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### CONSTANTINOPLE THE PRIZE.

The most momentous event so far impending fall of Constantinople into Russia. several reasons for complete success ed prize, Germany has strengthened of the allies' enterprise would mark the bonds which unite her enemies. the break-up of the Turkish empire and the extinction of Turkish rule, not enly in Europe, but probably in Asia. It would mark a complete reversal of British policy on a cardinal point, for the outcome would inevitably be that Britain would concede Russia a free outlet for warships and merchant ships to the Mediterranean, even if she did not consent to Russia's permanent occupation of the straits.

It would liberate for service in the main theater of war the allied forces now occupied in fighting Turkey in the Caucasus and in guarding Egypt from invasion, It would probably force Italy and the Balkan states, which now hold aloof, to join the allies, in order that they might have a hand in the final negotiation. would mark the settlement, once for all, of the Eastern question, which has caused many wars.

Constantinople was long regarded as the most important strategic point It commanded the main read from Europe to Asia. Through it flowed the wealth of Western Asia as far as India into the marts of Europe, and through it flowed the wares of Europe to Asia. It was the great intercontinental transfer point. It commanded the road to India, and that fact prompted Britain to oppose successfully Russia's efforts to conquer it in the Crimean war and acquire it at the Berlin Congress,

Fear that Russia might menace her centrol of the Mediterranean caused Britain to dictate in 1856 that Russia maintain no warships in the Black Sea, a stipulation which was annulled in 1871 only because Britain was in no position to fight for it. The same fear caused Britain in 1878 to threaten war and to forge anew the Turkish shackles which Russia had knocked off millions of Christians in the Bal-Constantinople was then regarded as the possible starting point of a Russian railroad through Asiatic Turkey, Persia and Afghanis-Russians shall not have Constantinople," see what is now happening, they would imagine the world had turned

Many things have happened to modify the British view of the city's Purchase of the Sucz Canal gave Britain control of the direct sea route. Occupation of Egypt enabled her to protect it, and occupation of Cyprus Oregon is known as an "assembly." with Japan protected Britain in Eastern Asia. An agreement with Russia quieted fear of aggression in India and gave Britain control of the Persian Germany caused Britain to take a public official. calmer view of Russia's ambition and If this bill b Constantinople,

The Persian agreement was a result of this revision. Turkey was seen tion. A German railroad was buildmenace to India than any coming to Manchuria, Mongolia and the development of Siberia and had renounced all designs on India. Britain and Russia agreed to divide control of Persin, Russia taking the northern, Britain the southern half with the gulf and the route for the railroad. Britain then forced Germany into an Bagdad railroad. She has now conquered the lower Euphrates Valley and stands squarely across the route for German aggression. The importance of Constantinople has shrunk

accordingly. Russia has established sufficient claims on Britain and France to make it good policy for them to heed her desire to control the Black Sea outlet. Constantinople has been the goal of Russian ambition for three centuries, for her fondest desire is an nt Port Arthur. allies are now confident of ultimate conceded Mr. Chesterton, "Jack John- and rescue abducted maidens. Parvictory, but, were Russia to desert son should have thirty votes." them, that confidence would be rudely

On the other hand, were Russia assured of Constantinople, free egress 666 bushels, could be shipped westward each of his children. Such liberality if not actually criminal that it is hard feed France and Britain, while distinguishes Mr. Chesterton brilliantarms and munitions, of which Russia ly among the antis, but it speaks betis short, could be shipped into her ter for his heart than his head. southern ports and would strengthen to reduce Constantinople and the sur- Hale retorted upon her opponent that make a hero of a burglar and glorify

negligible factor in the war.

lies in order to regain Adrianople and dom should prevail. the part of Thrace which she lost in ff this is conceded we do not see the second Balkan war. Roumania how the husband can claim to repre- game is sure to be caught, would see that now or never was the sent his wife at the polis any more time to gain Transylvania. Both these than she can claim to represent him. states would help in the final dismemberment of Turkey in order to have a rights and opinions and each may took in the Tripolitan war and to take a slice of Albania. Were Italy to remain neutral, she might see France take Syria, Britain the east shore of the Red Sea, and all the other plunder divided among the belligerents, while she would be shut out of the

near East. Thus the action of Germany in dragging Turkey into the war may prove her own undoing by arraying in the war is the destruction of the Italy and the whole Balkan peninsula Dardanelles forts by the allied British against her and by opening an easy and French fleet, and the apparently route for food out of and arms into route for food out of and arms into By enabling Britain and the allies' hands. It is momentous for France to offer Russia the long-covet-

### A CONSTELLATION OF WONDERS.

The trip by ocean and sound from Sa Prancisco to Seartis will provide the "Seein America First" seer of sights with mor worth-while sights than any other trip of 900 miles in the world.

Evidently the booster is with uswith us literally, for the above interesting apostrophe to the contributory paper which belongs to a chain of risks elsewhere in another form of innewspapers printed in several cities surance. advantage no doubt about the syndi- now and have been in that sense comcate plan of editorship, but it is a lit- petitors of the state, tle embarrassing when a fulsome article intended for Seattle or San Fran- is that its benefits be carried to as cisco misses both places and lands in many workmen and employers as

that the ocean trip from Scattle to factory to a noticeable percentage of San Francisco is full of beauty, for it the employers the system does not ful cems to The Oregonian that there is fill its true purpose. mough scenic interest on the Pacific Coast to go around, The Alaska trip s magnificent; Puget Sound is in a form of insurance in competition with setting of ever-changing marvels; the the state, and permitting them to Columbia River belongs among the write the same beneficial form, there world's great attractions; the Willam- ought not to be ground for choice. ette Valley is the Garden of Eden re-produced; and who can forget the is so utterly distasteful to the people amazing Rogue River Valley when he has once seen its full glory from ticable alternative. Let us make the adjacent Sisklyous?

One might go on endlessly and mention the Sacramento Canyon and of incidental and elective. Mount Shasta (not forgetting Mount Hood and Mount Rainier) and the Yosemite and the many pleasure spots of California; and he ought not to forget to include Yellowstone Park and Glacier Park. But when so much is to be seen and enjoyed by the tour ist, or by the denizen, it seems invidious to say that one star shineth with brighter glory than another.

# CAN CONVENTIONS REFORMS

The redceming feature about the political party convention bill which progressive" as far as education was has passed the Washington Senate is tan to the Indian frontier. Could the that it is not compulsory in its oper-Britons who fought Russia in the ations. No party need choose candi- two years, though he discovered noth-Crimea and who sang in 1878, "The dates by the convention method if it ing new done merely for the sake of objects to the plan.

It is worthy of mention in passing that Oregon political parties could eries that he made in the course of his adopt the same method of putting educational explorations here was the candidates on the primary ballot with-out passing a law authorizing the sys- De Graff has instituted at Kenton. importance to the security of India. tem. But no party will have the te- The results of the census are graphi-

merity to do it. No indeed, The convention, so-called by the pending bill at Olympia, is what in district. The families are indicated contributed to that end. The treaty Its nominations are to be advisory and persons not nominated by convention are not to be barred from obtaining place on the primary ballot. They can go on under the head of "individual Gulf. The nearer danger of war with fillings" by paying a fee to the proper

If this bill becomes law its life and to revise her estimate of the value of usefulness will depend almost solely on whether the new-found convention retains or rejects the methods which originally made conventions unpoputo have fallen under German domina- lar and caused the enactment of the direct primary. Development of bess ing from the Sea of Marmora through rule, trading, trickery, corrupt meth-Asia Minor to the Euphrates Valley, ods or control by special interests in which have been instituted. The pu-This was a far more serious make a convention recommendation the seventh spend one-half day each something to avoid rather than seek week in this manner, "so that in the from Russia, which had turned aside and bring swift decay upon the new five years each child studies every in

system. General belief that the volunary convention or assembly, once called in Oregon as an advisory element in the direct primary, restored that against which the direct primary the earnestness of the students admirvas a protest, caused the assembly to become so unpopular in this progress Dr. Winship ascribes to agreement for joint control of the state. One experience with an advis- Superintendent Alderman, who, ory convention fully satisfied the Republican party. As to the general public, they expressed their opinion again last November when they voted down a legalized form of advisory convention by the biggest majority ever given against a measure submitted to the Oregon electorate.

# A DEBATE ON SUFFRAGE

G. K. Chesterton's brother Cecil, he editor of a London paper, the New ice-free port. She has been balked Witness, had a debate in New York with fear that they may. There would twice at this point and a third time the other day with Mrs. Beatrice be nothing surprising in the spectacle Were Germany to Forbes-Robertson Hale on the woman abandon Turkey to Russia, Germany suffrage question. Mrs. Hale took the might be able to make a separate affirmative and Mr. Chesterton the ment when they have seen its attract treaty of peace and retain all that she negative. He began his speech by dishelds of Russian Poland. Russia has carding some of the ancient chestauts ature and drama for many years. rendered inestimable aid to France upon which the antis are disposed to occupying half of the German and rely. He admitted, for one thing, that all of the Austrian army in the East, women are quite as intelligent as men while France barely held the other and conceded also that want of the for boys of ten years and upward to half at bay in the west until a new ability to fight is no argument against shoulder their guns and march off to British army came on the scene. The women's voting. "If it were," nobly the prairies to slay the scalphunters

Just so. No wonder the suffragists on the platform applauded him. he opposes votes for women, and if he upon the whole. The rage to fight does not swallow the silly arguments Indians was quixotically noble. to the Mediterranean in war as in of the antis without protest he fully peace and a share in the prospective replaces them by some silly ones of silliness was redeemed by its unself-partition of Asiatic Turkey, she would his own invention. Mr. Chesterton's ishness. have every inducement to keep faith principal reason for giving men the with her allies to the end. She would exclusive right to vote is that the so well to adore a thief as an Indian have in prospect the acquisition of husband is the head of the family and fighter. Modern literature makes Danzig, another ice-free port in the is therefore entitled to represent it at stealing one of the most aristocratic Baltic, from Germany, together with the polls. Not shrinking from the professions, but we regard the point all Germany's and Austria's Polish full logical consequences of his posi-The great surplus store of tion he would give a man one vote for ment. Mankind in general has so ion Russian wheat, estimated at 200,000 .- himself, one for his wife and one for

The weak point in his argument is her forces on the Polish front. Egypt its premise. The notion that the hus-and the Caucasian frontier being re-band is the "head of the family" is between meum and tuum. lieved of danger, the British and Rus- ancient, but not so impregnably sound sian forces could be transferred thence as it was once supposed to be. Mrs. of books like Mr. Hornung's which

rounding territory on both sides of marriage is a partnership without any remnants and would become almost a respect. The husband leads in some Capture of Constantinople would ferences of opinion spring forth also have a decisive influence on the neither is entitled to decide arbitrarily. Balkan states and Italy, which still There should be consultation, an exhesitate. Bulgaria would join the al- change of views, and the riper wis-

are aware that despised casualty com panies are competitors with the state ndustrial accident department under the Schuebel law.

The Michigan law, known in Oregon as the Bingham bill, permitted stock ompanies to compete with the state n writing compensation insurance. The existing law as amended by the -stock companies to compete with insurance in lieu of state compensation insurance.

In other words, the employer who elects not to come under the compensation law seeks to protect himself against liability for accidents for his employes. He does this by insuring in a casualty company. Or perhaps he carries no insurance, then if not thoroughly solvent his injured employes get nothing. The employer who finds that the state compensation rates are excessive for his lass of employment or are discrimiwonders of Seattle is from a Portland natory against him, usually insures his The casualty companie throughout the country. There is an write that other form and they are

An ideal of compensation insurance possible. If compensation is present-It will not be profitable to deny ed in such form that rates are unsatis

As between permitting the casualty companies to write a less beneficial ought not to be ground for choice. let us work toward the only pracsurance in the state compensation fund general and compulsory, instead

DR. WINSHIP ON PORTLAND'S SCHOOLS The February number of A. E. Winship's Journal of Education publishes some pleasant observations on the Portland schools. Dr. Winship spent five days visiting the schools of this city and therefore peaks of them with full knowledge. As a critic of educational conditions his authority is unsurpassed. While Portland is in most particulars a "conservative" city, Dr. Winship found it "refreshingly, sanely concerned. He noticed wonderful advances in efficiency during the last

One of the most interesting discovally exhibited on a map square which gives every lot in the by pins stuck in the lots. A tall pin stands for father, one not quite so tall for mother and short ones for the The age of each child is indicated by other ingenious devices so that the map affords a complete account of the district in its relations to the school. Particulars which cannot be displayed graphically are kept

at hand in a card catalogue. Dr. Winship was greatly pleased with this unusual census. He says it is "the only valuable public school census he knows." He was also pleased with the system of visits to industrial and commercial plants dustrial, commercial, educational and eleemosynary institution in the city." He found the high school work here 'peculiarly efficient." The spirit wa 'equal to anything he had seen and Much of our educational able." "has many notions that work out delightfully.'

LESSONS IN BURGLARY. The glorified burgiar is beginning to cause uneasiness in sensitive souls. He has long been the central figure in some plays and novels and imitative young people have been invited to take him for an example. Perhaps some of them have done so. At an rate society begins to shudder a little with fear that they may. There would of half a cityful of boys taking to burglary as a profession or amustions portrayed so brilliantly in liter-

In the fine old days of the dime novel which exalted the Indian fighter to the skies it was nothing uncommor ents felt some anxiety over the roman tic mania which had become epidemic, but perhaps no great harm was don called forth manly emotions and its

We are not certain that it is quite looked upon thievery as disreputable for us all at once to change our minds upon the subject. We must insis that it is better even in these progres sive times for a boy to be honest and

We cannot therefore wholly approv

A boy who his thieving exploits. the straits to submission. Turkey particular head. Each partner has shouldered his musket in the old dime would then be broken into discordant rights which the other is bound to novel days and went off to kill Indians showed some enterprise of a things, the wife in others. Where dif- manly sort. The young fellow who undertakes to imitate Raffles can hardly escape becoming a sneak. do not know that a great many have vielded to this kind of temptation, but some must have done so. When traps are set on every highway some

One night at supper the Emperor Titus, remembering that he had done no good deed since morning, exclaimed "Friends, I have lost a day." Some poet transmuted his regret into the lines, "Count that day lost whose low descending sun views from thy hand no worthy action done." But it is not known who the poet was. During the "land-fraud" trials in Portland a wag thus paredied Titus: "Count that day lost whose low descending sun sees no new thief in jail or on the run." the time the parody was apt.

A "Life" of Frederick the Great together with his "Confessions" has just been published in English by the Put-The "Life" is by Treitschke nams. There is so much reference nowadays Schuebel bill permits-in fact invites to this famous monarch that many readers will turn with zest to Volthe state by offering another form of taire's account of him and his court. The relations between Frederick and his witty guest were always piquant and occasionally exciting.

> Congress considered the state of finances of the Nation in refusing to make appropriation for the royal trip across the continent planned by Wil 'Ah, those delightful days of old," when the railway people nished special trains! It is said the President will not make the trip in consequence. He should not despair. Upper berths can be had at reduced

> Dumping garbage on a vacant lot is a habit that comes down from village days, when civic pride was unknown. It will be observed the offender always chooses some other man's lot for the dumping ground. To detect him is one of the new duties of the policeman, and he will have little success, for the vacant lots are many, where the officers are few.

According to W. Morgan Shuster, Japan has a Monroe Doctrine as clear cut as our own. Of course it pertains to Asia. Its substance is that China and the outlying islands shall hence forth not be colonized by any non-Asiatic power. Happily the United Any nation which can say that. States does not want to colonize in while it hasn't a large standing army, thina, All it has ever asked there is has a citizenry trained in arms, can Asiatic power. Happily the United the open door.

Deputy District Attorney Delch did good work in proceeding against the owners of slot machines provided to gambling The children's custom. spirit is inherent and may be tolerated n the man beyond redemption, but children should not be encouraged though the prizes be but something sweet to the taste.

The European war is admitted on all sides to be bad. The war poems it has generated are worse. of all are the war novels which now come pouring from the press. They are like the remains of the Thanks giving turkey a week old made into hash.

Berlin says Constantinople . will still be impregnable after all the forts on the Dardanelles have fallen. follows then that the forts are a useess expense to the Turkish government. One is moved to wonder that they are defended so obstinately.

Hereafter married men will be given preference in work on Multnomah county improvements. This will lead to hardship in the case of bachelor or widower, but he has his remedy. clever young man in the Courthous is hired to issue licenses

It is most always so. The carpente falls from the roof and is crippled and the railroader, who knows the danger, hops a moving train and is mangled. Really, the only safe way to earn a living these days is to be a structural ironworker.

The American legion was refused offices in the Army building in New Right and proper. That American legion idea is a military brainstorm and Army officers of merit do well to keep themselves divorced from it. The report of the House judiciary

ommittee in the proposed impeach-

ment of Federal Judge Dayton, of Virginia, is in reality an invitation to resign. Conduct that is termed 'reprehensible" leaves a blotch on the Reports from Rotterdam saying

British troops fear to cross the chan-nel cannot include the Canadians Those fellows would dare each other to swim over and tread water around the submarines. Last January the New York public

ibrary circulated 1,000,000 books, the largest number in its history. This fact answers very neatly those who say the love of books is dying out. People who think the officers stay

n the rear will note that Major-General von Estorff was killed at the head of his brigade invading Russia. Mallish's comet is due for a sprint

around the sun July 20 unless the asronomers can speed her a few weeks for celebrating the Fourth The man hurt in a jitney accident

can hop around and rub himself for consolation, and that is all he will get, European concessions to the United States are carefully framed to make hem impossible of acceptance.

Certainly Portland defeated Seattle n the Y. M. C. A. membership contest, Portland always bests Seattle

Wilson changes the color scheme in he office of register of the Treasury by appointing a Cherokee.

New York City almost provided us with the biggest stery of the year aside from the war. The season, approaches when the var will begin in desperate earnest.

Not much longer for the impatien ball fan to wait. When does the American legion mobilize?

This surely savors of Spring.

TRAINED CITIZENRY ONE KEY NEUTRAL RIGHTS VIEWED AS NIL Armed Preparation" Advocates Ad-

vised to Enlist in National Guard. PORTLAND, March 4 .- (To the Edior.)-Richard Rozell, in a letter published in The Oregonian, advocates States, that our Government may command respect abroad. This armed preparation would be procured by in-creasing our Army and Navy, and he would call the attention of Congress such desire for increasing our fightto such desire for increasing ing forces by making noise.

dawned on Mr. Rozell and other advo-cates of noise that actions speak loud-er than words. Each state maintains a National Guard, which, in time of war, will be the nucleus of our re-serve army. The National Guard trains civilians that they may be able to defend their country in case of need. All citizens of the United States, with certain exceptions, are eligible for this training, and yet how few of eligible for this training, and yet how few of our citizens, particularly our advo-cators of noise, avail themselves of this privilege. It is generally the noise-maker who jeers at the man who joins the National Guard, and it is always the noise-maker who yells is always the noise-maker who yells for an army in case of trouble and then goes into the woodshed and moans because there is no trained material from which to make an army. Each year the National Guard has a hard time maintaining its minimum strength, each year there is a wild yell from citizens that the Army has vell from citizens that the Army has no reserve in case of war. Congress may hear the yell, but when it in-vestigates to see how much the cititens want to be protected it finds that the citizens are not making any effort themselves in that direction by get-ting military training, and that the few who have the timidity to join the National Guard are lax in attendance and drill. In other words, the brave citizens would have their property protected, not by themselves, but by the blood of the other man. Let George do it. Let the advocators of noise enlist

in the Guard, or at least direct their energies toward encouraging other nen to do so. Then when the Guard men to do so. Then when the Guard is increased to its maximum strength and you feel that it cannot support the Regular Army, start your noise. Men who have served in Cuba and the Philippines know what training means, and would be only too glad to tell deposits of noise hour much tell advocates of noise how much chance a man without training has in battle. And yet it is the great body of untrained citizens that will support your Army, no matter how large that Army. England had a larger army than ours and yet has done nothing wonderful with it because the citizenry were not trained to support it. Germany had a larger army than and has done wonders, not through its army alone, but through the solid body of trained citizenry that were able to support the army. command the respect of any other na-tion. 'And the other nation, summing up the men able to bear arms and trained' in arms, is not going to be verhasty in setting those men in mo-

Get in the ranks of the National Guard of your own state, learn to drill and to carry arms, that your courtry may know that you are sincers in your request for "armed pro-tection," that your country may take confidence in its strength by the sound

Cries "Habet," and Is Put Out. PORTLAND, March 3.—(To the Editor.)—I attended a "movie" show Wednesday evening and among other scenes was a duel to the death with raplers. One of the combatants ran the other through the body with his sword. it was so real that I involuntarily cried

"babet." The courteous usher came to me and said "You must retire." I asked what for The usher said: "We don't allow the use of obscene

Very respectfully A RUSTICUS For 50 years a reader of The Oregonian

PORTLAND, March 4.—(To the Editor,)—(1) Is there inheritance tax on life insurance?

(2) Why not place income tax on jit-(2) Why not place income tax on his-pays based in accord with losses sus-tained by the streetcar company; also ferbid jitney to use the same streets as carm, excepting to cross bridges, or where it is necessary? (3) If the saloons are put out of business and the drug stores are not to be business and the drug stores are not to handle liquor, who is to sell the 24 quarts of beer and 2 quarts of whisky?
(4) Is there any value by coin collectors on 2 and 3-cent pieces?

CONSTANT READER. 2. The tax would probably put the

itneys out of business. 3. Consumers will have to buy out side the state and have the liquor shipped in by express. 4. Nickel 3-cent pieces of 1877, 1878,

1884 and 1887; Copper 2-cent pieces of 1863, 1873 and 1873; silver 5-cent pieces dated 1854 to 1857 and 1862 to 1873 are said to bring prices from 10 cents up to \$2.50 from collectors.

Use of Fing Is Insult. VERBOORT, Or., March 2.—(To the Editor.)—Since so much discussion has come up concerning the European war will you please answer why the United States, noble, broad and grand, and truly neutral, will allow a British merchantman to fly a U. S. flag when she sees she is in danger? It appears to me as an insult, and if we had a Secretary of State or a President with as tary of State or a President with as much backbone as a boneless codfish such tricks as that would soon be a thing of the past. Yours for a square deal to all.

JOHN HERB.

Corn Expert's Address GLENDALE, Or., March 1.—(To the Editor.)—Can you give me the address of the O.-W. R. & N. corn expert. Mr. who is distributing corn to the farmers? My corn did not ripen well last year and I would like to try it again and get some additional infor-A. W. TERRY.

Address C. L. Smith, corn expert,

tor.)—Kindly state the name of the pleasure concession district of the Jamestown Exposition. A. B. WOOD.

The Chicago district was "The Midway Plaisance"; at St. Louis, "The Pike"; at Portland, "The Trail"; at Se-attle, "The Pay Streak"; at San Fran-he will do something desperate;" he will do something desperate;" "The Zone"; at Jamestown "The he'll probably live to be glad of it. "Then I shall marry him, the brute!" War Path."

Not Wanting to Use "Big Guns" We Should Go Cautiously, Is Opinion, BLY, Or., March 1 .- (To the Editor.) -Kindly permit us to make a few remarks on the rights of neutrals. Neu-"armed preparation" for the United tral rights are indorsed by either international law or the big guns. Where do we find the police power to enforce

international law? To date we have none. To stand up guns. For obvious reasons we do not care to use the big guns; then it be-hooves us to be very careful how we interpret "neutral rights."
As to supplying combatants with food, etc., a neutral can only say "here

food, etc., a neutral can only say "here are the things you want and we have for sale; we cannot help you to get them, for what would be a breach of neutrality. If you cannot get them, it

is not our fault."
The writer, when a boy, read a nevel by Charles Reade, if his memory is not at fault, entitled "Put Yourself in His dvo- Place." Now put yourself in the place s of of one of these belligerents and inter-the pret "neutrality" for the benefit of the rest of us. If we insist upon using the customary "sea lanes," may not combatants say: "Here you are it fering with my inalienable right to pro-tect my life in any way I may see fit." Any nation that signs any agreement to abide by a set of rules in time of great stress does so with its lingers

In the case of the Wilhelmina, can any sane man convince himself that to feed the non-combatants of Germany would not release just that amount of food for the soldier and thereby in-crease the army's powers of resistance? I believe Representative Butler, of Pennsylvania, put the case pungently when he said "the American people should understand that Congress will not vote money or enlist troops for a war of revenge brought about by comnercial interests sending ships where hey should not go, into the war zone. If we are drawn into this war it will

ee by our own awkwardness."

The words "strictly accountable" in our notes to the warring nations is bluff, pure and simple. When you tell a men that you will hold him "strictly accountable" you do so with your hand on your gun, don't you?—especially if he is a right husky fellow. There is no known way to hold another nation strictly accountable save by the dili-gent use of the big guns. It seems to me that the only course open to this country is to "back" away from trying to hold the belligerents to strict countability or fight. Let us we carefully what we are going to say fore saying it. , especially if the other CHARLES PATTER. mad, anyway.

## IDENTITY OF "REDDY" IS SOUGHT Cavalryman Mentioned in "Half a Con-

inry Ago" Revives Memories. BROWNSVILLE, Or., March 2-(To That ditch did surely, therefore—have to be—
the Editor.)—In the items of "Haif a Due by someone else. Century Ago" of Feorgary 10, 1865, 1 cone into the service as a cavalryman gone into the service as a cavalryman in Company F (First Oregon). He was joined by "Reddy," the famous hillposter and property man, of the Garellawams in eighteen forty-three.

nations may know that respect is due a nation of citizen-soldiers.

W. H. K.

USHER'S LATIN WOEFULLY BAD

"Movie" Spectator Sees Duel, Excited.

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"The spe left Walla Walta, Washington Territory, in July, 1865, on setive services For, when the International was it; Pornis and a red-headed cavalryman whom everyone called "Redder," Lieus tenant Bowen left a part of his command on South Fork of Willew Creek, where they established Camp Colfar Then Lieuters. mand on South Fork of Willow Creek,
where they established Camp Colfax.
Then Lieutenant Brown went over into
Harney, Lake Valley, and joined Captain L. L. Williams, First Oregon Infantry, and built Camp Wright. Dennis and "Reddy" went with the Harney
Valley party, and about October, 1885.
"Reddy" was killed by an Indian while
on gnard one dark night, and "Reddy" "Reddy" was killed by an Indian while on guard one dark night, and "Reddy" lies buried near Wright's Point.

omrade who was with that raid after Indiana was, so that we might get a Govern-ment stone to mark his grave. Our mark reunion will be at McMinnville next reunion will be at McMinn in June. WILLIAM M. HILLEARY,

First Oregon Infantry Volunte One List of "Best Books. PORTLAND, March 2—(To the Ed-or.)—Will you kindly reprint the list f best books of the year that you gave

rick McGill. Norris.

"The World Set Free," by H. G. Wells "The Ragged-Trousered Philanthropists," by Robert Tressall. "Time and Thomas Waring." by Mor-

ey Roberts,

"'Hail and Farewell'-Vale!" by George Moore. "The Flying Inn." by G. K. Chester-

"When Ghost Meets Ghost." by William de Morgan. "Change," by Joseph Conrad

Meen Has No Effect.

PORTLAND, March '4.—(To the Editor.)—As a friend of many years of the correct time for planting seed and shipping plants—the "new moon" or the "old moon." There is some rule about vegetables that grow under the ground, and these that grow over, and I don't know which is correct time.

The phases of the moon do not affect plant life. Belief that they do has no scientific foundation.

Corn Expert's Address.

CLENDALE OR March I (To the Mrs. Miles Bell.

stendiast friend.
The Christian and the lady characterized her throughout. Her modest and gracious manner was that of the true gentlewoman, combining sweet-ness and dignity with a most pleasing personality and winning for her the warm place which she held in the respect and affections of all who knew

Her minister, Rev. John Sellwood Address C. L. Smith, corn expert, O.-W. R. & N. Co., Wells-Fargo building, Portland, Or.

Names of Concession Districts.

PORTLAND, March 2.—(To the Editor.)—Kindly state the name of the she leaves a rich heritage to her children and to those who follow after. dren and t CHARLOTTE B. PARKER

Rumor of Approaching Marriage. Houston (Tex.) Post. "Nope.

# Twenty-five Years Ago

From The Oregonian, March 5, 1890. San Francisco.-B, Campbell, of Portand, general Northwestern freight agent of the Union Pacific, esterday that the report that a steamports would be established was and that three English-built ships To date we have none. To stand up be put on the run to carry passengers for neutral rights we must use the big and freight. The vessels will fly the not Japanese flag.

New York .- Dispatches here say the reception by the Pope of Buffalo Bill was one of the strangest sights ever witnessed at the Vatican.

Washington.-The Republican mem bers of the House committee have about decided to admit raw sugar free and give a bounty of I cents a pound on domestic sugar. The tariff bill draft is about complete.

Olympia.—The House passed the hat today to take up a collection to pay the recent chaplain for his services. The Auditor refuses to O. K. the bill for some \$92 and the Rev. Mr. Landen desired not to take the case into court.

to abide by a set of rules in time of great stress does so with its lingers crossed.

A word about contraband. Anything that will give aid or comfort to the enemy we believe may be considered contraband. To appeal to The Hague treaty or the London convention is all rot. What is not contraband today may be contraband toward. reary or the London to the contraband today may racy, but it is as likely to be contraband tomorrow.

In the case of the Wilhelmina, can the Portland police force. tion as that life will be infused into

A letter has been received from Cap-tain O. S. Waud which states that the relief party sent out after the miners Chauncey Dale and C. H. Hatch had found Daie in his cabin, lonesome and an older man it is feared he succumbed to the elements and fatigue

It is reported that Governor Hill, of New York, soon will forsake bachelor-

### OUR PANAMA CANAL.

Long years ago, a Spanish nobleman. While sailing 'long the coast, conceived

"Right through this neck Said be. ditch I'll dig: It shall be broad and deep, that vessels May sall right through." A splendid Sale right thought with the scheme—you bet!

Three hundred years and more then passed, and yet—

He never dug that ditch.

Concessions were obtained also, one day, By Obegoso, and one De Garney. The Spanish Cortes ordered the ditch To be put through. They never did, for when A civil war their plans upset, you see

Dug by someone else. noticed that "Samuel J. Dennis has And then the Frenchmen also took a

Up to the U.S. A.

Now, as we have exclusive right received. Let one and all, for once, he undeceived. We dug that ditch and know the reason All other nations failed or did not try. We dug that ditch, and we will run it.

would So watch your Uncle Sam pult them through-Our Panama Canal. WILLARD P. HERSHEY.

Gateway, Or.

"Larch" Is Poor Name. PORTLAND, March 4.—(To the Editor.)—I notice frequent mention of a preposed trail to "Larch Mountain." I suppose the boost is not intended as admiration for the mountain as for

or)—Will you kindly the books of the year that you gave a the editorial page about a week or a days ago?

This list was chosen by the Lendon fation and is as follows:

'The Encounter," by Anne Douglas in the Encounter, by Anne Douglas in the Lendon of Mackenzie.

"Sinister Street," volume II. by Comon Mackenzie.

"The Demi-Gods," by James Stephens.

"The Wife of Sir Isaac Harman," by H. G. Wells.

"The Three Sisters," by May Sinclair.

"The Price of Love," by Arnold Bennett.

"The New Road," by Neil Munro.

"Children of the Dead End," by Patrick McGill.

"Vandover and the Brute," by Frank Norris.

"The World Set Free," by H. G. Wells.

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"The World Set Free," by H. G. Wells. the magnificent groves of timber found

Nobel Prizes. PORTLAND, March 4.—(To the Editor.)—Could you give particulars of the Nobel prize, its origin and the persons to whom it has been presented, also their nationality and qualification?

Consult the World Almanac available at any public library or purchasable at any book store for 25 to 15 cents. The list of Nobel prize awards is too long for publication.

Painter's Problem.

PORTLAND, March 2.—(To the Edi-or.)—Please have your readers solve his problem for me: this problem for me:

A man was engaged in painting a surface with two coats of paint, one ilight and one heavy. Of the first coat he found that he could paint 13s square feet per hour and of the second coat 53 square feet per hour. How many square feet can he double-coat in one hour?

# Every Manufacturer Seeks

"Dealer Influence"

support of his dealer for his prod-Sometimes, however, he fails to ate his dealer at his proper call and to realize that the way to shelves is through the dealer's front

He knows that when he has the

The dealer is agent for his publi He wants the goods that sell and no other kind.

Merchandise for which there is an active demand is the sort advertised in the daily newspaper. The retailer knows this from experience and he favors newspaper advertised products.—Adv.