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OREGON'S CALL TO THE WEST.

the position of the Western states on This state has invited ten other West- power purposes until such an set forth in the resolution adopted such functions, Oregon Legislature. It is proposed that each state send its Govdelegates.

This conference is called not to opse conservation, but to promote one is as anxious as the East to conserve monopoly and speculation in the process of developing them-West simply contends that, in the case servationists contend that in this mattherefore, is called upon by Oregon to unite in opposing the Ferris waterpower bill as contrary to public policy and state sovereignty and to demand modification of the other conservation bills in such manner that the rights of the states shall not be violated. The Oregon Legislature has set be-

in opposition to the Federal view as of rights as a bulwark against Fedstate owns the beds and water-powers of all streams within its bouncommerce in navigable country. streams. They do not concede that the proportionate value of waterpower "to the value of land necessary to its development is less than the ratio of fifty to one." They maintain that "it is to the benefit of public policy that the Government relinguish to the states its title to lands needed for water-power development public from monopolistic or specula-They also condemn, tive control." as an interference with creation of trality while upholding our rights. hydro-electric markets, "burdensome Oregon's area.

The state's ownership of the water and beds of streams has been upheld by repeated decisions of the United States Supreme Court. The ratio of fifty to one, between this state propand the National property requisite to power development, is not exaggerated, as any man familiar with the character of the land in question testify. Damsites are usually rocky walls on the sides of canyons, and reservoir sites are the beds of these canyons or depressions near the summits of mountains, worthless for gency. any other purpose and deriving their only value from their availability for power purposes. Only a narrow strip of land would be needed for a transmission line, but much of this also be rugged mountain-side, orthless for other purposes. The Ferris bill proposes to use Government ownership of such tracts-the mere scrapheap of the public domain-as a club wherewith to compel the states to submit to its dictation in disposing of property having assumes that the Government has the ing of university professors toward right, by virtue of its ownership of practical affairs. the land, to lease not only its own from books to agriculture is particuland, but the state's water, to collect larly disturbing. The ideal college the rental for the whole and to dic- professor is a person who knows nothtate the ratio in which this rental shall ing about anything in the world but be divided between the two owners, books. In the printed page he lives

tempts to occupy is no twilight zone; place is in the classroom serving as but Fort Sumpter remained apparit is not a field which the states have the excuse for a lot of idle boys to ently impregnable. The fire of the fully occupied by every Western he feebly discourses on some erudite ruins, but the Confederate garrison state, for all have laws governing the subject of no interest to himself or disposal of water. These laws are in anybody else. His demeanor is sup- and wield their guns as well as when operation as to all water, the use of posed to be meek, his voice placatary, which is not dependent on the use his eyes weak enough to overlook alof adjoining public land, and their most anything in the way of ridicule Sumpter to land troops on the wateradministration upon water which is so from his promising charges. dependent is prevented only by the Government's withdrawal of power-sites. The Ferris bill, as amended by the Senate committee, purports to recognize the state's right to the water as paramount, by providing that no doubt, with the irruption of lease to a power-site shall be granted servile group into the field of elec- and it was expected that the conquest until the right to the necessary water trical engineering. has been obtained from the state, but gaged in the exploitation of water- Charleston drew its supplies would that which is conceded in one

tion is taken away in several others.

The states are urged to waive their rights in order to hasten development and we are informed that certain persons are ready to invest millions of dollars in power development as so as the Ferris bill becomes a law. We difficult to compete. do not believe that any person would make the investment, for there would be such a conflict of jurisdiction at many points between state and Nation that he would find that he had invested in a lawsuit. At almost law and disobey another. He would halls in a palace car to lecture to the be in the unhappy position of a man farmers. trying to serve two masters. Investors refuse to run such risks and to sub-Hence they would stay out of the or Nation yielded it to the other.

done" propose that the states yield to be burning the midnight oil in in both cities. On forsaking Columbia rather than prolong the present situa-tios, urging that more is to be gained pallid cheeks but who, instead of that, rather than prolong the present situaimpossible for the states to surrender corn, spray trees and breed hogs. their jurisdiction, even if it were advisable, unless the Federal constitution and, perhaps, the state constitu-tions were amended. The limits of their jurisdiction are fixed by law and by the constitution as judicially con-strued, and can be changed in no

Even were it possible, it is not adtheir jurisdiction in order to make the Ferris bill operative. They have already fixed the order of preference which water-rights may be acquired, usually domestic use first, irrigation second, power third. The Ferris bill places power first and might prevent necessary use for doestic purposes and for irrigation. That bill provides for equal division of rentals between state and Nation, though the Nation's interest is only one part in fifty. That revenue is worth contending for, as most of the states already have laws governing power development and have efficient machinery for regulation of public Oregon has taken the lead in a utilities, and there is no cause for the movement to set forth and maintain Government to step in for protection utilities, and there is no cause for the of the people against imposition, even the best policy for applying the prin- if it had the power. If any states ciple of conservation in development have no regulative authority, the Govof water-power within their borders. ernment can refuse to grant land for ern states to send representatives to thority is created, though it is no part a conference which shall devise means of the Nation's duty to protect a state's for securing adoption of the principles citizens from its neglect to perform

Finally the Oregon declaration is a ernor and four delegates, elected by direct challenge to those who have its Legislature, to the conference. If contended that the Western states are all the states interested accept the so improvident with their resources. invitation, there will be sixty-five that they would fall a prey to monopoly and that the Nation alone is capable of so controlling the waterpower business as to ward off these policy as against another for putting cylls. The Western states invite comthat principle in practice. The West parison between their efficiency and that of the Government in controlling its resources and to prevent waste, public utilities. They contend that the water-rights can be better adminis-The tered on the ground in conformity with state needs and conditions than of water-power, the state, not the at a distance of 3600 miles by an un-Nation, is the best and only lawful wieldy, slow-moving machine, the diagency through which this can be rectors of which are ignorant of and done. Congress and the Eastern con-indifferent to state needs and conditions. They maintain that power ter the Nation alone can be trusted development will be a more inviting and should be supreme. The West, der state law than when subject to varying opinions of a succession of Secretaries of the Interior, who

change every four years.

The Oregon invitation to a conference on water-power legislation is an invitation to the other ten states to unite with Oregon in a declaration fore the Nation the Oregon view of that they need no guardian, that they this question and what we believe will can walk alone and ask no outside be the view of all the Western states, power to take them by the hand and lead them. Now is the time for embodied in the Ferris bill. The these states to act. The programme resolutions constitute the Western bill of the Eastern conservationists has at last taken concrete form and the West eral usurpation. They assent that the should offer an alternative. No action by Congress is likely before next Winter, and ample time will intervene daries, subject only to Federal con- for the West to lay its case before the

No more lofty spirit of patriotism that which inspired ex-President Taft's speech on the duty of the American people during the present will have to join or continue to rewar. Setting above everything the interests of the United States, he forunder such terms as will safeguard the got all party differences in calling upon all citizens to uphold President Wilson's efforts to preserve our neu-

The President's duty is most diffirestrictions on the settlement of pub- cult to perform. Any swerving from broken down, it would seem to be he lands and on the utilization of the varrow path of strict "impar mineral and timber products," ex- tiality" laid down for a neutral natending over nearly 60 per cent of tion may be used by some nation, may work and other men may ema pretext for dragging us into the permit no right of this Nation or its than eight hours? citizens to be violated by any belligerent without exacting full satisfaction. It is necessary that, in so doing, he give the offender to understand that he is ready to use the whole power of the Nation in upholding its dignity. It is also necessary that the Nation stand as a unit be-hind him, ready or such an emer-gency.

By following the patriotic example

and advice of Mr. Taft we can preserve peace and, at the same time, maintain our rights and National honor. Let every man keep his head son's policy in other matters.

THE REVOLT OF THE PROFESSORS. An Eastern contemporary, which stands emphatically for culture, is The Ferris bill deeply exercised over the great turn Their defection through the Ferris bill, at- he is allowed to possess. His proper

> The rebellion of the professors against these old-time and highly shells from the fleet, it could not be respectable traditions is nothing less taken. than terrifying, all the more so because it is widespread. It began, no Millionaires enpowers suddenly discovered that pro- ultimately reduce the city. This proved fessors like Rowland and Duncan, and students like Steinmetz, who knew all Sherman reached Columbia, Hardee about electricity, could be of immense who commanded in Charleston, began use to them. So they lured learned recluses out of their monkish cells by the proffer of vast salaries

Other practical investors followed the example of the electrical exploiters ings. Nature carried the flames far until now we find professors almost everywhere correcting proudspirited ignoramuses with their impertinent knowledge. There are the every step he would be required to Minnesota professors whom James J. decide whether he should obey one Hill has spirited away from academic plunder and riot to the horrors of the There is the stock expert at the Kansas Agricultural College who saved a man \$1000 in a horse mit to such aggravating conditions trade the other day by happening to know the pedigree of a steed which same time. How the fire originated water-power field until either state the seller was trying to patch up a

What a falling off from the sacred

academic ideal! A professor who is good for some thing else than delivering antiquated lectures to inattentive students is indeed a portent. Something ought surely to be done to woo him back to the gods he has forsaken. Who will go through the sacred motions of ing them is, of course, a matter of visable for the states to surrender teaching Greek and Latin if all the pure conjecture. professors take to engineering, agriculture and sociology?

EIGHT HOURS AND \$3 DAILY. The City Commission will act today upon the plan to establish a minimum wage for all laborers, skilled and unskilled, engaged in contract work of any kind for the municipality. The daily wage is to be not less than \$3, and the hours are to be not more than eight. Preference is to be given to local labor.

No proposal of greater consequence to the taxpayers and to the general public has been formulated or considered by the Commission. It requires only a statement of its scope and purpose to give the measure of

its large importance. Every contractor who does work of scale far higher than the prevailing wage. Obviously the cost will be more, and obviously, too, it will in some cases be prohibitive. In all cases the city will be at greater ex- imitated by the English. pense in carrying out a given work than any private contractor.

The reason given for the new policy is that the laborer is entitled to a living wage. That may be But It is questionable if he agreed is entitled to more for the same work than a fellow workman in private emthat the private employer must pay situation? How is the city itself to stand the greater burden? A condition, and not a theory, confronts the people of Portland.

It seems to The Oregonian that the real problem for the City Commission to solve is how to employ many unemployed men at a wage it is postible to pay, rather than a few men at double the wage other men are glad to get in these times. Not long ince delegations from various civic bodies waited upon the City Commission with an earnest request for the employment of the largest possi ble number of men on public works No doubt the members of the Commission were as well aware of the in dustrial crisis as any citizen or group of citizens, and no doubt they keenly appreciated the need of doing every practicable thing to relieve the situation. Yet it would appear that the real duty of the Commission lies that direction, rather than in an effort to keep at a high standard the pay of the men now at work, and to raise the barriers in front of contractors, who are struggling to keep together their respective organiza tions, by paying what they can and doing what there is to do.

If the cost of contract work is to be enhanced there will be less of such work and less employment. If has been displayed in late years than the pay for unskilled labor is to be fit will be chosen and the less capable main with the idle army.

The Oregonian says again that the workman is entitled to a suitable wage, but in times when hundreds of men or women are glad to be ployed at any wage, and when stand- in time to prevent get-away. ards of employment are largely most Ill-advised to seek to establish any arbitrary rules under which men whose passions are heated by war, as ploy them to work. How are they to be paid? Are men to be left to starve conflict. While avoiding this danger, because they are not to be permitted it is incumbent upon Mr. Wilson to to work for less than \$3 or longer

DEAR WHEAT. The quantity of wheat in the United States available for export this Winter was 357,000,000 bushels. This the Agricultural Department ascertained by a simple calculation. The entire eron was 967,000,000 husbels, of which \$10,000,000 were needed at home. remainder, 357,000,000 bushels, could be shipped to Europe without dis-

turbing domestic conditions. Wheat has been going abroad at the rate of about 1,000,000 bushels a day cool and stand by the President in for some time and is not likely to go his course with regard to the war, much faster. The supply for export whatever he may think of Mr. Wil- was sufficient, therefore, to last some 357 days, or until long after the next harvest is reaped and threshed. Since the export demand can thus be more than satisfied it is difficult to under stand why prices should rise so high on the strength of it.

THE FALL OF CHARLESTON.

The first notable consequence of Sherman's northward march from Savannah was the fall of Charleston. This seaport had been besieged by Union fleet ever since 1863, but with-The field of jurisdiction which the and moves and has what little being out much hope of success. Fort Wagner, in the harbor, had been taken neglected to occupy. It is already gather there and crack jokes while fleet had reduced it to a heap of the fortress was intact, or even better perhaps. No vessel could pass Fort front, so that, although much damage had been done in the city by

It was finally decided to abandon all efforts to attack Charleston directly this The siege was turned into a blockade of the -back country from which to be sound reasoning. By the time

to withdraw his men. This was on February 17, 1865 Hardee, as he was leaving Charleston, with which the universities found it gave orders to set fire to some store of cotton, to the Confederate ironclads in the harbor and to the public buildther than he desired. They spread to the powder magazine, which exploded killing some 150 persons. The night of the 17th was a terrible ordeal for Charleston. Hardee's troops added conflagration and it was only as the Union troops began to occupy the city that order was restored and the fire extinguished. Columbia was also desolated by a conflagration at about the has been a matter of dispute, but fair-Nation yielded it to the other. little. There are dozens and dozens minded people can hardly question Men impatient to "get something of scholars who ought, by good rights, that the Confederates were to blame

flames spread by hastened development than by in- are careering wildly over the coun- throughout the city. Perhaps other sistence on the state's rights. It is try telling the farmers how to plant factors contributed to the disaster. With Sherman were some Union prisoners whom he had released from the horrible Confederate dens where they had been confined. Naturally, these men resented the treatment they had suffered, and we may at least feel assured that they did not labor very ardently to check the flames. Whether

they actually took a hand in spread-

sure, the food may not be what they would get at home, and they miss the morning "bawth," but the German subsistence department is not in the hotel or restaurant business, People disposed to complain might, with given prisoners at Andersonville half the profound sympathy and more or less moral and substantial support of the British people.

Some students are blaming the Russian novelists for the European war. Since most of the accused are kind for the city must pay a dead and unable to answer back, it

It may even revive the dime novel of ployment gets. If it be then said 50 years ago which recked with gory scalps and midnight massacres. With more, too, it may well be asked how all its bloodthirstiness the boys' fiche is going to pay it in the present tion of that day was superior to much of the simpering stuff that has replaced it.

Organized charity has long supervised the poor. Now the State of New York is about to supervise organized charity, probably for good reasons. The Rockefeller charities investigate labor and the Federal Labor Commission investigates the charities. The men and things who are not under suspicion in these times are few and DUPLICATED PUBLIC UTILITIES

Captain Mitchell, of the General Staff, who said a foe could take and hold the American seaboard, has been excused by the Secretary of War, as ne talked in a private meeting. He old a truth, to be sure, but negected to add the foe aforesaid would e making attempt to commit suicide and would succeed.

Raids by Zeppelins on armed camps concentrations of troops are legitimate part of war, but dropping combs on cities and killing nonembatants are not, and if there is public. any power that can advise the Kaiser

Constantinople is the end of all Russian ambition and news comes \$3, and the limit eight hours, the she is preparing to capture it. Sometimes it seems as if Russian intrigue were responsible for the turmoil in Europe, with this result in view.

hearted jailor discovered the effort

at Bull Run to impound 500,000,000 gallons. Portland is preparing to get along during a dry spell.

redskin learn another lesson in the white man's "bunk."

The Germans gained ten feet on the line near Ypres the other day. Jean Orapand must have been dreaming of dear Paree."

much greater than most men make in lifetime. Heavy war insurance on United parent willingness to purchase the independent system at an excessive price, States property is being placed in Lon-

six million dollars last year, a sum

don. Quit it. Such reports make us nervous. When the Johnson-Willard bout is

hand to garner the box office receipts, cost. Whatever is handed to the Russian the Teuton he passes on in

diminished volume to the Turk. Scandinavian governments will not join us in our protest against Ger-

many. They're taking no chances,

More civilians killed by Zeppelins at Calais. One of these days a Zeppe lin will kill a soldier by mistake.

Berlin reports 100,000 new prison We should think it harder to feed than to fight such a force.

Just as rose time dawns in Port land the blizzard season comes at Jts worst in South Dakota.

ack on Constantinople. Wonder how England likes the news.

The German Government is seizing storm is bleading ing tested. all raw rubber. Probably to feed the men on the firing line. The bottom of the North Sea is

American vessels. The Russians admit having been een some rout.

President Theodor, of Haiti, has gone to the Southern Continent for his Even Congress is waking up in the

natter of our military needs. Baker is putting on metropolitan

air in smiting mashers. Germania rules the waves, subject o revision, of course,

Cheer up, everybody, the Legislaure has adjourned. We will now quietly await the base. ball season.

The last of the Plutes are in action

· Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian, February 24, 1865. Ex-Senator Toombs, of Georgia, Is crying on the staff of General Gustav V. Smith, ex-Street Commissioner of New York. He is now a person of no

Washington-Information from the Army of the Potomac as late as yes-terday morning reports all quiet. About 300 deserters from the rebel ranks office in the I. W. W., and it may be have come within the Army of the Po-that the U. I. L. and the I. W. W. are tomac within the last few days.

Germany denies that British prisoners are being treated cruelly and the world will believe her. To be sure, the food may not be when the was bald reached a public meeting was bald reached. The Albany Journal says an effort is

another that is matter of congratula-tion in connection with the successes ultimate and final achievement of achieved by General Sherman, it is that the National flag once more floats over If there is any one fact more than advantage, read of the treatment for Sumter and that Charleston, the fort Sumter and that Charleston, the hothed of treason, once more owns a century ago by the Confederate government, an institution that had the profound sympathy and more or less moral and substantial support of less moral and substantial support of the reatment of the Pederal troops marched into the cradle of secession, the Fort Sumter and that Charleston, the fort sumter and that Charleston, the hothed of treason, once more owns rule bill Messrs. Redmond, Shanshan and Hennessy Murphy would have all the Irish youth shoulder their muskets and, with drums beating, march on their tattered and battle-scarred Yankee flags. kee flags.

the Senate bill establishing steam mail service between United States, China and Japan. Washington-The House has passed

Councilman Bennett has some very is a happy thought to load them with the burden everybody else shirks. The argument for the prosecution runs argument for the prosecution runs Resides these however we observe the burden everybody else shirks. The argument for the prosocution runs that the Russian novels have been imitated by the English. Thus an entente was established which stimulated German envy and thus brought on the fighting.

Trison and Second streets, which he and his partner, J. S. White, delight to own. Besides these, however, we observe many other fine carriages and animals. G. W. Vaughn has an excellent pair of horses there. H. D. Green and John Green also each have a fine span. Fly by Night, the famous trotting horse owned by Messrs Wells & Eddy, and The revolt of the Piute Indians should give new life to the expiring taste for scout and cowboy stories. It may even revive the dime novel of

Willamette University, February 16, a medical department was organized to be located in Portland and to be called the Oregon Medical College. The faction of future events, saw the great vision of future events, saw the great vision of future events, saw the great vision of future events. At a meeting of the Trustees of the Oregon Medical College. The fac-ulty which was appointed at that time met Wednesday evening and elected the following officers: A. C. Gibbs, presi-Wilson, M. Loryea, dean, and R. Glisan, treas-will hope for a victorious Germany at a free Ireland. EDWARD RYAN. urer.

H. W. Longfellow, of Cambridge, Mass, has returned his income as \$14, 171 and paid the tax upon it. Poetry is no longer synonymous with poverty.

Evils of Double Service and Needless Cost Are Pointed Out.

PORTLAND, Feb. 20 .- (To the Editor.)-For many years it has been a common custom, at various places throughout the country, for the public to be imposed upon by telephone companies and other public utility corporations, partially due to the power of
money, and partially as a result of
thoughtlessness or negligence on the
part of influential citizens and public
officials in permitting the installation
Cross fund. I have never felt that I of a second public utility system, where owed any Englishman an apology one system is sufficient to serve the cause I am an Irishman and have

For instance, an independent teleany power that can advise the Kaiser to this effect the word should not be slow in going.

phone company is granted a franchise with the understanding that service will, within a reasonable time, be established throughout the city in competi-tion with the Bell telephone service,

extent as to justify the public officials in permitting an increase of charge for service throughout the city, in order With Federal intervention the Piute uprising will be quelled and the redskin learn another lesson in the remote and thinly populated districts. The first graft is chargeable to the independent company for violating the terms of franchise by confining its serv-ice to the profit-paying districts, thereby taking a good portion of the profit-able part of the business only.

The second graft is also chargeable Rockefeller gave away more than stances, was evidently the "ultimate stances, was evi hope" at the time application for fran-

chise was made.

The third graft is chargeable to the thereby permanently establishing the duplicated investment for the public to pay "double interest" on for the remainder of time.

Divided telephone service is poor teleheld in Mexico, Villa should be on phone service, and creates a duplicated ED WARD.

Use of "Making."

PORTLAND, Feb. 22 .- (To the Editor.)-I read the communication of Nellie Buckley in The Oregonian February 19 on the use of "making" and also The Oregonian's answer to her questions. You apparently discourage The dance of years gone by The dance of the ever-now. the use of this form in favor of "is being" in such sentences as "Four great motor roads are making" and state that the textbooks usually pass by the subject in order to avoid con-fusing the student's mind. Gramma-rians are the ones confused by "is being" in that it is a duplication of the dance of the stars, the verb "to be" and in the term "is being made" is said to combine a prestate dance of night. ent tense, active voice, with the past tense, passive voice, contrary to the rules of grammar. To people who use Russia is concentrating for an atack on Constantinople. Wonder how an unwelcome newcomer from the grammarian's standpoint. Verily, a storm is brewing, the grammar is bestrong the grammar in the grammar is bestrong the grammar in the grammar is bestrong the grammar in the grammar in the grammar is bestrong the grammar in the grammar in the grammar is bestrong the grammar in the STUDENT.

Wittingly or unwittingly, the writer upholds and repeats the point advanced by The Oregonian, but his argument ecoming quite a rendervous for can only confuse the young student who might be passing through the threes of English grammar or coming within the variable whims of gramouted by the Germans. Must have marians and teachers of grammar. There is no question of the form being understood; the case cited proves its In the Garden of Eden. use is confusing and its efficiency as grammar thereby impaired.

Troops' Trip to Fair. VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb.

VANCOUVER, Wash. Feb. 21.—(To the Editor.)—In regard to the removal of the troops stationed at Vancouver Barracks to the San Francisco Fair. I must say, as a resident of Vancouver, that the present attitude of the Vancouver Commercial Club has certainly been changed. Only a year ago they stated that they wished that James J. Hill would build railrocal shops on the present site used for training Government troops. Now, why do they protest to their Congressmen to try to stop the Twenty-first Infantry from going to the fair? Certainly it is not because they have any respect for the soldiers, for they have not. for they have not. RICHARD ARNOLD.

FREE IRELAND IS PRIME WISH Edward Ryan Answers Mr. Shanahan

and Perhaps He Pokes Fun. PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 22,-(To the Editor.)-I respectfully ask The Oregonian to publish the following letter reply to L. Shanahan

Mr. Shanahan has again erupted and, having no arguments to offer, he re-sorts to abuse. He says he is a na-tional executive of the U. I. L. His language would indicate that he should one and the same or kindred organ-izations. However, in reply to this emissary of the only foreign political organization known to the writer as an American Irishman, I wish to say without fear of contradiction by Mr. Shanahan or any of the other five members of the U. I. L. that there is no treaty of peace between England and Ireland, for the home rule bill is indefinitely postponed, and that is the

the Irish youth shoulder their muskets and, with drums beating, march on Berlin. If Messrs, Hennessy Murphy, Shanahan and Redmond wish to ad-vance on the Germans in consideration of this great charter of liberty, which is only a fake, let them get red coats and Lee-Metford rifles and advance themselves. There shall be no obstacle themselver. There shall be no obstacle placed in their way. I prefer to remain a neutral Oregonian while these proud heroes and warriors of King George rush to annihilate the Kalser and his triumphant hosts. Such a mighty array, with Hennessy Murphy at the head, would undoubtedly strike terror to the Germans and even cause the gates of Heldelburg, Coburg, Pilsen and Muenchen to be closed.

Unquestionably after such an inva-

Sen and Muenchen to be closed.

Unquestionably after such an invasion a treaty of peace would be entered into, participated in by the U.

I. L. and its executors, and thereafter the great charter of liberty, excluding Uister, would come into effect. When that happy day arrives and the lien and the largh its down receiber, are specific. proclaimed prophets, who, with a keen vision of future events, saw the great charter put into effect. Until that happy consummation, however, we, whose perceptions are not so clear and whose trust in England is not so great free Ireland.

ENGLAND'S REDRESS ACCEPTABLE. "J. T. D." Says Let Bygones Re Bygones

in Irish-British Centroversy.

PORTLAND, Feb. 23.—(To the Editor.)—I wonder if Mr. J. B. Courtney speaks for the rest of the "loyal Britons" when he says that they view with suspicion all expressions of loyalty coming from Messrs, Murphy, Shana-han and others.

han and others.

Being one of the "others," I will endeavor to answer Mr. Courtney's question, "What is the meaning of it all!" as far as I can personally do so. I do not pretend to speak for any of m

more than one occasion, in your paper called attention to the shortcoming

of England toward Ireland.

I never felt like going to any British function where I thought I would be treated with either suspicion or toleration, and that there is danger of a Irishman being so treated at a typica

Constantinople is the end of all tion with the Bell telephone service, which would be nothing less than a complete duplication of investment for the public to pay interest on in the form of an increase of charge for service, with this result in view.

Even the county prisoners at Eugene would radiate, but a hardnearted jailor discovered the effort in time to prevent gèt-away.

With a new dam at the headworks of Bull Run to impound 500,000,000 the profit-paying districts to such an view my expressions with auspicion the profit-paying districts to such an view my expressions with auspicion J. T. D.

THE DANCE OF THE SOUL, (In appreciation of Ruth St. Denis.) Goddess of motion.

Come, dance with my soul. Dance of love, of life-Dance of the world as a whole The dance must have fire:

The dance must have life Dance to the vibrating of the soul. Spirits of flowers

Movements of sound-Dance to the mountain top, And dance again down. The dance of the arms

The dance of each limb, The dance of the babies, the mothers-

The dance of the snowfleck, The dance of the rain. The dance of the growing soul-The dance above shame

The dance of the ocean The dance of the waves, The dance of the lightning and clouds-The dance of the sunbeams. The fairles and gnomes The dance for only the brave.

The dance of today.

The dance of joy, The dance of the kiss Of a girl and boy.

The dance of the silence, White and her colors-

The dance of the grass, The dance of falling dew

The dance of the swan, The dance of the fishes in the seas-

The dance of the violet, The dance of the rose-The dance of the dying day. The dance of the swirl,

The dance of the whirl-The dance of a cat and her kittens, The dance of Eve-The dance of the snake

Dance on; dance on, oh, life; And then, oh, soul; dance of the ever-dance with death. JULIAN P. SCOTT.

Vessels in the Navy. VALE, Or., Feb. 20.—(To the Editor.)

-Will you kindly inform me where I an obtain a list of the vessels in the inited States Navy and their officers'

mes? Perhaps the Assistant Secretary of the Navy would oblige you. Write him at Washington.

Boss of the Function. Sunday school teacher—What is the live for manufacturer and retailer. Johnny-The baby, mum,

Twenty-five Years Ago

From The Oregonian February 24, 1800 London-Inquiries at the United States Legation last night at 10 o'clock prought the information that there was no change in the condition of Mr. Lincoln's son. Abraham, who still continues in a very dangerous state of

Washington-The indications are that Chicago will be awarded the World's Fair. New York is the second choice and St. Louis and Washington follow-

New York—Dom Pedro, the deposed Emperor of Brazil, is willing to re-nounce all claims to his title and, will if allowed, return to his country as a private citizen and give all aid possible in establishing the republic, it is re-ported here from contents of a letter from Paris, received by Charles Flint.

John Luce, of the John Day Valley, reported that out of his band of 3400 sheep he had lost 2800 thus far this Winter, His Neighbor, Mr. Brown, has lost some 5009.

According to the Salem Statesman, there are those who have seen smoke issuing from that peaceful and hoary old sentinel of the Cascades, Mount Jefferson. There was a volcanic eruption in Japan a few days, gro, and Salem is not to be behind the times.

The work of soliciting subscriptions for a Chamber of Commerce building will go ahead this morning according to President Macleay, of the Board of Trade, who has appointed a committee to undertake the work.

Jonathan Bourne, Jr., has completed a careful resume of conditions and prospects of the Fourth of July mine in which so much Portland capital is interested. Several mining experts have spoken in glowing terms of the prospects of the mine.

Richard Kochler has been appointed manager of the Portland & Willamette Valley Railroad Company, according to William Reid, vice-president of the ompany.

T. W. Bleick, the present school clerk of Albina, is a candidate for re-election Monday, March 10.

Jay Gould is reported to have been taken in to the extent of \$250,000 in a recent deal in Richmond Terminal. The planist von Bulow (the first

husband of Fran Cosima Wagner) in consequence of disagreement with the royal supervisor of the Berlin Theater, has resigned all his offices at court. Now his visiting cards bear this in-scription: "Dr. Hans v Bulow, orchestra leader and planist in ordinary, to His Majesty, the German people."

San Francisco—A phonograph record mas been made of Pattra voice.

One of the cars on the cable read ran away down the Fifteenth street grade has night alterfy after 8 o'clock. At the corner of Fifteenth it flew the truck and landed bottom side up along he street. Fortunately there were only live passengers aboard none of whom was fatally hurt. D. W. Lisms and Mrs. jams and H. A. Caleb are the persons who took the fearful ride. Mrs. Ijama escaped unburt but Mr. Ijama and Mr. Caleb each received scalp wounds and orulees. The gripman, G. Carey and Conductor A. F. Friman are both experienced men. They say the brakes were on but the cable was not gripped.

SLURRING UNACCENTED VOWELS

a final r or other classes of words con taining unstressed vowels, "chrocotate," for instance, in which "r" does not appear. What sturring takes place in

this word? this word?

I infer from the article the writer believes the pendulum will swing back to the pronunciation of "fig-yoot," "tail-or," instead of "fig", "tail's as at present. Personally, I do not believe the pendulum will swing back, any more than it did to Chauser's pronuncia-

ation. Is this phonetic corruption of plorable? HERMAN LOEDING. Revolving Stages.

PORTLAND, Feb. 22 .- (To the Editor.) -- Why are not newly-built theaters equipped with revolving stages during these modern times A SUBSCRIBER.

For about 10 years a revolving stage has been found successful in Ye Liberty Theater at Oukland, Cal. In one or two other cities in this country and in several abroad the revolving stage has been constructed as an experiment and found fairly satisfactory. Generally speaking, however, it is agreed that the demand for the revolving stage is not compatible with the expense involved in constructing it. Too few of the traveling productions actually require such a convenience, inazmuch as the art of

striking and setting a scene has reached

a high point of efficiency.

Cigarette Smoking. PORTLAND, Feb. 13.—(To the tor.).—Noticing that the \$80,030 Sunday, February 14, has been attributed to a carelensity-thrown clearette stub, might it not be timely for the next Legislature to have a bill intronext Legislature to have a bill intro-duced making it obligatory that a man carrying a path of water be detailed to follow every eigarette smoker. It might be well to leave to the discretion of the water "toter" how the water should be used to give the maximum of protection, whether to wet down the burning eigarette end or the devil-may-care smoker. It is protection we need. ROHERT H. TATE.

MILTON, Or., Feb. 23.—(To the Ed-or.)—If a person is divorced in Ore-on and goes to California and is martor.)—It goes to California and is mar-gon and goes to California and is mar-ried inside of six months, is the mar-ried inside of six months.

Hello! Mr. Merchant

Business Is Calling

quick to answer, are you not, fr. Retailer?

Very well, why not do the same hing when money calls to you quite ustily? This is exactly what happens

when a reputable manufacturer ad-vertises his goods in this news-He creates a demand for those goods which will knock at the store

oor ready to receive it.

The up-to-date retailer is quick appreciate this demand and profit by it. He shows the goods and lets the

consumers know that this store is the best place to buy them.