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### TWO KINDS OF SHIP SUBSIDY.

Defeated in argument at every other olnt in regard to the ship-purchase oill, the thick-and-thin supporters of patriotism outweighs partisanship, of being advocates of ship subsidies. This is the burden of an article in the New York World, which makes Senator O'Gorman its particular target. says that "subsidy was able by stealth" to secure the adoption of the canal tolls plank in the Baltimore platform and "subsidy under Demo cratic colors made a very determined stand when Senator O'Gorman and his assistant Republicans" fought the canal tells bill.

Because The Oregonian is opposed subsidy in any form, it opposes the ship-purchase bill. There is no essential difference between taking money out of the Treasury to pay to ship-owners as a naked subsidy and taking the same money out of the Treasury to make up losses on operation of Government steamships. The one is a subsidy to the shipowner, the other to the shipper. The shipowner's sub-sidy has at least the merit of sailing under its true colors, while the shipper's subsidy is cunningly disguised public benefit and is excused by the presence of a great emergency. For this reason alone The Orego-

purchase, even in times of profound peace. Still more do we oppose it during a time of world-wide war. when the belligerents are striving to strengthen their cause by dragging in neutral powers. One need but observe with what gratification our diplomatic controversies with first one power, then the other, are regarded by the Enemies of the power at the time concerned, in order to perceive the lurk-ing desire to drag the United States into the quarrel. We cannot exade the clear logic of the following extract m a letter to the New York Sun;

For all practical purposes there are he swallable vossels which the Government could acquire by purchase to add to the free thipping at the present disposal of the certif's commerce except the German merchant ships which have been interned in various ports. The ship bill becomes then in avowed measure for the purchase of these Garman vaccels interned by allied estion the good faith o

That is the situation in a nutshell. e can only purchase the only ships milable for purchase at the cost of We can only purchase the pay, namely participation in this hideous war.

A JUSTIFIABLE VILIBUSTER. Democratic Senators were fiercely denunciatory when Republicans fili-bustered against the ship-purchase but when division in their ranks but them in a minority temporarily, fillbustering suddenly became a highly virtuous practice. Although the most noted fillbusters of recent times have been the work of Republicans, Democrats have reserted to that means of political warfare whenever they saw

Some fillbusters have been promptad by mere factionalism, political big. otry or determination not to yield the a measure whereon public opinion has except West Virginia has been clearly expressed. They have formed out of an existing state, usually been almed at measures which The only point in which we find we had been brought to the front between have erred is in regard to Maine, therefore, had no opportunity to speak exceptional as perhaps to excuse the their minds. In several notable in- mistake. That state was originally a tion of the filibustering minority. That setts grant. Massachusetts bill in McKinley's time, as a protest her in 1677. Massachusetts then against neglect of irrigation; also bought the adverse elaim, and Maine with the insurgent Republican protest against breach of platform pledges by 1820. In 1818 the Massachusetts

bill is justified on several is. Such a measure was not thought of in the campaign of 1912 and was little discussed in that of Democratic majority in the House in- in dispute among Massachusetts, New dicates that whatever opinion was formed upon it just Fall was adverse. there in which rebelled against all The report on the bill by committees three colonies and against royal de-of House and Senate was preceded by very little inquiry and very little dis-to one part and of New York as to cussion and an attempt has been made another. This rebellion was in to rush it through with the minimum ress when the rebellion against Britain of debate. With this end in view, broke out. The Vermonters organized Democrats have sat almost dumb in a state government during the revolu-tine Senate, offering little explanation or defense of its previsions and leav-ing discussion to Republicans. Not until division in their ranks brought dan- thus was never under the acknowl- fill all minds. No doubt further psy ger of defeat did. Democrats open their edged rule of any other state, for no mouths, and they then adopted fill-other state ever exercised effective bustering tactics. Yet the measure is jurisdiction over it, and it established radically a new departure that the its sovereignty before the Union was fullest discussion is advisable, in order formed,

against the bill, and under the pressure of public opinion some Demo-cratic Senators have turned against it. These results justify not only the course of Republicans in the past, but original statement was correct. a continuation in the same course to the end.

ACTION, NOT TALK. Now we hear from a veraclous am

ateur legislative correspondent that there is a "powerful lobby of the big interests at Salem" to promote the How to Remit Sand Postoffice money oror, express order or personal check on your
tell bank. Stamps, coin or currency are at
moder's risk, (live postoffice address in full,
cluding county and state.

Torsee Rule. programme of consolidation and econlittle interests, or all together, let the Legislature be not dismayed or discouraged by the old demagogic howl that the "lobby" is busy and is trying to "put something over," It is high time that something be "put over" to reduce the padded payrolis of the

But the cry for lower taxes and fewer easy jobs for the job-getters does not come so much from the large as the small taxpayers. The big fellow can stand it somehow; the little the Administration accuse Republi- fellow cannot. If the Legislature cans, and those Democrats with whom fails to make good its pledges of economy, the plain citizen is going to make himself heard.

Whence comes this warning cry to go slowly, and to keep hands off, and not to cut too deeply, and to let this or that functionary alone? Whence omes it?

It is mainly the voice of the Stateouse machine. A complicated and elaborate organization, dispensing many jobs, has been painstakingly built up during the past ten years. under the plea of reform. The reformer has been at the helm, and he has managed to raise taxes three-fold or four-fold. Now it is time that the people be given a rest, so that they may assimilate the reforms they have taken from legislative and administrative doctors of every school, and devote their energies to ways to make them workable, and cheaper, if possible:

The Legislature is confronted by a plain duty. If it does not carry out a real programme of economy it may nian would oppose Government ship- be sure that the people have not forgotten that the initiative is among their reserve powers,

### THE SPRING STYLES.

Women's Spring fashions respond subtly and delicately to the influences of war. It has been said by cynics that woman is in truth a more mill-While she tary animal than man. does not actually go to the front and shoot or bayonet the foe, she inspires her male consort to perform the act while she stays at home and applauds him. This applause may be expressed in various ways, sometimes in songs and kisses, sometimes in the clother Just at present women she wears. are expressing their innate military predispositions by submarine petti-costs and ballerina skirts. The petticoat is woven of shimmering green slik and up and down its breadths appear scenes such as men on submarine service might be expected to behold. There are gilded fishes, sub-aqueous gardens of fairy flowers and coral banks bedecked with starry mol-The spiral petticoat is a varialuses. tion of the submarine. It is surrounded with an ascending spiral of ruffles and expanded at the bottom with a hoop. Evidently it is intended to represent a mortar siege gun in mys-

tic sartorial symbols. No doubt the single hoop at the being drawn into a serious interna-tional quarrel which may easily in-tends an early return of that singular volve us in the war. If there is one female ornament, the hoop skirt. It will begin with an arrangement about more nearly unanimous than in any other, it is in its determination to remain recursal throughout this war. The doubtful benefits of a doubtful collapse, as it did in its former inworn in the past is sure to be worn again in the future, though its turn and stiffly starched in order to conthe drawing-room, evincing thus her political warfare whenever they saw the ballet are connected by many in- districts of Johnstown five the an opportunity to gain their end timate associations. None but the many infants survived as in brave deserve the fair, as Dryden says.

### DIVISION OF STATES.

The Oregonian has received several opinion of a small minority to the will. The Oregonian has received several of the majority. Filibusters, however, letters disputing the correctness of have rurely, if ever, been adopted on its statement that no new state elections and on which the people had, and there the circumstances were so stances the public judgment has at separate colony under a royal grant the next opportunity indorsed the ac- which conflicted with the Massachuwas the case with the late Senator her claim and took advantage of the Quay's successful opposition to the rebellion in England to annex the terferce bill; with Schater Carter's fili-buster against the river and harbor the King in council decided against Legislature authorized a vote in Maine The filibuster against the ship-pur-on separation and, the vote being fa-use bill is justified on several vorable, fixed the terms and separa-

was flunily carried in 1819. Vermont is cited as a state which was formed out of other states, but The great reduction of the that state was composed of territory

As regards the territory west of the hat the people may occome informed and that their judgment may crystal-Alleghenies, this was ceded to the United States before it had any or-

tifled by results. All the great news- and states were not formed from it or unorganized territory. The states sudden impubetween the Allegheny Mountains and liances of

to the states support our conclusion London this Winter. It is said to be that the present division, with all its even more popular in the theaters of and incongruities, will inequalities continue indefinitely.

#### PEANET POLITICS.

One time Woodrow Wilson called ipon all "forward-looking people" to support him and his ideas and ideals. Now Woodrow Wilson has descended from his lofty pose as the intellectual, moral and spiritual prophet of the new time, and is, while "temporarily President-his own description of his job-merely the leader of a politi-

The partisan spirit of the President reached its bluntest expression in the Indianapolis speech, which was a mere political harangue, not becoming o any President, and it has achieved its most definite and significant action in the proposed appointments for the Federal Trade Board.

There are to be five commissioners, of whom not more than three shall belong to one political party. It is the obvious right of the President to name three Democrats; and it is his equalty obvious duty to select the renainder from the minority party. It would be defensible to appoint one Republican and one Progressive; but the announced purpose of the President to name two Progressives is not defensible

It is said that President Wilson has the notion that he will thus aid to keep alive the Progressive party, and indirectly fortify the Democratic party. But how could he do himself or his party a worse turn than by orfending he country's general sense of fair play?

The President shocks the public with his latest petty exhibition of partisan job-giving, and justly sub-jects himself to the suspicion that Ms deals are forgotten and his practices to better than Bryan's.

### USERUL CHIEFLY TO MURDERERS.

So successful is the Maxim silencer that Herman Auerbach was able to shoot and kill his wife and two daughters without awakening his son, who slept in the same apartment. The very efficiency of the silencer is a onclusive argument against its sale to the public. It is one more weapon placed in the hands of the brutal, cold-blooded, cowardly morderer or of the homicidal maniac to commit his crime without detection. There are crime without detection. lough such weapons in existence, in the shape of knives, daggers, poisons and narcotics. We need no addition

to the number. The useful purposes to be served by the silencer are so few and the occasions for its proper use are so are that they do not compare with the evil uses to which it may be put. The hunter may increase his kill by not alarming a whole herd of aninals when he shoots one, but the biggest bag of the best game that was ever taken in the hunting field does not outwelch in value one innocent human life, taken by a secret mur-In war the silencer may be useful for a silent, sudden, night attack. Then it should be manufac-tured for military use only and under such restrictions as will render impossible its use by a civilian or its unauthorized use by a soldier.

own volition, taken measures to prevent use of the silencer by criminals, for they will not fit it to a revolver for sale to the public. Evidently at least one silencer has escaped their vigilance. State or Federal authorieven to the extent of totally prohibiting its manufacture.

### "NAVING INFANT LIVES.

experiment are not worth the price carnation and totally disappear. As which we should risk being compelled everybody is aware, feminine fashions States Labor Department has pub-The Children's Bureau of the United move in cycles which repeat them-lished some shocking figures relating selves indefinitely at periods more of less regular. Anything that has been This place was chosen because the population of workpeople was small enough to be studied conveniently, may be a long time in recurring. The while the number of women laborers ballerina skirt is a reminiscence of a did not appear to be abnormally ballet girl bedecked for the stage. It large. Johnstown is a typically Amers as short as the moral squad permits ican town in that it has an aristocratic quarter and a descending series ceal as few as possible of the charms slums beginning with an area which it adorns and enhances. The wearer is fairly decent and ending with one supposed to pirouette gaily about where almost a third of the children born into the world perish before the delight in military herotsm. War and end of their first year. In the best districts of Johnstown five times as sloughs of misery. It was found that the family means bear a direct relaion to the infant death rate. illes whose income is less than \$10 a week the mortality rises to 256 in the Where the receipts thousand. \$25 a week the death rate falls to \$4. Those who wish to prevent race suicide and upbuild the American family have thus a perfectly clear course before them. All they need do is to each wretchedly poor family a threefold increase of income.

It was found also that the infant eath rate depended intimately upor dvic improvements. Bad sewers and neglected pavements hastened the departure of the little ones to the other Coffins and dirt world very greatly. run an even rage in Johnstown, both being headed for the same goal, that is to say for the cemetery. ers who labored most constantly in the factories lost the most as might have been expected. ones need a mother's care and when the home must be forsaken for daily toil they do not get lt. mother's enforced absence is supple mented by the deadly milk bottle the mortality rate is still more inflated. Evidently there are some plain and simple reforms in the municipal conditions of Johnstown which would save many a premising human atom as from premature extinction.

WAR AND READING. The European war has profoundly affected the mentality of the world. Many things that were deeply interesting last year are now stale and flat while others that then seemed out of date and smacking of barbarism now chological changes will emerge as the war wends its destructive way on-It contains the germs of immense political revolutions as well as far-reaching mental disturbances. It has particularly altered popular pref-Alleghenies, this was ceded to the crences for books. As soon as the United States before it had any or- war broke out a great many readers. The action of the Republicans is jus.

Alleghenies, this was ceded to the crences for books. As soon as the United States before it had any or- war broke out a great many readers for sook their best-seller novels, their

papers, except the most rigidly par-tisan Democratic sheets, have declared tisan Democratic sheets, have declared against the bill, and under the pres-or unorganized territory. The states the belligerent nations the Mississippi River were therefore glowed with romantic interest. It was not formed out of existing states. Our discovered, to the surprise of the pubiginal statement was correct.

We are well aware that Texas has to be so prosaic, fairly glows with the privilege of dividing itself into dramatic situations and surprises. The Oregonian referred not long ago privilege be exercised never meets to the remarkable popularity of with favor in Texas. All the facts as Shakespeare's "King Henry V" in

Germany.

The play is quite in harmony with the prevalent mood of the world. It semi-barbarous military chieftain living only for the pride and glory of conquest and enjoying nothing half so well as a fight. Some Germans profess to see in him a strik-ing likeness of the Kaiser, while the time of King Henry V in England seems to them, if we may believe the eports, to have been full of virility and energy, a good deal like modern German life. Possibly these resemlances are real and not purely imagmary, though we hardly like to pic the Kaiser to ourselves as quite the bloodthirsty savage Shakespeare makes out of the British King. Peo-ple are eagerly reading military liter-ature of all sorts, especially war poetry, which is swallowed with an appetite in spite of its wretched qual-

ity. Fighting has lost so much of its fictitious beauty in modern times that it is hard for poets to get up much arder for it, but readers do not appear to mind. They revel in the doggerel as rapturously as if it were real

It is all very well for the Hoquiam Washingtonian to attempt a defense of pie by suggesting that Addison Bennett's rugged health is due to his smoking and his drinking "several things besides water" rather than to his abstinence from ple, but why does it attempt to transfer the glory of Adlison Bennett's achievements to Ar-iold Bennett? Hus not Arnold Bennett won glory enough by his plays and novels without being given credit Addison Bennett's journeyings hrough the Northwest and writings hereon in The Oregonian? We fully scognize the merits of Arnold, but we doubt whether at the age of 70 he ould be able to make a trip through the Oregon Coast country and return ealthy and smiling as Addison did.

Lord Beresford's plan to hang German raiders as pirates will not be countenanced by the civilized world that is not fighting. War is war, and f one side appears to have a tempo rary advantage, the burden of better fighting lies on the other. The ethics and niceties of the game must be preerved. While on the subject of piraction of the commander of the Lusitania, which is on a par with piratical masquerading.

The progressive citizens of Albany have offered a prize of \$25 for the best suggestion of a name for their new uniformed organization. The Oregonian modestly ventures to enter the competition. Albany is the Hub City of Oregon, being a live railroad What better name for the center. new body, representing the enter-prise and activity of Albany and typical of its spirit, than the Hubbubs?

A friend of The Oregonian writes to say that farmers fail to co-operate successfully because they lack busi-ness ethics. This means in plain English that they are not men of their word. He believes that a prerequisite to any betterment of rural conditions is a course of education in the obliga-The manufacturers have, of their tion to keep contracts. Can there be any grounds for these opinions?

President Wilson, having sent a representative to Europe on a 1 of peace, no doubt the war will ter-minate shortly. Just as the Adties should take such measures as will ministration's peace representatives insure that not another shall thus essentially straightened out the tangle in Mexico.

The British government will get the ank check to finance an army of ,000,000 men just as soon as Mr. Bull convinced the Kaiser is determined win. John is stubborn and very set ways and opinions, however,

However, the President should not grow too peeved about British mis-treatment of the American flag. Such disrespect is the natural fruit of our present foreign policy. Fogs are causing a cessation of ar

fillery actions along the const, says a dispatch. Must be one of those English fogs and too thick for penetration by shells, A local cop has had thirty-two

In New York he would be the beat. able to retire in case after half as much service. Now little Roumania is jumping on o Austria. It is remarkable how these petty kingdoms avoid anything of

ears' service and still continues on

their size. Bread prices have advanced in Seat tle. However, Scattleites will be able to subsist on sea food for the time

A cargo of Portland lumber consigned to Quebec will make British Columbia sit up and ask questions.

Smalt in the Kalama River avoided the fishing nets by taking a new ourse. Must have smelt a trap.

More revenue is being earnestly ought by the Democrats. Hurry, boys. The time grows short, Reports of the South Pole expedi-

on will afford us some diversion from he war, anyway. Probably the poorest baby or s the just-born heir to the Austrian

This is a good time to spring an anti-vaccination bill on the Arizona Legislature.

ankruptcy.

Wyoming will be the "wet" link in "dry" chain across half the continent.

It is difficult to be a hero by South Pole explorations this season

Those vases bought by John D., Jr.,

Will the Wilhelmina reach Ham-urg, or Liverpool? The Idaho House took water in

This is groundhog weather.

### Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian February 19, 1865. Letters which passed between General Robert E. Lee and Lleutenant-tieneral Winfield Scott, commanding the United States Army, showing the spirit which Lee resigned his con in which Lee resigned his commission in 1861 have been printed in the London. Times and reprinted widely in the state. Save in the defense of his native state Lee said he did not again wish to draw his sword. .

The Louisville Journal, in "cutting"

The Louisville Journal, in checking politics, says:

"We have dissolved our alliance with the Democratic party, for it was never intended that we should merge ourselves into the life of our lifelong opponents. We can yield to the President our most earnest exertions to carry on the war. We can accommodate our state to the destiny which awaits the institution of savery.

We are devoted to the support of the Union Government." ernment.

Leopold Wolff, of the Portland Bar Association, will lecture Friday evening on the "Law Merchant" at the Portland Commercial Academy. It is to be the first of a series of lectures.

A number of gentlemen of this city have associated themselves together by the organization of a board of brokers and have taken rooms over Ladd & Til-ton's Bank. We hope to see a Mer-chants' Exchange or a Board of Trade grow from the movement.

Mine host of What Cheer, M. O'Con nor, has contracted with an excellent painter, B. S. Terwilliger, late of San Francisco, to paint a large sign and decorate the interior of the hotel,

Samuel J. Dennis, a pretty fair comedian, who frequently has amused Portland audiences on the boards of our theater, has gone into the service as a cavairyman in Company F. He was joined yesterday by "Reddy," the famous bill poster and "property man" of the theater. of the theater.

The house of Joseph Younger in Mohawk precinct, Lane County, was de-stroyed by fire last week, according to the Eugene Review.

#### SOCIAL HYGIENE SOCIETY HEARING Misapprehension as to Bill for Approprintion Is Corrected.

PORTLAND, Feb. 9 .- (To the Edior.)-I beg to correct an error in the eport this morning of the hearing beore the ways and means committee esterday in Salem upon the appropriayesterday in Salem upon the appropria-tion for the work of the Oregon Social Hyglene Society. The report stated that this was a bill to appropriate \$31,-600 for teaching sex hysiene in the grammar grades of the public schools. On the contrary, our society is defi-nitely and repeatedly committed against the introduction of courses on sex hygiene into the schools. What

against the introduction of causes as sex hygiene into the schools. What we do stand for is plainly stated in our circular No. 17 for teachers. Several incidents, for which we are not responsible, like the error above referred to, have caused widespread isapprehension and have in many diverted attention from our genuinely conservative and constructive policies.

Our reports will show that most of

our efforts have been directed to hold-ing citizens' conferences and mothers' neetings in 35 of the largest towns of meetings in 35 of the largest towns of the state, parents' conferences, mothers' and daughters' meetings, fathers' and sons' meetings, talks to older boys with parents' consent, maintenance of exhibits and of advisory department, talks before labor unions and in factories, co-operation with druggists, distribution of circuiars to parents, talks before business colleges and the almost total elimination of advertising specialists.

W. G. ELIOT, JR.

#### TYING HANDS OF THE OFFICIAL C. E. S. Wood Analyzes Effect of Bingham Paving Measure.

PORTIAND, Feb. 3.—(To the Editor.)—Why not entitle the Bingham paving bill "An act to declare County Commissioners incompetent?"
At the risk of being charged with holding a brief for the Warren Construction Company I want to ask the legiciators and the people to consider struction Company I want to a legislators and the people to c the victous principle which is pe cullar

legislators and the people to consider the victous principle which is peculiarly American of electing executives to office and then tying their hands. We elect a Superintendent of Instruction, School Directors, County Commissioners, and City Commissioners. They are men of our own choice and we have the power of recall yet we are bitten with that old bug of the time of kings, that to sive a man power is to invite tyranny and corruption. In fact it is the only way to avoid tyranny and corruption and secure efficiency.

When the people feel the man of their choice is to have the responsibility the office requires they will be more careful to choose a fit man, and will watch bim closer, and with responsibility given him, the office holder can make no excuses. In the name of modern government and self-government let us get rid of the idea that we have to tie the hands of our own elective officials with a hard and fast law. Let us leave our executives free to exerus leave our executives free to exercise a wise discretion and let us hold them responsible. Are we unable to select fit men? C. E. S. WOOD.

## James Barton Adams the Author.

CORVALLIS, Or., Feb. 8,-(To the Editor.)-In The Oregonian January 28, appeared a poem entitled "Bill's in rouble," under the name of James Bar frontie, mader the many of the first time a number of years ago, the author's name not being the same as in this case. Who is really the author of the poem? I should very much appreciate an explanation. Evidently there has been a mistake, doubtdently there has been a mistake, doub-

ppeared in my "Denver Postscripts" olumn of the Denver Post in 1895, and were later embodied in a volume of my verse published and copyrighted by the Post Publishing Company in 1889, a copy of which volume is now in my possession. They had a remarkable run through the papers all over the land claim? were in a number of instances orinted without credit and were propriated" by several poetic pilferers and appeared above their names. They have been extensively used as a recitation by platform entertainers, ably by the late Marshall P. Wilder, some of whom wrote me for permission to so use them and announced heir authorship to their audiences. the verses as they recently appeared in The Oregonian I located Bill in the Legislature instead of in the Colorado Legislature, as in the JAMES BARTON ADAMS. Vancouver. Wash

Dip Needle Inquirer Sought. PORTLAND, Feb. 8.—(To the Editor.)

—If the person from Willamina who
was making an inquiry as to the dipneedle or switch will communicate with shall appreciate it. E. G.

#### Timely Thoughts Contributed on Abraham Lincoln.

BY JOHN A. ROGERS,

THIS anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth comes when the foreign world is distressed with all the orrors of war and our own country disturbed by various influences.

disturbed by various influences.

It is no exaggeration to gay that Lincoin contended with conditions relatively as serious as those of today, at home and abroad combined, and in that fact and his triumph over it is found the truest present measure of the man. The obstacles against which he struggled, the complete separation of North and South, the intensely bitter conflict and the divided sentiment in the territory whose united support should naturally have been his but was not, placed him in a position more trying and more critical perhaps than that confronting any national leader today. oday. Regardless of the actual accuracy

of this statement, there is seemingly an increasing reverence for and won der at Lincoln's chiracter and achieve ments. There are those inclined to invest him with more than human powers to record this as one partly divine Nicolas Weitzel and Miss Anna Bower were married by Justice of the Peace L. Anderson, at the Miner's Home, February 8. John Tracy and Miss Martha Bidweil, both of Clackamas County, were married at the home of Lorenzo Tracy, January 25, by Z. C. Norton. At the residence of Mr. Bidweil, Myron Bidweil and Miss Ellen Bonny, of Clackamas County, were married Janusry 28, Mr. Norton officiating.

A number of gentlemen of this city have associated themselves together by the organization of a board of brokers and have taken rooms over Ladd & Tilton's Bank. We hope to see a Merreseed the simplicity, the tenders the patient endurance which mark the perfect man. He was tall and awk ward, bowed and homely, deficient in the polish and superficialities attache to lofty station, but he suffered an sympathized, pardoned rather than pure the superficial transport of the superficient and part of the superficient and part of the superficient and right of the superficient and shed, his purpose was firm and sous, his hope fervent, his eous, his hope fervent, his charts, unfailing, yet he saved a Nation. Self-trained, he lifted himself above privations of the extremest native, and developed a power of concentration and analysis that later enabled him quickly. to determine the only correct lasus upon which the war could be successfully fought, the preservation of the Union. Havery was a secondary question, but it was not until later years that the wisdom of his foresight became apparent. He was a supreme logician and his scare of values was most securate. Therein rested his success.

The present the

The present European conflict will raise up no one like him because there are not parallel circumstances, no such high principles involved, no marked moral issue at stake. We hear no words from the Continent like these said to have been part of Lincoin't last public atterance: "Enough lives have been lost. We must extinguish our resentments."

sentments. To what extent we Americans of the

We are alive with our varying years liquor, the annual quantity into the state, and more than

(Portland.)

Next Friday will be the 106th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. Here is one of the holidays Americans cannot afford to ignore. Lincoln's memory does not need anything hat we will do hat a very line of the control of the co coin's memory does not need anything that we will do, but we need to exercise ourselves in that direction. It will do us good to stop for a spell and think upon the life and work of the great man who was so big he did not need a family tree to hang on, nor was he tickled by any of the lim-cracks of the soobs that were pleased to call the themselves the society of his day.

themselves the society of his day.

It takes a big man to live above such things; to admit that he has no ancestors to speak of, and has not been initiated into anything or has ne possessions worth while. A lot of people who will try in their insane way to do honor of his memory next Friday will be folks who could not understand his viewpoint and only now stop to notice him because his work is down—and who will try in their insane way to do honor of his memory next Friday the passage of an absolutely dry measured his viewpoint and only now stop to notice him because his work is down—and he is dead.

The thing will be very much like

he is dead.

The thing will be very much like the sight one sees in churches too often of elick, self-satisfied men, well fed. wearing fine clothes and pretty, silly women who have never carned their vomen who have never carned a fore the image of one who once walked fore the image of one who once walked about through dusty roads condemning their kind and making his friends among low persons with whom the "better classes" would never think of associating. It is wonderful what Settler classical associating. It is wonderful was associating. It is wonderful was changes come when once we are dead. Jesus and Lincoln must often look back and smile to see people who are no apiritual kin to them, trying to tendy the memory of them. But it all the memory of them. as its hopeful side, for here and there will be a person of genuine under-standing who will catch the spirit and forsake the cheap and hollow things of life to live the real things.

### Property Rights.

PORTLAND, Feb. 7.—(To the Editor,) Four years ago my husband purleed for same. We still owe \$2000 o the same, having given the original owner a note for that amount, signed by both of us, as required by law, and this note is secured by a first mortgage. Should I secure a divorce, in Oregon, from my husband, what property rights would I hold in the ranch? Who would be liable for the amount of indebtedness?

The verses, "Bill's in Trouble," first lighte for the amount of use, or plead inability to pay any part

If I should refuse to live with my

All, subject to mortgage. You would. Yes. One-third.

Dog With a Long Pedigree. Cleveland Plain Dealer.
The Lady—You say the deg has a ong pedigree? The Dealer—Yee, many, a has. One of 'is ancestors chewed off h' corner of th' Magny Charty, an anther of 'em bit a hole in good King Ialfred. Yes, marm. Yes; July 7, 1912,

PORTLAND, Feb. 8.—(To the Ed-or.)—Was the battleship Oregon ever n Fortland harbor? and if so, give me he date. SUBSCRIBER.

## Muzzle for Some Spenkers.

Baltimore American.
"Why is it the law wants to mussle ome speakers?" "Maybe it is afraid some speakers?" "Mayb

### Twenty-five Years Ago

From The Oregonian, Feb. 19, 1898, Salem-E. H. Bellinger, a prominent real estate man of Salem, formerly of Jefferson, was drowned just night in North Mill Creek. Mr. Bellinger and North Mill Creek, Mr. Bellinger and his 16-year-old son, in a bugger at-tempted to ford the creek, as had been their custom, but the recent flood had their custom, but the recent flood has washed the creek bed to a great depth My. Beilinger swam for a while, but it is believed he was hit by a log and dared. The son escaped.

New York-The New York Herald publishes the following:
"Reports last night were circulated that Lorenzo G. Woodhouse, the New York partner of Marshall Field & Co., of Chicago, had retired from business relations with the firm. A dispatch from Chicago says Mr. Pield admits Mr. Woodhouse has retired entirely religi Woodhouse has retired 'entirely volustarily on his part."

C. W. Parrish is being talked of as a Republican candidate for Senator in Grant County.

Chief Clerk Ed Norton and Superin-endent Johnson, of the Union Pacific, nnounce the road would be open again by 5 P. M. today in all probability.

A. B. Ricky, formerly of Portland, A. B. Ricky, formerly of Portland, now of San Francisco, is visiting here and says "Bons" Schenck, who has been sojourning in California, is disgusted with the California rains. He says it rains considerably in Oregon, but that one can manage to keep dry. In California, however, he says it rains side, ways and every other way and that an umbrella is no protection.

C. A. Freeman, cashler of the O., R. & N. Co. for 10 years, will resign March 1.

The funeral of Judge Phelan, the North Portland Justice, will be held to-day at the Catholic Cathedral.

J. P. Burkhart, the veteran fraternity man and editor, is reported to be seri

"Faust" will formally open the Marquam Grand Theater tonight. To Emma Juch English Grand Opera Con-pany arrived in the city yesterilay an everything is in readiness at the the

#### D. C. LEWIS MAKES STAND PLAIN Legislator Relterates He Would Ald

Absolutely Dry Bill's Passage. SALEM, Feb. 9 .- (To the Editor.) -Under the caption, "Wets Undaunted by House Action," your Salem correspon dent discussed the wet and dry situaion as he saw it, and among things said: 'Representative Lawis, the fifth member of the committee, objected only to the provision that allowed clergymen to ship into the state unlimited quantities of wine for sac-

amental purposes." amental purposes."

This statement is true as far as it cost, but does not go quite far enough, am opposed to the above-referred-tu-rovision as stated by your staff corespondent, and voted against the same To what extent we Americans of the present day benefit by his example is of course, problematical. Each political party tries to parade its virtues or conceal its frailties under the banner of direct succession to his principles, but it is doubtful if any of them could prove any right to inherit.

It is possible, however, that a character like Lincoln's is of greatest aid to the individual as moral example is hard for an assemblage of humans to absorb and assimiliate, and the true greatness of his nature can only be grasped after study and reflection, and even then only in part by the average people over 21 years of a contract of the provision of the bill each person or family, and the committee. I am also provision of the bill each person or family and the individual or family, and the committee it also people over a like present time. There even then only in part by the average in committee. I am also opposed to each person or family to have two quarts of alcoholic liquors or 24 quarts them could quarts of alcoholic liquors or 14 quarts of mait liquors each ments to each individual or family, and so voted in the committee. I also placed myself example is on record on the floor of the House as humans to at the true reasons: There are at least, plus, 180, and only be greatness of his nature can only be grasped after study and reflection, and the present time. There are enough even then only in part by the average person,

Abraham Lincoln sleeps his long sleep back there in Springfield, in the illinois he loved and served.

We are alive with our varying years like on the sanital substitute admitted.

We are alive with our varying years before us.

What is each of us doing with the great heritage he left to us?

That is the question for this birthday anniversary.

BY FRANCES MORELAND.
(Portland.)

Next Friday will be the 108th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. Here is one of the helidays Americans cannot afford to ignore. Lincoln Here is one of the helidays Americans cannot afford to ignore. Lincoln Here is one of the helidays Americans. right to put myself on record before the House in an explained vote, and pur-aned this method so that as little fric-tion or discussion as possible of the

Fund Exhaustion Unusual.

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PORTLAND, Peb. 7.—(To the Editor.)—Will you please inform me as to why there are no funds on hand to bring back from California the murderer of the Italian woman at drays Crossing, some time sao?

I are that her husband is to furnish said funds. Has this ever been necessary before?

AN OLD SUBSCRIBER.

The state fund for the return of prinners was exhausted nearly a year There is no record of this having hab-

#### pened before in Oregon. Land Within Fence

FORTLAND. Feb. 7.—(To the Editor.)
—If the line fence between my noishbor and myself is ever the line on his
land one rod or several rods, and has
been there for one year or 16 years, is
there a law in the State of Washington
which enables me to hold all the land
inside the fence?

A SUBSCRIBER.

If fence has enclosed your lands and has been so recognized by all and you have paid taxes on it, yes,

Motion Picture Companies. PORTLAND. Feb. 7.—(To the Edi-tor.)—Would you kindly tell me names of several moving picture companies to whom one would submit plays?

Universal Film Company, Kalem Company, New York Motion Picture Cor-poration, all of New York.

## Mr. Manufacturer Think a Moment

In planning a market for yo product did you ever stop to think the kind of people who read this and other newspapers?

They are of average wealth. They cat 365 days a year, wear dothing and like home comforts. They take pride in their familie

They are ambitious and aggress They are interested in your goos if they fit a niche in their daily life.

They would know about these oods if you advertised in the papers

they read. Here is a whole National merchandising problem in a few plain