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STATE CONTROL OF WATER POWER. The Legislature of Oregon has the

opportunity to take the lead in a matonly of this state, but of every publicmovement which may, by wise and enough places to give all localities persistent effort, break the grip of the equal consideration. reservationists on the resources of the West and throw them open to development on terms that will be just to both the Nation and the states.

Through the passage of the Ferris ater-power bill and the general land leasing bill by the House and through amendments made in the forme bill by the Senate committee, know clearly against what we have to There is no prospect that either of these bills will be passed by this Congress. It is possible, though not probable, that an extra session of the sixty-fourth Congress will be held. On account of that possibility, a meeting of the proposed conference early in the Spring is advisable. There is greater probability, however, that action on the conservation bills will be postponed to the regular session next December. That allows a valuale interval for the Western states to marshal their forces for the fight.

Ferris bill impairs state sover eignty by permanently withholding om the states civil jurisdiction and from state taxation large parts of area without giving the states equivalent. The pretended nt offered by the bill as it equivalent passed the House-namely, 50 per cent of the rentals after they have en used in and returned to the reclamation fund—is as illusory as the fabled pot of gold at the end of the The Senate committee's amendment giving the states half the revenue from the outset meets this obction partly, but not entirely, for a large part of the state would conto be held by an absentee land-Government-who has lord-the proved singularly incompetent to

manage his estate. Adoption of the leasing policy in place of sale is so radical a new departure and it so impairs the control of the state over its own territory and its own citizens that the states should never consent to it unless under it they are put in as good a position in all respects as under the old system. The eaging system is so contrary to the spirit of the enabling act that it would not stand fire in court.

By attempting alone to fix the terms on which water power shall be develped, although the Government owns only the power site and the state owns the water, the Government acts like one of two partners, who makes a bargain for the firm without consulting the other partner. The situation demands that state and Nation shall in some way agree on terms on which they will jointly sell or lease. The reguirement inserted by the Senate committee in the Ferris bill, that lessees shall first obtain water rights from the states, does not meet this objec-The states might fairly pass laws of their own defining the terms on which they would lease water wer or grant water rights. These laws would probably conflict with the Federal law and would result either in two conflicting leases, or more probably, in no power development, If the states hold out for their rights in this respect, Congress cannot continue

to ignore them. Congress proposes to reserve to the Government the right to "recapture" any power plant at the expiration of a nity; year lease, conceding that right, after itself, to the state or municipality. That is another case of the tall trying to wag the dog. The power site, owned by the Government, is the tall; the power, owned by the state is the deg. The Government already has so much on its hands that it could not efficiently manage a number of scattered power plants 2000 miles from the seat of government. If any experiment in public ownership of hyfro-electric power is to be made, it should be made by states or munici-Let the states try the experiment if they wish. When power nters into interstate commerce, it will subject to Federal regulation. or a corporation.

The Ferris bill contains numerous provisions designed to prevent monopof water power, and Congress evinces a grandmotherly fear lest the states, if given sole control, will per-mit power to fall into the hands of opoly. The fact is that the Western states began to fight monopoly long before Uncle Sam lifted a finger egainst it, and, through their regula tive commissions, have converted the has such dread, into obedient, useful The West is the land of big things, and we recognize that water power is best developed in big units, but no unit is too blg for state con-When that control is effective the Government need not worry, no

matter how big is the unit. The Smoot bill, providing that power sites be handed over by the Government to the states under certain restrictions, is worthy of consideration as an alternative scheme to the Ferris bill. An outline of its prons was published on the editorial page of The Oregonian January 21 It more nearly recognizes the rights of clency experts. The arrangement of ish aid, in order to attack France. The the states than any bill yet proposed, a factory is studied with a view to treaty of 1839 bound Britain to interbut it protects the rights of the Government and guards against improvi-

dent handling of the power. Constitution is on the side of the shortest time. Every movement of The fact that these discussions took states, they need not fear to go into every workman is studied in order to place between military officers shows a fight against measures which would

go far to reduce them from the posttion of self-governing states to that of provinces ruled from afar by a benev clent despot through his deputies.

IMPRACTICABLE FOR STATE

to attend to during the period h business to attend to during the period he is raid to attend to the public husiness. He can't do justice to both. If either is new lected, it is bound to be the public business. Until there is a commission of men select ed to administer the affairs of the state am nothing cles, every legislative session will fall short of the best and most business-like administration of state affairs.

The foregoing is from the Medford Sun, a newspaper published in a sec tion that is perhaps more jealous any other in the state of its local rights, privileges and representation Is the Sun aware that one of the

main principles of commission government is abandonment of local representation? When commission government in cities is first adopted this principle is usually accepted without question, but sooner or later there often arise a demand by some spe-cific district that it have its own man on the commission. Gratification of the later desire invariably leads to failure of commission government.

The Oregonian can see how a con nission truly elected at large can visely govern a city, but it cannot of vital import to the future not how a commission can wisely legislate for a state of such area and diversity ing delegates to a conference on the conservation bills, it can set on foot a movement which may be set on the conservation bills, it can set on foot a tion is attempted there will

HOW THE CHINESE EGG CUTS IN.

With Mr. Cogswell, who expresses n a letter today satisfaction with the price he receives for fresh eggs in Winter but dissatisfaction with the price paid by storage men for eggs in the Spring, The Oregonian agrees in one particular. Shipments of Chinese eggs during the slack laying season do not have much more effect upon the price of Oregon fresh eggs than would an equal number of litchi nuts. But on the other hand importations of Chinese eggs do affect the market price of fresh Oregon eggs in the

The Chinese egg competes solely with storage or Eastern eggs. There is a sufficient number of consumers who would not use Chinese eggs any price to maintain the high prices for Oregon fresh eggs during the season when production is low. With many persons the fresh egg is a commodity that has no rival.

But in the Spring fresh Oregon eggs go into storage. Later on they become competitors in the market with Chinese eggs if the latter are imported. The law of supply and de-mand is bound to affect the price of ported. storage eggs and the ultimate price to onsumer is reflected in the price paid the producer for the fresh article

ought for storage purposes. The bearing of prices by the stor-age men may be due in part to combination or agreement, but it is certainly aided by the admission cheap Oriental product that is acceptable to those who under other circumstances would use Oregon storage

OTHER PEOPLE'S MONEY.

The provisions of chapter 286 of the ties of the state a uniform system of each county and of each state depart- Just so long as the farmers depend ment and office expending state money upon wheat we are liable at any time ment and office expending state money to be audited once each year. The expense of formulating the accounting system and instructing county offiers in the use theref is paid by the farmers, should raise, so far as state's accounts is borne by the state, folly. but that of experting the counties' books must be paid by the counties, would be sending East for broow sows.

The act appropriates \$10,000 yearly again. Surely if the present shipand increases the salary of the Insur-

the House for consideration. The chief complaint against the law does not concern the uniform system as to the hog business than ever be of accounting, but the county audit fore. Then came \$1.50 wheat and system. As to that, there is widespread we are approaching the bottom very protest on the ground that the cost is excessive. According to a statement made by one accountant who undertook the work in several counties, the price charged for the work performed was reasonable, but, at the specific instructions of the Insurance Commissioner, he went into more detail than

There is the argument in favor of retaining this law that if the audit of accounts is left to persons employed the County Courts, the latter may seek a prejudiced report or because of olitical favoritism employ incompe ent men. It is doubtful, however, if uch methods are so prevalent as to make it necessary to turn supervision of the work over to the state. When it leaves county control it encounters that tendency, almost universally prevalent, to be careless in the expenditure of others' money. That is exactly what is now charged in the critcisms of the law.

If there is any doubt as to the advisability of repealing the law, it might be well to inquire whether \$10,-000 per annum is a reasonable charge for experting the books of state offiand departments, and also whether under the existing voucher passage in the documents and audit system conducted by the Secretary of State it is necessary to

expert the books every year. ecessary or wholly wise that the employment of accountants to audit county books be taken out of the hands of the county and intrusted o a state officer who has no particuar interest in holding down county expenditures. It would seem that if a reasonably comprehensive schedule were provided and the County Courts required to employ certified public accountants to report in acordance with such a schedule the ends desired would be gained.

A JOB FOR EFFICIENCY EXPERTS.

Much has been written lately about the great economy effected in various industries through the work of effieconomy of time and labor in passing raw material in at one end, putting it any other, through the several stages of manu-The points outlined form the basis facture and packing and passing it Greindl, the Belgian Minister to Berof a strong case for the states against out at the other end. Machinery is lin, urging that similar plans be prethe Ferris bill on the grounds of pub- studied with regard to its capacity for pared for co-operation with Germany lie policy and abstract justice. Since producing the largest quantity of in oppositive have good cause to believe that the goods of the highest quality in the Belgium.

are revised and bonuses are paid with view to giving workmen an incentive to increase output and to save

Andrew Carnegie, H. C. Frick, Will-iam M. Wood, Julius Rosenwald, Will-war is contemplated or within the iam Vall, were to be organized, with range of probability.

In the case of Belgium, war was drones at Washington and among sary, their political backers! What howis Ev gestion that these drones be turned out on a cold world!

THE SACRIFICE IN HOGS.

In the last seven days more than 12,000 hogs have been received at the third week in January the number was a trifle fewer than 2000. These the stockyards company and are to

be relied upon. Most of us remember that seven ears ago hogs were selling on this market at 10 cents a pound, live weight. It will also be remembered that during the following year sev eral buyers were sent to the Middle West in search of brood sows, which were bought and shipped to Oregon carload after carload. The trouble was that the hog market in Oregon was so much higher than ever bethat almost everything looked like a hog was sent to the shambles. Hence the high prices instead of benefiting us as a whole were a detriment, setting the hog-growers

ack two or three years. Now the large shipments come from another cause—the high price of wheat, for most of the hog-growers depend upon wheat to finish their hogs for market. This could be done at a fair profit with wheat at a nor mal price; when it soared up to the \$1.50 mark it meant a loss to feed it to hogs that were worth something like 7 cents a pound.

again Oregon is being cleaned out of hogs. Of those reaching this market, and we understand the same can be said of Scattle, Tacoma and Spokane, only a proportionate few are actually fit for slaughter. The rest are shipped by the firmers and other growers simply to save wintering And the price is falling day them. by day.

These abnormal conditions are to be regretted. They arise largely from lack of business acumen among farmers. They do not think far enough ahead. They have, it is true, done wonders in making Oregon a hog-producing state, thanks to the crusade for more hogs that the stock-yards and packing-house people have made, assisted very largely by the railways. But another forward step must be made by the farmers-they laws of 1913 are that the Insurance must not only grow hogs; they mus Commission shall establish in all coun- grow feed for them. The idea that wheat is the only feed or the best acounting and shall cause the books of feed for making pork is fallacious to have conditions arise as they ex-

lst at present. The farmers, especially the small state, but the county must buy the sible, their own hog feed-alfalfa, books and forms. If the provisions of corn, peas-anything for finishing. state, but the county must buy the sible, their own nog feed—affairs, books and forms. If the provisions of corn, peas—anything for finishing, the law have been carried out, the uni. They should not depend upon the wheatgrowers. They should so coning more is needed except such minor duct the business as to buy wheat additions as new legislation may make when the market justifies, but to de- in Utah. necessary. The cost of experting the pend almost solely upon it is sheer

It looks now as if next year we ash rock in this state as in Utah,

This is all wrong. Three months Then came \$1.50 wheat and

BLAMING IT ON BELGIUM.

An attempt is made by Dr. Bernard Dernburg, in a pamphlet entitled The Case of Belgium," to prove that before Germany invaded Belgium the latter country had already violated its neutrality by agreeing on plans for a British army to enter Belgium for the purpose of fighting Germany. The asis of his statements is the documents found by the Germans in the

ecret archives at Brussels. These documents reveal plans for British troops to land at Calais and Dunkirk and thence to enter Belgium for defense against Germany. also discuss a plan for British troops to land at Antwerp, though, in order to do so, transports would have to pass up the River Scheldt through Dutch territory and to violate the neutrality of Holland. The conversations took place in 1911 and 1912 between the British military attache and the Belgian chief of staff. The plans were all based on the assumption that Ger-many would invade Belgium and that Belgium would call for help, the only bear a different interpretation being the following extract from the minutes of a conference between Colonel The Oregonian does not believe it is Bridges, the British military attache and General Jungbluth, the Belgian

At the time of the recent events, the Brit-At the time of the recent events, the Britsh Government would have immediately effected a disembarkment in Belgium, even f we had not asked or assistance.

The General objected that for that our consent was heceasary.

The military attache answered that he new this, but that—since we were not able a prevent the Germans from passing through ur country—England would have landed her roops in Belgium under all circumstances.

The voyages of the Dacia and the Wilhelming promise to be as historic

The phrase "since we were not able to prevent the Germans from passing through our country" clearly shows that the only eventuality for which Britain was providing was a German march through Belgium, either unresisted or unsuccessfully resisted by the Belgians without calling for Brit-

vene in this eventuality as much as in There is also a dispatch from Baron of in opposing Anglo-French invasion of

times. eliminate lost motion. Wage scales that they were simply agreeing on a anybody were going that way.

plan of action to meet a possible cor tingency. It was possible that Germany would invade Belgium and they concerted plans for that eventuality. time and material. The amount of concerted plans for that eventuality. a great industry has grown out of the ports would be justified in forcing the sale of waste material.

Tacoma, Wash.—H. S. Hudson, assist of sale of the Northern Pacific passage of the Scheldt. These mills has left for Salette and the sale of the Northern Pacific passage of the Scheldt. What would happen if the National tary officers did no more than is Government were subjected to this doubtless done by the American ge acid test by efficiency experts? Sup-pose a board composed of captains of industry such as Charles M. Schwab, plans of campaign against this, that eral staff or the American War Col-

chinery of our Government and to re- probable. Plans for defense against port how it could be reorganized with Germany were prepared, because that a view to doing the same work with the greatest efficiency. What an end-less tale of waste it would tell! What panic there would be among the cause they were not considered neces

of indignation would go up at the sug- ness of Belgium's judgment as to the have kept the pledge. Germany re-fused to give such a pledge and invaded Belgium. Events have proved that Belgium had cause to fortify her

Had these documents proved that figures are taken from the books of Belgium had already violated her neutrality by allying herself with France and Britain against Germany, they would still not have justified Germany's action, for Germany acted in ignorance, real or pretended, of their existence, and the German Chancellor admitted and excused her violation of Germany intended break faith, not knowing of the justification she pretends since to have found.

If Mr. Dernburg's defense be the best Germany can make, she would better keep quiet about Belgium. The more she explains, the worse she makes her case. Better rest on the original plea of military necessity than the laughable defense that make wicked little Belgium was plotting with Germany's foes to attack Germany.

Drug manufacturers have turned their attention to filling the gap left by stoppage of imports of German chemicals. This requires use of many medicinal plants which grow wild in the United States, Many of grow in Oregon and could be gathered by our young people and manufac tured by our drug-makers. An elementary course in botany would enable school children to recognize those plants with which they are not familiar, but anybody knows the burbarberry, dandellon, elder, fennel and sage.

When the country weekly discards the Washington handpress and in-stalls a cylinder it justifies the assertion in its "salutatory" that it "has come to stay." That is what has occurred in the office of the Banks Herild, a creditable publication that doing much to let the world know all about a great section of Washington the County.

Has the rumored settlement of the patronage fight between President Wilson and the Senate any connection with the lining up of the Democratic forces on the ship-purchase bill? If to, the situation would resemble that which existed when President Cleveland whipped the Senate into line for repeal of the Sherman silver-purchase IB.W.

We have relied chiefly on Germany for our suply of potash, but that min-eral is now being extracted from the slag of steel mills in Pennsylvania, from kelp in California and from rock Oregon has as good kelp beds as California, and prospectors have as good a chance of finding pot-

again. Surely if the present ship-ments continue for another month or Judge French, of Wallowa, started for authorities should take some action to A bill repealing this chapter has passed the Senate and is now before the House for consideration. mitted the crime. Judge, jury and ago the Northwest was in better shape half the county were wrong; only the

Arizona will pass to the head of the freak class. Widowers with dependent children are to receive pensions. The stepmother is an unknown quantity in the arid state.

When Judge Stevenson the other day ordered a young thief to keep out of poolrooms for a year he struck at the root of an evil that is growing altogether too fast.

by who saved a 8-year-old companion from drowning in a canal, deserves a Carnegle hero medal. Bailiff Humphrey is another of

Mark Briggs, the 4-year-old Albany

those wrong-headed individuals who refuse to recognize Dr. Osler's age limit. Thaw's exaggerated ego must have

If ever a nation earned its independence, including the right to spell its name any way it pleases, Serbia has.

A local man has invented a stump splitter, but what a world of women most needs is a handy wood splitter.

"The whole world knows the Port-

A sporting writer says Salt Lake's

The elemency of the late executive

This is elegant airship weather, if

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Cooper to tell us.

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growler.

The voyages of the Dacia and the Wilhelmina promise to be as historic as those of the exploring ships.

If Secretary Lane is seeking a dry spot to irrigate in Eastern Oregon, he might try Copperfield.

Too poor to possess the precious eres.

And too much of a stranger to borrow. We issued today our "bromise to pay," And hoped to redeem on the morrow. The days rolled on, and weeks became years, But our coffers were empty atill, Coin was so scarce the treasury quaked if a dollar should drop in the till.

But the faith that was in us was strong land rose," to be sure, but it took Mr. need is pitchers. Rush the

But our boys little thought of price or pay, or of bills that were overdue—
We knew if it bought our bread today,
Twas the best our poor country could do.
Keep it, it tells all our history over,
From the birth of the dram to its last.
Medest, and born of the Angel of Hope,
Islae our hope of success, it passed.
Smith Center, Kan. HELEN N. PACKARD.

Twenty-Five Years Ago.

assage of the Scheldt. These mili-ary officers did no more than is joubless done by the American gen-tral staff or the American gen-boundary. He was accompanied by Su-

Washington-The President today nominated supervisors of the consus as follows: Oregon—John H. Saupe, first district; J. N. Strange, second district; Washington—Will D. Jenkins.

Chicago—The National W. C. T. U., in an address issued today over the signature of President Frances E. Willard, and addressed to the South American, Central American and Mexican commissioners of the Pan-American Congress, states that the ladies read Events have vindicated the soundness of Belgium's judgment as to the
purpose of her neighbors. On the eve
of war France and Great Britain renewed their pledge to respect and
maintain Belgian neutrality, and they
have kept the pledge. Germany refused to give such a pledge and in-

12,000 hogs have been received at the Portland Union Stockyards. For the corresponding period a year ago the number received was a little more than 5000 and two years ago for the third week in January the number was a trifle fewer than 2000. These ter to the seceders comme nonpartisan, nonsectarian purpose of the seceders.

The Denver Republican carries an editorial news article which states that Stanley's reported achievements in Africa are becoming more and more It is insinuated his relations with Emin were far from harmonious

John Nichols, who lives in Polk County, south of Dallas, has captured his 40th bear. The bear-slayer is now 85 years old.

Thomas Godell, who lives in Tibbetts Addition, East Portland, says the heavy snow recalls the flood of '61-62 which hit Champoeg, due to the snow, and subsequent quick thaw. The inhabltants had to flee on rafts and in all manner of craft.

W. T. Burney has returned from As-toria and says the people there are enthusiastic over the prospects for a railroad to that city.

County Treasurer Hacheney has been dangerously ill with influenza for some days. He is slowly recovering after a

Politicians are already predicting a Politicians are already predicting a lively campaign. The nomination of Pennoyer by the Democrats seems to be a foregone conclusion and the Republican nomination will not be a walkover for Thompson, Do Lashmutt, Moody or Beekman, the four prominently mentioned.

The glove contest between Joe B, Choynski and James McLarney, the 'Irish Gient," takes place tonight at Mechanics Pavilion.

L. T. Barin, of Oregon City, was o street yesterday and said he would ue the central committee call soon.

JITNEYS SHOULD BE REGULATED St. Johns War College Decides They Are Common Carriers.

ST. JOHNS, Or., Jan. 24.—(To the Editor.)—The St. Johns War College has discussed the jitney bus situation from every standpoint, and has decided that the jitney car is not in the taxi class and should not be subject to liclass and should not be subject to li-cense, as it is in no sense a vehicle for hire. One may not hire it for any spe-cial purpose or destination, consequent-ly, as it is routed over certain thorough-fares and to certain destinations, as are streetcars, and a "jitney" is, therefore, for a long or short haul, it must belong to the common carrier class.

to the common carrier class.

This being the case, it should be subjected to the same regulations, taxation, etc., as are streetcars, being comon carriers and operated under fran chise. Similar franchises should apply granting and requiring similar privi-leges and obligations.

It would seem, as a matter of justice to the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company and the preservation of an established and dependable transportation system to the public, that the city regulate the jitney bus people and re-strain them from using the franchise rights granted the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company and absorbing the business the company has built up There are plenty of other streets or

Attention of the Colorado and Michigan mining companies and miners is respectfully called to the strike at Miami, Ariz., in which there was a "never a quarrel or even loud argument." as an example worthy of emulation.

Arizona will pass to the head of the Attention Governor was right.

There are plenty of other streets on which they could establish lines and which they could be a legitimate aid to the transportation problem of the city.

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The present methods ness, are making trouble for themves. Some of them, as well as the occur, may have to wait ionger than common for transportation in the ure. They will then put up a howl selves. against the streetcar company, whom they will have compelled to reduce car service to the minimum. The company should not be expected to run cars at a loss to accommodate people who ride on them only when no other conveyance is at hand. E. O. MAGOON.

> POEM TELLS OF SHATTERED HOPE \$500 Confederate Bill With Verses on Back Is War Relle.

THE DALLES, Or., Jan. 21.—(To the Editor.)—The inquiry in The Oregonian by a person holding a Confederate bill reminds me of a noem which has long been in my possession. It was given me in Springfield, Mass. more than 20 years ago by a colored man, Henry Theirman, who served in the Navy during the Civil War. It was written on the back of a \$500 Confederate note and Mr. Theirman had become more exaggerated than ever when he heard the Bostonians' cheers. several copies printed on facsimiles of the note. I have several Confederate bills among my war relics, but I did not suppose that any one in this 20th century harbored the idea that they possessed any money value.

The poem follows: Representing nothing on God's green earth And naught in the waters below it— As the pledge of a nation that's dead and

gone, Keep it, dear friend, and show it how it to those who will lend an To the tale this trifle will tell, f Liberty born, of a patriot's dream Of a storm-cradled nation that fell.

indeed.
Though our poverty well we discerned.
And this little check represented the pay
That our suffering veterans carned.
They knew it had hardly a value in gold,
Yet as gold our soldiers received it;
It gared in our eyes with a premise to pay,
And every true soldier believed it.

COLD STORAGE MEN ARE BLAMED Egg-Producer Thinks Chinese Imports

Do Not Affect Egg Prices. PORTLAND, Jan. 24 .- (To the Edior.)-We hear a great deal from pa-ers, poultry journals and protection politicians, about the woes and failures that will ruin us in Japanese and Chitions may mean cheap eggs or none

The only restriction that should made on food for the common people is that the buyers and consumers should know just what they are get-

made on food for the common people is that the buyers and consumers should know Just what they are getting. We produce 109,000 clean fresh eggs a year on a few city lots and always have ready sale for them. We have a dally record of prices we have sold at for the past six years, and today prices are as good as ever at this time of year and promise to average as high the entire year as any time within my remembrance of egg markets for the past 55 years.

The Oregonian, in October, 1914, reports four and five cars of fresh Eastern eggs are coming to Portland each week, and no other comment is made on it, but the unloading of 100 cases of Japanese eggs from a ship is heralded from San Francisco to Alaska. Such a shipment is only equal to what our hens will lay in ten weeks, and it is only three times as many as a Yakima retail grocer sold to families there in one day. The Oregonian, December 16, 1914, reports the sale of 4,000,000 eggs to England in one shipment. California, Oregon, Washington and British Columbia this year will not produce enough eggs to feed their own people. The progressive energetic egg producers of the United States have nothing to fear from Oriental or any other old eggs that are sold for what they really are. The great menace to egg producers is the speculator and cold storage men—the very men who ought to ald the most by taking care of the Spring surplus on a fair margin. But in recent years they begin January I to bear down prices as hard and fast as they possibly can, selling the last of their storage eggs very low, and advertising Chinese eggs, fresh Oregon and fresh Easterns at very low prices. When eggs 30 per cent fresh are ready sale by the carload in Chicago at 41 cents a dosen, the Sound storage men are quoting fresh (?) Eastern and fresh (?) Oregons at 30 cents. Many growers and egg handlers know better, but they can no more stop that rapid fall of prices than the sallor in the troples can stop the hurricane that hits his ship. They all have to rush their eggs as fast as laid unt

eggs as fast as laid until prices reach bottom and storage houses are filled. Then prices advance fast enough to suit everyone but the consumer.

The trouble is, it is driving a lot of beginners to ruin and out of business. For months good hens and pullets have flooded the market, all marked at prices far below cost, and many poultry plants are for sale or rent.

Last month The Oregonian reported several well-known business men as having a large up-to-date poultry plant and furnishing some large Portland consumers all their eggs at 5 cents a dozen above the regular market. Strictly fresh eggs were very scarce just them, and, being willing to help out. I wrote to a big firm of egg-handlers that they were members of, asking prices on strictly fresh, clean, white, infertile eggs. The top price quoted in reply was 6 cents below the market as quoted that day in The Oregonian and less than I could get right at our yards. These cold facts show right where the grower is up against it, and why so many are sacrificing what they have.

L. K. COGSWELL.

L K COGSWELL

STREET SIGNS ARE CRITICISED Stranger Finds Difficulty Finding Way In Portland.

PORTLAND, Jan. 24.—(To the Editor)—I don't want to be classed as a critic, for knowing myself better than a conting, for knowing myself better than a conting others do—I am not. I am merely a harmless crank that has a certain amount of virus in my system, and for self preservation am compelled to spill some of it at stated intervals. I am almost human, for there are lots of times that I have dilligantly puraued the column in The Oregonian, headed "Twenty-five years ago," and have wondered if some parts of it are really not the news of today. During those old days there were so few streets, that it was not necessary to place their names on any conspicuous lamp post or corner building. "A "I would suggest that a Colonization Commission be created with the modest

my walk.

Moreover, if the streetcar company here has built a new line into any of the new building tracts within the last few years, I have falled to see it mentioned. To verify my claim, I respectfully refer you to any of the Rosarians of the research that is a better a

on their return—there is a better, a faster and a more dependable street-car service between the cities of Los Angeles and Pasadena than there is between the Union Depot and Washington street in Portland.

Buckingham Hotel, L. LINDON, priced products a state?

How to Pronounce Them.

Puck. For the information of war-inclined readers, we print the following table of pronunciations, hoping it will prove as helpful and illuminating as the average table of its kind in the daily press: Xyrousspucblurj, pronounced Yush-hkdhsg-hsg-hgx-i-

hkdhsk-hes-hgx-h.

Hbedbkhfgeu, pronounced Lawyuf-ghms-ing-yyz.

Zygfr, pronounced Gsmx-fy.

Vitchafdhhkzzypri, pronounced Vid-ka.

Grhamamatveitch, pronounced Dsa-nmeo-go-bombaki.

Bookmf, pronounced Bookmf.

Visitor Asks Question.

PORTLAND, Jan. 24.—(To the Edi-tor.).—After a walk about your beauti-ful city and a close inquiry into the financial and unemployed conditions. I Smith Center, Kan.

Half a Century Ago.

From The Oregenian of January 25, 1865 Two men were arrested last Thursday as suspects in the murder of old Mr. Delany in the Waldo Hills vicinity that will ruin us in Japanese and Chiness egg imports and very little of our
immense exports to those countries, nor
of the benefits to cheap restaurants
and poor families to whom importafortune might be obtained by anyone killing the old man. killing the old man. The other man was seen in the same vicinity on the day of the murder and carried a shot-gun. He told conflicting stories after his arrest. About \$27,000 of Mr. Delany's money has been found, some \$3000 in a wheat bin and \$10,000 cach in the bottom of two barrels filled with corn in Mr. Delany's attle. The murderers are supposed to have carried away \$25,000, all they could tote.

Captain Leonard White, late com mander of the steamer Caruse and part owner of the schooner James Bukanan, has gone to Colville to construct a steamer to run on the Colubnia above Kettle Falls.

William J. McNamara and Miss Anna M. Chops, of Canyon City, were in ried January 8 at Canyon City by Lair Hill.

From an inspection of the Stratford register it is found that Shakespeare's widow subsequently married a shoe-maker of the town named Richard James.

The Owyhee Miners' Consolidated Gold & Silver Mining Company has sleeted the following officers: C. M. Carter, president: W. H. Watkins, sec-retary; A. G. Glibbs, C. M. Carter, J. A. Chapman, E. W. Tracy and W. T. Bal-lone, directors. ous, directors.

Frances Fuller Victor has written a em for The Oregonian. It is "Ashes

COLONIZATION PLAN PRESENTED Industrious People Necessary, Says

Correspondent Pointing Way. PORTLAND, Jan. 24.—(To the Editor.)-May I say a word relative to the proposed effort of the Irrigation Congress recently assembled at Portland to secure aid for irrigation under a to secure aid for irrigation under a state mili tax?

The arid and semi-arid portion of

The arid and semi-arid portion of Oregon received many years ago, under provisions of the Carey act, the best possible method of development, yet little or nothing has been accomplished from the very fact that irrigation projects, both private and public, are, generally speaking, unsuccessful. There can be no argument against this, otherwise little and province in the little of the care of the care

can be no argument against this, other-wise intelligent capital would eagerly grab every foot of land in the state that could be secured practically as a free gift under the Carey act. Conditions may come in time as the state develops along intelligent lines, when the soil workers are organized. when the soil workers are organized, products properly advirtised and mar-kets established; but I venture to say that there is not an intelligent capi-talist in the state who would at the present time undertake the irrigation present time undertake the trigation of a large tract, were it presented in him free; if so, I can point to \$0,000 acres of tillable land unexcelled for fruit and alfaifs that can be had for \$5 an acre, and irrigated at a cost of \$50 an acre. Any irrigation engineer will tell you that irrigation projects are generally failures because we have not in this country a class of people of sufficient industry to administer water on the land. So it is people we want, not land, But Eastern Oregon is not the greatest wilderness in the state, the jackrabbit and coyote of Eastern Oregon have left that country in large Oregon have left that country in large droves to make the perlicus journey across the Cascade Mountains, even as forefathers did, to find protection he great wilderness of the Wil-

in the great wilderness in the great wilderness lamette Valley. I say the Valley is full of them. I say the Valley is full of them.

old days there were so few streets, that it was not necessary to place their names on any conspicuous lamp post or corner building, as all the stranger had to do, was to make the buy 1000 acres of land for \$50,000; have query, where is such and such a street, post or corner building, as all the stranger had to do, was to make the query, where is such and such a street, and it could be pointed out without any trouble from the spot. "That was it yellows and the could be pointed out without any trouble from the spot. "That was it yellows and it could be pointed out without any trouble from the spot. "That was it yellows and it of a stranger to Portland and am not quite haif-witted, so ought to be able to get around fairly well. The other day I tried to find one of the large business places in Portland, I was directed to the corner of Fifth and Morrison, which I believe is the center of the retail district. Being a stranger of the retail district. Being a little dilligence, and location in most any other city I would. Imagine yourself a stranger: forget, say, you have lived in Portland for 25 years and try and locations which, by the way, can be found in any city, be it ever se small. I will wager you will fail.

I know you are going to state that the sidewalks at the corners; I will admit some do, a few, very few, but Portland being subject to an excess of moisture most all the year, causes mud to accumulate on the walk, entirely obliterating the signs. Then, again, you must admit the sidewalks are not the easiest place to read a sign at night, on a poorly lighted street, under the best of conditions.

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Another thing that struck me as being strange, was that I can at any time walk from either of the train depots up some street that bears street, car tracks to any of the hotels and never be overtaken by a streetcar in my walk.

Questions for Statisticians.

PORTLAND, Jan. 24.—(To the Editor.)—There are in this state several prove business conditions by boosting home manufacturing, etc. I would like to have the answers to the following questions:

What is the aggregate of interest on when

all kinds of bonded indebtedness, public utilities included, that must be paid by the people, and is sent out of the

espect. What is the amount sent out of Ore-sarians gon for life and the insurance? What is the amount of money sent out of Oregon for manufactured

What is the total income from Oregon products sent out of the state? How much of the lecome of high-prited property is expended in the

state? Is there anything to prevent this state issuing scrip on improvements and keep the money at home? T. A. SWEENEY.

Getting the **Point of Contact**

A product's point of contact th consumers is over the unter of the retail store. The best advertising a manu-facturer has is the kind that does these two things: Make consumers believe it is a

good article to buy. Make dealers believe it is a good article to sell. Newspaper advertising is the ideal medium to accomplish these

two results. It not only brings immediate and direct consumer demand but it also inspires the retailer,