licited money from me."

"Those weren't street kids," retorted William Collier, "They were actors in their make-ups, out of work," Bertram Lytell, formerly of the Alca-

zar stock, is appearing with Marie Dressler in her new comedy, "A Mix-Up." Robert Ober, once a Baker player, is also in Miss Dressler's cast. Marie Cahill is to appear soon in a

new musical play, with Richard Carle as her principal support. The music is by that indefatigable Jerome Kern. Annette Kellermann will shortly for.

she has had a long and remunerative career, for the role of prima donna Herbert and Anne Caldwell O'Dea are at present engaged upon a nusical comedy in which she is to be starred. The action of the plot, it is said, will afford Miss Kellermann op-portunities for her musical talent which she abandoned for a swimming portunities career. She received her musical in-struction from her mother, who con-ducted a conservatory of music in Molbourne, Australia, many years ago.

N. Nitts on Reports By Dean Collins.

And straight through a knothole, with-

tion;
And then on the war news he made dissertation.

I see by the papers, some days back, the Russian
Delivered the German a knockout
plumb crushin';
And likewise I see that mid turmoil Delivered

and shootin' The Russian is fleein', pursued by the Teuton; And also I reads simultaneous-like, That the Germans still flee while the Russian foes strike.

I see in them papers, with confidence atated.

A bunch of them Germans is plumb 'nihilated; Which bunch, so I reads further down,

has tendered.

On all the East front, while the German arms win. The Russians is rushin' right on to The battle has come pretty nigh a de-

cision, Germans has captured an entire Fer division; And meanwhile the Czar is delighted to learn Two full German armies has yielded in

reads these reports with solicitude, worried about these here horrors of war; With both sides a-yellin' and both sides a-scootin', It looks pretty bad fer both Russian and Teuton; And I must observe, viewin' all things

around—
modern war tactics is surely profound. JUST WHAT SHALL WOMEN WEAR.

Possibility of Adopting Trousers In-

spires Correspondent to Liter-

nry Efforts. PORTLAND, Dec. 2 .- (To the Editor.) I have been considerably worried ever since the present agitation about Amerne notices about a particularly costume invented by a Fannie Harley, women's wear. If clothes make the man, and pants are the badge of mascu From an exchange is gleaned this linity, what will happen when men and women both wear the bifurcated nether garment which, according to Miss Harley, will be the case in a very short time? Will we all be men or must we, perforce, believe as sne does that women always had no more nor less than two legs? And when she is permitted to put them into two trousers legs in-stead of one and allowed the free use of her body, she will become more fem-

> I think myself that there is more truth than poetry in her contention, for some of the ladies one sees in their silk and lace "poetns" lack a whole lot of the "poetry of motion" in their attempts at locomotion, especially walle dodging automobiles or climbing on streetcars. I believe it also proves her assertion that no woman can be modest assertion that no woman can be modest in skirts; and when one observes their gyrations when attempting to walk or to sit down, we must all agree with her "that walking among women is a lost art" and "not one in five hundred can sit down properly."
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> After all the commotion among men about women twing to reason the second

After all the commotion among men about women trying to wear trousers, it is amusing to learn from Miss Harley that women were trousers long before men discarded their skirts, and like all the rest of the good things of this life we took them and left our skirts for women to wear, which "evoluted" into the present day skirt. Is it any wonder she claims "skirts are a badge of inferiority and a disgrace to women's intelligence?"

Even though she has some extremely

former she does not take away every-thing women are wearing, giving them nothing as a substitute and leaving the poor things exposed to the Wintry blast. She has devised a costume of exceeding beauty. No corset, pleased and the bifurcated lower "harleys" gave to her entire body a natifical grace and and the bifurcated lower "harleys" gave to her entire body a natural grace and swing that seems impossible in skirts. I said the lower garment was bifurcated, but the "harleys" have no semblance to that highly prized article of male apparel—pants; but are fussed up to the acme of feminine desire and no woman attired in "harleys" would ever be slapped on the back and asked for a "light" in mistake for a man.

HAROLD SCOTT HAROLD SCOTT.

WHAT AILED SI HAWKINS.

Heerd Si Hawkins t'other day Growlin' in a grouchy way, An' his eyes seemed threat'nin' tears As he ladled out his fears As he ladled out his fears That this once unequaled state Soon 'd meet a awful fate— Goin' hell-bent down the track Goin' hell-bent down the tra Leadin' to etarnal wrack. Taxes snatchin' of the bread From the poor folks' mouths, he said;
State officials seemed to be
Blowin' in our cash as free
As if play'n' it through the nose
Of a fireman's three-inch hose.
Cost o' livin' gone so high
Hid plum from the naked eye
Of the common herd, because Legislators of our laws Stood in with the trusts, by jo Fur a rakeoff of the dough. Now them prohibitionists Knock the beer glass from our fists-Say in manner tyrannous Water's good enough fur us.
Makes me feel a'mighty blue
Sensin' what we're comin' to!"

"Now look 'ere, ol' man," says
"Them 'ere clouds up in your sky
Ain't two inches deep, an' there's
Sunshine back of 'em somewheres.
Ol' state flag's a-flyin' high—
Trouble's in your innards, Si;
There's a cure fur all your ills
In a box o' liver pills."
Then he tol' me I could go
Plum to, well, 'way down below,
An' he walked away as hot
As a dumplin' in a pot. Water's good enough fur us. As a dumplin' in a pot. Met Si Hawkins yistaday

An' he said in smilin' way:
"Shake, ol' man; I found out you
Knowed jus' what I'd ort to do.
Say, I'm feelin' fine, I am.
Feelin' frisky as a lamb—
As a songbird in a tree— As a songbird in a tree—
Come an' have a drink on me."
—James Barton Adams.

Storm Warnings by Wircless

London Telegraph. One of the objects of the Australian Antarctic expedition will be the estab-lishment of a meteorological station to give warnings by wireless of the severe storms which sweep the Southern seas.

Long Trip of Gas Buoy.

Indianapolis News. A gas buoy broke from its moorings in the St. Lawrence River and drifted for two years, covering a distance of for two years, covering a distance 18,000 miles before it was picked up.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

rom The Oregonian, December 1 and 2, 1889. F. A. Carle, telegraphing from Washngton, says the West fooled away all hances at the Speakership and that Reed of Maine was elected on the secout deviation, ond ballot. He says the West will have projected the nicotine's rich liquidato to take the consequences in the way of the session's legislation.

Minneapolis, Minn.—A fire starting on the third floor of the Tribune building here tonight cost perhaps a dozen lives and did excessive damage. At 2 Clock this morning the list of dead included James F. Igoe, Associated Press operator, who stayed too long at his post of duty; Walter E. Miles, W. H. operator, who stayed too long at his post of duty; Walter E. Miles, W. H. Milman, Jerry Jenkinson, Robert Mc-Cutcheon, Professor Edward Olsen, Milton Pickett and several unidentified.

Dr. Mary Walker has sent Mrs. Hannah Southworth, who killed Pettus at New York, a letter of sympathy. She says: "The settling of scoundrels by brave women frightens those of the same ilk."

Last evening at the residence of Mrs. Brazee, the "King's Daughters" gave fair and entertainment for the benefit of the free kindergarten, under the management of Miss Jeanne Blodgett, the well-known elecutionist. "Over the Garden Wall," a pretty dialogue, was staged by the following little children: Irene Malarkey, Louise Raleigh, Genevieve Thompson, Edie Percy, Myrtle Simms, Kate Woolsey, Winifred Percy, Nan Raleigh and Fannie Barber.

A. C. McClelland, newly-appointed re-eiver at the land office at La Grande, was in the city yesterday.

Miss Angelina Buckman and Thomas K. Richardson were married Thanks-giving day by the Rev. D. O. Ghormley. The bridal couple will reside at Roseburg.

Charles Coulter, for a number of years associated with the Union ticket office, is ill at St. Vincent's Hospital.

Washington—Representative Her-mann has submitted the name of W. B. Ladue, of Salem, Or., for appointment as cadet to West Point Military Acad-

P. F. Morey, manager of the Willam-ette Electric Company, was the recipi-ent of a gift chair last night by his employes. With the chair was presented an address signed by W. A. Burk-holder, L. Clarke, C. D. McLaine and R. M. Townsend on behalf of the other employes. The gift was a complete sur-prise, Mr. Morey being mysteriously summoned to the office to receive it.

G. W. Thurman, ex-chief operator for the Western Union here and later Col-lector of Customs at Port Townsund, succeeding Quincy Brooks, is back, baving resigned that office to be "traffic chief" of the Pacific Postal Tele graph Company. Mrs. Coursen and Mrs. Walter Reed

will give a concert tomorrow night at Masonic Hall. S. M. Garland, the only passenger on he steamer idaho when she went ground on Rosedale Reef, off Cape face Light, Friday morning, reached

Half a Century Ago

from The Oregonian, December 2 and 3, 1864 William L Beggs, formerly editor he Oregon Statesman, is at present edtor of the Nevada Gazette,

Barber shops and cigar stores are losed in Washington on Sunday by military order; consequences, unshaven hins, little smoking and a great deal I hard swearing. The streetcars frac-are the Sabbath without any hindrance.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Keane, two ery distinguished actors whose fame s part of the history of this genera-ion, are expected here on the next teamer en route to Victoria.

Even though she has some extremely radical views, they are in the main sensible, and unlike the average reformer she does not take away everything women are weather.

The challenge of Mr. Hamilton to walk without food or sleep for 100 hours has been accepted by James Brady.

E. C. Knight has presented to the city of Philadelphia a gig formerly owned by Stephen Girard. The gift will be placed on the Girard College property.

Rear-Admiral Pierson has assumed ommand of the United States squadron of the Pacific.

Madison Bledsoe was sentenced in Madison Bledsoe was sentenced to life imprisonment yesterday by Judge Shattuck. After the sentence Mr. Bled-soe addressed a letter to The Oregon-ian in which he publicly thanked the court attaches and attorneys who have had him and his trial in charge. maintains that the crime of which be was convicted was in self-defense so far as he himself was able to believe.

Rev. Mr. Myers, Evangelical Lutheran

year 1870 there were 73,000 cases of typhoid fever in the German army. Out of this number there were 7000 deaths. In the Boer war the British army suffered from typhoid fever to the extent of 57,000 cases, of which 8000 died. During the war with Spain the United States Army was ravaged with typhoid fever. In 1898 there were 20,728 cases and 1580 deaths among 198,000 men. In other words, one man in every five contracted typhoid fever. Even among the troops which never left the United States, but remained in the various concentration camps at home, one man in every six came down with the dis-ease. In 1898 nine-tenths of the deaths th occurred among the troops in United States were caused by ty-

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Don't let impulse lead you to choose inferior articles or to pay high prices. Shop early-early in the morning

if possible and plan your Christmas lists in advance. Sit down with your favorite news paper, run your eye over the adver-

tising and plan accordingly. The advertising will not only give many splendid suggestions, but it will also post you as to the best

places to buy.