## THE MORNING OREGONIAN, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1914.

#### The Oregonian no other man considers the nomina-tion worth having. yet are not so obedient to the dictates of conscience as is Mr. Bryan. Chairman Henry, being a Texas PORTLAND, OREGON. Democrat, discovers the more impos-WITH A MURDERER'S MONEY. Entered at Portland, Oregon, Postoffics as second-class matter. Subscription Rates-Invariably in Advance: ing obstacle-at least more imposing Through the liberal use of money, Democrats-of the state rights corruptly applied, Harry Thaw, the doctrine. "If there are any two ques-(By Mail.)

caught and detained by the authori-Sunday, one year Sunday and Weekly, one year ..... (By Carrier.)

shire jail.

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PORTLAND, TUESDAY, DEC. 22, 1914.

#### WILSON'S POWER FAILING.

President Wilson is no longer omnipotent in his party. His influence New York officials. Thaw is held to no longer preserves unity in his Cabinet, no longer insures party unannet ity in Congress on measures which figure in his programme, no longer ful conspiracy. Harry Thaw murdered Stanford Harry Thaw for the effort to defeat ments without protest. The recent White in 1906 and the effort to defeat Congressional election has shown that justice for the slayer did not end with his talisman has lost power. The his consignment to an asylum for the rumblings of discontent at prolonged criminal insane, but has been an unbusiness depression show that the ending scandal, involving courts, law-foundations of his popularity have yers, detectives and a multitude of been sapped. The people, hungry or seedy parasites eager for the Thaw eating up their savings while doing a money. The struggle of Thaw for undiminished business at a loss, revolt deserved freedom is based on money against his diet of mellifluous phrases. If he shall ultimately be released he

The Senate has been the first to will have proved that any murderer revolt openly against Presidential may triumph in the end over justice, domination. Always more independ- if he is rich enough, and if he is ent than the House, it materially meanwhile not hanged. changed the currency bill, and added a clause to the Canal tolls bill reserving the rights of the United States, which was much to Mr. Wilson's distaste. There was a decided break in the party ranks in the Senate on the latter bill, the most determined op-ponent of which was Senator O'Gorman, a Democrat. The severest critic of the anti-trust bills was Senator Reed, also a Democrat. On the Canal tolls his party split in the House also and his former rival, Speaker Clark, delivered a speech which spared him given no commensurate benefit to the not

So long as the legend of the President's invincibility and popularity survived, the breach within the ranks was not serious enough to impair his dominance over Congress. He was as Republicans. able to keep that body in practically continuous session for eighteen months and to procure the passage of laws which he selected. But the reduction of the Democratic majority in Congress to dimensions which require strict discipline, regular attendance and complete harmony in order to retain control of legislation dispelled the illusion. Congress saw no markets, nor unemployed labor, nor reward for its blind following of him idle mills, nor abandoned logging or for its unwontedly arduous labor. It found that he was not such a winner after all.

The revolt is now open and undisguised, Not realizing how greatly his influence was weakened, the President sent to the Senate the nomination of John D. Lynn, of Rochester, for United States attorney for the western district of New York, on recommendation of Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo and Assistant Franklin D. Roosevelt, of the Navy, disregarding Senator O'Gorman's recommendation of Thomas E. Boyd, of Buffalo, which is backed by Representatives Smith and Driscoll.

insane murderer, escaped from the Matteawan asylum, on August 17, 1913. By the aid of swift automobile he contrived to cross the international suffrage." boundary into Canada. There he was

ties, and was later ordered deporte to the United States on the ground that he was a criminal and a fugitive from justice. He was landed on the 75 American side, and after another sensational effort at escape, he was ar rested and placed in a New Hamp-

Then followed a determined effort by the New York authorities to reclaim Thaw. The cheeky and false contention was made that he was not fugitive from justice and that he had a right to leave the custody the asylum authorities, if he could get away. Strange to say, this surprising pretense of Thaw's well-paid attorneys was sustained by the Federal Court of New Hampshire.

Now the Supreme Court of was wanted by the majority. the There is no difference in principle United States reverses the New Hampbetween the two cases. Talk of invashire judge, and remands Thaw to the sion of state sovereignty is a convenient excuse. We should like to see the be a fugitive, and the organized members vote their convictions on proplan to open outward the Matteawan hibition and woman suffrage.

JOSEPH SMITH. Joseph Smith the second, who died the other day, was the commonplace son of a remarkable father. The first Joseph Smith founded the Mormon Church, asserting that he had received a revelation from on high. Whether he wrote the famous Book of Mormon or not and how he came by it if he did not write it himself are questions involved in mystery. But have suffered the possession of this obscure and alty long ago.

world.

over certain persons and enabled him

It has adopted thoroughgoingly the

#### NOT AN AMERICAN TARIFF.

The tariff should be neither a loca ssue, nor a political issue; but in practice it is both. A Democrat who

presided over the meeting of the State been elsewhere. In some of the en-Dairymen's Association at Chehalis suing troubles Smith was arrested and the other day vigorously arraigned the Underwood tariff for its disastrous onstrated the excellence of their Chriseffects upon the dairy industry in the Pacific Northwest. It has all but imtianity by shooting him in jail. When poverished the producer, and it has the affair she dedicated her son to nsumer. The convention took the been cut off. But the young man's unusual course of adopting a resolustar was not in the ascendant. The tion denouncing the tariff. It was great genius of the Mormon Church at upported by practically the entire that time was Brigham Young, a man

body of dairymen, Democrats as well whose consummate executive and economic ability has not been adequately During the late campaign the Dem recognized by historians. ocratic press chose to regard the agi-Smith differed with Brigham Young tation over the importation of Chinese on some points of doctrine connected eggs as a joke, and the complaints of with polygamy and the new church the dairymen that the low tariff on consequently suffered a schism. Those butter was ruinous to them as unwho agreed with Young followed him worthy of attention. on his marvelous migration to Utah.

But empty pockets are not a proper Joseph Smith and his much smaller subject of humor, nor demoralized flock took up their abode in Missouri, at Independence, where they have prospered moderately. They number camps. A tariff which discriminates ome 50,000 members today, while the against the agriculturist everywhere Brigham Young branch has increased and against all the products of the to perhaps 400,000 and is growing vig-West besides, is a tremendous reality orously even where it is bitterly op-The tariff which produces so little posed by other denominations. revenue that a deficiency tax-falsely alled a war tax-must be levied is no church lies in its economic practices

tariff for any American. HOW WE "AVOIDED" WAR.

The Oregonian accuses President Wilso community stands by its members in their business operations and expecti tional meddling by setting out to eliminate Haerta." What, may we ask, did President Wilson do other than rofuse to recognize Huerta as president?—Salem Capital Journal. unstinted support from them in re-

turn. The suspicion of polygamous practices has prevented the Mormon The Oregonian doubts if the queseconomic theories from developing their full power to solve social prob asked in good faith. Mr. O'Gorman induced the judiciary no idea that any clear and impartial lems, but, handicapped as they have committee to report adversely on the review of the facts about Mexico will been, they have done wonders. ----E. M. STANTON, Edwin M. Stanton's centenary opposing the nomination show that the mere act of refusing should not be allowed to pass with New Jersey and Senator Reed opposes definite diplomatic blunder of the able and upright man. He was born at Steubenville, O., December 19, 1814 President Wilson sent John Lind to and educated at Kenyon College, one of the oldest institutions in the state. Ambassador Henry Lane Wilson, Through John Lind the President His National career began when Buchanan appointed him Attorney-Genthe definite demand that eral of the United States. The two Huerta should not be a candidate men formally agreed in politics, both being Democrats, at least in name, but there could have been little similarity between their sentiments on public affairs. The weak and amiable Bu-The exportation of arms chanan sought to end our civil dissenslong by concession and inaction. which sought to be prevented, but to the As Lincoln's Secretary of War, Stan. rebels was permitted. A definite ton was one of the most vigorously active men of his time and few have squeezing-out programme against Huerta was inaugurated. Various ever shown more decision of charac demands upon him were made. ter in emergencies. Buchanan slipped programme of support for his enemies into that condition of paralysis which was formulated and carried out. Fiis so enchanting to men of his temperament by resolutely clinging to an war with Huerta-not with Mexicoabsurd theory of secession. On the but with Huerta. It was stopped by one hand, he claimed, the Southern the A B C intervention. But Huerta states had no right under the Constifinally fled, a year or more after the tion to secede. On the other hand, first unloaded "ultimatum" from the the Federal Government had no au-

renominated, the reason may be that the desires of their constituents and perpetually awry and human happiness is blighted."

We have not given Brieux' exact words here, but our paraphrase is faithful to his spirit. Bernard Shav delivers himself to the same purport in the introduction to "Misailiance," one of his late plays. He declares the exclusively to the jurisdiction of the and the ordinary home little better

states, they pertain to liquor and than a moral sty as well as a hopeless dungeon for the wretched children. M. Brieux must have been thinking of French homes when he uttered his It is not to be doubted that in the eight-hour debate on the prohibition

amendment and in the six-hour deprotest against despotism. There is bate on woman's suffrage the harp no doubt plenty of tyranny at our American firesides, but it is not the strings of sympathy will be struck for the twelve states which might have father who exercises it. With us he unwelcome policies cruelly forced is an unresisting victim over whom the upon them by the other thirty-six children, in an unholy alliance with states. And truly indignant protests mother, ride rough-shod. The fath-

would be heard from certain states er's function is to keep the exchequer that failed to ratify the proposed amendments if they were overruled. replenished. As long as he does that he is tolerated at the fireside and the Yet in practically every state that dinner table, but it is distinctly underadopts prohibition on its own initiastood that he has nothing to say about tive some locality voices a like pro-test. Just now Western Washington the marriages of his daughters or the careers of his sons.

is angered by the dry vote of Eastern We do not see how emancipation Washington, which has put the liquor could go a great deal farther than it has in the American family. If antraffic out of business in Western archy in that sacred domain is a sign Washington, where the liquor traffic of advanced evolution we must be at the head of the world.

# The Corvallis students have issued :

decorated holiday number of their 'Barometer." It contains, among other good matter, an account of the college's extension work, which now

reaches 300,000 people in Oregon. At the various institutes and so forth 140,543 persons have been present this year.

The notorious Thaw completes the cycle of his circumgyrations by falling into the hands of New York again This murderer's evasions of justice are a scandal to the country. If he had been a penniless miscreant he would have suffered the law's extreme penmystical work gave him great power

It was not Jupiter but Orion whose

to establish a new religion in the ccultation inspired Longfellow's muse, but the principle is the same Driven from pillar to post, the Mor-This is as good a time as any to re ons finally settled at Nauvoo, Ill., acquaintance with a pretty poen where they were no more welcome to and learn the whys of a beautiful cethe old inhabitants than they had estial phenomenon.

The Argentine national university a a number of zealous opponents dem-Buenos Aires has 5000 students. International law is the foremost study at this great institution. Some of its the younger Joseph's mother heard of graduates, like Dr. Luis M. Drago have a world-wide renown as inter the work from which his father had national lawyers.

> It is not enough that you should lrop a coin absent-mindedly into the coffers of charity. Rather you should take a personal and active inerest in making the world a little brighter for someone who is in distress.

According to a British official, the ecent raid on the English coast shows that German hatred has passed the ounds of reason. Not to mention that German daring has passed bounds of British safety.

Returns from Oregon apples shipped o South America are encouraging. The prices were higher than any other market has yet yielded and fresh orders have come in for 5000 more The great strength of the Mormon boxes,

It is ascertained that the British principle of central aid to the indifinished breakfast under fire before vidual and full co-operation. The sinking the German squadron. The Anglo-Saxon is a deliberate animal.

> After reading that the British sea fighters finished a good warm breakfast before taking up the battle, we are not surprised that they won.

will not treat Italy as she did us.

for vacation begins very soon

ng his Christmas shopping.

Germans he must mean.

this is balmy weather.

This is not the shortest day, how-

ever, to the person who is just start-

A Russian General says the situa-

Some of the old Sour Doughs who

nave spent a Winter above 40 think

Back in Colorado, where the sun

This being the shortest day of the

year, start your shopping at an early

We have it. Jupiter and the moon

Do not overlook the shiny silver and

risp, new bills for Christmas giving.

The Kalser has gone to the from

with his kitbag full of iron crosses.

money is not gone, shop early.

the week it should come out.

photograph with apology.

are concentrating for defensive action.

shines 365 days in the year, it is only

not follow

# NEWSPAPERS DON HOLIDAY DRESS

# Christmas Numbers Arriving Show

# Season Is Duly Recognized.

Sutherlin is not a very large Ore-gon city and the annual number of the Sun-14 pages, in an illuminated From The Oregonian, December 29, 1889. San Ffancisco.—James J. Corbett, th boxer, is not yet a professional. His contract for his appearance in Portland calls only for a "contest," and Corbett announces it will not be a fight to a cover-is all the more creditable to the publisher. A noticeable feature is the large amount of advertising by men who do not appear in the regular issue.

finish. The Salem Journal Saturday stepped Seattle .- Senator Henry Landes, Port Townsend, and Miss Christina Story, of Victoria, were married Wednesday, December 18, at the Rainmarried ler Hotel. Judge John P. Hoyt, of the Supreme Bench, officiated, in the pres-

ence of distinguished guests, who in-cluded Governor Ferry, Lieutenant--Governor Laughton and members of both houses of the Washington Legis-The Christmas number of the Gresham Outlook is up to the standard established last year by Editor St. interesting news. Clair. lature.

The Christmas edition of the Rain-

Bismarck, N. D .- An iron-clad prohifor Review is devoted to showing the wonderful resources and opportunities of the section of Columbia County in bition amendment passed both houses of the North Dakota Legislature December 18

George B. Tracy has been appointed postmaster at Baker City, Or.

Bids for a story-and-a-half dwelling

to be built on the east side of Ella street, near E street, for Mrs. Meda Matz were opened yesterday at the of-fice of Otto Kleemann.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Frank V. Drake has removed his law office to the new "Washington block" at Washington and Fourth streets.

The King of Slam has just married 20 new wives.

'Captain John O'Brien presided at the assembly of the Federated Trades Tues-day night. C. Bomberger presided as secretary. The enforcement of the eight-hour law was taken up.

The Oregon delegation in its recommendations to the President, have sug-sested Louis T. Barin, of Oregon City, s United States Marshal in Oregon; R. P. Earhart, of Portland, as Collector of Customs; Milton Weidler, of Port-land, as Collector of Internal Revenue;

W. H. Byars, of Salem, for Surveyor-General; Franklin Pierce Mays, of The Dalles, for District Attorney; George Steel for postmaster of Portland; A. M. Crawford, of Marshfield, for Received of the Land Office at Roseburg. The delegation has made numerous other

ecommendations for the "plums" in day endeavor.

C. H. Freeman, formerly a resident of Portland, but now living at London, is in the city at the Gliman.

ABUSES IN PARCEL POST SYSTEM

Similar Relations With Railroads by Individuals Criminal, Says Writer.

PORTLAND, Dec. 21 .- (To the Editor.)-In The Oregonian December 15, under heading "Post Is Cheaper Than Freight," Mr. George Summers, of Prineville, presented a very interesting comparison of freight and parcel post rates between Prineville and Fort

Oregon.

Klamath. The airline distance between the two points is approximately 126 miles and

it is upon this distance that the parcel post rate of \$1.05 per hundred pounds is based. The shortest distance by es-

tablished mail routes is via Lakeview and is 378½ miles. The established parcel post rate for a straight-away distance of 300 to 600 miles is \$4.15 per hundred pounds. The freight charge of about \$1.65 per hundred is, in this case, for a haul by rail of 769 miles. The parcel post rate for a straightaway shipment for a distance of be-tween 600 and 1000 miles is \$6.10 per

undred. If the Postal Department has conhundred. 

which it receives its support. There is a saying down the river that "Char-ley Nutt gets out a great paper," and it is true. Men seeking location for investment need a copy of the current land to a policy of strict neutrality. lesue. The "Special Christmas Edition" of

the Silverton Appeal exploits that section of Marion County in a convincing There are 16 pages inside a cover and the mechanical work heavy

perfect. People of Hoppner certainly have reason to feel proud of the Harlans and their Herald, and in the "Annual Morrow County Edition." issued De-cember 15, the cause for pride is in-

creased. The paper plays up well the advantages for business investment and home-making. Editorially and typo-

home-making. Editorial graphically it is perfect. Considering office resources and pos-

sibilities, the current number of the Aurora Observer ranks well in the lead of holiday issues. The old town has awakened into new life and Editor

Wescott is its prophet. The Newberg Graphic observes the

season by a blaze of color

The Aberdeen (Wash.) Daily World of December 17 uses the color of its native fir to call attention to its holi-

There are 48 pages in the Christma dition of the Walla Walla Evening

Bulletin and if there is anything in or about the Inland Empire that is not exploited its absence is not noticeable. The "Christmas Edition" of the Gold-

endale (Wash.) Sentinel shows profitable co-operation of business men and newspaper men. The holiday number of the South Bend (Wash.) Journal is like its pre-decessors and perhaps a little better.

Anybody interested in Livingston Mont, needs a copy of the Enterprise of December 18, which has exhaustive review of the possibilities and oppor

tunities of that section of the great state of a thousand resources.

## THE SORROWFUL CHRISTMAS.

Ben H. Lampman in Gold Hill News. Nicholas, saint of the children, drum ed on the frosted pane; he heard the play of the anow sprites over the Northern plain, he heard the hoofs of his reindeer crunch on the crusted snow-and he answered Mistress Nicholas, "Yea, it is time to go." as a drove stampeded the Arti Wild

that the sum of the rates payable to the several carriers between Prineville and Fort Klamath would reach much more than the parcel post rate of \$1.08, for I carry the strangest playthings so that by handling overland, the de-partment would be in the position of that the good bear gave me, brush it partment would be in the position of that the good bear gave me, brush i paying out more than it gets; in other and trim it new-I must ride wit paying out more than it gets; in other and "offm it new-i must ride with words, doing the business at a loss. Even if the distance were only 180 miles, as stated by Mr. Summers, the at the frosted pane, and the saint of return would scarcely pay wages for man and team-certainly not at this

ton and General Thomas. Sherman also has reached Savannah, driven the enemy in after a battle as previously reported, and having carried Fort Mc-Allister by storm, is besieging Savanoutside of its path of moribund pes-simism long enough to get out an issue showing enterprise on the part of its owners and appreciation by advertisers. The closing of the Columbia has pre-

Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian, December 21, 1864. The important war intelligence today s that Hood has been defeated near

Nashville by the army under Thomas. The news of the important engagement has been given out by Secretary Stan-

vented communication with the upper country and cut us off from a lot of interesting news. The cold weather ame earlier than usual this year.

Deserters say that John Mitchell, the notorious Irish refugee, is commode of the rebel fleet in the James River.

Earl Russell has replied to the re-cent manifesto of the Confederate Congress, expressing equal friendship for the North and South, and pledging Eng-

The London Times thinks Lincoln will make some endeavor to close the war by negotiating.

William Naucke and A. Bergman have formed a partnership and will engage is artistic. The literary features are in the confectionery business at 105 First street.

> An ordinance defining the duties and jurisdiction of the office of Recorder has just been prepared by Judge Mc-Coy, at the request of City Attorney

Dolph. Messrs, Ladd & Tilton, bankers, are now thoroughly settled in their new banking quarters at the corner of Stark and Front streets. C. E. Tilton, the junior partner, left yesterday for San Francisco, intending to proceed to New

York about December 23. There is a very important message

at the telegraph office for Peter A. Bryngelson, a passenger on the Sierra Nevada.

The Grey Generals By Dean Collins.

Bugles of Boreas summon them to waken; Boldly they grip at their battle-

axes' helve; Flerce flap the Northern lights, the war banners shaken;

Rouse the Grey Generals who won

crust crashing, Riding the wind's wings from the

Seneral January, from the Northland

dashing; General February—Russia's ancient

Their's be the battle blades that broke,

Legions Napoleon into Russia hurled, neered when the shadow of the con-

Till blasted and beaten was the Breaker of the World.

sharper than steel are the swords they

are unsheathing, Edged with ice, biting more than bitter heat.

Stands there a son of a mortal mother

breathing Who can bear the fearful beating of

the shrapnel of the sleet?

Glare the Grey Generals, from their

fastness starting; Wild as a wolf's wail shrills their

ce-tipped their arrows through awful air are darting; Black o'er their battle-field the storm

ing; Riding the wind's wings from the

Bugles of Boreas blatantly are bray-

Grim the Grey Generals gallop to the

slaying; Lords of the long night-Russia's

Case No. 74.

of old, the strongest

queror lay longest.

in 1812. Cold come their cohorts, o'er the snow

mountain slope;

hope.

nomination without a dissenting voice, affect the indurated partisanship of and the same day the Senate refused this petty-minded Salem paper. unanimously to confirm it. Senator it will recall a fact or two that will Martine is of an internal revenue collector in to recognize Huerta is not the only that of a marshal in Missourf, with President, good prospects of like results. Senatorial prerogative is at stake and in Mexico as a special envoy to displace such a case party is forgetten.

The revolt also extends to legislation which is on the President's pro- made gramme. The safety at sea convention was not ratified until it had been for President at the approaching Mexamended in such a manner as to ren- ican elections, Through William Bayder it nugatory, in the opinion of State Department officials. There is negotiations with the rebels Carranza open opposition among Democrats in and Villa. both Senate and House to the Gov- from the United States to Huerta was ernment ship-purchase bill, holds first place on the President's programme, and Representative Goeke mises to offer a subsidy bill. Representative Bulkley threatens to tell some plain truths about the influences are trying to kill the rural which credit bill. Both these Democrats fell nally, the Administration went to outside the breastworks last November and have nothing to lose by breaking with their party leader. They have many sorrowful companions.

The rift in the party extends into the Cabinet. The President's friends, United States. recognizing that his popularity was waning, have sought the cause. Many of them have found it in Secretary of coward may avoid a fight, if he can State Bryan, who cheapened his office by his Chautauqua exploits, who has shamed the country by the fatuous Mexican policy, the humiliating Co-

lombian treaty, the ineffective peace Today the proposed prohibition treaties and the Santo Domingo amendment to the Federal Constituscandal. Mr. Bryan's hold on the tion will be taken up for consideration party has perceptibly weakened, not in the House, and it is expected that in the East, but in the West, the resolution will have been either where he was formerly strongest. He defeated or adopted before adjourn and his faithful admirer, Secretary ment for Christmas day. Immediately Daniels, are held to be the twin mill- after the disposition of the prohibition stones tied around the President's issue the woman suffrage amendment Secretary Garrison has such will be considered. neck.

Predictions are not favorable to the sanely practical ideas on peace and al defense that rumors are adoption of either resolution. Secrespreading of clashes between him and tary of State Bryan has put a soft the two angels of peace, whose cause pedal on the resolutions that may is taken up by the President. Mr. help some of the wavering to favor Garrison's return to private life would prohibition and woman suffrage osbe no surprise, though Mr. Wilson has tensibly without alding in the enactbeen given many hints that he would ment of either. But Chairman Henry better throw Mr. Bryan and Mr. Dan- of the judiciary committee has erectiels overboard. ed the cover behind which it is prob-

The President's control over the able many Democratic members will shaping of leigslation is declared by hover.

close observers to have been more Mr. Bryan assures us that if a mem apparent than real. He simply insist- ber of the House he would vote for that there must be legislation on the resolution, being a believer in a certain subject in a certain general both prohibition and woman suffrage. direction, but the bill was given shape But he believes presentation of both by the forces contending around him resolutions is now inopportune. A as a figurehead. When these bills two-thirds vote of the two houses is to America, "are the worst of despots, falled to produce the expected effects, required for submission of the amendthe President was the most surprised ments and they must thereafter be honest men, but they are sadly deof men.

ratified by the Legislatures of threeluded. In reality they are criminals Many things which are being said fourths of the states. Mr. Bryan sees for abusing their power over their and done tend to the conclusion that no hope for state ratification and unfortunate offspring. They demon-belief in Mr. Wilson's infallibility has fears that "a National contest for strate their tyranny most often by strate their tyranny most often by given place to a sceptical, critical at- either amendment would simply di- forcing their daughters to marry un titude. He has ceased to be his vert attention from other issues upon suitable husbands and their sons to party's idol and begins to be used as which the people are ready to act, follow hateful professions. Every

razy. follow hateful professions. Every father wants to see an image of him its goat. The second half of his term without advancing the cause of wombids fair to be as full of discord as an's suffrage or the prohibition move-Hence he compels the self in his son. was the second half of Cleveland's ment." Thus is offered a plausible miserable urchin to study law or thesecond term and of Taft's term. If at excuse to vote against the amend- ology when nature meant him to be a the end of that time he should be ments to those who are uneasy about blacksmith. Thus the world is kept

thority to prevent them. We have "avoided" war, of course could have been more satisfactory to run.

## READY TO SIDESTEP.

the seceding oligarchs. Buchanan watched them depart with much serenity of soul, since he had proved 14 below. that nothing could be done by the loveliest kind of a syllogism. When Lincoln and Stanton took hold of affairs there was less formal logic and more energy in the conduct of the Government, Stanton as Secretary of War gave the President Invaluable

Johnson retained him support office after Lincoln was assassinated. but it would have been better for both

men if Stanton had retired, though perhaps worse for the country. They differed flatly on the great question of reconstruction, Johnson wishing to turn everything over to the old ollgarchy, Stanton standing for more prudent methods. Johnson's effort to oust his Secretary of War brought him into conflict with Congress and led to his impeachment. Grant appointed Stanton to a seat on the Su-

preme bench in 1869, but he died before entering upon his duties. TYRANT FATHERS.

Pity the milkman and the postman. M. Brieux, the dramatist, who has but never the iceman. been visiting the United States this

Fall, makes no secret of his rebellion Let the Christmas feast be of goods against paternal authority. "Fathers, nade in Oregon. he says in a sort of farewell address Go home for Christmas and delight

Nothing

hour.

They may think of themselves as the old folk. Winter is with us today. Note the

difference? This latest decision makes Thay

Will Walter Johnson be interned?

These are bad days for Turkey.

Something doing at Sochaczew,

key for certain explanations. And it rier, also, would lose on such a move-

the factions out of their differences "longest way round." Why? Because it is a safe bet that drastic action will the Postal Department told the railof four years their pay for handling the mails would be a certain lump sum The Kaiser has again gone to the based on the weight of mail handled front. Frontwards would probably during a certain month at that time. nding this particular shipment by lescribe his position more accurately rall won't cost the Postal Department anything. In other words, the railroads interested will handle the shipment for Hitchcock threatens to put a crimp n Bryan if he interferes in Nebraska othing; or, stated otherwise, the railappointments and he is able to do it roads are forced to favor this shipper over every shipper located at points between Redmond and Chiloquin, but Now, Mr. Beals, be kind. Give us Christmas day. enough snow to make good sledding,

outside the \$1.08 rate zone. Mr. Summers asks "Who makes the profits, the Postal Department or the railroads"" The expense to the depart-

ment hauling the shipment to and from the railroad at Redmond and Chiloquin will probably wipe out most of the profit to the department. There cer-tainly will be no profit to the railroads. But the shipper can figure that "a dollar saved is a dollar made," and com-pliment himself accordingly. tion is entirely satisfactory. To the

But this shipper is hardly in the same class with the contractor mentioned in one of the leading mazagines recently. This contractor has the mail star route between Holbrook and Snowflake, Ariz, Recently this representative of the Government bought 10,000 pounds of barley at Mesa, Ariz., a point 340 miles distant by rail from Holbrook, and shipped it by parcel post via Holbrook

to Snowflake. The barley cost him 95 cents per hundred at Mesa. The post-age from Mesa to Snowflake was \$1.08 per hundred, bringing the total cost laid down at Snowflake to \$2.03 per hundred pounds. For transporting the barley from Holbrook the contractor received from Uncle Sam \$2.25 per hun-dred pounds, or 22 cents per hundred bounds more than the cost of the barey, plus the postage on it to Snow-lake. In effect, the Postal Department flake. made this enterprising contractor a present of the barley, of the transpor-tation and of \$22 for the privilege.

Such abuses of the parcel post are not new and are not local. They are glaring examples of inefficient and un-Three days to Christmas, and if the scientific bureaucratic methods and are further evidence of the biased manner in which the Postal Department handles If there is any good in you this is matters in connection with railroad transportation of mails. The in-stances cited may be legal, but if sim-If you cannot do better, give your ilar relations existed between the rail-

Big Output of Coal.

Pittsburg Gazette.

e-fifth of the world's production

law.

road and any shipper other than the Government the rallroads would be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the E.E.C.

How About Auditorium?

PORTLAND, Dec. 21.--(To the Edi-tor.)--What has become of Portland's Auditorium? Now that bonds are bringing a fair premium would this Atchison Globe People seldom worry as to when man is going to begin his speech, but they worry a great deal as to when he is going to quit speaking. not be an opportune time to get down to business and get a court decision and market the bonds? A fair-premium will partially offset some of the ex-penditure up to date for which the people have not received very much.

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Lot of Time Is Wasted

Exchange. A lot of time is wated in telling peo ple to hurry.

rus and bids farewell to his wife. "Bind me this scarf the tighter-loosen the bood a mite-I ride to the south with Christmas, and I travel overlight. Yea, overlight with trinkets, and dolls and pretty toys, but I carry the broken sword blade—that is the Belstained - with the bayonet thrust thrust navhan the lass in England will think

Profit System Cause of War.

pictures, as displayed at the Hellig through The Oregonian's commendable enterprise, and stops to study the ause-the real cause-that has precipitated the world into this vortex human slaughter, and when one under stands, as all Socialists do understand, that it is brought about because of a world-wide system of legalized com-mercial gambling which forces otherwise honest, peaceably related peoples to murder one another, it is to force him to mentally condemn every voter, male or female, who continues to support, politically, the present infamous profit system. C. W. BARZEE,

#### Reel-Drama Contest.

PORTLAND, Dec. 21. - (To the Edold of a contest that the Essanny Moving Pleture Company were conducting for the best two-reei drama written. I have looked through several of the moving-pleture magazines and have been unable to see anything on this subject. Wanting more information on the subject I write to ask if you could give the name of the magazine from give the name of the magazine from which the editor of this department obtained it? INTERESTED.

the Moving-Picture World.

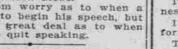
#### Exports of Wheat.

DRAIN, Or., Dec. 20 .- (To the Edi tor.)-To settle an argument, please tell which city, New York or Portland, Or., exports the more wheat CONSTANT READER.

Portland has led all ports in the United States for a month or two at a time in the exportation of wheat, but

usually New York and Galveston ship nore of the cereal each season.





One's Own Wife's Kin. Atchison Globe. Ab Adkins says his wife's kin ar

ness.

mother with her last breach of DEN.

a foreign nation can compel its sub-jects, who are in the United States, and have not declared their intention to become citizens, to return to serve in

A subject residing in this country of a nation at war cannot be forced to return to his native land for service. But in the event of visiting his The information wos obtained from own country after having failed to obey a summons to military duty he might be detained and punished.

### Purable of a Man's Hat.

Exchange. The conventions occasionally induce a man to buy a new hat, but he differs from a woman in that he prefers his old

# Advertising A Pacemaker

Good advertising is a vigorous pacemaker.

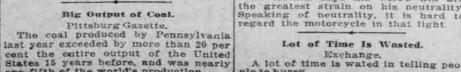
It not only seeks increase in business, but sets new ideals.

It leads. It constructs. It goes forward.

The advertising manager has to grow to keep pace with his printed promises.

It is safer to deal with an advertiser than with a non-advertiser. It is safer to buy an advertised article than an "unknown."

Take the advertising in this newsper as a safe index to reliable busi-



employed someone else. There was that about the woman and

PORTLAND, Dec. 21. - (To the Ed-tor.)-When one views the Belgian war

# PORTLAND, Dec. 21 .- (To the Editor.)-In the ebb and flow of human-ity as it surged through the great doors

battle cry;

clouds fly.

mountain slope

ancient hope.

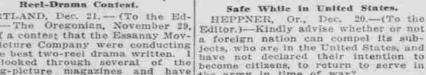
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of the postoffice corridors and around the tables where I sold Red Cross stamps on Tuesday, December 8, there passed an aged woman leading a little girl. Twice she passed, then she stopped to ask if I knew of anyone who wanted help in housework. She said she had come from Washington to take a position in Lents, but that the lady who was to employ her had not waited until she could get here, but had

the little girl whose hand was clasped so close in that of her grandmother mayhap the lass in England will think that stain but rust. France, and the Rhine, and Russia . . ."—He sets his foot to the sleigh, and the saint of little children drives south with newspaper offices for more e-information as to the Associated ties.

And when I afterwards recalled all the experiences of that day, the faces of this woman and child stood out most clear of all the throng who passed.

In The Oregonian Monday, December 14, was a picture of a row of appli-cants sitting in the station of the Associated Charities and in the center I recognized the grandmother hold the little girl in her hap. Friday Oregonian told the pitiful tale of death of the grandmother. By the law of heredity children in nature closely resemble grandparents. of the writer that little Associated Charities will find a home with the love and care that her grand-



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