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### VICTORY FOR A PREE PRESS.

A notable victory for the free pre has been won in the United States Supreme Court by the New York Trioune, and an attempt of this Administration, which promised to do business in the open, to establish a censor-ship has been defeated.

The Tribune published articles which led to charges of smuggling against Robert T. Heitmyer and Mrs. E. M. Alexander and against ex-Representative Lucius N. Littauer. Both these publications were denounced as pre-mature by the Treasury Department and the department attempted to dis cover the Tribune's informant among its subordinate officials, for the purpose of disciplining him under a department regulation which forbids making public official matter without outhority from the Secretary, Treasury Department invoked the aid the Attorney-General and George Burdick, city editor of the Tribune and William L. Curtin, a reporter were summoned before the grand They were called upon to name their informant, but refused to answer all questions, on the ground that by doing so they might criminate themselves

In order to overcome an apparently insuperable obstacle to their obtaining the desired information, the officials then adopted an extraordinary expedient. Messrs, Burdick and Curtin has been convicted of no crime, had con-fessed no crime, had not even been accused in any form, but President Wilson was induced to grant each of them a pardon "for all offenses against the United States which he has ommitted or may have committed o taken part in" in connection with the publications in question, "thereby absolving him from the consequences of every such criminal act." It was hoped that these pardons would be accepted as grants of immunity and would th force the newspapermen to break fuith with their confidential informant They held, however, that a pardo carries with it the stigma of guill They had committed no crime, and they refused to place such a stigma pon themselves. They therefore re fused to accept pardon, persisted in their refusel to answer questions an were sentenced to fine and imprison-ment for contempt. Proceedings were myed pending appeal to the United States Supreme Court, and that triburnal has decided unanimously in favor of the Tribune men. The court held that a pardon cannot be forced upon a person, but must be accepted in order to become effective. In cor sequence, they are upheld in refusing to answer questions which may th

Thus once more is an official at tempt to muzzie the press defeated Unless a newspaper is free to obtain information on public affairs from subordinate public officials and to coneral the sources of their informaupon such scraps of self-laudator news as heads of departments choose to give out and our best safeguard against official wrong-doing will be A consorable will then exremoved. ist, such as muzzles the press, keep the public in the dark and shield delinquent officials in such despotic regard will not be complete until at confidential communications to news papers about public affairs are privi-leged, but the Tribune has won a mosimportant point loward insuring that public business will be done "in the pen," as the President promised, but as he now appears not to wish.

### JOHN RULL'S BREAD IN DANGER. There may be a connection between

the German submarine raid on the west count of England and the recent cisure by the German government of all stocks of wheat, even and flour, in socialism. For these reasons, ever Submarines cannot tow wheat ships if it would accomplish the purpose into German ports, but can sink them. They can make Britain feel the same pinch of hunger as Germany fear Germany does not already feel it A few of these turking devils of the sea can send many of John Bull's sheat and meat ships to the bottom and can force up the price of food the British Isles to a point where the poor may feel acute distress. Th British public is assured that there is a year's supply of wheat in the islands but already the price of flour High ocean freight and war taxe ave done this much. Germany seems determined to give her enemy a dose of the medicine he administers, her aim being to restrict, if she cannot cut off, his food supply,

The submarine is the most difficult of all war vessels to combat. It is descry when on the s face, but when summerged or it is visible except the periscope of it is visible except the periscope above but when submerged no part which is a mere tube projecting above water and which is the boat's eve Submerged, the boat cannot be dis covered from another vessel except for the periscope, which offers a poor target from a ship tossing on the sea. It can best be spied out from an aeroplane, for an aviator can see som distance into the water and can signal a warning to a threatened ship.

Unless the British have invented a vessel which can combat and destroy submarine under water, they will find Is necessary that this Nation, in order necessary a strict pairol of both the northern and southern entrances of Irish Sea by cruisers, destroyers airships. Cruisers and destroyers and airships. ward off attack upon themselve following a zigzag course, and airships may signal the location of submarines accurately enough to afford chance of running them down or drowning them by piercing their rrets with shell. A hydroplane turrets with shell. might perhaps approach close enough to drop a bomb on them when sub-

Britannia's task of ruling the waves

The Oregonian is made more arduous by each new invention in naval warfare, and her two-power standard navy is proving none too large. Her next step may be to construct a weapon which can hunt the submarine in its watery

WARNING THE LEGISLATURE. The Legislature is daily warned not appropriation, or to disturb this, that or the other public officer, in its heroic struggle for economy, else the whole to make good their losses, could carry down

Oregonian has daily, almost ame preservation, or agricultural exension, or university education, or in ne or another branch of the public proposed or threatened retrenchment in the particular kind of public serv-

ice they are favoring.

If the Legislature yields to pressure rought from every quarter, including jobs, it will get nowhere in its pro-

ramme of economy. If The Oregonian consents to make exceptions to its general demand for retrenchment all along the line, it will nerely give counsel of imperfection and confusion to the Legislature and justly expose itself to the charge of nsincerity in its campaign for form and moderation in state ex-

The Oregonian has no fear at all that the Legislature will go too far, be ready for service. Were the Gov-The cause that has merit or justice ernment to build ships, they would o support it need not get into a pani-Let the respective advocates of the many interests that have or want state support go to Salem. They will get a respectful and considerate hearing.

### BIG NAVY, MODERATE ARMY.

Rear Admiral Chadwick (retired) of the United States Navy, in a letter to the New York Sun, says he would ave a great Navy and only a moderate Army. The views of a profes onal naval expert are likely to be olored by his training and interests but the Admiral nevertheless presents n powerful fashion the reasons why question of preparedness for the United States is naval, rather than military. An army—unless it should be an enormous one—would be comparatively useless for either aggres sion or defense unless it were to be supported by a strong navy; a large navy would be adequate for protection with a comparatively small army, well equipped and thoroughly ready.

In all the present agitation for

strengthening the military arm of the Government there is no real sentiment for a large standing army. It is not alone that the people of a fre epublic have an hereditary dread of he military power; it is not altogether that war in itself is unmiti-gated horror. The consequences of gated horror. car never end. The money cost to the United States is probably greater per apita than to any other nation.

Following the Civil War the United States has paid out in pensions the incalculable sum; of \$4,000,000,000. For our little war with Spain we have paid \$43,000,000 in pensions. If the United States were to be involved in great world's war, it would never get over its effects, unless its postbellum policies should be radically changed.

# THREE SHIPPING POLICIES.

Three alternative policies are ofered the American people for the es ablishment of an American merchant narine. One is the oft-rejected sidy to ship-owners; another is Government ownership and operation a which is equivalent to a subsidy to shippers; the third is genera revision of our shipping laws in such manner that ships can be operated nder the American flag as cheaply as foreign flags.

Subsidy to ship-owners has come to e front again during the debates on he ship-purchase bill, but it has no respect of adoption by either a Demcratic or a Republican Congress, for ill Democrats and all except standpat Republicans oppose it. That policy has been tried by France and has It is repugnant to the spirit of the times and has been condemned o often in Congress and at the polls hat any attempt to secure its adoption vould prevent action of any kind. for all these reasons, not a practeable relief in the present emer-

Government ownership and operation of merchant ships is subsidy new guise, the beneficiaries being shippers instead of shipowners. It would involve the Government in great expense when a deficit is in prospect, and would be an experiment this policy would be justified only there were no other way out of the

predicament. The great need is an increase in the supply of ships to carry all kinds of American products to foreign countries. Charter rates are now fivor six times as much as before the war. Exports of cotton, lumber and various other commodities are probiblited, or the producer's price is asonably depressed by high rates. The only way in which Government purchase can increase available tonnage immediately is by purchase of interned German and Austrian ships Purchase of ships of other belligerent nations would not increase the supply, but would divert many ships from one line of traffic would not reduce freight rates.

It is stated in Washington that the Government would not buy interned ships unless the allies agreed to treat them as neutral. It is extremely them as neutral. It is extremely doubtful whether the allies would make such an agreement, since they have undertaken to starve out Germany. If they refuse, the United States cannot buy and operate these ships without involving this Nation in a quarrel with the allies. Evidently seizure of a ship owned by the United States Government would a far more serious cause of dispute than would be the seizure of a ship owned by an American citizen. to foster its commerce and to main tain its rights, risk a quarrel with other nations, the American people will not flinch, but ordinary prudence dictates that, if the same end be gained by some other means, those

means be adopted. Another objection to Government wnership and operation is the fact that the ocean-shipping business is ontrolled by an international trust. If the Government were to engage it that business, it would have the alternative of joining or fighting

embarrassing position of becoming a he would be a more agreeable comment, with only a fraction of the world's shipping, would be engaged in a trade war with the ships of all gonian reprints the entire other nations and with those of its own flag which are controlled by the combine. The present famine of ton-nage would probably prevent ruinous rate-cutting until after the war, but draw on the United States treasury structure of government will fall on the war until foreign shipowners yielded, provided the American people were willing to stand the drain hourly, appeals from men or women, and provided foreign governments did not come to the aid of their citizens. But the combine is countenanced by home or widows' pensions or forest other nations, and they might finan-protection, or state accountancy, or cially back their shipowners. Our Out foreign relations would then become very strained. The purpose of the Administration is to sell the Governactivities, asking it to protest against ment ships as soon as the lines on which they are operated become profitable, but the rate war would

indefinitely postpone that time.

International disputes about puright from every quarter, including chase of interned ships could be men interested in holding their avoided and an increase in the supply of tonnage could be effected were the Government to contract at home or abroad for the building of ships. Actual construction of a first-class ocean vessel takes seven to nine months, but the preliminaries of drawing plans and letting contracts would extend the time to a year, especially for the Government, which is notoriously slow about everything Hence the really grave emergency might be past before new ships would not be completed as quickly as if they were built for private parties, and the dilemma of dealing with the ship ping trust would still remain.

The third alternative would have the recommendation of meeting the emergency as promptly and as effectively as either of the other two, with less risk of serious International complications, and would build up our merchant marine permanently. We need only remove the legal obstacles to equal competition between American and foreign shipowners in order to tempt capital into this field. They would be free either to buy interned ships or neutral ships or to build ships They would have the inducement of high profits throughout the war and for some time after its close, for tonnage market will be short of all the ships which have been destroyed. and the work of reconstruction in the warring countries is likely to stimuate commerce artificially for several vears.

### FARMERS WEEK AT CORVALLIS.

Farmers' Week has come round again at the Agricultural College with its array of practical demonstrations, theoretical study and lectures. week is said to be more attractive than ever this year. The instructors who will meet the attendants are among the best in the country. perience has taught the college authorities how to make the conferences a great deal more profitable than they were in former years, and the lectures offer a wide variety useful and entertaining material. The farmer or farmer's wife who cannot put in the week at the Agricultural College this Winter with pleasure and intellectual benefit must be extremely hard to suit. The attendance is cerbe very large, and the mere association with so many people, al engaged in similar vocations, cannot but be beneficial. The farmer's practical problems are more pressing nov have ever been before in the United States. He needs increased knowledge and mental alertness to meet and solve them.

From the long list of topics for regular instruction during Farmers Week we select at random, Canning Demonstration, Pruning the Prune, Breeding for Eggs, the Farm Water Supply, Advertising and Selling Farm Products. These are a few out of scores, all equally practical and important. The conferences will take up such subjects as Marketing and Food Problems, Necessitics and uries in Dress, Home Reading, Preserving Eggs, and the like. is something for every variety of farming and many topics which should interest everybody, whether he lives on a farm or in the city. The exercises of Farmers' Week are free The Agricultural to everybody. lege has enthusiastically accepted its mission to educate the entire state and is going about the great work with vigor and intelligence. The of these opportunities will suffer an inestimable loss. We expect to hear that the college halls have been thronged during Farmers' Week with a multitude hungry for more knowl-edge and better methods.

# SINTEEN REST ROOKS.

Lists of the best fiction are always interesting when they are anything etter than lists of best seilers. The London Nation has issued an roll of novels for the year 1914 which includes some really good books. It contains sixteen numbers. None of them has made much of an uproar it the world, but all have been read t a great many people of good taste Novelists who write and sound sense. oks of this kind seldom grow very rich by their craft, but they achiev solid reputation which seems t many people better than riches. writer can have substantial fame and be a millionaire by inheritance from his father, his state comes as near th terrestrial circumstances often permit. In the Nation's list of novels H. G. Wells figures twice, a distinction allowed no other writer His "Wife of Sir Isaac Harmon" and "The World Set Free" probably rank with the very best fiction which has appeared lately. Few writers publish so much as Mr. Wells, and us two worthier books. He is not afraid to think, and by rare goo fortune he has acquired a circle of readers whom thought does not frighten.

James Stephens appears in the list with his "Demi-Gods" and May Sin-clair with "The Three Sisters." Both these writers have long since estab lished the excellent habit of publish ing good work. Nobody expects any ng else of them. William De Mor "When Ghost gan, whose "When Ghost Meets Ghost" is included, is also expected to come up to a high mark, but he is disappointing now and then. We do not imagine that his latest book is quite so worthy of the company we G. K. Chesterton's "Flying Inn" is as good as anything on the roll. Whatever he produces is readable, and usually it brims with ideas. If Mr. Chesterton would try a little less trust. If it joined, it would be in the eagerly to make his thought startling

party to a practice which its laws panion for a long journey. Of course condemn. If it fought, the Govern- "Joseph's Chance" is included. To omit it would have been a sad breach gonian reprints the entire list else-

Four great motor roads are nov building on this continent. The Pa-cific and Atlantic highways skirt the to touch this appropriation or that afterward competition would be fierce. two oceans from north to south. The appropriation, or to disturb this, that The American ships, being able to King Edward and Lincoln highways traverse the continent from east to west. A fifth road is projected which, taking a horseshoe form, shall intersect all the others in its course from ocean to ocean. Road prospects are brighter for the motorist than for the cannot be permanently separated.

The college professors of the United States have formed an association from which presidents and other officials are excluded. Its purpose is twofold. The professors seek, in the first place, protection from that administrative pressure which some-times suppresses honest opinion, and secondly, they want more voice in conducting their colleges. Both aims will find much sympathy.

The devotion to the classics which has so long characterized English schools has produced some disconcerting results. The pupils, according to a recent report, are often "ignor ant of geography and history and unable to write English correctly. The ability to write Latin doggers is no longer regarded as full compen-

For thirty years after the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock they had hardly any money. Instead of coin hardly any money. they used the Indians' wampum as medium of exchange. only imaginary value, but as long as everybody was willing to accept it that made no difference. What values are not imaginary, in whole or part, in the last analysis?

In the palmy days of river stear boating trips were from 500 to 2500 miles long. Now the average length is less than 400 miles. The run of 749 miles from Cincinnati to Memphis is still made, and an occasional boat goes between St. Louis and St. Paul, but only the melancholy ghost of the old river trade survives.

Of a given quantity of radium one half is lost by decay in 2000 years. Radium emanation suffers the same loss in four days. The next day half the remainder goes, and so on. Which will have lost all its strength sooner

Chicago women must tell their ages which registering. This, it is feared, will keep many from the polls. The desire to seem younger is in-herent in woman up to 70, and with the male sex after 50. Yet nobody is deceived,

After six months of war, England omplains of the rise in price of read. What conditions will be six months later, when Germany shall have been in real action, is a matter of conjecture. Conan Doyle's story may then be looked upon as prophecy

killed his wife and daughters and committed suicide, leaving his son, a high school boy, probably thought he acted for the best; but his legacy to his son is a great handicap. Fat men will snow what may be called their "disgusting shape" in the Spring fashions, but the man whose

never is vexed by opinions of his rotundity. Any talk of peace said to come from Berlin is somebody's dream. Kaiser resembles General Grant in at least one respect: "Unconditional

waist measures more than fifty inches

en undertaken among the school children. Not to mention the steady

spread of the war, While the Kaiser's voice is said to e falling, he is still able to make himself heard in the world somewhat above a whisper.

Canadians are talking of a boycott American goods. Well, they don't buy anything of us, anyway, that they don't have to.

The Greek is a fighter by nature

the high spots.

Welcome to our midst, Mr. Ground-

### Twenty-Five Years Ago.

From The Gregorian, February 2, 1890 From The Oregonian, February 2, 1899.
The waters of Tanner Creek, swelled by the rains of the last few days, found an obstruction in the small conduit under the old gas reservoir on B street between Twelfth and Thirteenth yesterday and the result was something had to give way. Something did give way and the mad waters burst the sewer back of the old Catholic Church, Several more breaks occurred in the course of the afternoon. Superintendent of Streets afternoon. Superintendent of Streets
W. S. Chapman and Deputy William
Connor, had a crew at work all day
long. Their prompt action saved considerable property. A flock of chickens
and other livestock were drowned.

better proof. Just now the general
public is being stirred as never before
health journals and some of the "regular's" journals are overflowing with
denunciations of them; the press re-

Salem—The First National Bank of Joseph Or, has been incorporated. D. M. McCully. F. D. McCully. Thomas Roop, J. A. Masterson, W. P. Powers, W. A. Leslie, A. C. Smith and E. J. Forsythe are the incorporators. The capital stock is \$50,000. Joseph is in

capital stock is \$50,000. Joseph is in Wallowa County.

Frank Lendescher, proprietor of the Atlantic Bakery, was awakened yesterday morning by cries from his baby. Investigation showed that some rats had painfully and seriously attacked the child, gnawing both its hands and its face. Dr. Giesy was summoned.

American Medicine, a "regular" medical journal of the vaccination is type, sums it up in these words:

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Rev. Mr. Eliot gives his lecture in gers of typhoid vaccination."

It might be possible that the Surgeon in this guessial science course next Wednesthe social science day night. His

the social science course next Wednesday night. His theme will be the General is a little biased on this question. At any rate many of the "regulars" take issue with him and quote following in this country, is said to be contemplating a visit to the states in the near future.

Krupp, the maker of big guns, has established a fund of \$125,000 from which his workmen may borrow for the purpose of building homes for

attitude is not confined alone to lay-men, but is taken by those leading men in the medical profession, who post-pone vaccination to their own kith and kin until the last moment."

Reading between the lines of many Speaker Husted gave Tammany an awful chill in the selection of his committees, but Governor Hill is said to be satisfied.

Bishop Morris, who is in Philadelphia,

Mrs. John Effinger gave a very bril-liant dinner party Friday night, the oc-casion being to allow formal announce-ment of Miss Eugenie Smith's engagement to T. H. Bartlett.

Robert Morrow, who is visiting his parents, General and Mrs. Morrow, was given a reception at their home at Sidney, Neb., the evening of January 25,

Miss Florence Savier has returned from Seattle, where she went to visit

erly vaccinated—was compelled some-what to doubt immunity and to lament sadly the fact that vaccination was not just what it should be, as 20 per cent of the inoculated relapsed to 11 per cent of the others, and that complications resulted in 37 per cent of the inoculat-ed as against 21 per cent of those not vaccinated. Margaret Mather has proposed to Sarah Bernhardt to play "Romeo and Juliet" with her this coming season

was another road across from the pententiary to Encle Jimme Stephens place. The coldest weather was a below zero that year. The cold weather began between Christmas and New Year's, I was attending across on the block where the Hotel Portland stands. Professor Boynton had held school on Christmas, and told we that he ex-

the bell shouldn't ring. So we stole into the scheolhouse, carried a bucket of water and some rags up into the belfry, about 9 colock at night, turned the bell up and filled it with rags and

Between cold and heat, droughts and floods, the Middle West provides one continual round of excitement. All of which it is our privilege to escape.

No, Eunice, the groundhog is not an avarticious holder of real settate, but a small animal which comes out in quest of its shadew today.

It's a discriminating chicken thick who will raid only coops of blood fowls. That is Rastus' alibi; for all feathers feel alike to him.

The Germans are going to try to break through to the French coast, it is reported. The aniouncement has a very familiar ring.

The Idaho Legislature has enacted even laws in twenty-seven days. This one function wherein it pays to nake haste slowly.

Another great peace movement has een undertaken among the seven is continued for the peace of the place where philical above on the ice of As streich. The weather were an undertaken among the seven should be heading of my knees in skelling the sleepes of his overcoat out towards me. Phil iald behind him on the bending ice and held on to Henry's foot. Hank Green, Tom Davis and broken the ice near enough to eath though to the French coast, it is reported. The announcement has to one function wherein it pays to nake haste slowly.

Another great peace movement has een undertaken among the seven should for my knees in skelling and the following the sleepes of his overcoat sleeves, we were pulled ashore or rather one solid ice. While being hauled out the lee broke under five to the place where Phil had before the to the place where Phil had borden to Henry's foot of Ask streich. The weather was seeded it froze my clothes solid, so that the bending of my knees in skelling the sleep place of the cold of the core of the place where Phil had broken the life ashore or rather one solid ice.

The Emenuter, below is the submit to close the sea that the fold on the time all the being min. J. Wells of the Dead English School of the tree of Love, by Arnold Rental Processor The Price of Love, by Arnold Rental Processor The Dead College of the Dead English School of th was so cold it from my clothes solid, so that the bending of my knees in skating and running home caused the ice to cut my pants through at the knees. Do you blame me for remembering the cold Winter of 61 and 62?

In the Winter of 61 and 65 the thermometer went to 4 shave zero at As-In the Winter of '61 and '65 the thermometer went to i above zero at Astoria and Cathlamet Bay was frozen to the carry '70s, I ston't remember the date. But I believe that the settlement of the Columbia fliver Basin is having an equalizing effect on the extremes of temperature. It used to be almost a yearly occurrence for the fiver to be closed by ice between Portland and Astoria. Now it is a remarkable occurrence.

The Jack.

PORTLAND, Jan. 21.—(To the Editor.)—In playing a game of solo two mes cut the cards. To settle a dispute, which card is high, the Jack or 107 W. H.

Dwellers along the Ohio are bitting

their columns all references to the dan

tion it easys:

"Their only argument is that there is some danger attending vaccination—an occasional pus infection, and very rarely tetanus—and that the risk is more than getting smallpox. This

of the leading between the lines of many of the leading journals of the American Medical Association you will discover their wavering faith in the immunity of such therapeutics. One of them, the Boston Medical and Surgical Joudnal, in reporting on 135 cases of typhoid from which recovery was made—46 having been previously and prom-

with a sister.

in this country. deaths resulted than occurred in the two

COLD WEATHER DAYS RECALLED.

W. P. Gray, of Pasco, Goes Into Winter
Lore of Columbia Basin.

FASCO, Wash., Jan. 31.—(To the
Editor.)—I have been noticing several
Items in The Oregonian of the last few
days regarding cold weather in the
past. Some of the oldtimers, like Joe
Buchtel, Pum Kelley or George Watkins can tell of the hard Winter of Rins can tell of the bard Winter of '61 and '82, when old Father Kelley drove his ex team and wagon leaded with potatoes across the ice on the Willamette at Stark street. There was another road across from the penishment of the well to have state and wall of the well to have state and wall of the well to have state and wall of the well to have state and the medical journals are pleased to style "extravagent the well to have state and the well to National inquiry into the effects of these questionable toxics, by representative commissions not interested in their propagation and use? If it is true as admitted by all, that their effects are often deadly and disastrous and that these qualities have been kept well. covered, would it not be well to accen with a few grains of salt the state ments made by a few who are bent of forcing such poisons upon the people From the statements made pro and con-Christmas, and told us that he expected the scholars to be present when the bell rang New Year's merning.

The weather was rold and skating good on Couch's Lake. Tom Hensell, George McCoy and myself decided that the bell shouldn't ring. So we state by the medical profession itself would infer that vaccines and seru absolutely unfit to be injected

into the human body. DR, W. RUBLE. BEST ROOKS PRODUCED IN 1914

—40 having been previously and properly vaccinated—was compelled some

The Surgeon-General's own report shows that for the first two years following the introduction of typhoid vaccination into the Army 50 per cent more

water, and left it to freeze. There were more kids on the leg than in school that New Year's day.

I was not interested in dates and records in those days, but the weather grew colder after New Year's, until the river froze over. In front of fown it was rough. The last place to freeze was should where the Erecation Problems of the last place to freeze was should where the Erecation Problems. The London Nation presents a list of the best fiction for the complete year

PORTLAND, Jan. 31.—(To the Editor.)—Will you please criticise the following expressions from the standpoint of good taste: Don't let me discommede you. This is not good etiquette. SUBSCRIBER.

"good" is redundancy. Etiquette is a a remarkable occurrence.
In February, 1883, it was 32 below at Ainsworth, and 118 in the shade conventional decorum. Whether there ceremonial code for polite social usage;

The Greek is a fighter by nature id will help his Serbian relative, king all comers. Turks preferred.

German submarines are in the fish Sea, but it will be noted are of dropping any feathers on Ireland.

The London bobby has received his nil instructions for action during air aids. Bring on the Zeppelin?

Austria's refusal to pay Italian reditors may stir up another earthquake of a more violent sort.

Berlin and Vienna are discussing peace terms. How about Petrograd, London, Paris and Toklo?

The Turks are following the same old route. They've been routed again by the Russians.

Spring millinery of battleship design must have the proper rake.

York, too, fears a Thaw.

The Jack.

The Jack and the Jack and the Northern Pacific between Pacific bridge could be conventional decorum. Whether there is a Mean and its in the shade in Angust 2 bolow at Angust 2 bolow at Angust 2 bolow at Pacific bridge between Those tween those when the controversy would founder.

The Jack and the Jack and the pacific bridge could be used at any time, there were only three extracts of coal between Paces and Heron Siding, and the O. R. & N. C. Co. A. N. Co. Co. Calking advantage of an old contract, charged the N. P. 57 a ton to haul coal from the Roslym and Larged the N. P. 57 a ton to haul coal from the Roslym and Larged the N. P. 57 a ton to haul coal from the Roslym and the pace and the

through the columns of your paper if there is a home for old people in or near Portland or in the Northwest. If so give address and denomination.

Old People's Home (non-sectarism), Sandy Boulevard, between East Thirty-second North and East Thirty-third North.

## Half a Century Ago.

USE OF SERUMS DISCREDITED

Eugenic Correspondent Discusses Revclations of Science.

EUGENE, Or., Jan. 31 .- (To the Ed)

EUGENE Or., Jan. 31.—(To the Edi-tor.)—I had the pleasure of reading an editorial in The Oregonian Janu-ary 25 on the elimination of typhold from the Army by vaccination in from the Army, by vaccination, in which you ask: "Can any better proof be demanded of the efficiency of modern scientific medicine."

Impelled by a sense of duty to the public, I am constrained to ask for that better proof. Just now the general better proof. Just now the general public is being stirred as never before the old Kootens country. Oregon is from the Army," by vaccination, in which you ask: "Can any better proof public is being stirred as never before in regard to serums and vaccines. The beaith journals and some of the "reg-gold fields, but in the travel the rush ular's" journals are overflowing with denunciations of them; the press reports are beginning to take notice of ports are beginning to take notice of ports are beginning to take notice of ports. the old Kootenai country. Oregon is yery much interested, not alone in the

Gazlay's Pacific Monthly, published at New York, has made its initial appearance here. Though published in the farthest East-on the Atlantic Coast-it professes to be intended for readers of the Pacific States.

Philadelphia.—A special dispatch from Washington says: It is known in best-informed circles that commissioners from Jeff Davis, consisting of Vice-President Stephens, R. M. T. Hunter and General G. W. Smith, have arrived at Annapolis with full power to arrange a settlement of our troubles. It is believed that from an understanding between Blair and Davis that the terms will be entirely satisfactory to the Administration and Congress, and will chiefly consist of ampesty to all offen. thiefly consist of amnesty to all offeners and the withdrawal of the confisca

Proderic Moschberger and Eliza Grishet, of Clackamas County, were mustered January 21 at Needy, Or. by Rev. Jesse Moreland. Both are from Switzer-Iand.

G. B. Gray has moved his offices for he dispensation of justice one bleck worth of the old office, on the east size of Front street, nearly opposite the

E. Raynor, copyist and draughtsman. has stuck out his shingle, so to speak at room 8, Vaugha building, 3 Morriso

meeting was held at Vancouver, T., last Saturday for the purpose of taking steps loward creeting a wonler factory in Clarke County. James E. Wyche called the meeting to order. Levi Farnsworth was made chairman

### FOR AMERICAN NATIONAL DEPENSE Admiral Chadwick Tells Why a Great Navy, Not a Great Army, la Needed.

To the Editor of the Sun-Sir. As ve seem to be aroused somewhat to the subject of National defense, I beg to offer some views as to the method of arriving at completeness at least

If there is any absolute fact it is nat our pension laws prohibit the em-ployment of a large army in war, unless we propose to risk bankrupting the Naion. To middle ourselves with the ensions of say, 2,000,000 men, in addition to the pensions amounting now to early \$500,000,000 a year for the reminists of the army of the Civil War and or the comparatively (ov of the Snon-Maria to the army of the comparatively to the snon-like war in from an economic view as

h War, is from an economic various inpossible thing to contemplate. I understand that we have

I understand that we have alreadypaid over \$43,000,000 in pensions for the
men employed in the 112 days war
with Spain, though not more than eneseventh of those enrolled ever left the
country or saw an enemy.
What I am about to suggest does not
mean that we do not need an army. We
need a considerable one of highest quality, and we can never, given our present conditions, expect to have a great
army of such quality. Are large army
with as must be an improvised body,
and such an improvisation is, as every
reasonable man knows, uncleas against
a powerful disciplined force. But inarmy whatever of any size or but,
quality can prevent a blockade or the
occurancy of imperiant ports of our
coast. Security against invasion and
blockade, our safety, in a word, can
only be assured by a next, and this
should be no powerful as to be absolutely preventive of allack. itself, I

abould be so powerful as to be about thely preventive of attack.

And not only does a powerful navy assure safety, but it assures constant readiness, economy in unkeep, and, as said, emprousy most of all in pensions. For a fleat of even 80 battleships with its adjuncts of croiners, submarines. ts adjusts of cruisers, submarines do, a power could to any combination against us, would require but about 120,000 men and the first cost of rain

120,000 men and the first cost of rations our fleet to such a level would be but a bagastelle compared with the fixed charges of future pensions.

I would put this first cost at \$500,000,000, the equivalent weighty of three years of our precont pension payments.

F. E. CHALWICK.

Newport, R. J., Jan. 24

Nationality of "Lance." PORTLAND, Feb. 1.—(To the Edi-lor.)—Kindly state just what national-ity the name "Lance" is, SUBSCRIBER.

Lance is a prevalent English Chrisfan name, and is very much chosen in parts of England. As a surname, it. has been borne many years by established English families. However, its origin may be traced to a Greek-Latin

Use of "Spelt." PORTLAND, Feb. 1.— (To the Uditer.)
—Would you kindly inform me whether
or not there is guch a word in the English language as "spelt," being part of
the verb "to spell," and, if so, in what
way it is used?

Spelt or spelled in correct for the

past tense of spell, according to Webwould be better to say "Do not let me ster. Spelled is cited as preferable, but

# War and Rerring Pishing.

Edinburgh Scotsman.
The effect of the war on the herring
fishery on the east coast of England is
Indicated by the fact that the tota
catch to date this season is 40,000,000 fish fewer than usual. ' Contents of the Oceans.

# Pathfinder. It is estimated that I per cent of the

ontents of the oceans would cover to and of the world to a depth of 130 fee

# WOMAN'S CURIOSITY

Is a woman really more curious than a man? And behind the suggested trait of the ancient libe are there not cer-tain very admirable character traits?

Weman is by nature thrifty. She knows the value of a dollar. She buys with discretion and if there are "bargains affont" she likes

She knows before she shops

She lets her so-called "curiosity" lead her eyes to the advertising columns in the newspapers with great

She wants to be posted before she spends her money and nine cases out of ten she always buys at the best advantage to hercelf.