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PORTLAND, WEDNESDAY, JAN. 27, 1915.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND ITS CURE. Unemployment of many thousand working men and women' has become so general, so long continued and so aggravated every Winter that it now occupies the attention of the wisest and most public-spirited people, beginning with President Wilson. In a country which affords such abundant

material for men to work upon, this chronic and periodically aggravated defects in our laws, or in their execu-tion, and in our entire industrial organization.

way of applying effective remedies is the lack of co-ordination among the various organizations designed for the purpose. In Portland, for example, we The important fact is that there is purpose. have the Associated Charities, yet many charitable organizations are not dependently of it, with no sort of co-operation and with no supervision by greatly to our taxable wealth. public authority. We have here Salvation Army, the Volunteers of America, the Muts and the several churches and National societies, each going to work in its own way and often duplicating and overlapping the work of the others. All solicit and receive public subscriptions, but few render any public account of the funds they receive or of the manner of disburse-It is related that the Salvation Army in Los Angeles collected old clothes for charity; sold them for \$27,000 and remitted \$5000 or \$6000 of this amount to headquarters in Chi-

tzed charity societies combines with unorganized individual charity to coneert into permanent paupers the temporary victims of misfortune or im-Every man who is given 0 cents to buy a meal or a bed by a society or an individual is helped one step downward on the road from the plane of a self-supporting, self-respecting citizen to the plane of a man whose chief purpose in life is not to sell his labor, but to live without labor. No able-bodied man should be given food, clothes or lodging unless he renders an equivalent. It would be better to require a man to dig up the yard, though the work is unnecessary, or to the woodpile from one side of the basement to the other and to pay him the actual value of his time than to give him alms and a push on the read to pauperism.

Lack of co-operation among organ-

That idea should be followed out by a city in rendering aid to the unem-ployed. There should be no free lodging-house at a Gypsy Smith audi-torium, nor should work be invented as an excuse for paying men wages to do work that is not really needed, so long as work can be found that has a for President, so far as it is expressed the purpose of providing employment for the men who are usually thrown out of work by cessation of logging and railroad construction and by the decreased demand for farm labor. The erection of the interstate bridge should be hastened with the same end in men in doing work that is needed and that would not otherwise be doneposed issue of \$1,000,000 in county bonds should be voted by the

Hastening of such public works is a ar better method of providing labor for the unemployed than is the city cordwood camp, Only about a certain quantity of cordwood is consumed ansetting the unemployed to work of served a little longer and had been it seems unwise to relax any of the this kind the city has made no net de- vaccinated, but he was infected be- bonds that hold man to his partner. ment; it has simply substituted one lished. These facts are set forth in that what appear to be bonds are no gang of woodcutters for another. If the Surgeon-General's report on better than shams. The institution of streets and sewers, on the interstate bridge and on roadbuilding, they would phold from the Army has been have done work which would otherwise have remained undone and they would thus have made a large net decrease 1911, forty-four cases and six deaths in the amount of unemployment.

unemployed. would improve his land, he would re- scientific medicine? duce that number and would increase the value of his property. the unemployed are hardworking, honest, thrifty men who have ome from farms. Given a chance, they would make farms out of waste Many moneyed men a "grubstake." willing to grubstake a prospector to go into the mountains and find Indian bill, a chorus of protest grubstake a man to make a farm?

Better farming and improvement in the condition of farm labor will add clans, field matrons, allotting, many to the number of men employed tion and other employes of the Indian farmer has work for a certain number of men the year around; the old-style farmer employs men only in the plowing, sowing and harvesting seaplowing sowing and harvesting sea-sons and discharges them in Winter. Yet several members objected to the The supply of farm labor would be purchase of any autos and the House proved both in quality and quantity rejected the provision for new automostate and city employment offices biles and it voted \$8000 to purchase improved both in quality and quantity co-ordinated through the Federal La- not over forty horse-drawn vehicles. With this improve bor Department. undertake many things which they de-Summer and too shiftless and liable in the Winter. With a better

process of selection, In such a country as America there

ment so prolonged as to cause dis-tress. It is a reproach to the Nation that, where so much work waits to be done, willing men cannot find the op tered at Portland Oregon, Postoffice as portunity to do it. United effort, well second-class matter.

secription Rates—Invariably in advance: work together and would remove the

MIL MOORE AND THE SALT LAKES.

The Oregonian is favorably impressed by the obvious sincerity and genu 150 ineness of the offer made to the state sons the most up-to-date means 2.50 by Jason Moore and his associates for doing their work, but to discharge them and to appoint men who will use 19.00 The State Land Board, comprised of the Governor, Secretary of State, and are at State Treasurer, has made a contract in full, with Mr. Moore, subject to ratification State Treasurer, has made a contract with Mr. Moore, subject to ratification by the Legislature, on a royalty basis, for the conversion into commercial products of the immense potash deposits in the lakes. It would seem that the Legislature ought in all good faith to support the action of the Board, which was taken after painstaking investigation. The members were unanimous in the conclusion that the Moore offer was bona fide and that he was qualified to carry out his contract. If any of the competitive proposals was worthy of serious consideration, the Board has not said so. Obviously, the Board did not think so.

The Moore offer contemplates establishment of a new and most valuable industry in Oregon. The statement is made that the Moore plans involve an outright expenditure of \$5,000,000 or more. A large number of men—several thousand—are to be employed. bespeaks the existence of serious a crude and dormant resource of the sets in our laws or in their execu-The state is to have a royalty, which shall be \$25,000 per annum at One most serious difficulty in the a minimum, and which it is promised will in fact aggregate a much larger

But the royalty item is only a detail. guaranty of an immense investment in Oregon, continuously employing large bodies of labor, turning out valuable

The Legislature should of course satisfy itself of the merit of the Moore project and the responsibility of its carried the human voice across the backers. So also should it give close continent. scrutiny of every other offer. The salt lakes of Oregon should not be turned over to any mere promoter, or group of promoters and speculators, for exploitation or pure commercial adven-The good name of the state ture. should not be involved in any stockjobbing scheme or selling-out enterprise. The Legislature should know not only what it is proposed to do, but how, when, and by whom. It should of this amount to headquarters in Chi-cugo, though the donors expected all the proceeds to go to the Los Angeles the lease will be carried out by respon-unemployed. sible men, experienced in the business they are undertaking and competent to bring to its support large financial strength.

FAULTY PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY.

Oregon has a direct Presidentia primary; but the law has at least one incongruity which the Legislature ought to correct. It is the provision that an elector may vote for only one of a group of delegates to a National convention of any political party.

This extraordinary provision—an unjust and discriminating limitation upon the privileges of all voters-was directly responsible for the failure the Republican delegation to the Chicago convention of 1912 to represent the will of the people. The state de-clared for Roosevelt; but under the peculiar workings of the law, it sent to the Chicago convention five or six anti-Roosevelt men-openly avowing their hostility to Roosevelt-to carry out their will. It will always hap-pen so, under the law as it stands. In case of a sharp contest between can-

real money value and is needed. If in the law, is acceptable, and ought the city were not compelled to pay for not to be disturbed. But the law ought labor more than its market value in to be made workable and sensible by Winter, much street and sewer work permitting the voter to express his permitting the voter to express his choice, within his own party, for as many candidates as there are delegates

ELIMINATING TYPHOID.

The germ theory of disease has the wedding ceremony is celebrated, achieved some of its most notable If they go to the pastor before any view, for that will employ hundreds of triumphs in the United States Army. Few have forgotten the ravages made by typhoid fever among our troops plays false to his promised work involving expenditure of \$1,750, during the short Spanish war, when but not often. The practice is said to mot want her young ones to "know too work fairly well. No doubt it serves much of their insides" will have a every purpose that Mrs. Havelock Ellis ties. Flies slew many times more of has in mind. Her second project is people as soon, as possible and the our young men than the Spanish guns that of separate apartments for work should be done during the com-ing Spring and Summer. The people were amazing. Only three United may be secure from intrusion at inop-ment the roads, they will be worth the money and the men need the work.

States soldiers were attacked by ty-phoid fever in that year and all of among people of means, but the poor them recovered. Immunity from this cannot afford it. Such great authoridisease, once so much dreaded, has been secured by inoculation. Of the open secured by inoculation. Of the open secured by inoculation. Of the open secured by inoculation in 1913, two it makes for marital infidelity, which were attacked within six days after may or may not be true. The male ually in Portland and vicinity, and by they had enlisted. The third had sex is so imperfectly monogamous that crease in the amount of unemploy- fore his immunity was fully estab- But in some cases it must be admitted gang of woodcutters for another. If the Surgeon-General's report on better than shams. The institution of the same men had been employed on health conditions of the Army.

Progress in the elimination of tytinuous for some years. In 1912 there would be rash to predict the precise were 18 cases and three deaths; in nature of that evolution. 1910, 142 cases and ten deaths The farther back we go the more Much can be done in the way of placing men on the land. Every own- cases we find and the greater the mortality. Can any better proof be demanded of the efficacy of modern

BOGES ECONOMY IN CONGRESS.

Whenever certain Representatives discover an appropriation for automoblies in a bill, they throw an economy life. fit. They have visions of Government All they need is the land and employes taking joyrides in costly vehicles paid for by the people.

When the House was discussing the purchase twenty automobiles for the use of superintendents, farmers, physi-The modern scientific service. This is an average of only work for a certain number \$750 for each machine. That sum would pay for a machine correspond-

The present Congress knows so little ment, farmers would be encouraged to about economy that, when it attempts to practice that virtue, it goes to w for because labor is too costly in the in the wrong way. Employes of the had the same spirit as Napoleon and Summer and too shiftless and unreliable in the Winter. With a better motor-cars because their duties redoes not appear to have grown either supply they could figure ahead and quire them to travel long distances, could weed out the undesirables by a and these vehicles enable them to get over the ground in less time and thus increase their efficiency. By requir-

it is wasting. that. time for business. If employes of the newspapers persistently bring Indian service use Government prop- event into the glare of publicity. erty for private purposes, they will do so as readily with horse-drawn as with motor-propelled vehicles. The tight course is not to deny these peright course is not to deny these perhaps the most up-to-date means of have hastened the crucifixion instead of preventing it. Everything depends newspaper is conducted. automobiles for their work and not for pleasure. The fault is in the men, not

TELEPHONING ACROSS CONTINENT Conversation by telephone between President Wilson at Washington and President Moore, of the Panama-Pa-3000 miles apart, marks another most forgotten American race epoch in the development of longdistance communication. It is an event which suggests untold possibilities, for every advance made in modern invention has proved but the precursor of a far greater advance, just as George Stephenson's locomotive was the parent of the present-day mogul engine.

The germ of the idea of the tele-phone was first discovered by Page, of Salem, Mass., in 1837, but he does not appear to have conceived how it could be put into practical effect. Bourseul, of France, in 1854, went a step farther by proposing the first device for transnitting sound, but did not put it in use. Philipp Reiss, of Frankfort, in 1860, made the first apparatus which transmitted sound, but to Alexander Graham Bell, an American, is due the credit for working out the idea for practical use, the patent for which he secured in 1876. At first the device At first the device was used only for short distances, but improvements followed each other In rapid succession till in 1885 the first long-distance line was built between New York and Philadelphia. The range of telephonic conversation has been rapidly widened until now a wire has

When we consider that wireless telunrect from Berlin to Sayville, L. I., army and little naval force our turn-and that experiments have already the-other-cheek policy will protect us been made with wireless telephony, it is not extravagant to have the human voice may yet be transmitted across the ocean and even around the world without the aid of wires. We may reach a climax in the annihila-We of the belligerent nations in the effort to restore peace. The genius of man, by discovering and applying to his use the secrets of natural law, is causing the earth to shrink by drawing its people together.

AMENDING MARRIAGE,

It is easy to pick flaws in the marriage relation as it exists, but its worst foes have to admit that it is better than any of the numerous substitutes that have been offered in its place. Mrs. Havelock Ellis, who has been speaking a good deal upon matrimony, suggests two improvements. At any rate she calls them improvements. Others might pronounce otherwise should be exterminated car upon them. Her first amendment is mountains, and west as well. "trial marriage." The couple are to live together for a year without taking irrevocable yows. If all turns out well the ceremony is to be completed. not, they part with mutual good wishes. What is to become of the offspring which may bless this temporary union seems to be left a little indefi-nite. We dare say this relatively unimportant mater may be entrusted to Providence. If the sparrows are looked after why not a baby or even twins? More practical minds may find possibility of children an insuperable obstacle in the way of Mrs. Havelock

the world, In parts of Germany it is not unommon for a lower class couple to live together for some months before children are born cient. Occasionally the young man tined to alter still more, though

PROGRESS AND PAPERS.

A cheery pipe is heard now and then in the universal groan of pe mism that is sweeping over the world Dr. A. Eugene Bartlett, a clergyman of Flatbush, N. Y., says in a recent sermon that he sees a particularly bright lining to the cloud of gloom. He asseverates that the world is growing better in spite of the war. "Human life," says he, "is growing more sabelieve in the face of the fact that men are dying as never before on the bat-tlefields of Belgium and Poland, but Dr. Bartlett is not without evidence mineral; why cannot a landowner up against the provision of 15,000 to for the faith that is in him. He mentions, for instance, that the Pennsylvania Railroad carried 188,000,000 passengers fast year without killing one of them. Compared with some of the old records of our railroads, this is guns. indeed encouraging. We may hope would not buy a costly limousine; it that all the rest will follow the noble example of the Pennsylvania and see a new sacredness in the lives of their passengers. But we can hardly believe that life is any more precious to the world than it was a rulers of the thousand years ago.

To these magnates human beings the Russian infantry. are mere cannon fodder exactly as they were to Alexander and Caesar Though the latter had no cannon, the better or worse except that modern in struments of warfare make death more ravenously devouring. Dr. Bart-lett ascribes a great deal of our modis no excuse for periodic unemploy-ling these public servants to use horse-lern progress to the newspapers, which,

by spreading the light of knowledge prevent injustice. He believes that Jesus would not have been crucified had there been daily newspapers in were automobiles purchased, Jerusalem and no doubt he is right they would be used nine-tenths of the about it. Legalized mob violence can time for pleasure and one-tenth of the must not forget, however, that if our hypothetical Jerusalem newspapers upon how a newspaper is conducted.

The banana planters in Central America are wonderful helpers of archaeology. Every piece of land they lear affords specimens of the ancient culture of the people. One estate yielded 20,000 pieces of stone sculp-One estate ture. When we remember that all this was done with stone chisels we cific Exposition, at San Francisco, can appreciate the industry of the alonce inhabited the Central American

> Again the suggestion is made that in appointing officers for the coming city election, Auditor Barbur, when city possible, fill the night boards excluwith male citizens, placing women on the day boards. This is a matter in which the precinct committeemen should co-operate and not leave the burden upon the Auditor. teemen

> If a teacher wishes to spend a year at the normal school, should the di-rectors give her leave of absence? By and money to improve her services. The school profits by it. The leave of absence is an economical means of securing better teaching in the schools.

When Mother Jones visits John D. Jr., and the kiss of peace is exchanged between them we may well say that the prophecies are fulfilled and the same pasture. The only difficulty is to decide which is the lion. disposed to back Mother Jones.

The Senate is worried lest the shipcause international purchase bill egraphy is but a recent discovery and trouble. Such things, however, do not from short distances has widened its worry the Administration, which ap-

Young Rockefeller describes bad in vestments made by his father. Such things are not for him to mention. But for Rockefeller senior we opine that Rockefeller junior would be presiding tion of distance by witnessing Presi-dent Wilson talk directly to the rulers behind the soda fountain or ribbon counter.

> Germany has called even her older men to the colors. Eventually the women may have to fall in, and such is on a special mission the German spirit that they would re spond cheerfully should their services be demanded.

Bryan, while evasive, has accepted

It does seem "tough" to be obliged

to pay a license for keeping a dog; but comes cheaper in the end, for the is deemed suffi- poundmaster is a man without a heart The old-fashioned mother who does

> Senator Langguth's bill allowing at their pleasure will never get by the upreme Court if It becomes law

Bryan's prompt evasion in the sus pension of American exequaturs by Germany is merely another feat by the greatest little evader of all time.

Bingham's bill for a new compensa tion law has the merit of proposing a board of one commmissioner, and therein lies a saving at the start.

The proposal to collect rent for space beneath sidewalks is a joke, but of late years and probably it is des- in line with schemes to get more money to be spent by officialdom

> This generation that has been listening to tradition of a solid Willamette may see a realization if the weather people do not relent.

> If you are unable to afford a car and persist in going to the auto show, be sure to take your guardian along. The appeal is irresistible.

> January popularly is held to be near its end.

> Today is open day for sportsmen at Salem and the Senate killed the antilobby bill yesterday for the purpose probably. The battle line vawns except for ar-

> tillery firing, designed, doubtless, to keep the frost out of the big field The free textbook plan is not popul

> House there will be little grief over the loss. Russia has ordered 1,000,000 horsees in America. Probably for use by

ar and if the Senate agrees with the

The head trusty in the County Jah nerely left an opening for his under-

study. John Barleycorn has been given the old shoulder by Iceland.

You auto see the show.

Rain is coming.

Half a Century Ago.

From The Oregonish January 27, 1865.
In the Legislature of the Sandwich Islands an effort was recently made to repeal the act prohibiting selling illquor to the native Hawaiians, which failed to pass and the prohibition still exists. The King would have vetoed any act repealing prohibition. It seems liquors were being used to excess and that the islands were fast depopulating. Since prohibition the improvement has been marked.

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San Francisco.—A committee has been marked.

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Bryan, while evasive, has accepted in effect the German view relating to American consuls in Belgium. To be sure. Bryan accepts any foreign point of view if it is presented firmly enough.

All blame for rabies in Eastern Oregon should not be placed on the coyone. There are plenty of dogs that should be exterminated east of the mountains, and west as well.

Thay comes forth with a new definition of the entry of the ent should be exterminated east of the mountains, and west as well.

Thaw comes forth with a new demand for examination into his sanity, which leads us to wonder whether we are going to have that perennial nuisance aired again.

Young Mr. Rockefeller's criticism of the old gentleman's investments in Colorado is what might be expected from the son of the man who made the money. from the son of the man who made the money.

So far, however, the Legislature hasn't seen fit to promote a single item of legislation with the end in view of abrutly terminating the war in Europe.

the street railway nor a stockholder; rather we favor any and all legitimate and progressive industry, but it seems that for the good of Portland in many ways the business men and citizens should get together with the city offi-cials and place a sufficient tax more cials and place a sufficient tax upon such as to assure both safety for the public, as well as protection to a cor poration that descrives our patronage.
Our service is above the average of other cities; we come and go from our work and shopping in comfort so far as public transportation is concerned or can be given.

D. D. WALLACE.

On Bombarding a City.

HOLBROOK, Or., Jan 24.—(To the Editor.)—My father says that if some of the German warships intended to bombard London there is a law that they would have to let Lendon authorities know before they fire away. neighbor says the Germans could she away without letting them know.

Under the international agreements of The Hague tribunal, any hostile power which was a party to The Hague agreements would be expected to noti-Thaw time, but there is a measure of fy any unfortified city before bom-comfort in knowledge the month is barding it. This would be to allow the barding it. This would be to allow the noncombatants time to flee. An enemy yould not be expected necessarily to \$8.25. notify a fortified city. London cannot properly be regarded as a fortified ity. However, there is some doubt, in the light of events, whether The Hague any one day. greements are binding in fact.

Majority and Plurality.

LEABURG, Or., Jan. 24.—(To the Editor.)—Will you give me the address of paper devoted to the interests of the or hotels. lumbering business on the Coast? Also what is the difference between ma-jority and plurality as applied to the election of officers. A SUBSCRIBER. The Timberman, Portland, Or.

nstance, A receives 50,000, B 30,000 and s, the excess over the total vote of B and C. But if in a total of 95,000 votes cast A receives 45,000, B 20,000 and (20,000, then A receives a plurality (that number greater than half the whole.

REPUBLICANS RETURN FORECAST. Democratic Administration

and Evident Defects Noted. PORTLAND, Jan. 25.—(To the Editor.)—Some time ago The Oregonian did me the kindness to print what was intended as a criticism of the Administration, especially of its foreign policy, in which i commended the conduct of Mr. Roosevelt's Administration, when, lo, and behold, one of my Republican standpat friends opened up on me with his heavy guns for my poor mead of praise for the Colonel.

To any one having his ear to the

coats at first deceived him, which Scott
was obliged to accept, there being no
blue cloth in the country. In compilment to the Battle of Chippewa our
military cadets have worn gray coats
rever since."

Alexander Dumas, the French romancler, the dark mulatto nearly 60 years
of age, yet called the handsomest man
in Europe, left Paris last month
for New York. Dumss would have visited
the United States before this late day,
but dare not under Democratic Administrations for fear of being arrested and
sold as a "fugitive from justice."

A London letter in the New York
Tribune says it is broadly reported
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the money bags will collapse. This is the
secret of John Bull's adherence to the
confederacy.

Letters from Montana Territory give
the news of the death of Charles Stewart, formerly of Portland, at Virginia

D. Dennison will match his trotter
"Salie-Come-Up" with B. B. Acker's
"Challenger" on Moltnomah trotting
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Principal G. G. Richardson, of the Port-land Practical Seminary in Carter's brick building. Front and Washington streets, announces the new term begin-ning January 31.

Emperor Maximilian is slowly

Japan and other first-class countries
men in these services are appointed
men in these services are appointed
that fill The Emperor Maximilian is slowly gathering about him a foreign legation. The Hon. Peter Scarlett has been sent on a missiton to Mexico for England. Kins Leonold of Belgium has ordered Blondel Coulebront, Belgian Envoy to the United States, to proceed to Mexico on a special mission.

The City of Chicago is tunneling under Lake Michigan in order to secure a supply of fresh water.

TAX ON JITNEY BUS PROPOSED Streeted, Says D. D. Wallace.

PORTLAND, Jan. 21—(To the Editor).—Not in defence of the Portland successively from the lowest to the next higher, determined by their fitness and experience. In the United States men have been appointed as a reward for political service and not for ability. However, during the years when McKinley, Roosevelt and Taft were in office, as a result of the labors of Mr. Root an attempt was made to build up these services commensurate with the greatness of this Nation. Most first-class countries allow their embassies adequate salaries, allowances for state entertainments, and furnish the employes, men and women, and it is a state that the public servants abroad are at no disadvantage. In this country home of the carnings of this company will certainly result in the laying off portland will support an industry that

of dollars have been expended for the construction of, and the maintenance of these lines. Any and every require ment of the city ordinance have been accepted, their employes are courtecast and oblighing, hundreds of them have been and oblighing, hundreds of them have built homes here and are taxpayers and among our best citizens. The encouragement of these inferior methods of transportation will certainly cheapen the appearance of this fair city. It will be street as in operation on the streetcar lines, which will necessarily mean less cars in operation on the streetcar lines, which will necessarily mean poor service, long waiting on street corners and bundreds of men discharged. Those living beyond the limit of these bus lines of 5 cents from the long waiting for slow cars.

So far as I have been able to discover, these buses are cheap, many seem dirty and probably will become insanitary resurrected from scrap piles and peoplain for the purpose. Many are operated by cheap help and incompetent, that rush around street corners and over crosslings and bridges at speed limits in haate to deliver the nickel passenger, which will necompetent, that rush acannot be done with safety.

Now, the writer is not an employe of the street railway nor a stockholder: rather than the safety.

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The power? Yes, if with clean bands and legitimate of these acceptance of the ment of the city and able to accept the ment of the city in the line of the city and oblights. The city is not an employe of the street railway nor a stockholder; rather we fayor any and all legitimate the annual transportation of the city and probably will become insanitary in the propose of the city and probably will become insanitary in the propose of the city and probably will become insanitary in the propose of the city and probably will become insanitary in the propose of the propose of the city and probably will become insanitary in with Congress it doubtless saved him

with Congress it doubtless saved min much trouble in this respect.

Whatever the prospects or the merits of the contention, it is unfortunate that the Senate is so great a beneficiary in the matter that it is not probable it will agree soon, if ever, to submission of an amendment taking away the said power. Therefore, having a general power. Therefore, having a general convention of the states seems the only tically impossible of amendmen J. TYLER.

Law for Women Workers

PORTLAND, Jan. 25.—(To the Ed-ttor.)—What is the new law in regard to hours and wages of women employed in restaurants and hotels? N. M. The general laws of Oregon require

(1) That no adult woman (over 18 years old) shall be employed in any inlustry at a weekly wage less than

forced to work more than 10 hours in should be abandoned (2) That no women workers shall be employed later than \$:30 o'clock at ight, not applying to telephone or telegraph employes, or employes in con fectionery establishments, restaurants

No Indemnity Asked.

BRIDAL VEIL, Jan. 25.—(To the Ed. tor.)—Please inform a few interested caders through your valuable and re-lable columns: (1) If these United If, in a total of 95,000 votes cast, for istance, A receives 50,000, B 30,000 and 15,000, then A's majority is 5000; that how much? (2) How much did she pay Spain for the Philippines?
A CONSTANT READER.

2. At the close of the Spanish-Ameri is, a total larger than any competitor; on war the treaty signed at Paris of 15,000. In this latter case A does not December 10, 1828, provided for a payreceive a majority, properly speaking.

If only two candidates are contesting, a majority is likewise a plurality generally speaking. A majority is any vided for a further payment of \$100,000. for other Philippine Islands

Twenty-Five Years Ago.

From The Oregonian Jan. 27, 1898.
Washington.—Civil Service Commissioner Roosevelt has submitted to the full committee a report on the recent investigation into alleged violations of the civil service law in the New York Custom-House just prior to the last Presidential election. Mr. Roosevelt points out that in some places attempts were made, with varying degrees of

Mrs. E. R. Thompson and L. Thompson, mother and son of J. T. Thompson, have arrived from lows and will make their future home here.

L. K. Cogawell, livestock rancher, of Cheballa, crossed the Columbia on the ice Saturday evening.

The engagement of George Vander-bilt and Miss Mary Johnston, of Annandale, S. C., is not surprising, according to the newspaper paragraphs. He met her on Beaucatcher Mountain, they re-

Charles Begnett, R. H. Constan, Miss Campbell, Miss Price, Major Weed, Percy Harris and Mrs. F. T. Merrill were the prizewinners at the Santa Rosa Park and Astoria real estate company's masquerade ball last night.

The seats for the opening of the Marquam Grand Theater will be auctioned this atternoon at Masonic Hall by A. B. Richardson, Emma Juch will be heard in grand English opera as the inaugural entertainment.

Fred V. Holman, the attorney. busy numbering a recent purchase of some \$1000 worth of law books, chiefly

EFFECT ON BIG PAYROLL CITED. Streetenr Company Employes Viewed An Factor in Jitney Advent.

will certainly result in the laying off of employes or a serious reduction in their salaries. We all know it to be a fact that the

company is confronted on all sides by laws, rules and regulations in which they have no voice, now, for instance they have no voice, now, for instance, they are forced to operate cars during hours, both day and night, and on lines through sparsely settled districts at a dead loss to themselves which redounds to the benefit of their employen; they pay a license for each car, bridge tells, street maintenance and also taxes to

FOLK DANCE CRITICS ANSWERED Terpsichorean Training for Young Heid

Natural Expression of Joy.
PORTLAND, Jan. 25,--(To the Es) tor.)—A few days ago the Methodist ministers of Los Angeles conferred with the Board of Education to protest recourse in the matter, the securing of which, however, would doubtless be a tedlous or long-winded process and would perhaps require a question of more general or stirring interest to secure it. Then, too, there is a general called folk dending, and other exercises that expose the persons of little more general or stirring interest to secure it. Then, too, there is a general distrust or uncertainty of a convention with vast or unlimited powers of initiative among the more conservative elements. Yet some such procedure may become advisable in those matters or provisions which by the terms of the instrument itself are difficult or practically impossible of amendment.

Tell protest being "Bytamical dancing, and other exercises that expose the persons of little dancing, and other exercises that expose the persons of little girls and misses contrary to that moderate may be come advisable in those matters or provisions which by the terms of the dance. If one will observe tically impossible of amendment. terms of the dance. If one will observe a little child at play or chasing butterflies it will be seen that every step and combination of steps known to
choreography are effected at some
time during that play. Dancing is
synonymous with happiness and joy. No
one who can really dance can be bad.
Dancing is the laughter of the body,
and a true laugh emanates from the
heart.

heart. The chief objection that the ministerial association has to dancing that it exposes the person of little girls and misses. Instead of doing away \$8.25.

(2) That no woman shall be employed with the dance, clothes that prevent a more than 54 hours in one week, or be listle girl or miss from using her body FANNIE HARLEY.

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