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remonstrances of Mr. Wilson's Admin-

istration," by resort to arbitration

Solely through the neglect or refusal

of Germany to enter into a Bryan

powers have gone to greater extremes

Knowledge that we have voluntarily

explains the Anglo-French attitude.

without burglarizing our own

that we should intervene in the

commissions of inquiry every dispute which may arise. Our present experi

ence has shown that emergencies may

and with no treaty veto on its use

nations, knowing we are free to use B.

Granting of a new trial to the Na

put out from Hughtown in pursuit of

chase instead of stopping to pick up

the Indian City's crew, they might

The gift of a wealthy New Yorker

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CELILO CANAL CELEBRATION.

When this country was crude, raw was used as nature had made it.

With the sale of the Oregon Railway & Navigation company to interests which completed a through line of railroad from Portland to a connection with the Union Pacific, the bia began to fade, but the people have persistently clung to the river as a gon Senate was controlled by politi-competitor with the railroad. They clans traveling every avenue toward

breaking that Oregon resorted to a resulting in possible confusion. makeshift by building a portage rail-

Lewiston, a distance in each case of ful make uninterrupted voyages to the the Senate concurred in the change. heart of the grain, fruit, wool and The habit some newspapers have age the products of Western Oergon and Washington and of the whole world, and can bring back all the products of the interior for shipment to the Atlantic Coast and the whole for they can be transferred from river vessels to ocean vessels at Portland.

Completion of the Celilo Canal comes at a propitious time for development of river transportation. Hitherco-operate with water lines or to build feeders to them has been a serious obstacle to use of the river. The automobile has now reached the stage where it is becoming a useful substitute for the railroad. Construc tion of good highways with a hard surface will enable auto trucks to haul heavy loads direct from the farms and towns in the back country to the steamer. Completion of the canal and the possibilities which it opens up should give a great impetus to the good roads movement in the interior, for good roads will be valuable feeders to the river and will render it independent of the railroads.

That the people of the Columbia river hasin may have the full benefit of an open river, it is necessary that every river town be equipped with modern wharves and machinery for handling freight and that up-todate vessels for carrying freight be provided. The old type of steamboat should be replaced by a modern tug towing a string of steel barges. At Portland there should be barges and lighters for transfer of cargo between river and ocean vessels. When these facilities are provided the Columbia will become a crowded highway and a good case will have been established for asking the government to extend the open river to the Canadian boundary, where it should meet an open through British Columbia, the work of the Canadian government,

The task of opening the upper giver to navigation goes hand in hand that of opening the lower river to deepsea vessels, for one is the complement of the other. Portland has divided with the government the cost of making a 30-foot channel to the sea which is now an accomplished fact The government by building jettles and by dredging, with the aid of Portland and Astoria, has made a broad channel 33 feet deep across the Columbia river bar and is continuing work with a view of attaining a depth of 40 revolution in streetcar fares by com- all the benefits of throttling Germany water the other night! feet. By means of this channel the vol- pelling adoption of zone rates. He and could "stand us off" for a year ume of traffic which the upper river estimates that in the congested part on any demand for the abandonment can exchange with the outer world will vastly increased. Thus the Inland Empire gains by every yard of sand cents each, but that patrons in the might know that an arbitration court that is dredged from the channel and outlying districts would have to pay would finally award the United States by every ton of rock that is dumped

on the fetty. The Celilo Canal forms a link in a great chain by which every town on the upper Columbia and the Snake fare limit usually contained in fran- save enough in the cost of actual hosas far as Lewiston and Priest Rapids chises. In reply it is suggested that tilities to counterbalance the sum they is brought into close intercourse with if the change were submitted to vote would pay this Nation. the entire world-intercourse all the so many persons would profit by recloser because that greatest of all duced fares that an amendment of the rather than yield after the commiswaterways, the Panama Canal, is now kind would be approved by the peo- sion had reported, it would be forbid-It is also an earnest of like ple. od things in store for the country the more rapidy will its improvement

be extended Every citizen of the entire Columthe development of the Columbia both charging fares in excess of 5 armies and navies already in the field basin, which includes the greater parts of Oregon, Washington and Idaho and a large part of Montana and British railway companies, after due consider-

the Rhine and Elbe to Germany, the Columbia is destined to become to the Pacific Northwest.

THE TWILIGHT OF THE HORSE.

Man, the horse, the cow and the dog have been closely associated through the entire progress of human evolution. The pigh has also been our evolutionary brother but he has not enjoyed the same intimate affection as the horse and dog. When Darwin was visiting the cow regions of the Argentine he remarked some naked gauchos crossing a river on horseback and reflected with his usual sagacity that the two races had evidently been adapted to one another by ages of simultane-PORTLAND, MONDAY, MARCH 18, 1915. to one another by ages of simultaneous variation. But now man parts company with his old companion and slave. The horse is at last gaining his When this country was crude, raw freedom through the good offices of and wild, the Columbia was the high- the gas engine, but if he loses his exway by which gold seekers went to the istence at the same time he may permines of Idaho and Montana, but it haps not value the favor very highly.

Altogether lovely as the horse is on Steamers which earned their cost in a the farm and the country road he is single season have become famous in a nuisance in town. He befouls the Pacific Coast history, and their profits streets, attracts flies and disseminates formed the foundation of several great disease. Now that he has become unfortunes. Passengers and freight were economical in addition to his other disfortunes. Passengers and freight were transferred around the Cascades, Celilo Falls and the rapids by stage and lilo Falls and the ra cost was not counted in the feverish haste to reach the gold mines. Finally a portage railroad was built past the howl at night, snap at passers by and obstructions and was the first step in dig up the neighbors' flower beds and lost communication with the German made so conciliatory a reply to our the transition from steamer to rail in thus take the place of the dog. If government was the London declara-protest against her proclamation of a pioneer transportation.

That agreement permits the war area. That reply contrasts strong-

DISPUTING THE RECORD.

The effort of the Democratic press to make it appear that the late Ore- foodstuffs among conditional contra- locked up our gun and cannot get it cians traveling every avenue toward lations:

from Congress was so heart- by one office and in part by another,

The bill reached the executive office road. At last an initial appropriation with the emergency clause attached, was made in 1905 and work was be- but upon advice of the Attorney-Genwas made in 1995 and work was be-gun on the canal and locks which have been completed ten years later. attention of House members to a pro-The Columbia is now navigable vision of the constitution which forwithout trans-shipment of cargo from bids the attachment of emergency the sea to Priest Rapids and the Co- clauses to tax measures. The House lumbia and Snake are navigable to thereupon, because of the bill's doubtconstitutionality, recalled more than 400 miles. Steamers can struck out the emergency clause and

The habit some newspapers have of stock-growing country. They can take looking with cross-eyed suspicion from Portland on their upward voy- upon every Legislature seems to breed a careless veracity.

CAUSE OF THE DEFICIT.

posed the fallacy of the Administra- but no opportunity to rebut was given,

to the unwillingness of railroads to tariff amounted to 12.62 per cent of not be permitted to leave the United were the first five months of the war, to the American flag. imports were \$134,936,427 less than Germany's announced readiness to in the same period of 1913. If those give this satisfaction is promise that goods had come in, the additional a serious cause of friction will be reduty at 13.62 per cent would have moved. In view of her own conten-been \$17,892,570. The decrease of imthe deficit.

tions to the free list. all, for Mr. Steenerson showed that destruction of the Frye. the Treasury balance had shrunk from nearly \$150,000,000 when President Wilson was inaugurated to \$45,433,746 on February 15, 1915. The expenditure of the present fiscal year to Febaruary 18 exceeded receipts by \$100,-757,386 and the deficit is growing

from day to day, The deficit is not due to the decrease in imports caused by the war. It is due to the decrease in duties collected on imports, to miscalculation of the revenue to be derived from income and corporation taxes, but, above all, to lavish spending by Congress. That body knew that revenue was falling short of estimates, but it proceeded to spend more money than it had, the total appropriations made at the last session being \$1.128,000,000. It would be hardly possible for the most expert revenue-producer to keep pace with the capacity of the recently expired Congress for spending money.

NO CHANCE FOR ZONE RATES,

San Francisco that the fitney, if it other seizures which would surely fol of San Francisco his company could of a policy which might do irreparhaul passengers profitably for 21/2 able injury to our commerce. considerably more.

farther up the Columbia. The more lished by the streetcars would elimin. We should still be limited to a mobile use we make of our great waterway, ate the jitney as a short-haul carrier. army of about 25,000 men and to But what would prevent the stneys Navy which in two years will be from establishing a zone rate, or bar them from abandoning the short hauls ing already at war, Britain and France big river watershed who can possibly and competing with the streetcars on are left free by the treaties to arm attend should be present at the ceremonies May 3 to 5, which are to mark Some jitneys are now running in Port-the opening of the canal. This will land to points outside the city limits in pired, they would be abundantly ready

cents.

Middle West and South, what the zone rate in Europe is to cause constants of the States until a more convenient time resisting arrest by Federal officers.

Amazon is to Brazil, the Nile to Egypt, gestion in tenements within the cheap the Rhine and Elbe to Germany, the fare limits. Clearly it would ulti-london Spectator, who says:

Columbia is destined to become to the mately result in the close-in resident although there may well be nothing to have been suggested by a writer in the service of the Oregon Improvement Control of the Control of

flected with his usual sagacity that the two races had evidently been adapted business, but to see that the public is as well protected when traveling by auto-bus as by streetcar, and that auto transportation property pays its proportionate share of taxes. The jitney is entitled to a fair field, but nothing more. If it can exist under such terms, it is a legitimate growth in public service. If it cannot, the sooner that fact is established the better it will be for the jitney operators and the general public.

WEAK CASE FOR PRINZ EITEL.

cities might become reasonably clean sinking of a ship, more than half of ly with the firm stand taken by Britthe cargo of which is contraband, ain and France in defense of their em-when the safety of the captor would bargo on German commerce. Since be endangered by taking it to a port the United States sent its protest these of the captor's country.

The London declaration includes band and contains the following stipu-

competitor with the railroad. They have realized that the first requisite to genuine, successful competition was removal or circumvention of the obstructions to continuous voyage from the source of production in the interior to the markets at the head of navigation for ocean vessels. To accomplish this end, their united efforts have been applied for thirty years.

The first fruits were seen in the opening of the Cascade locks twenty years ago, but that by itself was a small help, for the rapids and Celilo Falls were only a few miles above to divide the upper from the lower river. The delay in obtaining an appropriation from Congress was so heartshe herself is contraband.

In cases where the above presumptions on nations, knowing we are free to use not arise, the destination is presumed to be the big stick, will not provoke us to The presumptions set up by this article use it. The Bryan treaties are a direct

The Frye's cargo was not consigned rights by other nations, for they may to enemy authorities or contractors, at any time offer us the alternative but to a merchant. It was not con-between sacrifice of our interests and signed to a fortified place, for the ship breach of our plighted word. was bound to Queenstown for order been grounds for adverse presump Representative Steenerson, who ex- tions, they might have been rebutted,

tional proof that it was due to the and by that standard the criuser's conduct must, therefore, be judged. By of New England journalism. Underwood tariff.

Taking official statements as a basis, he finds that during 1914 the duties collected under the Underwood

duct must, therefore, be judged. By that standard it is condemned as a wanton violation of the rights of a neutral state, and the cruiser should the total imports. In 1912 under the State until full satisfaction has been Payne-Aldrich tariff the collections given, not only to the owners of ship were 18.14 per cent. During the five and cargo for their monetary loss, months ending December 31, which but to the United States for the affront

ports for the whole calendar year 1914 stuffs must be proved beyond doubt to was only about \$3,000,000. Hence the be bound actually to a belligerent decrease of imports does not explain force of an enemy in order to justify seizure, she could not do otherwise The chief cause of the deficit was without conceding that her enemy is the reduction of duties and the addi- free to starve out her whole popula-This cut the tion. Irrespective of the merits of the ustoms revenue \$69,167,342 lower in case, Germany will find the better 1914 than in 1913. But that was not policy to be to make full amends for

"STANDING OFF" UNCLE SAM.

The great injury which would be done to American commerce by proposed British and French seizure of all goods destined to Germany and Austria furnishes an example of the contingencies to which Colonel Roosevelt referred when he denounced the Bryan peace treaties. By those treaties Britain and France are relieved of all anxiety as to the consequences of vio lating the rights of American commerce.

The treaties bind the United States and each of the nations mentioned to devote a year to inquiry by a commission into the merits of any controversy and during that year to make no addition to their armed forces in preparation for war, but they leave each for frequent use. nation free to arm against other nations. If an inquiry by a commission into the Withelmina case were ordered, our hands would be tied for a idea there were so many fool men. year. We should be barred from ex-Prediction comes from the general acting prompt satisfaction not only manager of the United Railways in for that wrong, but for all the many continues in the field, will cause a low. The allies could continue to gain heavy damages, but in the meantime Naturally the question arises as to they might gain their end-the defeat how the street railways could adopt of Germany-and might consider that the zone plan in view of the 5-cent by shortening the war they would

Should this country resolve to fight den by the treaty to make any mili-It is the idea that zone rates estab- tary preparations during the year. equaled by that of France alone. Bebe one of the great events in competition with the street railways, to fight us. They would have veteran

and fully equipped with the latest Twenty-Five Years Ago It may be doubted that the street implements of war. The peace trea-

Columbia. It is a long step in the ation, will attempt to establish the work of converting the Columbia river into a water highway from the Pacific ocean to its source in the Canal lakes of British Columbia. What the Mister of British Columbia water highway from the Mister of British Columbia water highway from the Pacific attempt to do so, it is likely that votors are ready to fight us and of causing us then to go into war under a tremendous, self-imposed handicap, and pirate of Pusct Sound for years, was of the Bryan the Linited British while ation, will attempt to establish the forcing neutrality upon us until the alies were ready to fight us and of causing us then to go into war under a tremendous, self-imposed handicap.

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The columbia was a stable were ready to fight us and of causing us then to go into war under a tremendous, self-imposed handicap. of British Columbia. What the Mistions other than an immediate reduction of the Bryan treaties as a was fatally shot at Salmon Bay, just hissippi, Missouri and Ohio are to the tion in car fares. The tendency of the means of "standing off" the United north of this city, late last night while

Port Townsend .- H. W. McNeill, man ager of the Oregon Improvement Com-pany, has signed contracts with the city and Portland,

Police Commissioners Frank and Sinon and Chief of Police Parrish yeserday took a stroll through the County Jail to see how the prisoners are kept in the new iron cages. Their idea was observation to get pointers to be used when a new jail is built,

There we see a frankly admitted

desire to "delay judgment until after the war" and to "silence any pressing

treaty, we are free to defend our rights against encroachments by that country. If a German submarine

> George W. Brown, whose leg was broken a short time ago while he was superintending the work on the Madistreet bridge, was able to visit his

Mayor De Lashmutt has purchased Mayor De Lashmutt has purchased the old Thomas Stewart farm, now known as the Neep place in Washington County, adjoining his Witch Hazel stud farm. The place contains 217 acres and the price was \$10,000. The Witch Hazel ranch contains 2000 acres.

C. H. Dodd, who has been in the East the last three months, has returned,

The partnership between Drs. Royal & Drake has been dissolved by mutual onsent.

This analysis of the position in A. D. Charlton, of the Southern Pa-ific, left yesterday for the Puget which the Bryan treaties have placed the United States toward the belligerents is not intended as a suggestion

on either side. It is intended to dem-onstrate that this Nation should not bind itself to arbitrate or to submit to physicians have known. Ex-President Cleveland, it is said, has

arise which require 'prompt, firm treatment with a "big stick" at hand of \$50,000 yearly. An interesting article on "The Schools of Germany" appears in the March num-ber of the Student, edited by Master W Then we can protect our interests without breach of faith, and other

incitement to encroachment on our Practicability of Flax Scutching Plant at Penitentiary Doubted.

the Editor.)—In a recent article on flax fiber there was no intention to discourage the cultivation of flax straw, but to call attention to the use-Kingdom, which might or might not be fortified or a base for the British armed forces. According to article 34, the destination must be positively such a place, not merely possibly, in order to justify a presumption that the cargo is contraband. Therefore the cargo is contraband. Therefore cution.

Grand Register officials defers section a tional Cash Register officials defers section a tional Cash Register officials defers plant at the Penitentiary at a cost of \$25,000, with a view of promoting the industry and of furnishing labor to convicts, unless the farmers would supply material. It is evident the farmers hould have been pre
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The first and the penitentiary at a cost of \$25,000, with a view of promoting the industry and of furnishing labor to convicts, unless the farmers would supply material. It is evident the farmers have not responded to the invitation, as the Governor has a plant at the Penitentiary at a cost of \$25,000, with a view of promoting the sentence been confirmed, Mr. Bryan's industry and of furnishing labor to convicts, unless the farmers would supply material. It is evident the farmers would supply material to a su

The late Samuel Bowles was handihapped at the start by the reputation of his father, who had made the world. Goods brought down the river need never leave the water until they reach a foreign port across the ocean, for they can be transferred from river thank it was due to the purpose of the country; but the control of the purpose of the country; but the overcame that and kept the paper of all kinds of mills for the purpose of the country; but the overcame that and kept the paper of all kinds of mills for the purpose of the country; but the control of the country; but the overcame that and kept the paper of all kinds of mills for the purpose of the country; but the country that it was due to the country; but the country that it was due to the country; but the country that it was due to the country; but the country that it was due to the country; but the country that it was due to the country; but the country that it was due to the country; but the country that it was due to the country; but the country that it was due to the country; but the country that it was due to the country; but the country that it was due to the country; but the country that it was due to the country; but the country that it was due to the country; but the country that it was due to the country; but the country that it was due to the country; but the country that it was due to the country; but the country that it was due to the country that it was due to the country that it was due to the country that the decrease in revenue also the Scio of later date, well also the Scio of later date, well also the scio of the country; but the country that the decrease in revenue also the country that the decrease in revenue also the country that the decrease in revenue also the country the country that the decrease in revenue also the country that t at its high standard in the front rank of New England journalism.

Of all kinds of mines for the fiber locally. The fact is evident that the farmers are averse to supplying material. The Albany Italy is hesitating on the brink, fearing what may happen if she goes into the war, yet fearing to lose a it into sack twine, making an article share of the plunder if she stays out. equal to the Eastern twine. Though Either that is the case or she is play- having a home market, it was a failure

Had the British patrol boats which live was in view by the Eastern purchasers to discriminate against Valley fiber, as to all appearances it was equal to a bale of Belgium purchased for a sample to test the matter. The bale German submarine continued the was consigned with a shipment, callhave saved the Headlands. Their com- ing attention to it as selected Valley manders' hearts got the better of fiber, and yet it was turned down as not equal to the imported Beigium. What assurance have we that an article manufactured by convict labor The gift of a wealthy New Yorker would have any market whatever un-of \$30,000 worth of radium to use on inmates of Sing Sing is an estimable I contend it is only by individual la-

inmates of Sing Sing is an estimable reach Berlin before they are old men,

Selection of Committees.

ELIZABETH WATERS. may be efficient, but it is too costly The Roseburg heiress beseeched by many in marriage says she had "no That's because she is young.

fire sale of the thousand dressed hogs the House. slightly damaged by flame, smoke and If Italy delays much longer, her en-trance will be considered result of a lem: A and B made \$800; A pays \$11.10

Only nine candidates for city comof the \$800 after the expenses are nissioner and two to elect! Wake up, ken out? gentlemen! The Turk has faith in Mohammed

but is placing his real dependence or Germany. Thaw no sooner escapes one of the

What bargains there will be in a

aw's traps than he falls into another. The pressure on Governor Spry, o Utah, just now is tremendous,

Swat the early fly. Do not wait for the opening of the campaign. The real jitney peril seems to have developed.

Ball soon.

Port Townsend Southern Railroad Company to construct a line between this rates.

and, if the nature of the case forbids by Frank Nau, formerly prescription that, by resort to a commission of clerk for Woodard, Clarke & Co., will

should sink an American ship with all he helped lay out the city.

ffice yesterday.

James Russell Lowell's physicians re port he is slowly improving. The prob-ability is the distinguished author has been more seriously ill than any but his

en offered the presidency of a \$20,-0.000 English syndicate, with a salary

LACK OF STRAW MAIN TROUBLE

Wells, of the high school

OREGON CITY, Or., March 12 .- (To

Though

ling a very foxy game to gain all that is to be gained by fighting without having a fight.

The Scio mill could not obtain a figure for their fiber to justify opera-

deed, to be sure; yet there are many outside that institution to be saved and one cannot but think the money could be put to more profitable use.

The Delich bosing beaut to gain in value and there is no positive less the banding. A sententing machine that the fiber can be successfully produced. Let a bonus be given by the state for 50 bales of flax fiber as an inducement. There is a wide margin in value and there is no positive less the banding. The British having begun to gain loss in the handling. A scutching ma ground from the Germans by miles incan be had in stead of yards, they may possibly New York City for \$300 that will dress 30 pounds in 10 hours. As the value ranges from 30 cents to \$1 per pound, some of our idle young men should post themselves in this line of busi-The merger of the Southern and Central Pacific roads may be a good them information. Respectfully, A. J. M. thing for California, but how about Oregon? We should not object to an-

PORTLAND, March 13 .- (To the Ed-(or.)-Kindly advise us whether the The Chinese method of roasting pis. committees in the National House of as described by Charles Lamb, was Representatives are elected by the tried at the packing-house fire. It House or by the Speaker of the House.

In the last Congress a caucus of Democratic members of the House selected the ways and means committee, which reported back to the caucus the Democratic committee assignments, Republicans selected the minority members of committees by caucus. Caucus

cold-blooded bargain and not inspired by hot desire to kill.

expenses; B pays \$3.90 expenses; A and B together pay more expenses, which amount to \$50—they pay equal amounts of this \$50. How much do each receive

reports were thereafter approved by

If it is meant that each has paid the indicated expenses out of his own pocket and there is thereafter \$800 to divide on an equal basis, A should receive \$403.60; B \$396.40.

Attachment for Saloon Bill. PORTLAND, March 13.—(To the Editor.)—Can a saloon-keeper attach a man's wages for a liquor bill? I got a job now and because I owe this m some money he hounds me to death. am willing to pay, but can't right away He threatens to sue me and I have no money to consult a lawyer with.

ARTHUR M. POPE.

Your earnings are exempt up to \$75 bill.

FREIGHT RATES CHIEF OBSTACLE

Farmers Could Get Lime at Proper Prices but for Transportation, GRANTS PASS, Or., March 13 .- (To the Editor.)—I was much interested in the letter from "Rural Life," published in The Oregonian March 10, regarding the need of pulverized limestone for

use as fertilizer on the soils of West-ern Oregon. This is a subject to which I have given considerable study and, in my opinion, what is most needed to secure this limestone for the solls that re-

quire it in this state is not legislation

but transportation and lower freight "Rural Life" mentions that, in Illinots, the state sells crushed limestone to the farmers as low as 50 cents a ton. I would like to add to this statement by quoting from correspondence from the warden of the Southern Illinois Penitentiary, Menard, Ill., regarding ground limestone and with reference to prices and freight rates, as follows:

observation to get pointers to be used when a new jail is built.

Horse cars will soon be a thing of the past in Portland. The Third-street system and the Morrison bridge line are to be electrified.

Manager William H. Lee, of the Tacoma Hetel, was in the city yesterday examining the new Portland Hotel.

The Portland Hotel Pharmacy, owned by Frank Nau, formerly prescription clerk for Woodard, Clarke & Co., will open to the public today.

Tacoma.—George Francis Train received a great ovation on arrival from the East yesterday. The militia, bands and the public were out to greet Mr. Train on his first visit to Tacoma since he helped lay out the city.

In Southern Oregon there is an al-

only.

In Southern Oregon there is an almost unlimited supply of suitable limestone from which this fertilizer can be cheaply produced, but the freight rates to Willamette Valley points, where the greatest need of this fertilizer exists, are prohibitive.

The present freight rates per ton from Grants Pass to some of these points are: Portland, \$3.50: Salem, \$3.20: Corvallis, \$3.40: Albany, \$3: Eu-

points are: Portland, \$3.60; Salem \$3.20; Corvallis, \$3.40; Albany, \$3; Eugene, \$2,69.

The following quotations are from correspondence received from a prominent agronomist of this state, referring

nent agronomist of this state, referring to ground limestone fertilizer:

If it could be laid down here in the Willamette Valley, at main-line points, at 33 per ton in carload dots, there would be a targe demand for it.

I know that when limestone can be had at from \$2 to \$2 per ton at Willamette Valley points there will be a very heavy consumption of it.

If \$3 per ton it the maximum price which the Willamette Valley furmer can afford to pay for his fertilizer, delivered at his nearest railroad siding.

livered at his nearest railroad siding, the foregoing freight rates are prohib-If the freight rate on this fertilizer

was similar to that made by Illinois railroads, the approximate cost of freight per ton from Grants Pass to the same Willamette Valley points would be: Portland, \$1.48\(\frac{1}{2}\); Salem. \$1.22; Corvallis, \$1.145; Albany, \$1.685. Eugene, 851% cents. Under these conditions the Willamette Valley farmer would be able to secure ground limestone at a figure that would be profita-

ble to him.
But even if this fertilizer was availa-But even if this fertilizer was a ble at a reasonable price, is the Oregon farmer ready to make use of it? The writer has for some time contemplated the installation of a plant for the prothe installation of a plant for the production of pulverized limestone for such use and a short time ago, in an attempt to arrive at the probable size of the local market, inserted an advertisement in the local papers, both daily and weekly, requesting that all these desiring to scoure such fertilizer, if the same could be obtained at a reasonable cost, communicate with him. if the same could be obtained at a reasonable cost, communicate with him.

Only one reply was received.

However, a small crusher, to supply

But you cannot compare them with sonable cost, communicate with him. Only one reply was received.

the local demand, is at present being S. B. GORBUTT.

In the interest of the taxpayers it would be advisable to ascertain why the Salem plant suspended operations: Wheat Available Only at U. S. Ports

Is Suggestion Offered. PORTLAND, March 14 .- (To the Editor.)—The United States has wheat fame, and then, high up in the rocks, land and Germany, but the delivery of cumbling down the mountain's side wheat to Germany is opposed by England and the delivery of wheat to England and the delivery of wheat to England to us that the heart of the M

land and the delivery of wheat to Eng-iand is opposed by Germany.

The only element in the sales to either country which involves potential difficulty for this country is the matter of delivery. It seems to me that the various purchasers should assume the various purchasers should be various proposed by the various proposed by the various proposed by the various purchasers and the various proposed by the various purchasers are various proposed by the various purchasers and the various purchasers are various proposed by the various purchasers are various proposed by the various purchasers are various purchasers and the various purchasers are various purchasers are various purchasers and various purchasers are various purchasers ar a a deserved responsibility by undertak-ing the delivery of their own purchases. This country has the right to sell anything to anybody, and no foreign nation can assume to dictate what, when or how. We can understand the gratification enjoyed by resident agents of any of the warring nations sgents of any of the warring hallons when their plans result in embarrassment for this country to the advantage of the nation for which they act.

We have no important merchant marine, and such merchant ships as may now sail under our flag can find pay-

ing cargoes, consigned to neutral countries, in various United States ports. Therefore, why not fill the seapo of this country with wheat or any other merchandise desired by the war ring nations and sell for cash to comers with the understanding that cargoes shall be carried in foreign ships and that no delivery risks shall be assumed by the United States of

merica? If Germany needs our wheat, she is at liberty to come and get it, if she can pay for it, provided her merchant ships can elude the war vessels of the SIMPLEX. enemy.

When Husband Disappears.

ASHLAND, OR., March 12 .- (To the Editor)-Some years ago in London, England, I read in a paper of a presid-England, I read in a paper of a paper of a paper of a paper of the agistrate giving his decision if the affect that it was legal for a woman to marry again after a separation, without a divorce, for 8 years, also have heard that the same thing is legal in this country after a perioyears. Please advise me on that sub-

R. H. STANLEY.

Disappearance of the husband for ; period of seven years raises the legal presumption that he is dead. Ordinary separation, when whereaboute are known, however, does not. Under former circumstances if the wife remarries after seven years and the missing husband returns, she is not criminally iable, but the second marriage is void Proper procedure is to sue the missing husband for divorce on the ground of desertion.

Neutrality and War Loans.

PORTLAND, March 13.—(To the Editor)—Is Flora Finch of the Vitagraph players married to John Bunny of the same company, but who is now playing (2) Is there any international agree

(2) is there any international agreement to prevent private parties in the United States from loaning money to the belligerents? In other words would it violate our neutrality to ex-

tend a belligerent a loan? "A. H. J."

() War loans by United States citiens would not violate neutrality, bu President Wilson has urged Americans not to lend money to beiligerents, and his advice has been heeded. Some of the warring countries, however, have established credits in American banks. by horrowing money which is retained per month from attachment for liquor by the banks and paid out in this coun try for supplies.

Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian of March 15, 1845. The latest advices from Sherman's army indicated that a portion of it had sached Cape Fear River, some distance above Wilmington. After effecting a junction with Schofield, Sherman will probably move toward Raleigh. From Fayetteville, the point on Cane Vear River which it is supposed Sherman to alming at, it is 60 miles to Raleigh. The distance from Raleigh to Feterahur. distance from Raleigh to Petersburg 120 miles. The rebels have hither been unable to offer any considerab opposition to Sherman's advance. If they cannot prevent him from proceed-ing borth he may compel evacuation of Richmond before his army comes near

At the election lately held in Umatilla ounty, Umatilla City was chosen the ermanent county seat of that county

Chief Justice Chase in his first offiint action announces that West Virupreme Court, not long since everse opinion. It is said that Justices concur with Chase in the opin that West Virginia is a state except Judge Catron.

City Marshal H. L. Hoyt annous hat the delinquent tax list has been placed in his hands for collections.

A rumor was circulated last Summer to the effect that petroleum had been discovered near Astoria. The reports are being revived gently once more

exterion Church this evening for the benefit of the Ladies' Christian Com-

Leopold Wolf will lecture at the Pres-

Alex T. Siewart, the great dry goods caler of New York, paid \$550,000 in-ome fax tast year. His income return vas \$5,000,000 that year. His holiness, the Pope, has demanded

of Emperor Maximilian, of Mexico, that all the church property be restored to the bishops. It is expected the Emeror will forget to comply. A purse of \$500 went by steamer yesterday, contributed to relieve the dis-tress and poverty of John Gilroy, the pioneer of pioneers of California. Gil-roy once was rich. Three old friends,

MAZAMAS ARE TRULY FORGIVEN

two living at The Dalles and one at

Portland, made up the purse,

Palmer Buchelors, Ouce Annoyed, Take Trail and Find Scenie Murvels. PALMER, Or., March 8 .- (To the Editor.)-I notice in your paper that you frequently publish articles conto have it in for them because they came through our little town at all hours of the night, making all kinds of noises, from that of the lusty cowboys' yip-yip to the hoot owl's mourn-ful hoo-hoo. I remember on one occasion they lost "Bob" and from the way they were shouling for him you would have thought that he was the most popular man on earth. Do you

Well, some of us old bachelors de-cided to follow the trail March 7 in hope of corraling a cripple. But we were out of luck, for those Manamas are sure some hikers. When it comes

what spread out before us.
We talked over all of the descriptions we had ever seen printed of Oregon scenery and decided that they gon scenery and deckied that they were wanting. The Columbia making one long silvery streak; the show caps rearing their majestic heads to heaven; the quiet little farmsteads with their fields all ready for the sowing; the highway of Columbia's came to us that the heart of the Ma-

ing our names in the little leathers vered book, we forgave them BAM M'GIGIG.

THE SAN FRANCISCO FAIR.

'm off for California and the San Francisco Fair; I'm going to leave tomorrow on the Beaver or the Bear; I long to see the glories of the good old Golden State;

I long to view the sunset on the olden, Golden Gate; I want to sail right through it till I glide upon the bay; I want to watch the bustle when I anchor at the quay;
I'm off, my friends, to witness all the
wondrous wonders there.
Hurrah for California and the Sam

Francisco Fair! I'll see the Fair Ground's marvels, too; but first I want to see The building of old Oregon-Exhibit A for me. With one big tree for every state, which means that we are blessed With trees enough for all the land from

far, far East to West: In fact, we'll let them see that we could build a wooden chain From Maine to California and from Texas back to Maine. Hurrah for Oregonians, for they will all be there.

To see that things keep humming at the San Francisco Fair! I'll see the new inventions and the things of long age: I'll see the frenks of Nature and the tricks they have to show; I'll hear the bands play "Dixie" and I'll

view the wondrous light That illumines all the heavens and sup-plants the dark of night; I'll see the Nation's champions in all the lines of sport; In fact, I'll be in Eden 'till my pocket

book runs short. Hurrah! I'm off tomorrow on the Beaver or the Bear; Hurrah! for California and the San Francisco Fair LOUIS J. BALBACH.

March Winds

The month of winds has come This means extra care of the skin on the part of mliady, for, unless great precaution is taken, she will be much distressed with chapped lips, hands and face,

Cleansing creams, healing creams, softening or earn a and nourishing creams, creams to be used before facing stern March winds, and creams to be used after facing them—all of these necessary and delightful accessories will play an important part in the tollet of the fastidious woman during this month.

Articles of this description are now being shown on the counters of department and drug stores whose advertisements we carry. The wise woman will take advan tage of this opportunity now being offered in this particular