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MULTNOMAR'S OPPORTUNITY.

Growth of the policy of road construction known as "state aid" is ilissued by the American Highway Up to January 1, 1915, according to the Year Book, \$200,000,-000 of state appropriations had been expended and 31,000 miles of surfaced highways constructed under state supervision. In the last two States exceeds by 6000 miles the which laws shall become effective im-National road system of France.

Oregon is one of the forty-one states that have some form of state highway department, but its work under the direction of that institution has recent, the funds available have been small and the quantity of taken a backward step. work done is therefore not much to brag about. In comparison with the neighboring states of Washington California, Oregon is backward in this particular. Possibly we shall soon bestir ourselves to greater effort in state road work, but, even so, that is no reason why Multnomah County

Mulinomah County is so situated that any enlargement of state aid in road construction would not likely directly aid road construction within this county's borders. The county pays one-third of the taxes of the state and it would be extremely fortunate if in any one year it received back for road work within the county as much as it contributed to the state road fund.

Multnomah County must therefore in the long run, look out for its own road improvements. It might as well begin now on a more elaborate scale Some notable highways have been laid out and partially completed. They will not produce a reasonable return on the investment until they have been surfaced.

It is proposed to issue \$1,250,000 in bonds for the purpose of hard-surfacing seventy-one miles of trunk roads in Multnomah County. In an address Saturday afternoon Road Master Yeon mentioned some of the financial benefits that would accrue from expenditure of that sum in finishing the county highways. It is his estimate that the completion of the Portland an additional income of \$1.500.000 annually

Mr. Yeon is a shrewd investorwho has been unusually successful in private enterprise. He is supported by a large group of Portland business ose an expenditure yield a financial return to the public.

Broadly speaking, good roads are always an asset to any community. Even so it is concelvable that road building may be overdone. indorsement by Mr. Yeon and Mr. Benson and many other substantial and farseeing men of the community removes the proposed bond issue from the category of ill-advised enterprises. It offers a way for Oregon to catch up with other states for which no satisfactory substitute may be expected through waiting for state

DANGER HAPPILY ESCAPED. From how serious a danger of for-

eign complications the United States has escaped by the defeat of the shippurchase bill may be judged from the comment of British newspapers. The London Spectator speaks of "the great danger of complications which may arise if a neutral government suddenly plunges into the shipping business and uses newly acquired enemy vessels for general commercial purposes, including the carrying of semicontraband goods to enemy ports." Turning to the events of the Civil War for analogy, the Spectator asks:

States Government was merely a stock- Astoria. Tillamook, Coos Bay and cruisers, for it has ignored the Gen

sold last Summer for \$6200, the loss increase the volume. of about £10,000 "falling on the shoul- The Panama Canal has opened a ders of the electorate." Australia was bought by the state of wherein it will be necessary to cut ships against Germany's twenty-eight that name for £39,500 and altogether every possible cent from cost of pro- would be simply knocked to pieces. cost about £73,000. Last August the duction and transportation in order government was trying to sell her for to compete with other sections. All several thousand to man all our ships and we have no naval reserve. We was practically owned by the Brazillan erated—the interstate bridge, paved are miserably deficient in cruisers, government, which put it up for sale roads, the open river, the deep ship gunboats and ast year without finding a purchaser. channel and modern docks-contrib-

een any more successful if made by the United States than it was when the Commonwealth made by Australia, the Republic of Brazil or the County of London.

THE COURT LEGISLATES.

It is puzzling on what ground a court assumes that it is a better judge of the emergency of a legislative act than the lawmaking body. If the jus-150 tification of an emergency clause were a question of law, it might be readily conceded that the Supreme Court has a superior ability to determine whether 75 an emergency exists. But it is a question of fact.

The justices of the supreme bench are not better judges of the existence of such facts than the Legislature. Furthermore, they are bound by no more solemn pledge to support the constitution than are the lawmakers. Yet in Washington a bare majority of the court fails, to discover an emer-San Francisco Office R. J. Bidwell Com-gency in a particular which two-thirds my, 742 Market street. of the membership of the Legislature discerned. Therefore, five men no better qualified to speak than the men in another branch of government over-throw the judgment of ninety-three.

Clearly, if the Legislature is not the final judge as to the emergency of its lustrated by statistics taken from the own work, the power to attach an Good Roads Year Book, soon to be emergency clause is a useless one. It is merely an incidental expression of starched collar. opinion which may or may not be upheld by superior authority, and the immediate operation of an emergency law is left in doubt.

Under such circumstances it would be just as well to dispense with the years 11,000 miles of these roads have legislative power to declare an emerbeen built and the total in the United gency and permit the courts to decide mediately and which shall await the ever, that children's dramas need no expiration of ninety days.

tendency of late among courts to appreciate a good full-sized play as one's own advantage if he uses a little initiative and individual research. It is to be regretted that the powers. Supreme Court of Washington has are not more frequently taken to per-

FORMER RAIDS ON BRITISH SHIP.

been disputed on her own coasts. The them profoundly, "Midsummer Night's damage done by German submarines Dream," just as Shakespeare wrote it and mines to British shipping in with that done by daring American skippers in the Revolutionary War light in "The Tempest." and the War of 1812.

At Benjamin Franklin's suggestion Paul Jones was sent with the Ranger, Alliance and Bonhomme Richard, and Conyngham was sent with the Revenge to cruise the Irish Sea, the English Channel and North Sea and letters of marque. Such the alarm that the great fair at Chester was abandoned, insurance rates were raised, merchants feared to ship goods in British vessels and linen ships sailed from Ireland to Liverpool under armed convoy. Jones spread panic by firing the ships at Whitehaven, by his raid on the Earl of Selkirk's castle, by his victory over the Drake, which he captured off Carrickfergus and by his memorable victory over the Serapis. There were 10,000 men at sea on Yankee privateers and they captured or destroyed more than a thousand British ships in the course of the war

In the War of 1812 the United States had only twenty-three ships in Columbia Highway alone would bring the Navy, but 500 privateers were given letters of marque and ravaged the British seas, where they captured 1500 prizes. Sir Walter Scott narrowly great meeting of merchants was held in 1814 and deplored and at Glasgow judgment in their own affairs. Each of them pays sufficient taxes to public money which would not hitherto impolitically held in contempt."

The merchants complained that, though they were paying a tax for convoys, "it is equally distressing and mortifying that our ships cannot with safety traverse our own channels, that insurance cannot be effected but at an excessive premium, and that a horde of American cruisers should be allowed, unresisted and unmolested, to take, burn or sink our own vessels in our own inlets and almost in sight of our own harbors."

Although the American ships were small and were overmatched by the British cruisers, haste never prevented them from rescuing noncombatants and sending them home at the first opportunity.

CONSTRUCTIVE WORK UNDER WAY.

Great constructive work is under

vay in the development of Oregon. Multnomah and Clarke counties have by a merchant ship. begun erection of the interstate only a few weeks before Multnomah portance with submarines. \$1,250,000 in bonds for paving the means of spying out submarines and pletion of the Celilo Canal and locks, the allied fleets on the forts in the River to continuous navigation. The concerning air service, "our present channel of the Lower Columbia has situation can be regarded as nothing been deepened to thirty feet. By the less than deplorable." It asked that expenditure of millions of dollars the \$5,000,000 be "made available im-It is clear that if the bill had been Government has deepened the channel mediately," but Congress allows onepassed and German ships had been over the Columbia bar to thirty-two bought Britain would have disre- feet and is building a jetty and operatgarded the fiction of their being owned ing a dredge for the purpose of inby a corporation wherein the United creasing the depth to forty feet. holder and would have treated our other Oregon ports are improving eral Board's recommendation that action as unneutral. No neutral ships harbors in co-operation with the are available for purchase except at Government. These cities and Port- though we have made no additions exorbitant prices and new ships could land are building modern docks in not be built in time enough to meet readiness for the growing commerce the emergency. Hence the only prac- The large expenditures which these ticable way to procure ships for the public works entail are an evidence Government line would involve us in of optimism which gives the lie to a serious dispute with one party to the croakers. The community profits The result is that, comparing navies by them immediately, even while con-The proposed experiment of a Gov- struction is in progress, for the great ernment merchant marine is not un- bulk of the money is paid for labor A shipowner writes to the and material, thus diminishing the Spectator stating that two and one-inumber of unemployed. It will profit half years ago the government of permanently, for roads, bridges, river Australia bought a steamer for £10,400 and harbor improvements, all alike, and spent £5900 in refitting her. In reduce the cost and increase the faciltwo years she earned £2381 and was ities of doing business, and thereby

The Western new era in Pacific Coast commerce, The Spectator recalls that the Lon- ute to this end. They help lumberden County, Council attempted to run men to meet the competition of a fleet of passenger steamers on the Canadian and Southern rivals in Thames and remarks: "The result is Atlantic Coast and foreign markets, mutations never mentioned in progressive circles and they add to the net price farmevidently were responsible for the bridge in particular will swell the supply of farm, fruit and dairy produce perts as to what force is necessary

an experiment of this kind would have kets and will open the north bank a place of the Columbia suburban residence.

DRAMA FOR CHILDREN. The drama committee of the New York Parents' League has been trying By strange good luck the committee has set its seal of approval on Bernard Shaw's "Androcles and the Lion," which is said to be a to invite attack, defeat and humilia-charming spectacle abounding in romance and imaginative splendor in The ordispite of its unorthodoxy. nary child is not likely to be seriously injured by mere theological aberrations as long as the plays set, before him are correct morally and imagi-natively. We should suppose that the work of the Parents' League commit-

tee would consist mainly of exclusion. The number of plays which are suitable for children to see has grown so small and the number of those they ought not to see is so large that any effective censorship must confine itself to hacking and slashing. The plays written expressly for the young are either silly or sentimentally sloppy, for the most part. Too many of them are weakened imitations of foolish plays for mature persons just as the fashionable costume for little boys inapely imitates that of their fathers with silk hat, walking stick and

The old masters were admirably able to paint saints and Madonnas, but they failed miserably with children. Their boys and girls are old men and women squeezed into small patterns. In the same way our authors of play: for little people compress the vanity and vapidity of spectacles designed for their elders. The fact is, howcompression of any kind. Boys and

It is unfortunate that young people formances of Shakespeare. The common notion is, of course, that the plays are beyond them, but that is nonsense Some parts of "Macbeth" or "Othello" Germany's creation of a war zone they might not understand, but the in British waters is not the first time story with its dramatic power and that Britain's naval supremacy has poetical rendering would appeal to would make a famous spectacle for some waters is so far small compared children, and there are few bright boys of ten years who would not de-

STILL STINTING THE NAVY.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels congratulates the country on what he calls the liberality of Congress in ap-propriations for the Navy. His praise is natural, for Congress adopted his prey upon British ships. They were is natural, for Congress adopted his aided by a swarm of privateers unonly changes were provision for two sea-going and sixteen coast-defense submarines instead of one sea-going and seven coast-defense submarines and the omission of a gunboat. The the recommendations of Board, which knows the needs of our were ignored, and we shall Navy. continue to drop behind in number of capital ships, so long as Congress continues to follow the advice of politicians in preference to that of naval officers. We shall become more and more deficient in the number of cruisers, gunboats, auxiliaries and aeroplanes, as other nations add to their strength in these respects and as our existing ships become obsolete. Yet Mr. Daniels calls the Navy bill "most liberal."

The present war has proved that the only vessels which really count in a naval battle are dreadnought battleescaped capture by one of them. A ships and battle-cruisers, and that battles are won by superior speed gunpower. The battle-cruiser has come to the the qualities named, to run down and pound to pieces the German ships, the North Sea. The Dresden escaped in the former battle because the only ship available to pursue her was the slower Bristol. Having inferior guns and speed, the Bluecher was overtaken in a stern chase and sunk in the North Sea, while their speed saved the Moltke, Doerfflinger and Seydlitz from a like fate.

Congress has profited by the lessons of the war only to the point of providing more submarines, though the final summing up may prove that the submarine's earlier exploits have caused it to be somewhat overrated Losses from this cause have made the British navy so careful that none have been suffered for some time, and the merchant ships sunk by marines have almost invariably been small and slow. On the other hand, since the German submarine raids began, several vessels of this type have been sunk, one having been rammed

The war has demonstrated that bridge across the Columbia River aeroplanes have become of equal im-County is to vote on the issue of the scouts for a fleet, they are the best main highways. In May the entire mines, and they have done most valu-Pacific Northwest will celebrate com- able service in directing the fire of which open 400 miles of the Columbia Dardanelles. The General Board said, tenth of that sum.

Congress seems to have learned nothing from the exploits of the Emden, Karlsruhe and other German four scout cruisers be provided. to that arm of the Navy since 1904. Notwithstanding the General Board's

close study of the Navy's needs and its calmly reasoned conclusions, Congress persists in ignoring its advice. as they existed when the war began, Germany had seventeen capital ships built and eleven building, a total of twenty-eight, while the United States German losses of 3,000,000 men must had eight built and four building, a France had four total of twelve built and eight building, so she would soon tie us; Japan, four built and six building, and Russia had none built, but eleven building. We are not superior to other nations in the skill of our crews and gunners, and our twelve would be simply knocked to pieces. We have not enough trained men by and we have no naval reserve. We aircraft and in very

ecessary auxiliary. We need, above all things, a naval policy to which Congress will adhere continuously without regard to the State, mutations of politics. Congress should decide on the general lines We have no cause to believe that which will pour into Portland mar- to uphoid that policy. That is what Warden Lawson.

Britain and Germany have done as of to their navies. Germany provided adequate land forces and is holding her own against great odds. Britain did not, and is only now beginning to send an adequate army to aid her allies. For the United States to undertake maintenance of the Monroe its hand at censoring the drama for doctrine, protection of the Panama Canal and naval control of the Pacific Ocean without providing the force necessary to uphold our position is

INFORMATION.

not supply material for debates. The Oregonian does not accumulate formal literature on any subject for popular distribution. It has its own library of books and documents for its own permanent reference. Nothing more.

The Oregonian to answer in its columns that the number of such ques tions is so large that The Oregonian must use its own judgment as to which are of most interest and give hem preference,

Nor can every question of interest e answered immediately. Sometimes the information is not available in Portland and must be obtained else-

Seekers after miscellaneous information who live in Portland and vicinity are also reminded that a competent and obliging reference depart ment is maintained at the Public Liorary. Persons may there be referred brary. Persons may there be referred to works likely to give the information desired. The superior permanence of sponding secretary, C. E. S. Wood; redesired. The superior permanence of knowledge acquired by personal effort cording secretary, H. A. Oxer. over that which comes simply for the girls are quite as ready, we believe, to asking cannot be disputed. It is to

> Hugh McLain, who has just been ppointed postmaster at Marshfield and concluded a visit to the San Francisco Exposition, is quoted in the Marshfield Record as much disappointed with the Oregon exhibit, which by his tell is mostly from Coos Bay, with a showing from the Valley. It was to be expected that the great resources of the Coos country would in themselves be a grand attraction, and in the case of Mr. McLain it is possible that local pride blinded him to all else. However, the fair is young and much is on the way to fill the building ere many moons pass. On his next

Receiver Lusk, of the 'Frisco road, hit the nail on the head at the rate in crease hearing when he sald:

They say certain roads have been looted and the state commissions have reduced rates as punishment. But who does this hurt? You never hear of any looters being hurt, you never see any looters going to jail. The innocent once are hurt, the employes are laid off and the stockholders fall to get dividends. Why not send the looters to jail and

let the roads earn fair dividends on their actual investment, ellminating the water from the calculation, where there is any water? Because railroadbatters like Clifford Thorne would then be without an occupation.

Delay in buying the Copper River Railroad because of popular prejudice against the Guggenheims is not creditable to President Wilson. The road is needed in the Government's Alaska railroad system, and should be bought at a fair price, regardless of who owns This injection of politics into a purely business transaction is one of the many good reasons why the Government should keep out of business Peculiar conditions justify an excep-tion in the case of Alaska, but the rule applies everywhere else.

Judge Morrow is crowding Judge McGinn off Solomon's throne in deiding a man has no right to interfere in the rule of the kitchen and giving the wife the decree for which she prayed. It is time the husband realized the limits of his bounds, to provide the money, rustle the wood, clean the fish and use the proper language with the delinquent garbage man.

If the German and Austrian submarines which were headed for the the public as ignorant as himself.

Aegean Sea at last reports should The great intelligent public do Aegean Sea at last reports should reach the vicinity of the allied fleet, we shall see whether they are as effective in the Dardanelles as in the open North Sea.

_ war is the shrinkage in foreign trade, which for Great Britain alone was \$75,425,000 in February. The people are all busy, but chiefly at making war material for early destruction.

Really, now, Mayor Albee cannot be in earnest when he asserts there will not be periodic changes in the personnel of the morals squad. Has he no consideration of the feelings of the wives of the chosen men?

Let the scoffer read the story of the forty-seven men in the West Virginia mine who sat in darkness ninety-six hours awaiting rescue. They put their trust in the Lord, with unshaken faith, and today they are alive.

Score one for the jitney, whose driver avoided injuring a number of children by jamming his machine on to the sidewalk. That is something the motorman cannot do with his trol-

Petrograd reports of flight of the Austrians will readily find belief, for that army is held popularly to joke. Germany is doing the real fight-What is the use of an emergency

clause if the Supreme Court must decide whether it is allowable before a law can become effective? Estimates coming from France of

be considered as including hopes, wishes and desires. Speaking of salmon day next Friday, White Salmon, up the Columbia, ought

to be a great place in which to discuss the pink product. The allied fleets in the Dardanelles need a commander who can "damn

the torpedo and go ahead." Old Boreas has pressing work elsewhere, which accounts for this glorious weather in March.

Nature seems to have chosen Nampa for the Spring opening in the Gem

Idaho solons must stop the clock The skids are being greased under

Twenty-five Years Ago

At a meeting of the Woodstock Scho District the following board of directors was chosen: John Duncan, Frank Kerns, Christian Hellman, Earl E Howes was elected clerk.

Washington-Mrs. Harrison is to b summoned as a witness in a criminal court case. The case is that of a woman accused of obtaining money under false pretenses.

S. R. Fairchild, while returning from Again is it necessary for The Orego-nian to advise subscribers that it can-tending bent of the trestle, and his left arm was mangled.

> Mrs. R. Crawford, who has been suffering from heart trouble is recovering

One of the most exciting glove con In this connection The Oregonian also desire to inform those who have forwarded miscellaneous inquiries for around athlete of Milwaukee, knocked ut a man named Reed.

"There is no such thing as failure for the Astoria South Coast Railway," said E. T. Thompson, one of the directors. The road must be finished by Septem-There is a lively demand for brick

now but the "trust" is managing to supply us. Mr. Versteeg is working away turning out brick all the time. H. W. Corbett has 300,000 brick on hand for his new block. At the regular monthly meeting of the directors of the Library Associa-tion, of Portland, the following officers were elected: President, Matthew P.

Hon. L. P. Barin was installed United States marshal for this district yesterday. The oath of office was ad-ministered by Judge Sabin. The party were then invited by Marshal Barin to another apartment where a bountiful supply of champagne and cigars was provided. Among those present were: J. E. Bean, of Pendleton; W. R. Ellis, S. P. Mays, J. C. Carson, C. B. Bellinger

Mayor De Lashmutt. Last week the committee of the Rose burg and Coos Bay Railroad issued an open letter to the citizens of Douglas. Coos and Curry countles, requesting them to co-operate in organizing company to build said road.

The fourth quarterly meeting of the First Evangelical Church, Stephens Ad-dition, will begin Saturday evening. Rev. C. C. Poling, of Lafayette, will of-

FULL LITERARY FLAVOR IN PRESS Several Newspapers Excel Quality of Book and Magazine Output.

The following excerpts are taken from a talk on "Militant Journalism; Its Mission and Its Ideals," by William J. Black, of the editorial staff of the Detroit Journal;) I speak now feebly to an audience of three hundred. I speak tomorrow through the instrument of print to three thousand—yes, to half a million, readers of the printed page. A news-

paper that would lend me its multiple columns to appeal to the cupidity, to the hypocrisy, to the prejudices, to the low passions and to the ignorance of the piblic would be an agency for evil worse than a hundred debased pulpits or perverted forums.

The sole test of any newspaper policy should be its humanity. Show me a newspaper that feels the warm current of human life in its veins, cham-ploning ever the fundamental liberties of the people as against extortion, po litical fraud, industrial oppression, vice, knavery and the assumptions of superior rights by any class, and I will show you a newspaper that cannot go very far wrong in its policies. The rule of the people, the rights of the common man to labor and to the products of his labor, his right to jus-tice in the courts, his right to justice in the prison, his right for an equal opportunity, his right to a clean en-vironment, his right to a place in the sun, and the rights of his posterity here is a simple policy for a newspaper.

The vigorous newspaper must, however, not be directed towards the weak-est intelligence. The notion that a newspaper must be written down to the level of the ignorant can only be enter-tained by an ignorant editor who is delighted to discover some portion of

know about Julia Marlowe's black hair, but it does want to know what industrial baron rides abroad to day on the earnings of what factory slave to collect his rents from what de ayed tenements that he may contrib One of the heaviest expenses of the ute to what church plate, and espe cially wants to know what steps are being taken by the champions of the people to circumvent his smug exploi-

muster, indict modern journalism for its lack of literary merit. In the editorial pages of newspapers like the Chicago Wreathe in smiles each furrowed brow. Tribune, the New York Tribune, Times Sun and Evening Post, the Louisville Courier-Journal, the St. Louis-Post-Dispatch, The Kansas City Star and the Portland Oregonian one finds daily a body of matter with full literary flavor. courageous, sparkling, informing, cise, brilliant, a literature which in point of style, intellectual merit and vigor has the magazines and the book output at a decided disadvantage,

Many writers who have failed at newspaper work have made good their vapid illiteracies in the popular magazines, or have gushed forth among the six best sellers, where literary merit and originality of idea are less in demand.

The newspaper has been indicted be cause it feeds the minds of the young with knowledge of crime and stimulates wrongdoing. This notion does not even attain the dignity of a popular fallacy. Scientific inquiry has shown that not a single case of juvenile crime has been traced to the reading of newspapers. Criminals do not habitually read newspapers; if they did they would learn something to their advantage. For there the criminal is a pacely advantage found in a had plight. nearly always found in a bad plight. The juvenile offender finds newspaper reading a stupid bore. A course in newspaper reading would be the very best cure for juvenile crime, for in its columns the youth will find his counterpart hunted and haunted,

(old style), some of us would like to know the year the old style changed to the new. And also, if under the old style the calendar was the Julian calendar and under the new style the Gregorian calendar, and is that the same is that the same is the same as today? Did the change make 11 days'

difference in time, for we now claim Washington's birthday February 22?

KNOWLEDGE SEEKERS.

The Gregorian or new style calendar was promulgated by Pope Gregory XIII Britain and the American colonies until 1752. By act of Parliament 11 days of the calendar were then suppressed. The old style calendar is known as the this morning if anything is to be done. Julian calendar. More extended information may be obtained from any unabridged dictionary or any encyclo

MEXICO SHOULD BE TAKEN OVER U. S. Will Ultimately Need it for Ex-

pansion of Our Population. PORTLAND, March 7 .- (To the Edi tor.)-Mexico has not had a stable government since the Spanish arrived in that country in 1521, unless the military rule of Diaz may be called stable. Revolution and counter-revolution have been almost continuous. Conditions now existing in that country are

Mexican War of 1846-47, this country acquired from Mexico nearly 1,000,000 Methodist Eyrowded, At the following all of Texas, part of Colorado, part of Kansas, all of New Mexico, part of Oklahoms, all of Arizona, all of California, all of Nevada, Utah and part of Wyoming, being more than one-half of the territory formerly belonging to that country. All of said territory was annexed except about 45,000 square miles, purchased under the treaty negotiated by James Gadsden in 1852.

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gotiated by James Gadsden in 1853. The writer believes that the United States must ultimately own all the territory between its present South boundary and the Panama Canal. In the interests of humanity the annexation of Mexico by this country should be no longer delayed. This should have been done with the ending of the Mexican Mexican War, and there were men then in the American Congress who were broad enough to advocate this action. Take it over now and establish an ad-ministration that will insure perpetual Take it over now and establish an administration that will insure perpetual 5, 1770, which is believed by many to
have been the beginning of the revoland haddings a that it is a tenure of lutionary movement. land holdings so that the common peo

ple will be insured proper homes.

The men who formed this Government in 1776 were hig enough to forement in 1776 were big enough to foresee its rapid development and hence to
lay a deep and broad foundation which
they hoped would long endure with
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the Government as a rule has been administered by men large enough to
continue the original plans. Along this
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The committee of a Trun Verein Hall.
The c continue the original plans. Along this line was developed the policy of expansion advocated by the Republican party and developing its greatest energy during the administration of President Harrison, who hoisted the American flag in the Sandwich Islands. Thereafter came President McKinley, whose administration demolished Spantish tyranny in the West Indies and the Philippines and began a system of Philippines and began a system of educational development in the Phil-ippines which would eventually make those Islands American. But the Demthose Islands American. But the Democratic party, feeling that it must always go counter to things advocated by the Republican party, hauled down the flag in the Sandwich Islands under President Cleveland, and is now undertaking to abandon the Philippines.

On the next Fourth of July this Gov On the next Fourth of July late do-ernment will be 139 years old, a brief period in the life of a nation. Let us look forward to the year 2054, which will add another 139 years to our Na-will add another 139 years to our Nawill add another 139 years to our National age. At that time we will probably have a population of from 300,000,000 to 509,000,009 and our commerce and industries will dominate the world; and the great city of the world will be upon the Pacific Coast of the present United States. We will be like one tremendous hive of bees, and the swarming process will be necessary many times. Where will our people go? The natural movement will be south and we will need all of Maxico, the Philippines, and probably then even be moving south of the Panama Canal. Before that time all of Canada even be moving south of the Canada Canal. Before that time all of Canada will be part of the United States, consolidation coming naturally through and community of intereciprocity and community of inter ests.

trust you will allow me to sub stitute a paem for the song I promised you. It seemed to me, after trying to compose the words of a song, that I you. It seemed to me, after trying to whom the offense came, compose the words of a song, that I "As God gives us to see the right could better present a plea in a poem to be read than in a song. I have to be read than in a song. I have

written the same and enclose it.

"Could I voice my inmost thoughts in words I am sure the appeal would touch every member of the church. I pray that what I have written will touch many."

The following is the peam:

The following is the poem: LOVE'S RECOMPENSE.

(An Appeal to the Members of the Metho-dist Episcopal Church in Behalf of the Superannuated Ministers.) Superannuated Ministers.)
There is a work of love and duty
That devolves upon us all.
There is a tender, pleading message.
And its tones like music fall: Help our weary veteran preachers, Scatter roses o'er their way; Rally round them, hasten quickly— Not tomorrow, but today.

From the well of deep affection Now their hearts with gladness fill. Many, who themselves could not Till the pulse of life is still. write a paragraph that would pass Break the box of alabaster. Pour its oil upon them now, Make their dwelling bright and happy,

> They have borne the royal standard, Of our Master and our Lord From the time of early manhood
> They have preached His Holy Word,
> But their strength has lost its vigor,
> And their cheek its youthful glow
> For the frost of age has touched then And their locks are white as anow.

Watchman on the walls of Zion Though their feet no more will stand, From the top of Pisgah's mountain Faith behelds the promised land. n triumphant like an army Marching through the realms above, hey will shout the grand old story, Robed in white and crowned with love.

-Fanny Crosby. Sarcastic Contributor Says Sage of

Lebanon Is Taming Down. PORTLAND, March 7.—(To the Editor.)—We note that in an interview Clubhouse, Park and Taylor streets.

With Hon, Milt Miller which The Oregonian published he pronounces on "the greatest President since Lin coin." Why does he except Lincoln? This is not high praise, for while Lincoln was active the Democratic party could find no language sufficiently strong to express its hatred and con-tempt for him.

old Style and New Style Calendars.

MILWAUKIE, Or., March 5.—(To the Editor.)—Since we are told George Washington was born February 11, 1732 (old style), some of us would like to back to 1776? Time was when our friend Milt could be depended on really to say something good and strong in commendation of the "peer-less" Bryan and the Democratic party. His laudation of Wilson is tame in

comparison.
In view of the fact that the Wilson Administration is keeping him in a good, comfortable job while it is firing our poorly paid postmen to sup-plement the war tax and to make up for some of the Underwood tariff law plement was promingated in 1582, but was not adopted by Great deficiency it is hard to account for his ni 1582, but was not adopted by Great deficiency it is hard to account for his ultra-conservative commendation of INQUIRER. Administration.

Housekeeping and a Flat.

Baltimore American. "My dear, what do you think of giv-ng up housekeeping and taking a flat?" I think it a suite idea."

Half a Century Ago

On Saturday last at noon a salute of 199 guns was fired at Fort Vancouver in celebration of the recent great victories of our arms and in commemoration of another anniversary of the it condi-try are nounced that there would be a meetprobably producing more actual suf-fering and distress than ever occurred before, and the end is far from being in sight.

Growing out of the secession of Alvord, Rev. Mr. Hibes and Hon, Judge hefore, and the end in sight,
Growing out of the secession of Texas in 1836, and the subsequent Mexican War of 1846-47, this country acquired from Mexico nearly 1,000,000 Methodist Episcopai Church was required from the corresponding all square miles of territory, covering all crowded. At the close of the merting a collection of \$132 in legal tender was collected.

Victoria-The election is ever; the Colonist is jubilant; the Chronicle in not. Free trade was voted down and protection in the persons of Messra De Cosmos and McClure, the successful candidates, was declared by a large majority.

The day for receiving proposals for the erection of the new Courthouse expires today. We understand there expires today. are a number of bids in

The Library of this city has been presented with a very interesting relic in the shape of a Boston Gazette of March 12, 1770. The paper contains an account of the collision between the

The fourth annual ball of the Port land Hibernian Benevolent Society will be held March 17 at Turn Verein Hall.

We have had the pleasure of a call from Hon. Samuel Colt, who returned from California by the last steamer.

ington Territory, Hon. Leander Holmes has assented to allow his name to be used as a candidate for Delegate to Congress, subject to the Union nominating convention to be held at Claquato, April 4.

Company B. known as the Washing Company B, known as the washing ton Guards, of this city, have elected the following officers: Captain, Charles S. Mills: First Lioutenant. William Young: Second Lieutenant. T. B. Borst: Sergeants, W. G. Mackay, C. C. Phillips, L. C. Henrichkson, H. Cooke, W. T. Patterson: Corporals, Lebeley Bethewill, Elebert Henricht. James Bethwell, Richard Henschuch, T. T. Minor, E. F. Albright, The civil officers chosen are: E. F. Albright, scretary, and Frank Dekum, treas-

On Monday evening the quarters of aptain Hopkins at Fort Vancouver Captain Hopkins at was destroyed by fire, the second time within the last few, months.

In his second inaugural address which has just been received by tele graph. President Lincoln touched pointedly upon the war situation. Some of his striking sentences, in his re-markably brief address, are:

"Neither party expected for the war the magnitude or duration which it has already attained. . . Both read already attained. . . Both read the same Bible and pray to the same God; each invokes his aid against the other. It may seem strange that any man should dare to claim the Just God's assistance in wringing their Late Fanny Crosby Author of Appear in Behalf Aged Pasters.

Fanny Crosby, the blind poet and hymn writer, who recently died wrote a poem apecially for the retired ministers, and in sending the manuscript to Rev. Joseph B, Hingeley, secretary of the board of conference claimants, she wrote the following interesting letter:

"I shall suppose that American slay ery is one of the offenses. . . . He levies war as a woo due to those by

Representatives in Congress.

TURNER, Or., March 6,-(To the Edi-r.)-(1) Who are the Representatives from this state and from which district What counties are included in

each Congressional district?
(3) By whom and how was Oregon divided in these districts? (4) If they are not too long, please print in full the 16th and 17th amend-ments to the United States Constitu-

(1) First district, W. C. Hawley econd, N. J. Sinnott; third, C. N. Mc-Arthur. (2) First district, all of Western

Oregon except Multromah; second, all

of Eastern Oregon; third, Multnomah ounty. (3) By the Legislature by enactment of law in 1911. (4) The 16th amendment authorizes congress to lay and collect income taxes

without state apportionment or regard The 17th amendment provides for dection of U. S. Senators by direct vote of the people.

Knights of Columbus.

HUBBARD, Or., March 6 .- (To the Editor.)—Please state in The Daily Oregonian the nature, object and purpose of the order of Knights of columbus, and is any good mor MR. MILLER IS TOO CONSERVATIVE then elligible to membership; and if not then what qualifications are re-

Address your inquiry to Joseph

Yes, to Both Questions.

PORTLAND, March 7.—(To the Edi-or.)—I. In a game of pinochle dia-monds are trumps. I have melded 50 kings and then draw the other king and the two queens of diamonds. Can I then meld double royal marriage,

War Cannot Destroy Fashion

Half of France may be in arms, out wonderful, fascinating Paris is still creating styles. Her artists have already determined the modes for Spring and the stores are spreading the message to American women.

The new gowns, the new mil-

linery, the new lingerie, is on show. The advertising in The Oregonian The advertising in The Oregonian is telling the story day by day.

It is an education in "what's what" to read the newspaper adver-tising in this before-Easter season.