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TWO YEARS OF WILSON.

President Wilson has today reached the halfway point in his Administration, for he has been President two this world of the unknown and the unexpected

general disposition was to give him different. fair play. The asperities which usualwhich the Republican party had split losses that, by comparison, he was regarded with a sort of benevolent toleration by both factions. Many Republicans, mised by voting for Mr. Wilson. The zation. President sought to take advantage of this condition of popular feeling by enlisting the support of some of his opponents, for in his inaugural address he appealed for the aid of "all lions more. forward-looking men" without regard Seattle h to party in carrying through his programme of constructive legislation. This fact, coupled with his professions of fidelity to civil service reform principles while he was a college president, his high office in the Civil Service Reform League and his relegation of details regarding appointments to his heads of departments, fostered the patronage scandals,

At the outset he made some approach to living up to the expectations an unrealizable present. he had raised. His tariff policy was supported by a number of progressive Republicans who, while thinking it by no means perfect and while believing some of its reductions too drastic, held It to be nearer what the people de eral reserve law had its inception under the preceding Republican Administration, but was finally molded by e Joint efforts of Republicans and Democrats. The President held Congress closely to its task of completing revenue and banking laws before

public estimation than at the opening power. He had practically intervened Mexico by giving Huerta notice to ouit and had inaugurated the policy of watchful waiting which was interrupted only by the seizure and abanplaced the United States in the position of calmly watching a neighbor drown in its own blood. He had permitted fourth-class postoffices to thrown to the spoilsmen. The Pindell episode showed him to be making political spoils of one among our highest diplomatic offices and had brought upon him his first rebuff from the

From that date as criticism by his epponents has become franker, he has to do. become more of a partisan. He has should, forced upon Congress measures which have caused acute discord in his own party, and he has added political pro-scription of insurgent Democrats to after his false gods, for he continues forced to back down by a united Sen- itors in bad banks from loss. Heedless of this warning, he pushed aside his entire prearranged programme of constructive legislation rather than that depositors need proin order to force his ship-purchase bill tection against banks. A bank is pests, but the matter does not seem on Congress. Again his party has distinply a co-operative device by which to have been taken to heart by the vided, and he has been constrained to the money of one set of depositors is public as it should. Birds are the acknowledge defeat, though he never lent to another set, for the borrowers principal destroyers of insects and vielded the party whip more unspar- are almost invariably depositors. A faithful friends to the farmer,

jey in other respects was marred by jey in other respects was marred by collect from the second set. The at-the spoils-hunting and narrow parti-titude of depositors who run on a sanship of his Secretary of State, bank is: "If you have not got my combined with an attempt to put in money, I want it; if you have it, I According to the Federal Depart-practice the latter's utopian dreams don't want it." Of course, a bank ment of Agriculture the crops of the offices necessary to administer our depositors; if it had, it would make amounting to \$420,000,000 in the year sacred trust for the weak republic of no loans and earn no interest. It can 1914. Such a sum is large enough to ed and bled by the Colombian black-mailers in order to slur the Republi-can President who made the Panama solvent men into bankruptcy. The Canal possible. Peace treaties are only course open, in order to meet a spray their trees against the ravages made with foreign powers which ut- run, is to sell its slow, though good, of other insect pests. Birds properly crisis require vigorous action in de- ing they can get their money, they considerable fraction of this expense,

The latest important domestic act of the President reeks with vengeful established for this precise purpose partisanship and with other political among others. They are designed to protection from the former. the two men whom he has appointed them by means of rediscount. They ages of the chinch bug. The boll as minority members of the Federal mobilize reserves by using as a basis Trade Commission can by any stretch of rediscount money which formerly the same amount. The gipsy moth of language be held to represent the lay idle as a dead, useless lump. Un- which devours foliage, destroyed val-

dent has descended step by step from Danger that banks will be wrecked by the position of National leadership, which he took upon his inauguration, duced to a minimum by a more rigid to that of narrow party leadership, system of inspection. Under this sys-Not content with being a party leader, tem the supervision is such that a he has constituted himself a despot. bank no sooner begins to get into deep

600 turned to silence it again after it had acquired no new knowledge. Daily, without Sunday, six months. 1.75
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SEATTLE'S PRESENT AND FUTURE,

Three new City Councilmen were years. It is an appropriate time to elected in Seattle Tuesday; and all acter and we dare say President Hadlook back on what he has done and three successful candidates ran on a ley knows it as well as anybody, to measure its value, and to forecast platform for municipal "ownership. as well the events of his remaining Their success illustrates strikingly the two years, so far as it is possible in spirit of Seattle-not the old Seattle would not adequately represent the this world of the unknown and the Spirit, which sought the benefit and country. The laws they passed would advancement of the city through in all likelihood be class laws and when Mr. Wilson was inaugurated, but the radical spirit of theorists and more. Even in England, where class he had in an unusual degree the good experimenters, who would try a lines are strictly drawn and openly will of men of all parties, and the scheme only because it is new and defended, poor men have often been

Seattle has gone into the public lighting and power business, upon the ly mark political controversy were so urge of the municipal ownership cult, bitter between the two factions into

Seattle has a municipal street rail-way line, which gives neither service embittered against one or other of orphaned as to its relations to the no corrupt practice acts such expenses their rival candidates, had compro- city's general transportation organi- are apt to be heavy. Of course a man

Seattle has spent \$1,000,000 or \$5,- way to pay them, and it is this necesnow losing \$300,000 per annum, and thing else, places him at the mercy it is being importuned to invest mil- of unscrupulous tempters. Members

Seattle has the highest tax levy of any city on the Pacific Coast. It has than afterward. A corrupt practice undertaken more unpromising and un-profitable public enterprises than any expenses to a moderate figure and other city. It has a greater debt per open political preferment to upright capita than any other place. method of paying old debts is to con- evil in so far as it exists. tract new ones.

Before Portland is frightened into after they have achieved political sucemulation of Seattle in too many mathope that his Administration would be ters requiring the expenditure of free from spoils distribution and much money, it will be well to wait and see whether Seattle is wise in mortgaging the future for the sake of

BY ORDERLY PROCESSES.

Governor Withycombe has just reeased five or six convicts from the Income tax, as a measure which had been made possible and had been advocated by Republicans, was supported by men of both parties. The Fedmutations, and to act always with circept such as indicate modesty. All cumspection and moderation. The others are welcomed and encouraged. sentenced by a judge, justice has been done, and he has no sympathy with the foolish and injurious sentenced was a kind of "raceine". the foolish and injurious sentiment not so rank as that which modern city that the lawbreaker is the victim of life has developed and modern viled his leadership without question and completed the work laid out by him.

At no time since his inauguration and conducts himself well, and if direction. The end and aim of "raghas President Wilson stood higher in he seems to be fit material for reform- ging" is to stimulate unwholesome reation, the law authorizes the State of 1914. His prestige had been height. Parole Board to investigate and to act; ened by achievement, and he was the but there will be no executive "honor unquestioned leader of his party. Yet system" independent of the Parole he had already done certain things Board and the prison authorities, and which had begun to undermine his there will be no wholesale emeute from the penitentiary by men who are able to tell a good story about themselves, without reference to their

crimes or their character. There are many idle men in prison donment of Vera Cruz and which has at Salem, and they have been idle its guardians to make people moral by was canceled by the late Governor, except that some road work has been done by convicts in "honor" 'honor" convicts or "honor" camps, their fatiening bodies and starve their intellects in miserable idleness behind Governor Withycombe prison bars. will try to find something for them Humanity requires that he

JOINED TO HIS IDOLS.

that of Republicans. He split his to insist that the Government guarparty on the canal tolls bill, and pro- antee bank deposits. It matters not roked severest criticism by some of that the voters and Congress have the ablest Democrats for his toothless often rejected his fad; he shows a anti-trust bills. When he tried to fanatic devotion to it. It has been ounish the insurgents by ignoring tried in several states and found to them in making appointments, he was be a tax on good banks to save depos-

Experience has proved that banks need protection against depositors, Aside from Mexico, his foreign pol- its money sooner than the bank can check from sound economic considerpeace in a warring world. The has not money on hand to pay all country suffered from insects a loss Domingo have been made into only pay the money as fast as it col- strike the imagination and awaken The Nation is to be humiliat- lects from borrowers, many of whose the conscience of the dullest, it would tie our hands should a sudden assets and pay depositors until, find- encouraged would have saved them a

cease to run. The Federal Reserve banks were However competent they provide banks which have good assets be in other respects, neither of with a means of quickly realizing on 1914 about \$20,000,000 from the ravder the new system, no honestly, ably In all these transactions the Presi- managed bank can be broken by a run. dishonesty or incapacity has been re-

he alone is competent to judge of fitical nostrum which he has once what is best. No bill can pass with-out his approval, and every bill he the unfavorable results of tests made as 10,000 tree lice, or aphids, in the approves must pass. That is the rule with his deposit guaranty scheme; he has tried to enforce, using patron-age profusely to hold or win votes and effective preventives against bank that they ought to stimulate a leaving Congress free to empty a failure which have been provided by kindly feeling toward the birds. shrinking Treasury.

The good fortune which stilled crition this and other questions he has cism of Mr. Wilson two years ago rehis own party. He is a Bourbon, for

POVERTY AND POLITICS. We do not see our way to join in

the chorus of rebuke which President Hadley has brought upon himself by his advice to poor young men to keep out of politics. "It is only the man with an independent income," said the President gull by their partial fulfillment, of Yale, "who can with safety and

onor accept a position in Congress." A poor man, he believes, will be subjected to temptation teo severe for him to withstand and will inevitably lose his integrity and self-respect. Of course this will not invariably happen. There are poor men in Congress now whose integrity is above suspicion and other hand there are plenty of wealthy members who seem to prefer a mess serviceable in event of war. of pottage to the welfare of their

In Congress as elsewhere poverty and riches form no safe tests of char-He must know, too, that a legislative body composed wholly of wealthy men the saving salt of the House of Commons.

think President Hadley had We something else in mind when he made the remark we have quoted. He referred not so much to the temptations which beset members of Congress as to the unnecessary expensiveness nor profit, and which is utterly elections. In states where there are who enters Congress must find some sell themselves soul and body before they are elected far more frequently Its men of small means might cure this

Poor men do not sell themselves cess, but to buy their first entrance into the magic enclosure.

IDLENESS AND "RAGGING."

The village authorities of Pilot Rock may now reflect, with some pardon-able complacency, that as far as "ragging" is concerned they have done their duty. They have prohibited it. The reader no doubt knows what state prison on recommendation of "ragging" means. It is a species, not the Parole Board. The Governor has of dance but of dancing. The per-

> lations between the men and womer For this reason it is feverishly attractive to a certain class of young men whom the Pendleton Evening Tribune mildly describes as "gilded youths" with nothing to do but amuse themselves.

Police regulations may to a certain extent mitigate the regrettable features of the dance halls in town and country, but the efforts of the law and ever since the stove foundry contract force have not as a bule been brilliantly successful. Sin suppressed in one part of the social organism is only too likely to break out in another. Lately little has been said about is remarkably like boils in this partic-Wise physicians do not try ular. and the men have been left to feed drive boils or measles back into the system. They seek instead to allow them complete expression.

We do not argue for the complete or incomplete expression of sin, but we think there is a more thorough way to eradicate it than by police supervision, indispensable as this unquestionably is under current conditions. But if every young man, rich or poor, were taught some useful oc cupation and obliged to make himself healthily tired working at it every day of his life, except Sundays and holidays, we do not believe he would long o "rag" quite so furiously as he now often does. The cancer eating out the heart of modern society is idleness.

BIRDS AND BUGS.

Much has been published about the annual loss to the country from insect panic occurs when the first set wants their slaughter goes on with little

According to the Federal Departthough of course not all of it. Sprays are used against fungus diseases as well as insects and birds furnish no

Our wheatgrowers lost in the year weevil cost the cotton-growers about ies up to \$100,000,000. These osses might have been greatly dimin-

ished by protecting birds. It should please the farmers to know that grosbeaks have been unusually numerous this Spring, for the are eager seekers of the larvae which destructive moths deposit on Although the Nation entrusts legisla- water than it is pulled out before the branches of fruit trees. One naturaltion to the wisdom of the President, evil has gone far enough to cause ist found by actual count that a sinninety-six Senators and 435 Repre-risk to depositors.

sentatives, Mr. Wilson assumes that In his blind adherence to any po-in eleven hours. This is cheaper than again.

course of a day. These benefits to the

The survival power of quacks is as astonishing in science as in medicine. Astrology, for instance, has been exposed a hundred times, but it still fattens on smiling victims. We have just received a set of weather predictions for March based in the figments of astrology. Since any guess about the weather stands about an evon chance of being right, we suppose these prophecies will convince many a

That proposed American Legion would be a thoroughly unserviceable military force for the important reason that most of the eligibles have passed the age limit for hard service in the ranks. A volunteer force of very young men who had never seen service and therefore had no misconservice and therefore had no misconservice. vould be a thoroughly unserviceable there have always been such. On the ceptions of the modern military game would prove far more tractable and

> What is needed at the railroad crossing on East Sixtieth street is a semaphore or an electric bell. When westbound trains do not stop at Graham, which is a reporting station a few hundred yards east of the crossing, the train runs ahead of the sound of the whistle, as a humorously inclined man observed somewhere and ome time.

Dr. Frank A. Manny, an educational uminary of Baltimore, has come out fire effectively. against city training schools for teachers. He believes that the employment much "home talent" injures the schools and no doubt he is right. School authorities should employ the best teachers they can find at home or elsewhere.

The University of Texas has con ducted a conference upon domestic

'ully of a "fair athlete" who could tified. play tennis all day long, but couldn't

Automobiling in South America can hardly get outside the big cities for years to come on account of the miserable roads. In Ecuador there are no roads at all, only bridle paths, and the situation is not much better anywhere upon the continent.

Candidates for the next Legislature ere making announcements early, disregarding a whole baseball season. ourth of July, Christmas and other vents too numerous to mention, not emitting purposely death and the end of the world.

Vachel Lindsay and his brother oets who eschew rhyme have time on their side. Inevitable changes in hymes, but they leave uninjured those fact rhythmical effects upon which Lindsay depends.

een declared on again, German blockade of Great Britain is next in order. Which takes the situation back to where it was before we en- land. tered into the negotiations It is now admitted by Kitchener that the story of Russian armies passing through England was a

The blockade of Germany having

Which must lead us to take all future British War Office bulletins with a grain of salt. The Washington State Senate voted restore the death penalty. If the restoration becomes a law Washington residents with homicidal tenden-

will find it expedient to visit

Oregon. A Norwegian skipper reports having rammed a German submarine which attempted to sink his ship. That skipper is wasting his talents. He should take up the writing of fiction.

condition, nor will it reform the offender.

As to the latest peace move of the churches in America, we fear that our own state of mind can have very little to do with whether we get in or keep out.

The Germans have decided to permit distribution of relief supplies in Belgium. Said supplies, of course, to be provided by sympathetic neutrals.

Although wheat has slumped again in the strength of embargo rumors, we take it that there will continue to be some slight demand for wheat

The commander of the Baltic, sail-

ing yesterday from New York, issued wo his defi to the world and will find a to submarine awaiting. The Sixty-third Congress dies in "BUTCHERING" OF SHADE TREES

peace at noon, and it is not too much to say the Democratic Congress dies in pieces. Germans have retired to a place in Poland that has but one "z" in the name, which is hopeful

The international situation fails to lear up so far as the rights of neutrals are concerned.

Now for renewal of the German blockade of England, Ireland and Only in exceptional cases should a matured shade tree be cut back or pollarded. We can spray for the metter Scotland. An innocent bystander will get hurt some night in these grocery store

holdups. A City Hall job will be actual work with time cards and other efficiency

checks. South Dakota joins the list of states to vote on prohibition next Fall.

The American Legion would better ove over to Sagamore Hill. Oregon is cutting some splurge at

the San Francisco Fair. Here it is almost Rose Festival time

State Press Comment on New Governor of Oregon.

Instead of staging a moving picture show every time he wants to do some. show every time he wants to do some-thing, instead of playing continually to the gallery through claims of political heroism, he goes quietly but effectively about his business and unostentatiously bue effectively guides the ship of state into the proper channels.

In vetoing the bills providing judges in the Tenth Fifteenth Sixteenth and

in the Tenth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth and Seventeenth Districts, the Governor again demonstrated his level-headed judgment and keen appreciation of

While there are certain advantages in restricting the judicial territory, there was no justification for the in-It is certain that the session of the

Legislature just closed added materially to the Governor's prestige and that his first exercise of the veto will increase the people's confidence in his intelligence and ability.

Disappointing His Enemies.

From the Eugene Register. Governor Withycombe's enemies are be commiserated, for they are suffering just now the pangs of bitter dis. ran." appointment. They have had their guns all loaded and ready to open on him as a spoilsman, a political jobster and a waster of the public funds, but it begins to look as if they would have to draw the loads. He is giving them scant opportunity to deliver their going to be married and her husband is not a millionaire. Of course, these

When a Republican Governor starts in by appointing Democrats to office it is extremely hard for ardent Democrats to charge him with building up a personal political machine. Yet that is exactly what Dr. Withycombe has done. He has already appointed two Democrats to fill new judgeships created by the Legislature, thereby indicating his belief that the judiciary should be non-partisan and his determination to do girl getting married. As a matter of

quite so imposing an exercise as reading a Greek tragedy, but it may forestall many a domestic tragedy.

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Governor Withycombe really ought play tennis all day long, but couldn't help her mother 'cause she wasn't very strong. Frailty of this sort is not limited to the fair sex. We fear it is quite as common among their brothers.

Governor Witnycombe Featify ought to be ashamed of himself for treating his opponents in this cavaller way. They were fully prepared to denounce him on these points. But he removes the cause for denunciation and thus compels them to find some other charge. It is an unkind trick.

WAR TAX AND DATE FOR PENALTY Glendale Merchant Tries Hard to Fol-

low Law, but Must Pay Extra. GLENDALE, Or., March 1.—(To the Editor.)—Will you please give me some information relative to the war tax information relative to the war tax imposed on theaters, tobacco dealers, etc., recently. As I understand the matter, the act imposing this tax was passed October 22. The tax was supposed to be paid November 1. Then, owing to the fact that stamps were not obtainable on such short notice, an extension of time was granted to December 1. Then, as there were many extension of time was granted to becember I. Then, as there were many
who could not possibly get their tax
ready on such short notice, am informed that another extension of time
was given until January 1, 1915, before
any penalty was to be imposed. Will prenunciation play the mischief with you please let me know if this is a

> Ing for information from Mr. Milton A. Miller, the collector of revenue at Port. land. I received a letter from him becomber 10, telling me how much my girls moved into the apartment, a tax amounted to, and on the following morning I sent him the mone? by certified check, I did not receive my stamp or license until the last of the stamp or license until the last of the month, and it was dated December 26. He received my money shortly after December 11, probably on December 12. Now a letter comes from him stating that I have had a penalty of 50 per cent, imposed upon me because I did not pay my tax December 1. I wrote to him again explaining matters and received the notice of penalty. Will you please let me know through your received the notice of penalty. Will plan has worked out so well in Portyou please let me know through your land that Mr. Maginnis, whom the
> columns whether or not this penalty is
> girls call "Daddy" has been instructed columns whether or not this penalty is just, and if so, how it is just to impose such a heavy penalty for failure to pay on time when we were given such short notice? Also, I might mention that a revenue official, I believe it was Mr. Miller himself, was here in January and told me that my receipt or stamp was all right. He did not menstamp was all right. He did not men-tion a penalty at that time. Then, too, several of the local dealers in tobacco

Washington about this matter?
J. L. CAMPBELL.

The correspondent is correct in his ime allowed to pay his war tax until December 1, 1914, but there was no further extension to January 1, as was his impression. Internal Revenue Collector Miller states that his office is army, commenting on the bravery of without recourse in the matetr, but her husband. must enforce penalties in all such cases as directed by law. Mr. Miller was not in Glendale and did not talk with Mr. Campbell, the former states. The local office would be glad to do anything in its power to adjust these matters, states Mr. Miller, but when war taxes are not paid within the time limit prescribed by the Government, he is compelled to collect penalties. It would, probably, do no good to appeal to Washington in this case. The amount involved would not justify it. must enforce penalties in all such amount involved would not justify it.

Albert P. Barnes Urges Citizens to Use bullet that did the deed. The weapon Greater Care in Trimming.

PORTLAND, March 2 .- (To the Edons of our shade trees?

should have good, honest, consistent cheered for his gallantry, in captur-care by intelligent men. Cement side-walks and paved streets deprive them away in Manchester's company, to the of their natural fertilization and mois-ture. Sewer gas is their most danger-ous underground enemy. While over-head they have the well-known impurities of our city air to contend with. The park department gives us a val-uable example, but their efforts are unfortunately confined to public trees. Private property-owners must take more pride in their shade-producers, for a healthy, matured city tree excites ALBERT P. BARNES.

Stars and Starmakers BY LEONE CASS BAER.

"O NE of the great objections against acting is the fact that It is a relief to have a man like overnor Withycombe in the state so many good hired girls and perfectly nice fitney bus drivers are thoroughly spoiled in making bad actresses and actors," pessimistically remarks Dorothy Shoemaker.

> A Salem man here on trip and making a round of the theaters bustled into the Heilig yesterday, where "The Whirl of the World" is playing.

> "You gave me a bully fine seat in the orchestra last evening," he ex-"Give me another for tonight." "Have you your coupon?" inquired

George Clem in the ticket office. "Yep. "Then I'll see if I can't give you the

same seat. "Don't want it."

"But you said it suited you."
"That isn't it, Consarn it, man, want to see what the other side of that aisle-chorus looks like."

Says a headline, "John McCormack, in Irish Ballads Crowds Carnegie," Of or ourse he can in Irish ballads. But in fill in the next five years. Scotch, now, on a fair track, Andy wouldn't be crowded. He'd lead by a length. Unless Harry Lauder

is not a millionaire. Of course, these When a Republican Governor starts are strenuous times and any old huspartisan and his determination to do his part in keeping it so.

By the part in keeping it so.

Solution remarkable about a chorus girl getting married. As a matter of fact, it's a habit with many of them: economics to teach housewives how to the manage a budget scientifically and make both ends meet. This is not quite so imposing an exercise as readitional circuit judgeships about him that would even start the bridegroom-to-be is not even a "wealthy broker." There is nothing about him that would even start the usual stage romance. He is a street-car conductor. He bears the uncom-

> one of the tango girls in "High Jinks," last week at the Heilig. The cere-mony will be performed in Oakland after the company finishes its San Francisco engagement,

Mayo Methot is to make her reappearance next week with the Baker at San Francisco. Players in "The Awakening of Helena Richle."

"Inferior decorations" says a department store ad. D'ye reckon it's a misprint or merely honest advertising

A traveling salesman I know de fined a verbal altercation he had with a sleeping-car porter as "Pullmanory trouble."

An innovation in theaterdom was

sprung in Portland this week. Elsie Gilbert, star of a girl act at the Em- Crossett are the publishers. midnight. Her girl guests are Sadie The reason I ask is this: I conduct a theater in Giendale, and, owing to the fact that I could not find out anything authentic in regard to the tax, I was late in getting my tax paid. I wrote the first of December, 1914, ask-law for information from Mr. Milton A. girls call 'Daddy," has been instructed blood and treasure expended in the to engage an apartment in San Fran- capture of the city disco.

Madame Walska, the Petrograd prima donna, who was to make her lutions of condelence were adopted over first American appearance at Hamfirst American appearance at Hammerstein's Victoria Theater last Mon-A rockpile sentence for a man who fails to support his family will not leave the dependent members in worse condition, nor will it after I did and as yet they have had no penalty, as I have been able to one of the Past Dependent of the past Dependent in the Russian army, who was killed in ascertain. day night, has just been apprised of Would it do me any good to write to ties. The singer is prostrated by the news and has postponed her New York opening indefinitely. Madame Walska is a great favorite with the Petro surmise that there was an extension of grad aristocracy and has been deluged high court officials. She has also re ceived an official report from the general headquarters of the Russian

wish of his notoriety-seeking old father-in-law, as to have got himself shot in the back. And it was no allen was held in the hand, if my information is correct, of no less gallant an itor.)—Beautiful shade trees are a great American than a millionaire shopasset to any city. We of Portland seem to have generally underestimated their tached to the train of a vaudeville star value. A glance down nearly any street in the residential districts shows us don hit in the legitimate drama, playtrees trimmed without the least thought of their natural beauty. Is cordwood so expensive that we must sacrifice the by Elsie Ferguson in "Outcast." But to return to our Manchester, a few

In trimming a tree our object should be to help it attain its natural shape. Only in exceptional cases should a machine tree be cut back or polthe moth and scale, but the only way to heavy charge of soda water in the rid ourselves of the tree butcher is hands of the dry goods prince, who In the midst of his dorsal column by to get him a job in a lumber camp, was trying to illustrate how Miss Ethel where he can earn an honest living.

Our city trees have many unnatural conditions to overcome and therefore cheered for his gallantry, in capturtrenches at Romano's.

Directory of Merchants. PORTLAND, March 2 .- (To the Ed)

tor.)—I want to get the names of mer-chants in California. Could you inform me through your paper where I could get the names? ED. SMOOTHY.

Apply to R. L. Polk & Co., Beck admiration of the most hardened building, Portland, publishers of directories and gazeteers.

Twenty-five Years Ago

From The Oregonian of March 4, 1800. From The Oregonian of March 4, 1390.

Washington.—The House committee on pensions has decided to report favorably Mr. Hermann's bill granting a pension to Rev. R. C. Martin, of Clackamas County, Oregon. Martin was member of Pawillis battalion of the Missouri Volunteers in the Mexican War, but after his enlistment the battalion was directed to protect immi-grants going to California and Oregon.

Washington.—The Democrats have agreed to test in the courts Speaker Reed's railing on the quorum. The case of John O. Pendleton, who was uncated, will be used.

Sisson, Cat.—Work at tunnel No. 5 is completed and freight and passenger trains from Oregon have arrived in Redding, Cal., the first through train in 48 days, or since January 14. The line was put out of commission by the storm and flood-rains at that time.

London.—Bret Harte is entertaining here like a ford and lives like a gentleman. He is, besides, a predigious worker. It was thought at one time that his pen had lost its cuming, but it was only a lapse into a state of idleness that was good for the author. Harte is paid well for his work in the English weeklies and magazines and he has more orders for stories than he can

John Minto, who was appointed by the Pomona Grange, of Marion County, to inquire into the feasibility of growing jute and flax in Oregon as a step loward establishing convict-labor mills at the penitentiary, has issued a report which is published in The Oregonian today. The report shows jute culture has not proved a success in Oregon, out the Department of Agriculture reported the first industry might become ported the flux industry might bec a profitable resource in this state.

Rome.-The Pope yesterday, on the twelfth anniversary of his coronation, received Buffalo Bill's Indians and the others of the Wild West Show troups at the Ducal Hall.

Louis T. Barin, who will qualify as United States Marshal for Oregon next Thursday, will name J. F. Gregs, of Salem as his chief clerk.

It is understood Captain B. B. Tuttle

Roseburg-H. B. Miller, of Josephine County, it is reported, has cultivated a nice little boom for Congressman, He is a Republican. Other Republicans lined up for the race are: Hermann, Leasure and Ellis.

A contract providing for a monthly line of steamphips between Portland and Asiatic ports was signed yesterday

A Gurney cab line will be started in Portland today. The Gurney cab is a two-wheeled vehicle with a door opening at the rear. The service has become popular in other metrapolitan eities where they have been initiated.

Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian, March 4, 1865. San Francisco—A new dully paper will appear here tomorrow. It is called the Eally Spectator and will be about half the size of the Bulletin. Bivin &

Fort Hepkins, Ohio, Feb. 18 .- One of the companies stationed here (Company B, First Oregon Infantry) was paraded vesterday for the purpose of receiving midnight. Her girl guests are Sadic a beautiful flag which the holics of Chester, Louise Brunner, Alice Jordan and the star's little sister Nellie. Jud and forwarded to them at the bands of proficient in drill and few flag of the war have been more next and

We learn from Mr. Gillette, just ar-

At the regular meeting of Oregon Lodge No. 3, I. O. O. P., March J, reso

coursed February 22. The Rev. Mr. Schmidt and Rev. Mrs. chmidt returned by the steamer Paelfic and will preach every Sabbath morn in English and every Sabbath afternoon in German at Third at Mor-

ison streets Sergeant Pation arrived from Salem few days since with 20 men for the cavalry service.

The death of Amaza Howe, for nevral years contractor of the Govern ment to carry the mails from this city to Hillsbore, in Washington County. has resulted in a disarrangement of the plans entirely. It seems Mr. Howe or husband.

Olga Petrova, who was in Portland his services and there is no one to be found who is willing to fulfill the agreement at so great a sacrifice and so small a remuneration. Our post-master is endeavoring to bring about nome arrangement so Washington and Yamhii counties will be served.

Papers in Philadelphia.

WARRENTON, Or., March 2 (To me through the columns of your paper the names of some of the leading papers in Philadelphia, and what the usual rate per word is for an a daily paper.

The North-American, the Ledger and the Inquirer are representative papers of Philadelphia. The advertising rate aubject to conditions, circulation,

Suspenders,

High Waists, Guimpes!

Could anything in the conception of Art in Dressmaking be more quality attractive than the high-waisted suspender frock of say, dark blue, combined with the oldfashioned, buttoned - in - the - back guimpe of soft white chiffon?

This is one of the new stylesrather a new version of an old style -and it is reminiscent of the long-ago days of poke bonnets, boop skirts and puffed alcoves.

Fashion seems to be going back-ward instead of forward, but, to the demure little lady of slim proper tions, the particular style of dress above mentioned is not entirely distasteful.

To keep in touch with faultion' decree, consult the advertising col-umns of today's Oregonian. They contain information of interest in this direction.