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POBTLAND. SATURDAY, JAN. 16, 1915.

OUR DUTY AND BRITAIN'S. An article in The Oregonian on "Our is to be the Attitude Towards the War" has called forth a letter of criticism, which we

publish in another column. Our correspondent fails to distinguish between adherence by the United States to the general principles of neutrality as defined in the Hague treaties and a positive guaranty by Great Britain to defend the neutrality of Belgium by purest ray serene; force of arms, if necessary. None of the powers which signed the Hague treaties bound themselves to make war on any nation which violated the principles laid down. Had such a pledge been included in the neutrality treaty, few, if any, nations would have signed it. Had that pledge been insigned it. cluded and had the nations signed it, the slightest infraction of its terms would have required practically the whole world to take part in the war. Were the neutral nations to make war on any belligerent which was accused violating the treaties, they might find themselves called upon to make war on all the belligerents, for each has accused one or more of its antag-onists of offenses against the rules of To state the effect of such a pledge is to prove its absurdity and its impossibility.

So far, we have only charges and counter-charges to consider, and the verdict rendered is only the informal verdict of public opinion. Before any nation not directly interested would be justified in calling any of the belligerents to account, these charges ould need to be investigated by an impartial tribunal, a verdict of guilty rendered and satisfaction to the sufferers demanded and refused. This could not be done until the war ended and would require that the Hague tribunal be given enlarged power and be backed by the combined

from that of the United States. She is not only pledged to maintain it by Robert Blatchford in the London Daily Mail last August wrote:

The fact is, we have stood by France and Beigiam in this war because our national existence depended upon them. We are fighting in our own defence as actually and as inevitably as we should be had an enemy invaded Britain. In fact, the Germans did invade Britain when they attacked the Belgian forts at Lioge.

for an invasion of England. Britain guaranteed the neutrality of the low level of 48% cents. Belgium not only from altruistic motrol the North Sea and the English (Channel and for an invasion of England. She had a vital interest, aside from moral obligation, in Belgian neutrality, while the United States has only a sentimental interest in upbuilding a sentimental interest in upbuilding and the English be many million bushels more than ever. The proportion of which it stood sponsor. The same, or a similar, law would be a wise enaction of the United States.

It seems incredible that wheat-pro
STILL STINTING THE NAVY. ing a general principle of international duction may be overdone. The

United States to the side of the allies harvest a normal European crop. The sufferings of Belgium have awakened horrified sympathy in this coan- tunate Oregon, Washington, Idaho. try, and that sentiment has found expression in an outpouring of bounty to save Belgium from starvation. Aid rendered by the United States to Belgium has been duly appreciated in every quarter except in the mind of

Not having seen the letter of a Harvard professor from which our correspondent quotes, we can only surmise hat he meant by the passage quoted, He probably meant that Great Britain has taken the leadership in upholding the sanctity of treaties by making that the ground for her participation in also that Great Britain is carrying the burden by keeping control of the sea and by furnishing money to her allies, as she did in

We did not scoff at Great Britain's failure to save Belgium. We pointed to that failure as evidence that Great Britain was in no position to repreach of military aid and having a vital interest in keeping that pledge, was unready. Great Britain is paying for her blind over-confidence, but in far less measure than Belgium pays She may drive out the Germans and compel them to compensate Belgium. but she cannot bring the dead to life nor undo the suffering endured nor replace all that has been destroyed. Had she been ready, all this might ve been prevented; in fact, the war itself might have been prevented.

THE STATE-WIDE CAMPUS.

President Foster's article on His point of view is indihindrance to healthful recreation, the truth. and opportunity for the state univerand we gather that he includes this phrase the agricultural col-

tutions are an integral part of the expect, with a few little tiny their own row, but in either case their vaudeville stunts would compose an President Fester refuses to think of At any rate let there be no exposition. for political effect. As Mr. Lodge says: work as "taking an existover a state." A performance of that but it has been hidden. A visit of the for a few years appropriations for perate struggle of their existence.

ciality, of which there is quite enough already in our education. University extension requires adequate funds. Without them it presents one more example of humbug and buncombe and is not by any means an edifying

spectacle, Dr. Foster thinks that "any state in the light of present experience could profitably spend \$100,000 a 'ear outside its old campus," the new campus being the entire territory of the state. The work to be done is multifold. Some of it is entertain-ment, the education of the people in happy without being at the same time either wicked or silly. Social service of this kind has been undertaken by such universities as those of Minne-sota, Wisconsin and Iowa to the im-mense profit of their communities.

Another part of the extension work is the illumination of politics. versity cannot keep out of politics," because nowhere else is there so cry-ing a need for the truth. The state rsity fulfills its mission when it inculcates genuine democracy every where and always. "University extension is to be a new spirit, not a new department. The new university old university over," and, naturally, made a good

FROM THE LETTER BOOK OF BEYAN From the current report of the Phelan investigation into the Domingo scandal, The Oregonian res-cues the following literary gem of

purest ray serene:

Now that you have arrived and have acquainted yourself with the situation, can you let me know what positious you have at your disposal with which to reward deserving Democrate? Whenever you desire a suggestion from me in regard to a man for any place down there call on me.

You have had enough experience in politics to know how valuable workers are when the campaign is on and how difficult it is to find suitable rowards for the deserving. I do not know to what extent a knowledge of the Spanish language is necessary for employes. Let me know what is requisite, together with the salary, and when appointments are likely to be made.

The signatory of this great docu-

The signatory of this great document, which deserves an imperishable place in history alongside the Archbold letters, is Honorable William Jennings Bryan, Secretary of State. The date is August 30, 1913, and the recipient was one Vick, receiver-general of customs for Santo Domingo. The monumental activities of our

distinguished Secretary of State have een marked by consistent thrift for himself and systematic job-hunting for his friends. He has scoured the world in his ceaseless efforts to find places for "deserving Democrats."

Those wondering citizens who were puzzled to understand why Bryan desired to be Secretary of State have their answer. The accumulated political obligations of sixteen unfruitful years had to be paid.

GOLDEN WHEAT.

Dollar and a half wheat is in sight: force of the nations which adhere to it.

Great Britain's concern with the lt is a cheering reality for the farmer neutrality of Belgium is far different and for all who share in his prosper-It is basic that if the producer force, but she has a direct interest in other American producers were as promotes more intelligent considera thrives, all industry prospers. well off as the grain-grower, actually tion of measures, for there is not the and prospectively, there could be no, unemployed problem in the United office. States

Flour goes up, too, but that is an incident. There is no way to readjust the economic equilibrium, so that iomestic prices stay down while for-This is literally true. Germany in- eign prices go up. Strangely enough, vaded Belgium not only because that with wheat higher than ever within was the shortest road to Paris, but man's memory, we are doubtless able because it was the shortest road to give more wheat and flour to Belwhich she desires as the base gium than we could have given in Great 1895, when wheat in Chicago touched

The farmers of the Northwest profit tives, but because she desired to prevent any great power from using Belgium as a base for a struggle to control the North Sea and the Euglish ported will be many million bushels.

The farmers of the Northwest profit on referendums that might be invoked gave general satisfaction. It would not have been less satisfactory if the Legislature had submitted at the same trol the North Sea and the Euglish ported will be many million bushels.

unhappily not near an apparent The United States does not look on end; and it may be only in its "with an amused smile" while the phase. But whether the war should principle of neutrality is violated. The end soon or late, it seems impossible nvasion of Belgium has had more in- that the armies should be mustered fluence than any other event of the out, and the soldiers returned to pro-war in inclining public opinion in the ductive industry in time to sow and Wheat is King and will be.

THE TERCENTENARY OF THE PIL-

Projects are already hatching "in Massachusetts to celebrate the tercentenary of the Landing of the Pilgrims on Plymouth Rock. The break waves dashed high on that stern : The breaking rockbound coast in the year 1620, teen destroyers. The committee rec was then that the Mayflower discharged her two or three million passengers. There must have been at least two million to account for all their lineal descendants. The plans to the General Board, but the committee commemorate their deed are still in- provides for none. Senator Lodge says The Massachusetts Legislacheate. ture is feebly discussing them under the benevolent and cultured tutelage hostile fleet to our 6000 miles of the Boston Transcript. Some prof the Boston Transcript. Some propose an exposition, but we do hope they will be turned down. Expositions thirteen. are delightful in their way and they have the great advantage of conformthe United States for not joining in ing to a fixed model which saves the quarrel when she, having given a thought in the projectors. But to the public they already begin to grow a little flat and they will be flatter after the big effort at San Francisco

The Pilgrim Fathers, as Mrs. Hebright jewels from the mine nor to acquire the wealth of seas or the spoils of war. They sought "freedom "left that freedom unstained." Not quite unstained, perhaps. We rememer certain rather dark stains in con nection with heretical Baptists and other "is approaching her limit of use-quakers, but upon the whole they did as well as could be expected in their and inadequately fitted." One is being State-Wide Campus" in the initial as well as could be expected in their number of "School and Society" is age. Not quite so well as the Catholies in Maryland, but still fairly well. cated well enough by his quiet men- We should think, taking a retrospec flon of intercollegiate athletics as "a live view of the Pilgrims and what they came for, a series of pageants illustrating the evolution of freedom which nothing was ever nearer illustrating the evolution of freedor ruth. But what he really writes since their day would be highly appropriate. about is university extension as a duty printe to celebrate their tercentenary. Some such pageants with a little of that good poetry which New England allows the transport and the hospital used to know how to produce so abun-dantly and that excellent music which In some wise states the latter instiothers they hoe shaws in the way of oratory and other ing the Navy is that Congress has not sion.

There is merit in the town of Ione, Navy-yards and stations.

promise of increased train service, is enough for Ione to spend in wasting time. Enough is enough.

THE PETITION IS A FRAUD. Representative Olson's bill to cubstitute filing fees for petitions in the nomination of candidates for office is ment, the education of the people in a sensible one. The virtue in a candi-the great and democratic art of being date's petition is wholly theoretical. They mean absolutely nothing except that someone has employed so else to induce others to sign their names on a printed form.

The candidate's petition is wholly commercial document. Anybody, no matter how obscure his past or how mediocre his known abilities, can buy ense," says Dr. Foster, "the true uni- one, all neatly filled out with signatures, on the same terms as the substantial, capable citizen.

The petition system, moreover, breeds a class of casual workers who soon learn the wiles and possibilities of a useless employment. They speculate by applying their energies to ref erendums or initiations for which describe the lost condition of our there is no demand, but which may metropolis. possibly be sold out to and suppressed by some element whose welfare is

Practically the only complaint against the direct primary that gains material recognition is its cost If the candidate, instead of paying petition shovers, would deposit the equiv-alent in the public treasury, the opportunity for the unfit to gain place on the ballot would not be extended and the state and counties would be partly reimbursed for the high cost of the long ballot, direct primary system.

THE SPECIAL REFERENDUM ELECTION the logical outgrowth of the direct election system. True, it is an expensive one, but that is an incurable fault in every extension of the people's power that has been adopted in Ore-gon. The direct primary is costly. The expenses that accrue directly from it would pay the salaries for one year of all the officials finally elected. itself the primary is a special election, or at least an election in addition to those formerly held. The recall is alnost invariably invoked by the special struction may have merit. election process. When initiated or eferred measures go on the general election ballot, election costs are wastly increased. In computing the expense of a special referendum elec-

on this factor should not be ignored As the referendum has operated in ears preceding 1911, it has in many nstances been obstructive or political in inspiration. The Oregon system, by permitting the paid petition, encour ages such tactics. So long as it possible, for example, for officials who have been legislated out of positions to hold up through a paid-for referendum the bills abolishing their posttions, some counter influence must be exerted.

But notwithstanding its initial money cost, the special referendum If all election has an economic value. competing interest in candidacies When the legislation attacked is needed or worthy it shortens twelv months the delay in its operation that iy victous or dangerous its menace one year sooner than otherwise and business is thus earlier relieved undue alarm. Furthermore, the ballot in the regular election is materially shortened.

The law of the last session providing for a special election contingent home on referendums that might be invoked war.

and harbors, a large proportion of of some job seekers. that sum being pork, but they cannot spare money to add 18,000 men to the enlisted force of the Navy, though man all the ships we now have.
Without the men to man the ships, the money spent on the ships is

wasted. The General Board of the Navy which reports what is absolutely to the naval defense of the ountry without regard to politics, says our battleships should be provided this year. The House committee recommends two.

The General Board recommends six-The General Board recommends

three seagoing submarines. The com-

we have only three-and they are slow to warn us of the approach ur, Germany forty-one and Japan

Only a limited number of our thirty gunboats are available for general service, according to the General and it asks for four, but the ommittee recommends none

We need two oil-fuel ships, but the ommittee gives none, though a ship's sefulness in war depends on its abilmans tells us so emphatically, did not ity to move and it cannot move with-cross the stormy Atlantic to seek out fuel. Our submarine and destroyer flo-

tillas each need a tender, those poils of war. They sought "freedom have being improvised and either out-o worship God" and the dear old dated or ill-fitted for the service, in poetess gravely informs us that they the opinion of the General Board, but Not the committee provides none, Our four supply ships are all im-provised, one has been discarded, an-

built and the General Board asks for another, but the committee recom-The House committee has improved greatly on Secretary Daniels' recom-mendations, for it has increased the umber of coast defense submarines

from six to sixteen, the number pro-

osed by the General Board, and it the gunboat and the fuel-oil ship The probable excuse for thus stintof fundamental importance. vandeville stunts would compose an enough funds. It can find the money admirable celebration to our mind, by stopping the waste of large sums Cut off our needless Army posts.

bor improvements where they are not

The excuse that we cannot afford to bring the Navy up to the standard of strength and efficiency necessary to defeat any possible enemy is no ex-cuse at all. An unsuccessful defense cuse at all. An unsuccessful defense is worse for the defeated than no defense at all. It only enrages the enemy and provokes him to severity. It causes him to destroy cities, to levy contributions and to increase the amount of indemnity in proportion to cost of overcoming resistance Thus an insufficient Navy is a double waste, for it not only falls to save us from invasion, but it aggravates the consequences of invasion. The experience of Belgium proves this. The cost of an insufficient Navy might as well be thrown into the ocean.

New York is all roiled up over Billy Sunday's remarks, which have the sting of "twitting on facts." He says the city is "hell-ridden" and "Goddefying," with a good deal more of the same sort. Applied to any other city, such epithets would be a little violent; but we hope Mr. Sunday will go through the dictionary and find some more scorchers which will really

The doctors are pretty commonly of the opinion that American men are poor physical specimens, Dr. Eugene Fiske is out with a statement that this generation falls far below the muscular and digestive standards of the No doubt he is right. A visit to any gymnasium discloses an array of spherical abdomens and spindling shanks which would look terribly out of place on the fighting line.

Hugo Munsterberg announces the The special referendum election is

The special referendum election is

Thought" says "Love and spirituality destiny of the United will guide the States during 1915." On all sides there are premonitions of a religious re-vival. What kind of religion will it Are we to have a new fashion in creeds and ceremonies or something vital?

> It is axiomatic that a picture tells the story better than prose and the proposal to load the Oregon school system with a division of pictorial in It will at least take the pupil's mind for awhile off some of the other trimmings.

Creation of office of Public Defender will provide jobs for a few to coun-sel people too poor to employ attorneys. Possibly the plan has merit; nevertheless the person unable to hire a lawyer would better keep out of court.

What do the boys of fifty years ago fighting on both sides and eating what they could get, think of the latest order of "stuff" by the allies? four million cans of American milk will make pudding in the trenches,

It is now revealed that Von Berch told was ousted as Austrian Foreign Minister. Too bad they didn't oust the vicious little snip before he dropped the fatal match in the European powder room.

Governor Blease resigned a few days before his term expired. To have complete his grotesque career he should have left the South Carolina Statehouse by leaping from the flagof pole.

A French statesman warned the French Parliament that cannon on the firing line, not speeches by stay-atmust conduct the statesmen, Cruel, cruel man.

It develops that Bryan has been iding political pets to Central Amer. ica. Does that explain his tremendous

The proposition of sending Oregon's Democratic leaders in Congress pro- Canal on the battleship Oregon spend \$34,000,000 on rivers about as reasonable as the ambitions

that number is absolutely necessary to but if the state money goes into frills man all the ships we now have.

be avoided?

With the new State Board of Health on the job of course our death rate will drop to less than nothing. Mexico, says John Barrett, faces period of evolution. R-evolution

period of evolution. R-evolution, John; you left off a letter. Governor Withycombe can find such for the "good of the service

Democratic cruisers in Salem waters are suffering heavily from submarine attacks. That Italian earthquake proved al-

ost half as destructive as a small ery.

This is probably what the Rainler intitle.

This is probably what the Rainler intitle. battle. Wilson again criticised in Congress Getting to be a favorite form of diver-

San Quentin and Folsom yesterday xpedited two who deserved transia-

without great effort.

The allies now face the most des

Half a Century Ago.

From The Oregonian, January 16, 1865. The Oregonian recently published the reposed amendments to the constitu-ion of the State of Oregon, adopted by tion of the State of Oregon, adopted by the late Legislature, to be acted on again by the Assembly of 1886, afterwards to be voted on by the people at the next general election, and, if adopted by them, to become amendments to the constitution. The first authorizes the Legislature to provide for the election of Supreme and Circuit Judges in district classes; that is, instead of having a Supreme Bench composed of Circuit Judges, there would be a separate Supreme Bench. The second amendment provides that the salaries of the officers of the state may be inof the officers of the state may be increased. The amendment would authorize the Legislature to fix the salaries. The third resolution has the effect to increase the length of the blennial sessions to 60 days and the pay of the Legislature is raised to \$4 a day interest of \$2 which is most manifestly.

The Evening Tribune, made its appearance in Portland yesterday. The Tribune is published by Messrs. Van Cleve & Ward, Mr. Ward having charge of the editorial department. It is a Union organ. The co-partnership heretofore exist-

ing as Olmstead & Co., Colville, Washington Territory, has been dissolved, E. F. Smith assuming all liabilities and of the partnership were H. Olmstead, J. S. Ruckel and E. F. Smlth.

Alfred Lee and Miss Nancy J. La lin were married at the home of John Laughlin in Yamhill County December

RACIAL FACTOR FELT IN MEXICO Ethnical and Other Influences Argued

Ethnical and Other Influences Argued for Consideration Also.

PORTLAND, Jan. 13.—(To the Editor.)—The criticisms passed by several writers on the Mexican question lately seem to be well taken. The policy enunciated by Mr. Wilson last year is evidently bearing ill fruits. A people as ill constituted or assimilated as the Mexican cannot be composed in a day after any general turmoil or cataclysm such as has taken place there recently. They have too much in the recently. They have too much in the blood to boil out. The trouble in Mex-ico is more a question of race than any other, though there are other causes

or difficulties.

Commonly supposed or referfed to as a Latin (Spanish) race, the Indian or aboriginal is really the most numerous or basic element, and in fact through some of its individual leaders through some of its individual leaders. through some of its individual leaders or chieftains has played a great if not dominating part in the history of the country since the invasion. Obscure or unknown in origin, they are called "Indiana," though of a higher or more advanced type than the Northern or American Indians. They retain many that the crimal habits or customs. American Indians. They retain many of their primal habits or customs, though easily assimilable under certain conditions. They will heed a government adapted to their peculiar qualities or conditions. This would indicate a kind of government in force among them at the time of the mission, i. e., that of the Azteca, or Monteauma, modified, perhaps, to meet the changes or new conditions introduced among them by the Spanish invasion or inter-mixture which is, however, not as thorough or deep seated as often supposed. This foreign element is said by some authorities to be decreasing or dying out slowly through climatic, ethnic and perhaps other influences.

J. TYLER.

New Governor Sets Worthy Precedent Thinks Grants Pass Man.

Georgians of Jasper County lynched a negro family Thursday night. Details are not given and are not needed.

Although local peace advocates have organized and met, war was still in progress at a late hour this morning.

Vigilant officers found a blind pig under a lunch counter at Mosler. It was not the animal that squealed.

At last Portland had a flurry of snow. As those know who got up ahead of the nice bright midwinter sun.

Germans are cutting down on their diet in order to forestall being starved out. That is the German spirit.

With the new State Board of Health

Salmon Protection Advocated.

CELHO, Or., Jan. 11.—(To the Editor.)—In the fishing industry. It to the fishing industry. It is protect the salmon in the past 15 or 20, years, the salmen in the past 15 or 20, years, the salmen in the columbia River will become as scarce as the buffalo are on the plains today. I was more than pleased to see the salmon in that alone, will protect the salmon in the time of the mail man that I wished they would stop sending it and he said that alone, will protect the salmon in the publishers collect or force me to by stopping the use of seines above tidewater, where each Fall from six to for it.

With the new State Board of Health

Kum-quat, Not "Gum-quat." PORTLAND, Jan. 15.—(To the Editor.)—Apropos of your correspondents inquiry about the word "gum-quat," refer to cum-quat, cum-quot, or kum-quat, a word of Chinese origin, signifying a small species of orange.
YOURS FOR THE DIFFUSION OF KNOWLEDGE.

Kum-quat, Webster's International Rum-quat, Webster's International Dictionary says is a Chinese citrous fruit extensively cultivated in Japan, Florida and California, also in English glasshouses. It is of small size, round or oblong in shape, and has a sweet rind and acid pulp, and is chiefly used for making preserves and confectionery.

Argentina Land Laws.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Jan. 14.—(To the Editor.)—Can you advise me where to get information regarding the opportunities for homesteading in Argentina, South America; nature of land open to entry and laws pertaining thereto.

E. L. ANDERSON.

Write to Pan-American Union, Seventeenth street, Washington, D. C.

LET DANCER PAY THE PIDDLER

Automobile Owner Says Higher Liceus Would Aid Good Roads.

PORTLAND, Jan. 15.—(To the Editor.)—Better roads for Oregon is, or should be, the siogan of every citisen and taxpayer in the state. Millions of dellars must be spent on what we might call the commercial or farmers roads, particularly in the Willamette Valley, where conditions are deplorable. An estimate of \$5000 per mile for construction and one-tenth of this sum per year for maintenance would not be unreasonable and these amounts muitiplied by the number of miles of road in the state would figure out a stagn the state would figure out a stagin the state would figure out a staggering sum. In addition to the commercial roads are the boulevards and
highways aircady surveyed, the construction of which will cost many times
the above estimated. This vast expense must be borne by the taxpayer
scener or later, and the haif-mill tax
now advocated is timely.

It must be admitted that the increasing use of the automobile is responsible
for the growing agitation for better
roads; also for the agitation for an
extension of the boulevard system:

sessions to 60 days and the pay of the Legislature is raised to \$4 a day instead of \$3, which is most manifestly insufficient to enable a man to attend the assembly unless he could afford to lose by the honorable occupation.

From Salem it is reported that the treasures supposedly left by old Mr. Delany, who was murdered, have not been found yet. It is said among the gold left by Mr. Delany are coins abundant at an early day, \$50 slugs, eight-sided, and \$5 beaver money coined at Oregon City in 1849, which are now very scarce.

Professor Yost, at Sinsheimer's Music Store, is advertising the Germania Brass and String Band. The band is prepared to furnish music for concerts, excursions, balls and parties.

A horseback wedding took place recently at Sherwood, Ill., the contracting parties being Josiah W. Crandall and Miss Helen B. Hurst. The bridal party were all on horseback. The three bridesmaids were Misses Fanny Hurst, Julia Shellenburg and Mary M. Thurber. The novelty of the ceremony attracted a big audience.

A very neatly printed daily paper, The Evening Tribune, made its appearance in Portland yesterday. The Tribune is published by Messrs. Van Cleve & Ward, Mr. Ward having charge of the automobile is responsible for the growing agitation for better roads; also for the agitation that the toxe remeates of the boulevard system; roads; also for the agitation tor the satistic for the growing agitation for better roads; also for the agitation that the toxe tension of the boulevard system; lass of the automobiles are reads; also for the agitation that the trax payer foot the bill. Nothing has appeared in the local press indicating that the owners of automobiles are readed in the local press indicating that the owners of automobiles are readed in the local press indicating that the owners of automobiles are transfered in the local press indicating that the owners of automobiles are distincted in the local press indicating that the owners of automobiles are distincted in the local press indicating that the owners of

part at least. The taxpayer is doin more than his share; let us contribut a little more while boosting for bette roads.

AUTOMOBILE OWNER.

SHOULD WE HAVE AIDED BELGIUM Hague Treaty Is Held to Have Bound

United States to Intervene. PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 14.—(To the Editor.)—Regarding your editorial in yesterday's paper entitled "Our Attitude Toward the War," might I ask you two or three questions?

1—This paragraph appears in it: "The United States declared its adherence to the general principle that the territory of neutrals should be held sacred."

What does such a declaration amount

the territory of neutrals should be held sacred."

What does such a declaration amount to if the United States sits with arms and legs folded, and with an amused smile looks on, while the sacred principle is being trampled under foot, and the neutral territory violated and invaded?

2—If two nations sign and seal a certain treaty or conference (such, for instance, as The Hague), pledging thereby their honor to see, or try to see, that the articles of that treaty or conference shall be strictly observed, and when some of these articles are broken by another nation, one of these two nations tries, and fails, to punish the offender, and the other does not try at all, to which does the greater credit or the less discredit belong? Or, in other words, is it not better to have tried and failed than never to have tried at all?

3—What is the meaning of the following, takeh from a letter written to the London Times by a Harvard professor, and published therein on November 7, last? "Again, as so often before, the leadership of the world is in the hands of Great Britain."

November 7, last? "Again, as so often before, the leadership of the world is in the hands of Great Britain . Great Britain is really carrying the burden for us all."

4—Are you not a lift.

burden for us all."

4—Are you not a little too previous in your scoffing at Great Britain's fallure to save Belgium? The war has not ended yet, and until the treaty of peace is signed and all is settled we do not know that Belgium has leat her independence and that she will not get an indemnity so large as to get an indemnity so large as make good all she has lost except t lives.

Ford Profit-Sharing Plan. HOOD RIVER, Or., Jan. 14 .- (To the matic, ethnic and perhaps officer fluences.

I, TYLER Editor.)—What does Mr. Ford pay the men that work out at the Portland plant on Division street? What hours do they work? How much money per man did that dividend make when he gave the men a per cent of pr

Ex-State Printer Harris can produce figures to show a saving of \$37,000, but if the state money goes into frilis and fritters on commission payrolis, what's the use?

Insurance Commissioner Fergusun has been given formal notice to quit. Are there other West appointees sitting on the ragged edge of despair?

Carranza issues a decree making it possible to procure absolute divorce in Mexico. Now if Mexico could only get such a divorce from Carranza!

A run after a bath proved fatal, dispatches record. Which, will our medical friends please advise us, is to be avoided?

New Gorants Pass Man.

Thiaks Grants Pass Man.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Jan. 14.—(To the Editor.)—Governor Withycombe established a precedent, worthy to be oblished a precedent worthy to be oblished as the same as if that money were our own."

Attention to this principle and the worth and that man the restablished by a dark of the men a per cent of poblished by a dark of the men a per

apportionment among the employes.

tor.)—Having paid a subscription to a paper and they continue sending same after date of subscription has expired, can the publishers collect payment? Also is it necessary for subscriber to notify them to discontinue paper?

A, H. BUTLER. If the paper is taken from the post-

office, the publishers can collect for the subscription. It is necessary to notify the publishers to discontinue the subscription, or to tell the postmaster you do not want

the paper delivered. MARSHFIELD, Or., Jan. 13 .- (To the MARSHFIELD, Or. Jan. 13.—(To the Editor.)—I notice that quite a number of couples go from Portland, and other parts of Oregon, to Vancouver, Wash, to get married. It is quite evident that some of them go to avoid having to comply with the Oregon statute. Is there any question as to the validation of such marriages?

ity of such marriages? S B CATHCART. The Theater as a Text.

Baltimore American.
"Where did you go in the theater,
Mrs. Comeup?" "We sat in the mezzotint boxes, but the girls preferred seats
in the parokeet."

Twenty-Five Years Ago.

From The Oregonian, January 16, 1890. Washington.—It seems practically ertain that C. H. Hanford, of Seattle. is to be the District Judge of Washington. The President has signified his own preference was Judge Calkins. but he apparently has no real objec-tion to the choice of Senators Allen and Squire.

Tacoma.—A mortgage given to President Harrison on two lots in this city has been filed here. The amount lent by the President is \$2500.

Washington - Representative Mermann has been watching with a great deal of interest the debate on the Sil-cott defalcation. He wants to get hold of that \$1800 back salary which Silcott.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the North Pacific Industrial
Association was held Tuesday evening.
The stockholders voted their thanks
for the able work done by Frank Dekum and the following board of directors was elected: W. B. Ayer, E. W.
Allen, F. Bickel, Herbert Bradley, F.
Dekum, R. L. Durbam, R. P. Earhart,
G. H. Durham, J. W. Hill, E. G. Hughes,
E. J. Jeffery, William Kapus, E. A.
King, Van B. LeLashmut, Charles E.
Ladd, F. J. Alex Mayer, Henry L. Pittock, Thomas Richardson, F. A. E.
Starr, I. Samuel, D. S. Tuthill, George
H. Williams, John A. Heneyman, John
Donnerberg, A. H. Johnson, Frank
McDermott and L. G. Pfunder,
St. Paul,—The Northern Pacific will The annual meeting of the stock

St. Paul.-The Northern Pacific will inaugurate the system now in vogue in Chicago of checking baggage from the residence.

Oregon City.—H. E. Cross, C. O. T. Williams and J. T. Apperson were appointed a committee by the Board of Trade last night to investigate the proposition of Fortland interests to erect a cannery here.

Oregon has some inventive genius among her citizens. Louis Bergendahl, of Pendleton, inventor of the rotary snow plow, has turned his attention to another invention and has secured a paient on a combined rotary land plow and harrow. C. H. Meisnae and Edna M. Wray

have been granted a license to w Buchtell & Mall and David Goodsell yesterday purchased the Gates tract on Thirty-first and K streets, East Port-land, for \$25,000. The new owners propose to improve the property and place it on the market in lots.

Walter Damrosch, who is engaged to Margaret Blaine, is a popular fellow and has tact and sagacity to aid his youth, and distinction of appearance to make him a social as well as a pre-fessional force. He is to have charge of the great new hall Carnegie is building in New York and has been taken to that millionaire's heart with taken to that millionaire's heart

Dr. McKay, the well-known Indian War scout, will address the Oregon Alpine Club at the next meeting.

Marie Corelli's Address. PORTLAND, Jan. 14.—(To the Editor.)—What is the address of Marie SUBSCRIBER.

Marie Corelli has maintained a home n London. Her American publishers, George H. Doran Company, 38 West Thirty-second street, New York City. will give you her present address

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