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THE PUBLIC AND THE RAILROADS.

President Sproule, of the Southern Pacific Company, doubtless has abundant ground for his statement that business depression is due to "a long continued clamor against all sorts Honest public of public businesses." opinion has neglected to discriminate between honest and dishonest busibetween those corporations which respect the law and which seek to influence legislation by legitimate means and those which are openly rupt means oppose legislation affect- smith. ing them. wholesale, demagogic condemnation ter than he found it. It also ignores changes for the better Now he appears before the superin the conduct of business and often proposes remedies for existing evils

which are worse than the disease. The cause of this condition of pub- ment and common sense. opinion is to be found in such ame issue of The Oregonian in which common schools. Their love is In the transaction, men holding about he says, "are not so much scruting and those of "Get-Rich-Quick Wal-lingford." The result is that one of Mr. Taft's remedy for these possil bankruptey.

ompetition and essee, municipal officers of Nashublic opinion.

We are ready to concede, in the but their presidents and directors are be supervised by public additional gifts demanded of the actors.

not often heard in condemnation of than by a private body like the Carmer board white profile heard in the condemnation of the actors. which are dishonestly and lawessly managed. Much less do honest railroad men actively aid the law in exposing and punishing the crimes of the dishonest. Under these circum stances the public infers that "all are tarred with the same brush." It is as such due to the apathy of honest railroad men, who fail to set themselves apart from the dishonest by giving aid to the law in bringing the offenders to justice, as to the crimes f the dishonest and the clamor of the demagagues that the public confounds the good with the bad and is eluded into hostility to its own prosberity.

We find at one extreme dishonest railroad men, at the other extreme femagogues who blame all railroad nen for the sins of the few. Between the two are honest public men and the great mass of the people who Wish to punish only the guilty and to give the innocent a clean record. But we find henest raliroad men making fommon cause with the dishonest, denouncing clamor against railroads, but saying not a word against the vimes which have marred the recent management of the New Haven, the Rock Island and the Louisville & Nashville.

A change for the better in the pub-

He attitude towards the railroads has set in. It is due to loyal acceptance many railroads of public regulation by nation and state. It became apparent in the support given by independent newspapers and many public bodies to the railroads' petition for an advance in rates. It hs borne fruit in the grant of such his advance to the Eastern roads. The public realizes that the prosperity of he railroads is bound up with that It wishes of the country in general. railroads to earn fair dividends on their actually invested capital under honest and capable management with a reasonable margin for improvements. Let men like Mr. Sproule come over and help us to plek out and brand the black sheep in the railroad flock, and they will find the public with them in putting the demagogues to the right-about and in bringing deserved prosperity o the railroads and with them to the whole country. The only cause of tarblic hesitation to take this course fear that, in supporting the legitimate demands of the railroads, the public may find itself promoting the prosperity of the railroad Wallingfords.

A TRIBUTE TO MOSES.

to forbid the Jews to make graven appointees, if the bill had been left o art, in consequence of which the decision. fews were for centuries an uncultured retrieved the failing in modern times, years. arts and there came a time in his life fellow Democrat in office. Mr. Cham- as to make trouble. Emilie Frances when he began to appreciate the beriain was District Attorney when Bauer gave an interesting account of

greatness of Moses, dawned upon him." He won his new insight by reading the Bible and came bricks and granite," he did something berlain or West Republicans have better. "He took a poor tribe of been or guard ever since. shepherds and transformed them into

valuable, but some will think that he undervalued the Greeks as much in his riper years as he did the Jews in his youth.

TWIN EVIDENCES OF BARBARISM. The fundamental attitude of the United States on the subject of neutrality may be defined as follows:

This Nation will not consent to any neasures which aim to starve a whole nation into surrender to its enemies. This Nation will not countenance the sinking of merchant ships, belligerent or neutral, without opportunity to the crew to save their lives, the sinking of neutral ships without and potent. The beginnings they carry contraband.

These are two outbreaks of barbarism in the war which are condemned by Americans without regard to their leanings as between the arrived in the remote territory of ombatants.

MR. TAFT AND THE SCHOOLS. If Mr. Taft keeps on in his present ways he will earn the encomium lawless and which secretly or by cor- which Johnson bestowed upon Gold-It will be said of him, and Uninformed public opin- truly said, that he touches everything -that which finds expression in and leaves everything he touches betof the good with the bad for political he talked with inimitable wisdom ends-likewise fails to discriminate, about our painstaking neutrality. tendents' division of the National Educational Association and discourses upon the public schools with judg-

Mr. Taft discerns a danger in the transactions as are recorded in the very affection of the people for the Sproule's speech appears. On great that he fears it may blind them the admission of one of the principals to defects. "The common schools, of the stock of the Rock ized as they should be," and he adds, Island Railroad so manipulated the what we all know to be true, that "it affairs of that line that on \$71,000,-00 of stock there have been piled learn how thoroughly the children stock and bonds of two holding com- are disciplined and taught. Nor is panies to the amount of \$191,000,000, there any sufficient way for the people the only source of dividends on this to learn with what economy or waste sum being the earnings of the oper-ating companies." There is no difbetween such transactions mation are not perhaps so manifest Mr. Taft's remedy for these possible

the best-paying railroad properties in defects in the ecountry has been reduced to is original. He thinks a National plays for thirty-two years and the country has been reduced to is original. He thinks a National plays for thirty-two years and the university somewhat after Washing-wisdom thus gained he has enlarged university somewhat after Washing-The same edition of The Oregonian ton's plan might prove extremely useontains a report of the Interstate ful. In his opinion the present Fedcommerce Commission charging the eral Bureau of Education might easoutsville & Nashville Railroad "with ily be extended to become a supervis- unite in his new enterprise whatever equiring competing lines and with ing and examining university under arrying on for years at a cost of mil- whose care the efficiency of the publons of dollars an elaborate political He schools would be greatly enand publicity campaign to eliminate hanced. The examinations would natinfluence public urally lead to degrees, If strictly This road has made politi- guarded as they should be, the decal contributions "which run up into grees would be held in the highest gladly begin at once with the French he reached the topmost burst in his the millions," and has paid money "to esteem and any school whose pupils method of protecting veteran players address for intervention by fighting. state officials and legislators of Ten- could not obtain them would be sub- with a perpetual contract and penjected to severe criticism by local pawille, politicians, lobbyists and attor- trons. This would naturally lead to circumstances do not permit. and to newspapers "to mold investigation of conditions and the doubt he will cherish this as a con-

remedy of defects. and expensive because no play is to that the great majority of railroads We think everybody will agree that run for more than a week in the Naare honestly and lawfully managed, it would be better for our schools to tional Theater. Hence roles will be but their presidents and directors are be supervised by public authority numerous and a great diversity of draw.

legie board. SOME PLEDGES AND OTHERS. The lofty pose of impeccable non partisanship assumed by the Port land Evening Journal is not impressive, in view of its partisan support of every partisan act of a partisar National Administration and its partisan opposition to every measure designed to release the hold of the late 'non-partisan" Governor upon the present state administration. It is natural that Governor Withycombe should desire to be at the head of his own official family, and no mere

gubernatorial stepfather." The whimpering insincerity of the Portland Democratic newspaper's daily uproar about spolls-mongering through the Moser act is obvious from the fact that it has had no word of criticism of President Wilson or Secretary Bryan for the acts of a National Administration more partisan than any other in forty years The President has filled Federal jobs with Democrats and no others; Secretary Bryan has made spoils-hunting "deserving Democrats" a prime occupation, and a Democratic Con gress has sought to make of the civil service a tattered farce. If there has been one single performance based on bona fide non-partisanship by Democrat in the National Administration, from President Wilson down to Milt Miller, The Oregonian would be glad to be informed by its tearful

neighbor what it was. But the outstanding offense of Gov ernor Withycombe in signing the Moser bill, it seems, is his acceptance of the emergency clause. It has not been the practice of any Legislature to limit its powers over the emergency clause to a narrow interpreta tion of the Constitution. The Legis lature is absolutely the sole judge of Its rightful use, and every Governor since the initiative and referendum was adopted has followed the practice on occasion of signing bills intended to go into effect immediately. Governor Chamberlain set the example by signing at least five bills creating new judgeships, and these bills had emergency clauses. Governor West did not depart from the ways of his illustrious preceptor and predecessor, except that he occasionally adopted the expedient of filing the bills without signing. But he did not veto them. Now Governor Withy- by a moderately good company than combe, confronted with the alternaveto to a bill he distinctly approves, great artistic blunder to subordinate has refused to be dragooned into dis-It is interesting to read in the Gal- approval because it was to become efaxy that the poet Heine repented be- fective immediately and because also written with any such purpose fore he died of the slight esteem in he had declared himself during the which he once held Moses. In his campaign against indiscriminate use youth Helne tells us he "was not par- of the emergency clause. The certicularly fond of Moses," the reason tainty that the referendum would be for his dislike being that anti-Hellenic invoked on the bill, not for the peospirit which moved the great lawgiver ple, but for the benefit of the West grand opera-

The Democratic spoilsmen have The first most conspicuous in the United States. Heine himself was no mean exam- act of Governor Chamberlain was a muscal performances the lone star ple of the inborn Jewish gift for the daring exercise of his power to put a arrangement may be carried so far job.

"A clearer light elected Governor, and he held on to such an occurrence in The Oregonian that job until he took the oath as last Sunday. Governor, and then he appointed his Godowski.

a people destined to outlive centuries is a fruitful topic indeed. We invite our neighbor, the Journal, to make a merely comely youths, but the Jews somewhat broader elucidation of the were always men, powerful, inflexible men, not only formerly, but down to this day, in spite of eighteen centuries of persecution and misery." somewhat broader elucidation of the subject beginning with the National ists congratulated him for his pluck. Democratic platform of 1912, and the Democratic platform of 1912, and the popular imagination great attitude of President and Congress toward its various planks, and ending best in music, but artists themselves Heine's later judgment is extremely with the famous coup of Governor are of a very different opinion. It is bill through the Legislature to com- the heart of music than a singer does. so that the people might not have an haps on stringed instruments. the open violation of the law of 1911; fine ideal of pure music than the which provided that the building and sound of a lone violin in the hands of grounds should cost \$150,000 and no a master. The supreme composers more.

JOHN MINTO.

John Minto had been a resident of Oregon for more than seventy years, and in all that time had been active of his even a search to determine whether Oregon career were in the McLoughlin period, and he was one of the few survivors among the Oregon pioneers who saw and knew that great man at the height of his power. He Oregon before Portland was an entity, and passed its site, then a part of the virgin wilderness, in a canoe on his way to his future home in the Willamette Valley. Few men have lived to see a great city start from nothing and become a thriving me-tropolis of 250,000 people; and few also have had to do through seventy long years with the creation of a state and its growth into a strong unit in the National commonwealth.

Mr. Minto was a true pioneer, for e had run the gamut of all the early ettler's emotions, experiences and hardships, and the honored citizen's rewards and comforts. He touched life in Oregon at every angle.

Mr. Minto was a man of sturdy all his dealings. He was a leader in many movements for the benefit the state, and he was a patriot in times that tried men's souls. He had the respect of a very large acquaint-He leaves a good name and ance. an untainted memory. A good and country. useful man is gone.

ACTORS AND SINGERS.

C. Whitney's plans for a Na tional Theater in New York may fail, he best-paying railroad properties in defects in the economy of our schools has been a manager and producer of and ripened by a study of the best

is best in all parts of the world.

The National Theater is to be opened next October with a company of players whose contracts run for periods varying from one year to five, We gather that Mr. Whitney would sioning them when incapacitated, but summation to be looked to in the There is much in Mr. Taft's plan future. The company must be large to explain.

can find them plays wherever he though naturaly those in foreign tongues will be translated into English. Let us hope that they will not at the same time be too much No wonder he lost his memory. Americans should not enjoy the op-Italian plays as the authors wrote them. The privilege of enjoying any play whatever as it left the author's hand is comparatively rare in this Our dollar-hunting procountry. ducers think they know so much more about the drama than the men who write that they must always tinker a new play. This is one among many reasons why our "National drama" continues to languish. New plays will not be excluded from Mr. Whitney's National Theater, but nonwill be chosen because they exploit sex or depict "gilded vice." management will seek first and always good plays without much regard to any particular theories of dramatic art or any whims of popular fancy It is scarcely to be expected that an undertaking so novel and, in a way, so un-American, should be self-supporting from the outset. To meet the inevitable deficit Mr. Whitney arranged to sell stock at \$60 a share. He says he already has applications for shares from people of ranks in New York, which shows that the new enterprise makes a wide ap-There must be many thoupeal. sands of intelligent and fairly comfortable New Yorkers who want to see a good theater established. share of stock entitles the holder to one seat each week throughout the season of thirty weeks.

Attached to the National Theater will be a school of acting open without fees to all students who can pass the preliminary examination for trance. This will naturally form the permanent source from which the theater will recruit its company of actors, but for the present they must be obtained wherever they can found. We do not gather that Mr. Whitney will make any extraordinary effort to accumulate "stars." says he wants an all-American company, but very likely he will feel satisfied with a certain moderate level of uniform merit. A good play is more pleasing to an intelligent audience such as Mr. Whitney's theater will attract when it is evenly acted when one solitary star shines with tive of affixing his signature or his dim satellites around him. It is a all the parts too strictly to one dominating figure. Great plays are not In most of Shakespeare's mind. pieces, for instance, there is an opportunity for half a dozen exhibit brilliant powers if they pos sess them. The case is different with There the hero and heroine designedly shine in lonely In fact, he exhibited, as open to attack, doubtless weighed splendor, while the rest of the per Heine remarks, an all-round hostility with the Governor in reaching his formers matter comparatively little. The improper following of this grand operatic ideals in presenting plays people, though they have more than been in control of the state for twelve has done much to wreck the theater And even in

Godowski, the planist, was billed to understand that while Moses op-posed works of art fashloned "with a Democrat. Democrats and Cham-recital, but he was billed in letters so small as to be scarcely visible, while the all-absorbing tenor appeared in The violation of campaign pledges mammoth capitals. Godowski per-West and his allies in 1913 when they hardly open to question that a really engineered a \$170,000 appropriation great instrumentalist stands nearer to plete the State Library building, and The most musical music is not writfastened an emergency clause thereon ten to be sung, but to be played, peropportunity to express themselves on can conceive of nothing nearer to the the open violation of the law of 1911, fine ideal of pure music than the have of necessity been instrumental- made detailed arrangements for

> for the moment forgotten, while the personality of the ephemeral performer disports itself on the stage. It is a tenable proposition that a singer of lyrics like David Bispham has more pure musical value than a brilliant operatic performer like Caruso.

The woman who left her husband twelve hours after marriage, alleging he was a hunchback, got her decren a local court, although he proved he was not as alleged and a pretty good man, too. Perhaps, after awhile, people contemplating matrimony and having doubts will heed the advice of Dr. Brougher, very well known here, to bathe in the surf as a preliminary test.

Dartmouth has taken steps to join fortunes with the New Hampshire public schools thus forsaking the policy of haughty isolation which the New England colleges have pursued for a century. Followed to the logical the love of a numerous family and outcome Dartmouth's new policy will make it a true state university, something quite novel in that part of the,

No doubt those Plute bucks have a grievance; all Indians who "uprise" have. In this instance the white man must "settle and settle good," before the Federal Government intervenes. but if they do it will not be for lack else there will not be a settlement. of experience and observation. He In that region the "deadest" is the "goodest.

Other communities will watch for frozen. results in the plan of Philomath merplayhouses in Europe. From all this chants to sell for cash only. This is we may safely expect Mr. Whitney to the season when money is not plenty hand must be saved for the tax collector.

To not many orators is allowed the

portunity to see German, French and tensibly by the war, but many were stranded there in years past for other reasons,

ported to have ceased during the present Winter. There is a reason.

American waters, where she will have better company and more room.

dam, on whom would be the joke?

if it does more than wabble.

expected in the Mediterranean with opening of the Dardanelles. Two more Teuton armies But it's a

marching on Warsaw.

long, long way to Warsaw,

These are anxious days for some state employes now that each must stand on his merit.

What the world is looking for is battle between submarines. Surface action is too slow

Many a boy is the mainstay of the family just now and the experience is good for him.

The neighboring forests already to make the rules. show the first touch of Spring.

Uneasy rests the head of the job holder who can't make good.

We may all have to fight yet in or der to keep out of the fight.

How can Portland exist without ar annual school meeting? Paying taxes in installments light

ens the burden.

The ball season is dismally slow getting here.

Many jitneys will be regulated out of business. Mexico City is cut off by wire Good!

Sell your grain and get out from under.

The submarines are right on the Where is the motorcycle fitney?

Twenty-five Years Ago

From The Oregonian of February 27, 1896 Washington.—By a strict party vote the House committee today decided to report favorably the bill admitting Idaho as a state. The Democrats and Mormons seemed powerless to forbid.

Vancouver, Wash .- Lieutenant E. H. Clarke, of Company H of the National Guard of Washington, met almost in-stant death yesterday at Lucia Mills when he fell across a revolving cir-

Baltimore. - The negroes of Baltinore have gone wild over Peter Jackson, who is the idol of the day on ac-count of his prize-ring success. On the other hand, the big black has been mobbed by some white rowdles.

By phonograph a deceased clergyman, preached his own funeral sermon yes terday at New York, according to dis-patches. Prior to his death he had patches. ists of more or less skill but seldom funeral. One of the particular details singers. A planist interpreting was the sermon which he talked into Beethoven or Cherubini loses his personality in his art, while a tenor like Caruso forces himself to the food beginning of the clergyman when he broke down during the sermon, adfront, leaving the genius of the com-poser in the background. When the moment beyond the borderland of igno-Ninth Symphony is played Beethoven rance, and, after reciting his virtues gets the glory, no matter who plays expressed the wish that he would be it, but when Caruso sings Wagner is

New York.—The death of John Jacob Astor and the placement of his fortunes largely with his son, William Waldorf Astor, places Mrs. William Waldorf Astor in a higher social position than Mrs. William Astor, who up to this time has always been held the arbiter in the 400 circle.

B. Bangs, of Seattle, and Mrs. S. B. Judkins, of Portland, were mar-ried yesterday at the Revere House by Rev. Mr. Gordon.

Shortly after fire had been kindled in the range at the boarding-house of Mrs. B. Bauer yesterday morning the boiler exploded, shattering the range and doing a large amount of minor damage to the place, which is at Fifth and Stark streets.

J. Coffey, city electrician, who went East to examine into the mod-ern police call systems, will also ex-amine into the latest method of stringing electric light wires.

John Boyle O'Reilly, the famous poet, editor and orator, will be a Port-land visitor March 18 and will give a lecture on the "Hustrious Irishmen of the Century.

Miss Kilsay has accepted a position of teacher in the schools of East Portland.

Charles E. Warner, youngest son of J. G. Warner, who is on his way after a two years' sojourn at Cornell University, telegraphs that he is snowbound at Soda Springs, Idaho, abou

Cold weather has interfered with navigation and the Columbia River is Vancouver being for the time isoluted.

BRYAN'S TALK CONJURES VISIONS on the farm and what there is on Railroad Man Imagines Situation in 1925 If "Commoner" Rules.

draw. A soldier would prefer being riddled with balls than chewed by a brute.

It develops that a man taken in custody at Salem for loss of memory is wanted for embezziement of \$3000. No wonder he lost his memory.

Associated Přess:

General Manager W. W. Aiting, of the perhaps that is putting it a trifle strong, but it is sure the land seekers are not failing over each other in efpublic is aware, having trouble with floods, strikes, etc., also subject to heavy traffic at this season of the year, requiring exceptionally fast time, has decided to go to Tauthounity for the difficulty is nobody seems to know; and the sure floods, are not failing over each other in efforts to make their entries. Just what the difficulty is nobody seems to know; and the strong, but it is sure the land seckers are not failing over each other in efforts to make their entries. Just what the difficulty is nobody seems to know; and the sure floods, at this sure the land seckers are not failing over each other in efforts to make their entries. Just what the difficulty is nobody seems to know; and the sure floods, at this sure the land seckers are not failing over each other trike forts to make their entries.

tensibly by the war, but many were stranded there in years past for other reasons.

Berlin announces readiness to make concessions. But have the Berlin diplomats got their fingers crossed?

Descritions from the Navy are reported to liave ceased during the present Winter. There is a reason.

Should Great Britain be in jovial mood and let the Dacia go to Rotterdam, or whom would be the joke?

The Mongolian prefers to sink in American waters, where she will have better company and more room.

The price of wheat is said to be wabbiling. A few of us will not weep if it does more than wabble.

German submarine activity can be expected in the Mediterranean with opening of the Dardanelles.

To a railroad num the above items of the manufacture of the personal adamtage of the superintendent. We look for better compended to investigate the whole special on the can fill all these positions to much better advantage by emposition to the hampered by experience of any kind, and who could conduct the superintendent. We look for better superintendent. To a railroad num the above items any like measure. The Chamber of no any like measure. The Chamber has make of the round to the best personal adamtage of the superintendent. We look for better commendations to the next Congress, and that, in the meantime, no action any like measure. The Chamber has made of the superintendent. We look for better commendations to the next Congress, and that, in the meantime, no action any like measure. The Chamber has would create the utmost association chamber, and that, in the meantime, no action any like measure. The Chamber has well as mother than the control of the superintendent. We look for better commendations to the next Congress, and that, in the meantime, no action any like measure. The Chamber has any like measure. The Chamber has any like measure.

To a railroad man the above items would create the utmost astonishment, but they are no more than the identical things which the Secretary of State has done in his own department. Truly it the President authority to suspend from makes a great difference whose A RAILROAD MAN.

gored. Runs in Cribbage.

BANKS, Or., Jan. 36.—(To the Editor.)—Will you kindly answer the following questions in cribbage? A leads 3, B 5, A 1, B 4, A 2.

A leads 8, B 7, A 2. Is there a run in

CHAS, T. POWERS.

disposed of the Legislature fades into disposed of the Legislature fades into history.

cards intervene among the cards continue, an active member of the British stituting the run, whether the latter Benevolent Society, but always understant the latter are played in sequence or not. It all stood that he was an Englishman and depends on how strict the players wish

> Old Soldiers' Cribbage Dispute. SeLDIERS HOME, Reseburg, Or., Feb. 25,-(To the Editor.)-I wish you uld settle a dispute. How much does a 4 and 3 aces with 9-spot turned up to follow by word and deed the ex-count in a game of cribbage? A says 12 and B says 10. HARVEY HYDE. E. Redmond: in fact I might state tha ROSEBURG, Or., Feb. 25.—To the Editor.)—Will you decide how much 3 aces and a 4 with a 9 turn-up will count in a game of cribbage? OLD SOLDIER.

The hand counts 12. There are three possible combinations of 15 with the 9, the 4 and two of the aces, while the three aces count 6.

Addresses of Naturalists. AURORA, Or., Feb. 26.—(To the Editor.)—Will you please give me the address of C. F. Hodge, naturalist of Clark University, and of T. G. Pearson, general secretary of the National Minneapolis to the center of St. Paul Audubon Societies? A. B. DENTAL.

C. F. Hodge, 103 May street, Worcester. Mass. T. G. Pearson, 1974 Broadway, New York.

THE TUMALO IRRIGATION PROJECT. Readers of The Oregonian Show Inter-

est in Development Plan. the lands called by that name, which first our friend and the latter have lately been irrigated, or placed in a condition to irrigate, by the state, O.

a condition to irrigate, by the state, O. Laurgaard having been the engineer who successfully carried the work through.

The lands in this project formerly embraced what was called the Columbia Southern irrigation project and were segregated under the Carey act by the Three Sisters Irrigation Company. The segregation was made and work begun in the year 1902, the first price for water being fixed at \$10 an acre, it being the idea of the first promoters to water the lands by a simple diversion system from Tumalo Creek.

The tract is situated in the west central part of Crook County, lying between the Deschutes River and extend-

The tract is situated in the west entral part of Crook County, lying be-ween the Deschutes River and extendng back towards the Cascade Moun tains, the western extremity of the tract being near the town of Sisters, the town of Laidlaw being on the river in its eastern portion. The railroads are its eastern portion. The railroads are across the river from the tract, the station nearest Laidlaw, where there is bridge across the Deschutes, being the town of Deschutes, about three miles to the east. This is a joint station for both the Harriman and Hill

When the first company found itself of financial difficulties, owing to bad canagement and other causes, it got ntangled with the Land Board and nally its contract was canceled after bout 2000 acres had received water. Trouble for the settlers, litigation-all sorts of difficulties were encountered and the settlers blamed the state or the Land Board, no doubt with a show of

At the session of the Legislature in 1913 the matter was brought up and inally an appropriation of \$45.000 was made to take the matter over and complete the irrigation system and dispose of the lands, the price of water being ixed at \$40 an acre, payable on the same terms as prevail on Governmen projects. The tract embraced 22,500 acres, but many of the land owners has dready paid for their water. But it was thought more than enough would be sold at the new price to reimburse the state with interest.

the state with interest.

O. Laurgaard was selected as the chief engineer, and he went ahead and did the work in far better shape than the plans called for, and did it within the specified time and below the specified price, thus accomplishing practically the impossible in irrigation feats The work was all done and the repo ng of the Legislature last month. (Th ender can secure a copy by he Desert Land Board, Salem.)

The tract is divided, practically, into 0-acre units, although it is permitted t certain cases for one person to pu chase more than one unit. The price of the land is nothing, the price of the water \$40 an acre, but title to the land does not pass until the water is paider in full. Neither the land nor water can be contracted for save by person who are citizens of the United State or have declared their intention to be come citizens. Title cannot be taker intil the holder has actually resided 2 days on the land. The payments for the water may be made on various terms running over a period of 16 year but not less than \$4 an acre must 1 paid when application is made land. Then the purchaser can iton.)—I greatly enjoyed reading in an Associated Press dispatch recently an Associated Press dispatch recently ing \$4 each year for the last seven an account of an address by William J. Bryan, Secretary of State, at a ban-annual many secretary secretary of state, at a ban-annual many secretary secr

prand climax attained by the Italian Deputy who pitched forward dead as he reached the topmost burst in his address for intervention by fighting.

If you desire a good job and have not applied to Governor Withycombe, you are not in the swim. The Governor has a talented man on purpose to explain.

The mastiffs in the Dutch army will strike more terror than the guns they draw. A soldier would prefer being the following news items featured in the foreign and account of an address by William J. Bryan, Secretary of State, at a banquet of the Transportation Club of Indianapolis on Pebruary 5, in which Mr. Bryan took occasion to criticise the railroads, their officers, manner of doing business, etc., and told them how properly to do their business.

I was so impressed by the article for land seekers. In other words, although the lands have been open to settlement now for several months, which includes all of the original settlers who have remained, and there who have remained, and there were on the first day of this menth 208 contracts in force or paid out on, and about 400 more available for land seekers. In other words, although the lands have been open to settlement now for several months, which includes all of the original settlers who have remained, and there who have remained, and there were on the first day of this menth 208 contracts in force or paid out on, and about 400 more available for land seekers. In other words, although the lands have been agent to settlement now for several months, which includes all of the original settlement of the original settlem

be taken on the seamen's bill or or any like measure. The Chamber has ox is year to year the law forbidding foreign-built ships to engage in coastwise trade, so far as traffic between Atlantic and Pacific ports through the Panama Canal is concerned.

"J. T. D." IDENTITY BEING TRACED J. B. Courtney Finds J. T. Dillon Irish. man With Loyalty to Britain.

According to Hoyle, neither hand would count a run, for cards must be in sequence to count a run. Other authorities allow a run when no other authorities allow a run when no other cards intervene among the cards condid not suspect for an instant that he nilled himself with any of the Irish societies whose aims are, as I understand it, more or less revolutionar; and anti-English.

However, I congratulate Mr. Dillor as the only member of an Irish clety with sufficient loyalty to England he is the only Irishman in Portland to belong to a purely British organiz tion. J. B. COURTNEY. tion.

United States Did Not Sign. PORTLAND, Feb. 28.—(To the Editor.)—(1) Did the United States sign the treaty guaranteeing neutrality to Belgium? (2) How far is it between St. Paul and Minneapolis. Minn.? (3) Did contractors pay the cost the Union avenue and Grand avenue and Grand avenue C. A. S. the contractors pay the cost of redeck iue bridges?

2. The city limits of St. Paul and Minneapolis join; from the center of it is about 10 miles.

3. The city and the street railway companies pay the cost in these cases. There is no maintenance clause in the original contract in effect on these bridges at this time.

Half a Century Ago

Many readers having asked The Ore- From The Oregonian February 27, 1561. gonian for information about the so-called Tumalo irrigation project, a few facts are herewith given relating to the land. enemy. Perhaps the most amusing thing we have to tell is that Napoleon has concluded to send ne Minister to the United States until Mexico is recog

The barkentine W. B. Scranion grounded yesterday on the old bulk of the French vessel which in charge c Captain Travaillet was sunk at the foot of P street in this city in June 1859. We understand there is still in the hulk of the eld vessel a fine as-sortment of brandies and liquors, which should be some inducement to rivermen to clevate her and clear the chan

We are advised that Mrs. F. F. Victor. of this city, is engaged in writing a book on Oregon. Mrs. Victor will visit the different parts of the state to gather the necessary data on geography. history, topography and various resources. The tank is in highly compe iont and worthy hands.

"The French Spy" or "The Fall of Algiers" will be the bill at the Wil-lamette Theater this evening.

Adventures of Penrod THE SUNDAY

OREGONIAN Booth Tarkington's popular ju venile hero continues to bewilder his companions, mystify his elders and delight his admirers. The lat ter class consists largely of the readers of The Oregonian, who will be treated to another installment of the Penrod stories next Sunday. The next story is entitled "Brothers of Angeles." As Penrod is one of the most true-to-life boy characters yet created, this is the most typical Penrod story yet presented. OTHER FEATURES OF THE BIG

SUNDAY PAPER Egyptian Sarcophagi for Moderns. In this article Dean Collins gives an interesting description of novel work recently performed by the students of the class in design at the Portland Art Museum. They

applied the rules of the ancient Egyptians to modern subjects and produce some very comical as well as instructive results. A beautiful sarcophagus has been designed for Theodore Roosevelt and some of the striking events in his life are presented in the fashion that the ancient Egyptians would have fol-

lowed. Prisoners of War.

What becomes of the soldiers who are captured by the enemy and taken prisoner? Here is one phase of the war that heretofore has not been given much explanation. In this article Richard G. Conover tells of the daily duties of the thousands of soldiers who are re-

quired to work for their captors. Tunnel Under English Channel. The possibility of connecting England and France by means of a tunnel beneath the Channel has been the subject of serious consideration for years. Now that the war has emphasized the advantages of such a subaqueous passageway engineers are giving it

further attention. How to Do the Castle Walk. A half page is devoted to ar explanation of how Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Castle dance the lame duck, the Castle walk and other modern

movements of the feet and body.

Ants That Thrive on Warfare. Man is not the only animal that makes war in organized force against others of his species. In South America there are regular armies of ants-some of them number millions-that are organized into regular armies for the sole purpose of exterminating others of their kind. It is an interest-

ing article ably handled.

Opening of the Panama Fair. Photographers were busy the first day of the Panama-Pacific Exposition, when the greatest crowd ever assembled in the West attended. A 14-column panorama will show a section of this vast throng, and other pictures will give glimpses of activities on the Exposition grounds.

Exploits of Elaine.

Those who have been following this thrilling detective story will await with interest tomorrow's installment, which brings new and unexpected complications. Rose Festival Poster.

The first page of the magazine

section will be a reproduction in colors of the poster that has been adopted for the next Rose Festival. Paris Wants to Remain Style Center. Parisian artists are preparing to

combat the threatened invasion by their American rivals of the field of fashion in which they heretofore

have enjoyed exclusive reign. The story is well illustrated in colors and they are bringing the fight to America. Other Features. Scores of other entertaining

stories and special features will serve to make the Sunday Oregonian one of unusual interest. The comic section will present Doc Yak. Polly and the other popular characters in new fields of adventure. A full page of children's stories, columns of humor, whole pages of war pictures and an abundance of timely stories on local subjects will make the paper complete.