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CONTROL OF WATER POWER. While Franklin T. Griffith is president of the greatest hydro-electric company in Oregon, his criticisms of several allied enterprises, for the time comes. state has ample power to regulate the

greatest corporations.

It concedes the state control of rates tional disputes or little envies, only as to power sold within its borand only when that state has a ciency of state regulation and by his are seeking to serve the state. sovereign with powers limited only by representative? the National Constitution, but as a province of a centralized government, whence flows all governmental au-

This broad assumption of power is based on the fact that the Government owns the land adjacent to water power and some of the land across which electric current is to be transmitted. The state owns the water in non-navigable streams; the Federal courts have so decided. The state has made a code of laws governing the disposal of water and administers it efficiently. The state has provided machinery to regulate the operation of power com-panies. The state has done all that is humanly possible to guard the public interest, yet Congress steps in, insolently assumes the state to be corrupt or incompetent and attempts to take

The Government should, in justice, marily to govern the disposal of the water, which is the state's and is subject only to state jurisdiction. The would sanction a treaty between the states concerned, subject only to the approval of Congress. No room reains for Federal authority except to decide on terms for use of power sites and of right of way for transmission Mr. Griffith well illustrates the extent of the Government's usurpation any present means of raising one.

Did Congress propose to use wisely the authority which it thus attempts to usurp, the West might protest less vigorously, but it does not. The sponsor for the bill comes from Oklahoma, a granger state not noted for its water wer, and he seems to have fallen under the influence of those doctrinaires who are obsessed with a morbid dread of monopoly. The Ferris bill frowns on coupling up of plants, it forms a part, and thus to disorgansale to a single customer of more than but others was 186 Tipperary.

50 per cent of the output of a certain fore new favorites like Tipperary. wer plant, though it is conceivable that a single great industry, of great perary" was more liked than any other public benefit, might consume the engenerating to a distributing company, that practice beneficial to the public. tion. for it subjects power developers to dual control, and its two rulers might than anything else because they attions, regulations and rentals provided by the bill would place companies operating under the bill at a disadvantage as compared with companies al- to drag the notes. Unless the people pose what the ultra-conservationists ody at its worst. At the next commu-

way for more development. thy with its ambition and in his un-doubtedly good intentions, had a hand be thus overwhelmed. There is no of many. President Hadley says

in framing the Ferris bill and has endorsed it as it came from the House. same keen beauty and agility of attreposes wide discretion in the Sectack at the community sings as in the retary of the Interior, making him Catholic choirs. The chorus of school-terly selfish superman. On the suring to accept the dictatorship of Mr.
Lane, but through the fifty-year term
of a lease there would be of a lease there would be a long succession of secretaries of varying

views, moods and prejudices. The time to secure radical amendment of the bill is now, while it is before the Senate, and it is incumbent on the water-power states to act vigorously in defense of their rights. The Oregon Legislature should take the lead in calling a conference of official delegates from these states to seek amendment of the bill and, in case of failure, to unite on a policy for defense of the rights of the states.

## COUNTRY AND CITY.

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The Portland members of the lower house of the State Logislature have selected Ben Selling as their candidate for Speaker. The delegates from that city are holding weekly meetings to consider legislative questions and outline plans for action when the Legislature meets at Salem. By thus laying their plans and working together the Senators and Representatives from that city will accomplish a great deal more and have more influence in shaping the course of legislation than would the same men should they attempt to work without organizing their forese.—Plorence (Or.) West.

Here is a true and candid statement

Here is a true and candid statement of the legislative situation, so far as the Ferris power-site leasing bill show it concerns the Multnomah delegation. tion. The apple growers of the Northgenerally identical with those of the seven members of the Senate have state. Oregon's interest demands that water power be developed, but it can the lorge problem of the lorge problem of the lorge problem. water power be developed, but it cannot be developed without the employment of large blocks of cantal. Any above all to consideration to be met
during the Legislature. They seek ment of large blocks of capital. Any above all to ascertain the facts on any law which prevents the employment given subject so that they may be of this capital or renders the opera- thoroughly equipped to devise a remtions of its owners unnecessarily ex-pensive is injurious not only to the information and for the state's benefit. Investors but to the state and to all of They will be ready to meet with inits people. We need feel no alarm as formed minds the suggestions, or pro-to the size of any investment in one posals, of other members, when the

Yet we discover that there is aloperations of electric companies and ready talk of a "Portland ma-has demonstrated its readiness to exercise that power with regard to the which have their own personal ends tional prohibition, a synopsis of which to subserve, and which find the dele- is published in another column, recog-In the face of this evidence of the gation from Multnoman County an ob- nizes the growing strength of the morstate's paramount interest in water- stacle in their way. They have had al sentiment against the liquor traffic, traband shipments. hich the business shall be conducted. bation. This is no time for small sec-

nate in having within its membership regulative body. The Secretary of the a number of important citizens, ex-Interior is made a judge of the effifiat the Government may assume con- are in thorough earnest about their proportion than the West of foreign- expected to emerge alive. She cared trol. Any electric current that crosses duties, and they will have at Salem a state line must be sold at rates and the influence they are entitled to have. on terms dictated by him. The Na- is it possible that any person anytion assumes supreme power and where in Oregon, or any member of tion of native-born people and of aggrudgingly yields a very limited power the Legislature, would have preferred riculturists, who more readily take up to the state, which it treats not as a that Multnomah elect a delegation less the moral argument for prohibition.

## SUPPOSE.

Let us suppose, mainly for the sake f mental diversion, that President Wilson should press our present griev-ance against Great Britain and that the British should show no inclination to accept our point of view. Let us then suppose that Mr. Wilson should insist upon a satisfactory settlement for outrages on American shipping. This, we take it, is not at all likely to happen, for the reason that the Administration has never shown any stability in diplomatic matters and the present demands doubtless are merely the basis of presenting claims for damages

at a much later date. But, once more, supposing that the limits of diplomacy should be reached all authority to itself. This broad as- What would we do about it? What without our point being recognized.

of the land across which wires must be stretched. The action of Congress may be compared to the attempt to balance an inverted pyramid on its apex.

ease detach several squadrons for other service should the issue be forced. These would suffice to keep our main fleet on the alert in the Atlantic. And then how about the Pamutual interests. With such a situaour whole fleet to the Pacific, madas in detail. As to the possibili-

se suppositions, of course, Ninety-nine per cent of the land necestrily used in the making of a water-power evelopment, including rights of way for ansmission lines, might be on privately was land, but if I per cent of the land o used is in the public domain, then the entire of the Federal Government would track to the entire development.

Quite far fetched—almost as much so as the possibility of a world war as a state of the possibility of a world war as the possibility of a world war as the possibility of a world war as as the possibility of a world war as as the possibility of a world war as the possib both of them. But it might not be at just what predicament we would be in if some of the dire possibilities of been dispelled forever. international estrangement should ever be realized.

THE COMMUNITY SING. The community sing at the armory was an unqualified success. The asthough the entire lower Willamette sembly was pleasingly large and the Valley enjoys the benefits of that prac- singing was by no means confined to tice in an unfailing supply. The bill a few. Voices welled up from all parts would permit the Government, on the of the house. It was astonishing to expiration of a lease, to wrench one discover that so many mature men and ant apart from the system of which women remember the good old tunes forms a part, and thus to disorgan-the whole system. The bill forbids Some of them will be popular forever, sale to a single customer of more than but others will naturally drop out be-

song. The people could not sing it tire output. The bill forbids sale by a often enough and the charming chorus of schoolchildren rendered it though circumstances might make more of a will than any other selec-Was it because the profound So far as it does recognize the state's melancholy of the piece harmonizes right to regulation, its effect is bad, with our current pessimism? The big congregation sang "Dixle Land" better work at cross purposes. The restric- tacked it crisply and carried the tune

through with vim and precision. All congregational singing is made strates one fact pretty clearly. difficult by the ineradicable tendency knows a good deal more about railready in the field, which absolutely are constantly prodded they will seize His remark that Treitschke had no own their power sites and right of way the notes and turn them into long-intellectual kinship with Nietzsche and are subject only to state regula- drawn howls of wee, making the mer-These existing companies com- riest piece a sample of Scotch psalm- of them. The two philosophers were call the trust. If they do, their in- nity sing it may be a good plan to let terest lies in welcoming such obstacles the band lead the tunes. If the play- recently by almost every writer except to competition as the Ferris bill in-ters set a merry pace and keep it up President Hadley. He naturally takes terposes, rather than in clearing the as they should the assembly will be the view that everybody else is misforced to step lively. The planos did taken, but tipsy men are in the habit Secretary Lane, confident in his own their best to hold the voices up to the of seeing the room whirl round while knowledge of the West, in his sympa- mark, but of course they were drowned they alone are stable.

reason why we should not hear the Treitschke is the opposite of Nietschke

### THE BY-PRODUCTS COMMITTEE.

Apple growers are vitally interested in the meeting of the By-Products committee which is to be held at Seattle, January 22. It is commonly agreed that the profitable disposal of by-products is the key to the prosper ity of the apple business in this part of the country. How to accomplish this important task is the question before the committee. Of course more can be done if there is complete co operation among the orchardists in all parts of the Northwest. As long as some pull one way and some another there is little hope of reaching the re-

In order to bring about more unity effort the by-products committee has issued a call for an apple growers' convention to meet January 22 in Seattle. The committee will meet the next day and will thus enjoy the benefit of the growers' deliberations. Each orchard district is invited to send ten delegates to this convention. No community which is alive to its own interests will neglect to accept the invitaanother place the call for the meeting of the by-products committee signed by the chairman, W. H. Paulhamus, a gentleman who thoroughly understands the problem of marketing fruit and has done as much as anybody to help solve it.

### THE PRESS ON PROHIBITION.

The comment of Eastern newspapers on the vote of the House on Na- great majority will not. rights, as an invasion of personal lib- own nose off to stop the war. erty, as a National confession that we Americans lack self-control, and as itself intemperate.

The liquor traffic not only has its They section has in its population a larger to cross the track could hardly have divorce in New York. born people to whom restriction of born people to whom restriction of their personal habits is repugnant. The West and South have a larger propor-tion of native born people and of ar-Western people have a broader horizon and look at public affairs from a Na-tional viewpoint. They refuse to be hampered by state lines in viewing questions of general moment, such as prohibition is becoming. In the South liquor is involved with the race question. In his desire to "keep liquor away from the nigger" the Southerner forgets his beloved state rights and is willing to limit his personal freedom.

The Oregonian can indorse the sentiment of the New York Evening Sun six weeks must be released. -that "the clashing of these contendto make us all study the subject, to prepare the way for a calmer and more thoughtful solution of it than is possible in the heat of such a struggle." Many influences other than the law are at work and are actually promot-

VICTORIOUS CONFUCIUS. When China was declared a republic missionaries and other Westerners cific, where Great Britain's powerful fondly believed that a total change had was that of the old religious spirit tion confronting us we could not send Under a republic they expected that Confucius and all his works would be power site is a mere adjunct to the water and derives its value only thereit would fall ready prey to one force fucian ceremonial has now been retwo as to interstate power. The President could we maintain it in the Atlantic, relegated to oblivion. But it has not transmission the Federal constitution or the other. United, it could not be stored in its fullness. The President transmission a treaty between the in two places at once, nor could it pur- of the Chinese republic sacrificed to sue an elusive enemy to that enemy's Heaven at the Christmas season this base and thus meet the enemy's ar- vear and he will repeat the rite at the Summer solstice as the ancient faith ties of military operations, it is un-profitable even to consider them, for minor official must perform similar the reason that we have no army nor rites as circumstances permit in the local sanctuaries.

The ceremonies are all prescribed quite far fetched—almost as much so by law. They are in fact an integral as the possibility of a world war as part of the Chinese constitution. The President's performance of them inago. It does not strike The Oregonian dicates to his people that he is firmly established in power and ready to succeed the deposed dynasty in its religi-ous offices. Confucius thus regains his all unprofitable for Americans to hold on the Chinese and hoary tradicheck up their limitations and note tion resumes that sway over them which seemed for a time to have

> The resumption of the Confucian ceremonial presents some pretty problems to Chinese Christians, if there are such creatures. In order to hold nights. even a petty office in the republic they must consent to make sacrifice to heaven and pay the proper tribute to Confucius. This some of them will probably, not be willing to do. It would amount to nothing more serious we may suppose, than the habitual disobedience to the precepts of our religion which we practice at home. Christians, for example, are expressly forbidden to take an oath, but they disregard the prohibition with untroubled consciences. Chinese converts may learn in time to offer the legal sacrifices with similar serenity of soul. These things are often a matter of habit rather than of doctrine. may believe a number of things without any particular effect upon his conduct if he discreetly schools his conscience.

HADLEY AND TREITSCHKE. President Hadley's article on Treitschke in the Yale Review demonroads than he does about philosophy. shows how little he understood either twin brothers as far as doctrine was concerned. This has been perceived

theory everybody not a superman must bow down to the blond beast, live and work for him. If this is not sacrifice full and complete what is it? To be sure, it is not always voluntary, but neither is the sacrifice that Treitschke taught,

His theory is the exact parallel of Nietschke's, as we immediately under-stand when for "superman" we write "almighty state." Treitschke put the all-dominant state where Nietzsche put the blond beast, but one is as much a beast as the other, just as ruthless, just as exacting, just as conscienceless. The monstrous vision that appeared to Nietzsche as an overgrown

A scientist of the Geological Surlearned men would strike from the records the incidents of Moses in the oulrushes, Jonah in the whale and David and Goliath in the ring, with a lot of other interesting matter, those who desire can believe them, but the

One section of our countrymen is enraged at England for stopping con-Another section contraband shipments stration of the state's readiness to con-trol corporations in the public inter-the "city" members. It is a wholly tional prohibition is attacked from go to the allies. Between the two we est, the Ferris bill proposes to lay false issue. The politician or the every point of view—as a remedy for dare say commerce will pursue its way down the conditions under which the newspaper which seeks to raise it de- intemperance which has been proved about as it has been doing. It is not development shall be made and under serves, and will get, widespread repro- inefficacious, as a violation of state the business of this country to cut its

"Safety first" as a principle of ac tion has apparently not penetrated yet Mrs. Leslie Morosco, of the "Watch as far as Echo. The woman who Your Step" company, is suing her huster of indifference.

The legislators who think music is of small consequence as a school study need to revise their estimates of relative values. The man who has no mu-sic in his soul, as we are taught by a great authority, "Is fit for treasons, stratagems and spoils." Do we want the dear little children to grow up

The five million dollars' worth of American meat seized during the past Calling the Chicago product "conditional" coning armies serves to make us all think, traband is merely fitting the act to conditions.

British coast towns want an investigation of national unpreparedness to prevent German naval raids. Rather late to investigate the lack of locks on ing temperance and placing a stigma the barn door after the mare has been on intemperance. These influences stolen.

> Champ Clark announces he will not be a candidate in 1916, but you do not

hear anything from crosser of gold have no more voice in making water power laws than any private owner of thorns on the subject. Yapp, Gilda Varesi, Reginald Barlow, friend, particularly in a struggle of Among other welcome transformations. He is so deep he is dumb. The French are concentrating for a

> they may make a gain of half a dozen yards. Frequent changing of women's styles Also explains why many of us have

forward movement in Alsace.

our noses so close to the grindstone.

Mr. Bryan will be able to sleep of Berlin now admits that the Aus-

rian army is inferior. Which makes the opinion unanimous outside of Austria. Only half a century has passed since

Great Britain was selling to the Cone

federate Government. Study the new transfer system and do not growl at the conductor. He dig for a living." has other troubles.

The moon will be full tomorrow Bad start for the new year, so to speak. \_\_\_\_ La France walked right out and

Petrograd denies wanting peace. Or at least of having confessed to that want.

turned around and walked right in

Begin the new year with at least one good resolution and stand by it. According to one expert, football is

aren't they? This is the customary day for parting company with old Satan.

Many of us will not go to bed again this year.

Many will ride a h'owl car tonight. Learned to write it 1915 yet?

### Stars and Starmakers BY LEONE CASS BAER.

Billie Burke is chronicled in the press as exceedingly proud of her vegetarian dog, which eats nothing but lentils and

a sort of little monologue that can be made as interesting as the actor pleases, but for a dignified actor, what iman showed itself to Treitschke as an overgrown governing class.

In practice what is the difference? The individual is completely sacrificed in both cases. According to Nietzsche the superman makes his own rules of right and wrong in the light of his own lusts. According to Treitschke the almighty state does the same thing. Neither philosopher admits of right and wrong. It is all a matter of self-interest. Neither one of them has a spark of originality in his infernal reaching. It all runs best to the superment of the sunken great length on theatrical conditions

nal teaching. It all runs back to the and attributes the standing still of Greek sophists, some of whom taught attractions other than the "Auctioneer" the same things. All that the moderns have done is to veneer the old fallacies with a thin coat of up-to-date science.

attractions other than the "Auctioneer" partly to the movies. "A chap can take his girl to the motion pictures for 10 cents apiece, where seats at a theater would cost \$2. And you can get so much for your 10 cents-and it calls for no extras. Theater seats vey deduces this world is one hundred demand a supper afterward, but the million years old, and another affirms movies call for only a nice saunter man's ascent from the ape. As these home in the moonlight-or the rain," he added.

> Pearl Gilman, sister to Maybelle Gilman Corey, wife of the steel magnate, has taken another lap in her picturesque career and is cabaretting in the Indian Grill of the Alexander Hotel in Los Angeles. . . .

Mary Edgett Baker says she heard somewhere that the name of Santa Claus' wife is Mary Xmas.

Ferris Hartman, the comedian, will organizing in San Francisco what he der true colors. The thing call says is the best company he ever had done in the name of Democracy. and carries the good wishes of thousands of friends in his enterprise.

strongest hold in the East, but that crawled under a train at that place band, brother of Oliver Morosco, for

Lorena M. Grover, of Pasadena, is preparing to go into vaudeville with a partner, featuring the ukelele and voice. She is a Westfield, N. Y., young woman, who has spent five years in California and has assiduously studied, in addition to appearing in straight dra-matic roles. Like several other Cali-fornian young women, she is a protege of Ellen Beach Yaw, who has been the Lady Bountiful for many an aspiring ance and prohibition are by no means player.

William Crane is coming to the Heilig late this season. He opened his second season in "The New Henrietta" at Indianapolis yesterday. Next he moves into Chicago for an indefinite run, after which he comes to this Coast. Associated with Mr. Crane are Thomas W. Ross, Maclyn Arbuckle, Amelia Bingham and Edith Taliaferro.

cast of the American prize play, "Children of Earth," shortly to be produced It includes Effie Shannon, Herbert Kel-Ellts.

SOLDIERS' HOME, Cal., Dec.

proper concentration and initiative (To the Editor.)—For the information of my old friend, J. C. Moreland, and others interested I will state that the name Oregon is derived from Juan De is blamed for much unemployment. Fuca's account of his voyage, in which also explains why many of us have men, after an excursion ashore, brought off a shrub which they thought was wild Marjoram, perhaps the same as that we call wild sage, and De Fuca

out as a statement of fact it is not correct. There are three words having the sound of "too," but only one "too."

Opportunity for Living Genlus PORTLAND, Dec. 29.—(To the Editor.)—Apropos the discussion on English going on in The Oregonian, it would be very interesting if some of your contributing authorities would parse through your columns the re-curring "living" in the following seh-tence: "No living man living at Plumcares sufficiently for H. B. P.B.

FOREST GROVE, Dec. 11.—(To the Editor.)—Will you please answer which is correct, 6 times 7 are 42, or 6 times 7 is 42. Give the reason why it is "are or "is." C. L. LARGE.

oun in the singular number. Hence "is" should follow it. Rules for Dominoes.

The phrase "6 times 7" is a common

There are several varieties of the game. Rules for the most common may be found in any encyclopedia at the

Calling On a Hermit. A hermit lacks modern conven-

VOTE ON NATIONAL PROHIBITION. Comment on Issue as National Question in Press of Country.

New York Globe. beans and stewed prunes and mattressibility of imposing rules of perside the bed of his dead wife the except what I deal leading a real dog's life.

David Warfield says the thing he abominates most in the world of the atricals is curtain speeches. Curtain calls are nice enough—but speeches, "I abominate them," he says. "For a musical show or with a comic actor, a speech is all a part of the performance, a sort of little monologue that can be leading to the performance, a sort of little monologue that can be leading to the performance, a sort of little monologue that can be leading and stewed prunes and sale of liquor probability of imposing rules of personal hygience and sanity upon a nation of nearly 100,000,000 people. These differ as to the practicability of imposing rules of personal hygience and sanity upon a nation of nearly 100,000,000 people. These differ as to the practical property of sanity upon a nation of nearly 100,000,000 people. These differ as to the practical property of service and sality upon a nation of nearly 100,000,000 people. These differ as to the practical property of service and sality upon a nation of nearly 100,000,000 people. These differ as to the practical property of service and sality upon a nation of nearly 100,000,000 people. These differ as to the practical property of imposing rules of personal hygience and sanity upon a nation of nearly 100,000,000 people. These differ as to the practical property of imposing rules of personal hygience and sanity upon a nation of learning the sality of imposing rules of personal hygience and sanity upon a nation of personal hygience

made enormous progress.

So there is no reason for discouragement. The movement will go on. Probably we shall in the future think somewhat more of self-restraint than we have been accustomed of late to do and less restraint.

San Francisco—Captain T. P. H. Whitelaw has left for Portland to make an examination of the sunken clan MacKenzie, rammed by the Oregon a few days ago. what more of self-resizant to do. have been accustomed of late to do. and less restraint from Washington. As School Board, says he considers four-fifths of the applicants for free tuition much encouragement.

### Russianizing the Republic. New York World.

Of the 16 states commonly referred to s Southern, 11 voted either unanimous-y or by a majority in favor of Nationwide prohibition. Of members representing the states

that seceded in 1860-61, about 80 per cent voted in favor of Nation-wide prohibition. In the face of such a showing as this it will not be advisable for the Democratic party to rest too many hopes uopn the dissensions past and present of its opponents. A point that will have to be considered soon is whether the organisation which at the South styles itself the Democratic party is Democratic in anything but name.

It is going to be necessary pretty soon for men and states that would make another Pacific Coast tour. He is Russianize this republic to operate un-

### Temperance Is Not Prohibition. Boston Transcript.

The attitude of the New England members was significant and we believe sound. A few months ago a vig-orous crusade was carried on all over Massachusetts in favor of National prohibition. Yet every member of the delegation from this commonwealth, with one not very important exception, voted synonymous. In fact they have frequently been proved antagonistic, and even were the record of the latter more effective than it has ever been it would not be the best way to advance the former. National prohibition would be invasion of a right that belongs exclusively to the states if anything does. The resolution is dead, for the present at least, and it should have no resur-

A company of actors has organized itself in England for the purpose of diverting the British soldiers at the front.

The plan no doubt aims at cheering the soldiers at the plan no doubt aims at cheering the soldiers at the plan no doubt aims at cheering the soldiers at the plan no doubt aims at cheering the soldiers are the soldiers at the soldiers are the soldiers at the soldiers at the soldiers are the soldiers at the s sumption of authority is based on the incidental fact that the Government owns the little patch of land on which a power plant must be built and some of the land across which wires must of the land across which wires must of the land across which wires must on the land across which wires across the majority that prohibition is unnecessary or they may make it a lent species of playlet depicting the conflict is an irrepressible and land across the lent species of playlet depicting the conflict is an irrepressible and lent species of playlet depicting the conflict is an irrepressible and lent species of playlet depicting the conflict is an irrepressible and land across the conflict is an irrepressible and lent species of playlet depicting the conflict is an irrepressible and lent species of playlet depicting the conflict is an irrepressible and lent species of playlet depicting the conflict is an irrepressible and lent species of playlet depicting the conflict is an irrepressible and lent s tinctly unfavorable to, if not wholly The time will come when the country will consider the question of probibition, state or National, solely on its merits as an economic and govern-mental question, wholly apart from the hostile philosophy of the opposing schools of ethics. The prohibitionists damage their cause by intemperance and intolerance. The real force of the

> pare the way for a calmer and more thoughtful solution of it than is possible in the heat of such a struggla as this. Do We Confess Lack of Self-Control.

license argument is lost in the bitter-ness and passion with which it is pre-sented. But the clashing of the con-

present. Moreover, the resistance of those who like the Sun believe in temperance or volunteer, and not law-made, conscript teetotalism, is weak.

Are the American people going to confess that they lack the self-control to use alcohol properly? Are they going to confess that they are in this respect lamentably inferior to the Franch and the Carrena to the confess that they are in this respect lamentably inferior to the Franch and the Carrena to the research that is at Mary A. Hawkins, treasurer of the Latiles' Christian Commission, has insued a statement of the proceeds of the recent fair. The net proceeds were \$1717.25 in coin and \$141 in currency sources \$67, making the total \$1784.25 in coin and \$141 in currency. The combination of factors against our streets. alcohol was never so potent as it is at present. Moreover, the resistance of Mary A. I and the Germans, those wise and sober enjoyers of life? We don't believe it, we don't see these United States as a continental alcoholic ward.

## Prohibition Not Democratic,

men righteous by law. Democrats be-lieved in personal liberty. Democrats finally had a deep-seated conviction that in all matters personal, domestic and social, regulation should be local. Those who hope to effect Prohibition by constitutional law will not stop there. They are bound to be resisted. They are bound to persist. We have two constitutional amendments already that local self-government has reduce to blank paper. We shall then have another; or if zeal shall outrun dis-cretion, we shall have an imperialistic movement for the subversion of the pe lice power of the states. We shall never have a true golution of the liquor question until extremists recognize the fact that men may oppose Prohibition and still be sober, honest and respectable. The question is broader than appetite Parents Are Taken to Task.

Atchison Globe.

In the interest of peace in the family, parents should be more obedient of their children.

The question is broader than appetite or habit. Most men are in agreement as to the evils properly attributable to the misuse of liquor. There is a wide field for disagreement as to the best method of remedying those evils.

## Twenty-Five Years Ago

From The Oregonian, December 30, 1889. Men not at all interested in preserv-ing the business or in using its prod-uct differ as to the practicability or Beside the bed of his dead wife the ex-

Possibly no one in the city enjoyed a happier Christmas than did old Peter a happier Christmas than did old Peter Hart, who recently came from Montana to have an operation on his eyes. He was totally blind and Dr. William B. Watkins, of the hospital staff, gave as a present to him, the restoration of his sight, following an operation. Mr. Hart comes from Missoula and is 64. For the last six years he had not seen the light of day. the light of day.

Plans and specifications for the new Perkins Hotel, to be elected by R. Per-kins at the northwest corner of Fifth and Washington streets, have been pre-pared by Justus Krumbein and bids for the excavation and construction will be opened today. The plans call for a building of brick, six stories high with tower on the corner.

Frank Dekum, it is well known, is opposed to the introduction of electric motor cars on Washington street, where he has extensive property holdings, his opposition being based on the detriment of the poles and wires, etc. He figures electric cars depreciate the value of property 30 to 40 per cent.

Dave Campbell, who made an ex-Dave Campbell, who made an ex-cellent showing against James Cor-bett Saturday evening, announced to his friends that he would quit the ring now, having shown his friends and ac-quaintances he could make a showing against a good man, Corbett, being one of the eleverest men in the ring, one of the cleverest men in the ring, is not satisfied with the decision, which was a "draw," although some of the spectators thought Campbell had the best of it. Campbell said last night. however, in answer to Corbett's request to meet him again, he was through to work at Fire House No. 1

## Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian, December 31, 1864. While Charles Kean is certainly an admirable actor it is still true that at many times, as evidenced in his recent performances here, his delivery is so rapid as to be incoherent. The beauty of many passages of both Hamlet and MacBeth were marred by a fast ut-terance that left no chance to comprehend, much less appreciate the sentiment.

One of the latest sensations of Lon-don life is preaching in the theaters. There are five houses now thrown open to preachers every Sunday night.

D. W. Williams & Company have a supply of timothy and wild hay on hand for sale in bales. Oats straw by the ball also is available.

Smith & Davis, 271 Front street, have been appointed agents for the sale of New Almaden Quicksilver.

The students of Trinity School, Oswego, will resume their studies Mon-day, January 2, 1865. No pupils are received under 10 or over 15 years of tending armies dogs this much good— that it serves to make us all think, to make us all study the subject, to preage.

Councilman Bennett dotes on a pair of fine trotters and delights in a confortable and elegant "turn out" gerally. He holds the ribbons w Commissioner Brewster has oldfashioned ideas about making a city
employe work on a holiday—as if anything would be done.

The Senate is lining up for a fight
with Mr. Wilson over patronage. Why
can't Mr. Bryan ring in the A. B. C.

MAX PRACHT.

City.

One Too.

PORTLAND, Dec. 29.—(To the Ediag a war risk. Ah, stop making the
ag a war risk. Ah, stop making the
chills run down our spine!

That we call wild sage, and
mentioned the locality as "Terra Oreganum," land of wild Marjoram. From
Oreganum is a short cut.
You will find the word Oreganum, as
describing a herbaceous plant in the
Spanish dictionary. Got my information
16 years ago from a Castillian in Mexico
City.

MAX PRACHT.

One Too.

PORTLAND, Dec. 29.—(To the Editor.)—Please tell me if the following is
ag a war risk. Ah, stop making the
chills run down our spine!

A READER.

New for Sam.

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New nost take the figures as repreganum, "land of wild Marjoram. From
Oreganum, as
describing a herbaceous plant in the
Spanish dictionary. Got my information
16 the sort Americans have been fond
of, and which even the melodramatic
of, and which even the game of politics
sees the movement, a glowing and passlonate reform. Like enough he will
yank it away from Brother Bryan,
who me has stripped naked of so many
other notions.

A READER. grace and drives with great colat when he attempts it. There was a magnifi-cent carriage came for somebody on the

## Editorials Please Him

MILWAUKIE, Or., Dec. 29.—(To the Editor.)—The editorial page of The Oregonian today is a treat worth mentioning. The writer on academic and social questions knows whereof he speaks and articles on these subjects serve to place The Oregonian in a class by itself. Let us hope that dur-ing the New Year you will delight your readers with articles on kindred subjects to "A Brave Judge," "Our No-torious Faults" and "Some Hints on Language." Yours truly, HERMAN LOEDING

PORTLAND, Dec. 29.—(To the Editor.)—Kindly publish rules for game of dominoes, J. WILSON.

safe if the unfit are kept out. But Public Library.

lences, but comparatively little com-pany invades his sylvan retreat.

New York World. When we had a true Democratic party, such a thing as National Prohibition would have received no more attention at its hands than a proposi-tion to repeal the Declaration of Independence. There were three excel-lent reasons.

Democrats did not believe in making There were three excel-

1915 We enter the New Year with renewed hope and clearer vision, North America is finding herself -the sun of prosperity is peeping its head above the clouds.

The opportunities the war has given us are more apparent. The business difficulties it entailed are growing less. We have learned how to help

ourselves and have a surplus to give to help the stricken across 1915 is going to be a big bustness year.

Plan for your share of the pros-erity by planning your advertising

Be aggressive, be alert-make 1915 the greatest year in your business success.