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#### A CALL

The Government's reservation blight Oregon. In this state about 60 per cent of the total area is in National forests, National parks and other resunappropriated public domain. In Idaho nearly \$3 per cent of the state has been withdrawn from entry and

According to Senator Borah, 5,600,-000 acres of good agricultural land and homesteads in Canada. The Govgiven police protection by the states.

They cause the isolation of settlements, increase the cost of state government and make the unappropriated ands so remote that their settlement is slow and unattractive.

These facts speak for themselves and

they ought to emphasize in the minds of the people the injustice of the pubhe land legislation that is pending in Congress. Senator Borah spoke the sentiment of a resolution adopted by the Oregon Legislature and it may hoped the sentiment of his own

of a blockaded road to progress.

There is an imperative call to the its varied and brilliant editorial page. Western states named in the Oregon resolution to join this state at the pro- tory been a consistent party newspaposed public land and water power

# A SYMPOSIUM ON BUSINESS.

conference in Portland.

A valuable digest of the opinions of American business men on the present situation and the future outlook in the United States has been New York and Chicago. In response the best business minds of the coun-

To the question whether jobbers and distributors have large or small stocks of goods, 646 answer small and only are letting money accumulate in Press. banks rather than invest it, in the opinion of 441 against 260. Unem ployment is unusually large, according to 435, about as usual in the minds of 127 and less than usual in the opin-

having answered both of the first one case Japan, in the other questions affirmatively.

Your opinion is the outlook for American business during the year 1915?"

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going to jump. Their caution has been cammunicated to merchants in buying stocks, to bankers in making loans, danuary, and late replies say that it can be a sold one, but the last two weeks of February a continuous found and advantage of men have found work. This suggests that the anticipated improvement has already begun, the door which John Hay proposed the door which J

These conditions combine to justify and all the powers agreed should rethe anticipation of prosperity. The main open.
one essential is confidence as to the The United States has no intention.

and a hygienic dist. Bacterine injec- repeated assurances, backed up by our public schools. Her family worked tions may be a good remedy, but pre- acts, should convince Japan that her for sweatshop wages to support her air, bathing, moderate exercise pan.

as wholesomely as the Esquim body would ever have a cold.

AN EVENT FOR THE COLUMBIA RIVER The people of Oregon have good ause to welcome the steamship Great Northern, which arrives at Flavel on tion of another to the extent which its maiden trip today, for the event is would be implied by consent to what of vast importance to the future of Japan asks would no longer be indeits maiden trip today, for the event is Columbia Valley. The Great Northern is the first of two steamers, the other being the Northern Pacific, which for size and speed excel all others that have ever been put on the the California coast. They will give

route between the Columbia River and the railroads serious competition will be able to equal railroad speed to San Francisco. By traffic arrangements with the Great North-ern, Northern Pacific and North Bank railroads, they will draw passengers and freight from the intermountain country and from Puget Sound. The Columbia River route will from oday be on the map of coastwise and

ean as well as railroad traffic, A bold venture has been made by the Great Northern and Northern Pacific lines in making the water route from the Columbia River a competitor of The Government's reservation bught is more extensive in Idaho than in equal terms with the railroads. This is more extensive in Idaho than in venture is backed by the great volume of traffic the allied roads can control and is aided by a line of exforests, National parks and other res-ervations, litigated land grants and other cities with the steamer. Its In success will surely be followed by the entrance of other steamers on Coast route.

Independent lines through the Panama Canal to the Gulf and Atlantic coasts and to Caribbean Sea ports Idaho. This area is closed to settle-ment, yet in the last five years 500,000 American citizens have sought homes and homesteads in Canada. The rest idle in the forest reserves of should naturally follow and ultimately Idaho. This area is closed to settletrans-Atlantic lines connecting with the Hill roads. With proper encourernment areas in Idaho, as in Oregon, agement by the people to the steamer cannot be taxed, yet they must be lines they now have, the Columbia

#### DEATH OF SAMUEL BOWLES

Samuel Bowles, who died early Sunday, was the successor of a father distinguished in journalism as the editor of the Springfield (Mass.) Republican. He was indeed the third our emotions poetry. of the name, for the Republican, a weekly newspaper, was founded by the original Samuel Bowles, a practical printer, at Springfield, in 1826.

The Daily Republican was started state when he said at Philadelphia:

It is now proposed to fasten upon every natural resources of the West an additional tax or royalty which will be paid in the end by the masses of the people. The coal, the oil, the mineral, the power and everything will carry a tax. We will have about 12 or 15 per cent subject to taxation, and the people who cover that 12 or 15 per cent subject to taxation, and the people who cover that 12 or 15 per cent subject to taxation, and the people who cover that 12 or 15 per cent subject to taxation, and the people who cover that 12 or 15 per cent subject to taxation, and the people who cover that 12 or 15 per cent subject to taxation, and the people who cover that 12 or 15 per cent subject to taxation, and the people who cover that 12 or 15 per cent subject to taxation, and the people who cover that 12 or 15 per cent subject to taxation, and the people who cover that 12 or 15 per cent subject to taxation, and the temperature of the kind anywhere in Massachusetts outside of Boston. But it was almost from the first a success, owing to the exceptional capacity of the young editor. Under his direction the Republican, taking a bold and active part in the stirring events of ante-bellum days, acquired a National fame. The Republican was indeed, as long ago as 1856, described by the New York Tribune (Horace Greeley) as the "best and ablest country journal ever published on this continent. It won its place by the hardest work, by the editor's natural genius and by the opportunity of a state belong to the state treasury in order to reduce the burdens of the people of that particular state.

These are wise words, energetically spoken. They tell'a story of already the people of that particular state. by Samuel Bowles II in 1844 and was

These are wise words, energetically him, and during that time it has held They tell a story of already its position as the great leader and development whose final exponent of New England thought. chapter, unless the programme of the It has been, besides, a complete and chapter, unless the programme of the It has been, besides, a complete and says that the later reservationists and bureau- well-written newspaper, giving the good as any in Europe, while our out- Eastern reservationists and bureau- well-written newspaper, giving the good as any in Europe, while our outcratic chiefs be frustrated, will read same careful and thorough attention to the presentation of the news as to

The Republican has never in its his per, and in later years the name has been a misnomer. In 1872 it supported Horace Greeley for President against Grant, and in 1884 it repudiated the nomination of Blaine and went for Cleveland. In 1896, however, it left the Democracy on the free silver issue and stood behind Mc-Kinley. Its tendencies have recently made by Harris, Winthrop & Co., of been strongly Democratic, so that it not only now warmly upholds Presito circular letters they received 701 dent Wilson, but it is one of the few

ocratic papers, of Secretary Bryan.

Mr. Bowles, like his father and a close second. The classes are large grandfather, thought it inconsistent with his duties as an editor to hold in the world of science and letters.

# JAPAN'S MONROE DOCTRINE.

Japan occupies a position in Eastern Asia similar to that which the United States occupies in America. Acquisi-The advance in freight rates has not tion of territory on the neighboring added appreciably to the cost of mainland by any great European pow-freight, say 680, while only 21 say it er would be a menace to her safety, has changed business. As to whether just as the United States considers abundance of money has made bor- that like acquisition in the American rowing easier, 393 say "Credit is close-ly scrutinized"; 317 say "Facilities country. Northern Asia is held by about as usual," and 58 say "Accom- Russia, as the northern part of North modation unusually abundant," some America is held by Britain. In the United States, has fought to set As to whether people are economiz- bounds to the expansion of a foreign as to whether people are economizing, 458 say "Economy general from choice," and 104 observe no unusual economy, some answers being affirmative as to both the first two questions. To the question "What in the content of the content

heretofore made by The Oregonian, eign powers call forth a large meas-Prosperity is abundant in the basic ure of sympathy in this country, for farming industry and is spreading they are justified by regard for Ja-through the manufacturing industries, pan's own safety. We should view but those who have money are charty with equal concern the acquisition by We should view but those who have money are chary with equal concern the acquisition by thing she is an important literary about either spending or investing un- an aggressive power of a foothold on figure. Her books, "The Promised til they see which way some cat is the Caribbean sea, within striking dis- Land" and "Those Who Knock at Our and to promoters in starting new en-terprises. Hence the small stocks in jobbers' hands, the accumulation of money in banks, the close scrutiny of eign capital without her consent. This credit by bankers and the large degree of unemployment. The original letters were sent out about the end of on China which may be used as a world. They should be admitted the control of January, and late replies say that in basis for future cessions of territory.

future. So long as the war continues, has not the remotest desire, to acquire the improvement is likely to be liming any part of China. We simply detended but its close is likely to be followed by the diseased, but nobody else.

Mary Antin's opinions of the United mand for our own merchants, investowed by an era of prosperity similar to those which followed the Napoleonic wars, the Civil War and the Franco-German war.

The new hypodermic injection for to us own merchants, investors, and promoters and promoters and its mission have been equal opportunity with those of other nations to aid in the development of China. Japan may say that her proposed veto is not intended to apply posed veto is not intended to apply its post consistent with The new hypodermic injection for to us, but it is not consistent with the memory of bloody pogrems and the dignity of this nation to enter the dignity of this nation to enter the dignity of this nation of Ja-

vention is better. If everybody lived demand, as applied to us, is unneces

sary as well as offensive.
Further, the United States
pledged to support the principle Chinese integrity and independence. which would be impaired by granting the Japanese demands. A nation which had fallen under the dominanation pendent and would retain its integrity only on sufferance. China must remain independent of Japan as well as

stacles in her way. Japan has an overflowing population, which is now occupying Corea and Manchuria to the great benefit of those countries. It will need more room to overflow, and we should prefer seeing it over-flow into a neighboring Oriental coun-try like China rather than into this China, the less likely is the problem

#### POEMS AND POETRY.

F. W. Ruckstahl, of the National of Aris and Letters, has favored the New York Times with a definition of poetry. It is, he says, "an exalted emotional state in someone's soul occasioned by the impact upon it of the facts and things of life and nature." Of course a poem is the expression of this exalted inner state which Mr. Ruckstahl calls poetry. We fear the erudite gentleman has momentarily forgotten the proper use of language. An emotion or other inner state may be poetical, but it is not poetry. Poems and poetry are things of language, not psychic conditions.

Everybody has dozens of poetical emotions every day, but it is only now and then that we come upon a person who has the gift of expressing them as poetry. The psychic state is the inspiration to build an artistic structure, but it is not the structure itself. It is not even the brick and mortar We might as well call for a poem. the rain and sunshine of an Oklahoma farm a yard of cotton cloth as to call

Fine weather and a fertile soil cause the cotton plant to thrive just as our inner soul states stimulate expression and provide it with a favorable environment. But it takes spinning maerary artist into a poem.

There is no real difference between the meaning of "poem" and "poetry" except that the latter is the more gen-eral term. They both refer to preeral term. They both refer to pre-cisely the same thing. Every poem is poetry and poetry in its largest sense includes all poems. But in common literature

#### OUR SOLID BOOKS.

Lord Bryce takes a pleasantly hopeful view of American literature in his North American Review article. He says we have at least five novelists as ably exceeds Germany's. In all the fields of "improving" authorship we have made remarkable advances since 1870 and even since 1900. Lord Bryce ascribes this agreeable change in our reading and writing habits to the de-No velopment of the universities. No doubt this has been a factor in the

In 1870 the chairs of history and economics in our universities for the better. History is now peraps the most popular study in our 646 answer small and only public office. He was at the time of In the old days it was the Greek, Latin and mathematics departments which led the van in our universities, but now they have given way to history, conomics and sociology.

This has naturally stimulated a popular demand for books on those jects. Since they have been well and interestingly taught students retain an is where all battles should be foughtinterest in them after they leave college. But there is another point that should not be overlooked. Since 1870 the historical and social sciences have another American in Mexico caused been intelligently taught in the public schools. The development of the great high school system of the country has taken place almost entirely since that date and with it has gone an enlargement of public interest in the studies which it has brought to the front. The jejune "civics" which formerly filled mental stomachs of our schoolchildren has been replaced by honest studies of politics and government. The bald memorizing of facts which is short of powder. once passed for history in the public 20 reply "Encouraging." 121 "Normal" and 160 "Discouraging."

Those demands of Japan on China which are designed to prevent concessions of business conditions spheres of influence by China analysis of business conditions spheres of influence by China analysis of business conditions spheres of influence by China analysis of business conditions spheres of influence by China analysis of business conditions are becoming more chesty than ever about our shipping, what are we going to mind has naturally stimulated a demand for "solid" literature.

There are various reasons why Mary Antin's lecture in Portland will be an unusually interesting event. For one migration. This land, she believes, is freely to the United States and, once here, they will find abundant opporopportunity and she discerns no good reason why its doors should not swing

Our well known policy and our Mary began her career in the Be

while she was getting "an education She wore poor clothes and bore on her person other evidences of dire

But such was the sweetness of he nature, such her utter faith in the goodness of humanity, and so ardent was her thirst for knowledge tha was her thirst for knowledge that everybody treated her kindly. The teachers loved her. The other pupils took her to their hearts. She made friends with distinguished men while she was still a little girl. as Edward Everett Hale Mary knew well before she finished the high chief factor in China's development soon as she knew the English landit would not accord with American interests to place profile. set. Mary Antin is from every point of view an extraordinarily inter

The Indiana couple, married ten a better climate in Oklahoma, and it The busier Japan is kept in it is to be hoped they will. Five times the events have been triplets, proba of Oriental immigration to become bly the United States record for fe cundity. The parents must be given credit for great expectations and prorision therefor. All the children are boys, and in naming this series the capital "A" was about exhausted in the table of nomenclature. Why cannot Oregon, which needs people more than Oklahoma, have these good things?

When a chorus girl of 22 and a number of boys under 20, all boozy are injured in a joy ride in the early morn, there is manifest a whole los of tender solicitude, very much mis-Many boys not yet 20 are applied. not too big for parental chastisement, and it is a wonder a wise man on the municipal bench does not occasionally make an order to that effect. As for the "chorus girl of 22," the figure may include any number of years up to 40.

Have you tried the "no-breakfast" plan? No coffee, no chocolate, no rolls, "no nothing." Just get out of bed and go to work while the stomach gains vigor to digest a hearty meal at noon. It saves trouble, it cuts down the cost of living and it produces ex-uberant health. At least, those who have tried it say so, but it is only fair to mention that none of them have tried it very long.

The trillium comes out as soon as chines, looms and dyes to make cotton any of our wild flowers, but it is not into cloth and likewise it takes craftsinto cloth and likewise it takes crafts-manship to frame language into poetry. The cloth begins with weather are the clusters of the white viburpoetry. The cloth begins with weather are the clusters of the white viburand soil. Its middle state is raw cotton and the ultimate is clean white som are the apricots, which Jack Frost muslin. So for poetry we begin with usually nips. Filberts blossom in Febthe emotion which leaps out into lan-guage and is finally woven by the lit-not till May.

The Woman's Home Companion says the kitchen is the most important room in the house. By the same token the stomach is the most impor-tant organ in the body. It all depends on the point of view. Should the kitchen strike, the family would starve usage it includes nothing else. It is but we do not commonly admit that not a term of psychology but of food is more important than the brain food is more important than the brain it nourishes.

> Belgium, Serbia, Spain, Palestine and Poland are begging the United States for bread. England and Ger-many must have our foodstuffs or We produce fourteen bushels starve. of wheat to the acre on land that would grow thirty. Unless we learn to do better than that some people must go hungry next year.

When felicitating ourselves on the boon of peace that rests upon us we should not look too much on today. During our war with Spain the balance world was at peace. Who knows what the future-even the immediate future-may bring?

The inconceivable part of the story ist at all. As for sociology, it was unheard of. In all these departments she hauled down her colors and hoisted of study there has been a great change the white flag. That is not Teuton-

> With hostile men-of-war outside, the Eitel doubtless will elect to remain in port, the Eitel's specialty being unarmed merchantmen,

The United States is growing in power, says Secretary Redfield. He means in wealth, but wealth is not necessarily power these days. A report is at hand of a great battle

fought underground in France. That and a long way under, too. It will be noted that the killing of

far less furore than the killing of the A total of 250,000 Irishmen is said to be at the front. Ought to be about enough to bring the war in the West

to a successful close. As the philosopher said, it is just tion and been deposed? Is it in any ne thing after another. Germany's way related to the Campfire Gir and is running low and Great Britain Movement? SALEM. one thing after another. Germany's food is running low and Great Britain

Now that the belligerents are be

signs fore and aft to keep the streetcar off him. Joke by cable: The Spanish navy

is showing activity. One boat is being repaired and the other is at target Italy is rupturing traffic relations with Austria and that may mean af-

fairs are fixed. Eski Shehr has been chosen as the new Ottoman capital. On to Eski

Anarchy is reported at Manzanillo. And worse than anarchy at Mexico City. The order forbidding Army officers

to talk is hard on the talkative ones. The Lion is showing his teeth, Germany must be starved

In the case of Lincoln Beachey the inevitable happened.

Look for greater submarine activity; How to solve an anomaly: See "To-

day" temorrow. Boost the good roads movement.

On to Flavel!

## Twenty-Five Years Ago

From The Oregonian, March 16, 1899, Berlin-The international labor con Berlin—The international labor con-ference was formally opened yesterday in the large hall of Bismarck's palace. The debates in the lower house of the Prussian diet disclose the fact that the conservatives are alarmed over the Emperor's course in favor of the work-ing men. Baron you Batlenach, Prins Emperor's course in favor of the work-ing men. Baron von Berlepsch, Prus-sian Minister of Commerce, said in his opening address that the labor ques-tion demanded the attention of all civ-lized nations, since peace between dif-ferent classes of the population ap-peared to be imperiled by industrial competition.

Jim Corbett, the San Fran cisco pugilist who recently vanquished Kilrain passed through here yesterday way to New York.

Miss Helen Niederauer, the 16-year years and "guilty" of nineteen old girl who was burned a few days children, no doubt think they will find since by the explosion of an oil lamp a better climate in Oklahoma, and it at her home on Ninth street, near C, is recovering.

The work for the new engine hous on Fourth street, between Morrison and Yamhill, will be finished soon and the bricklayers may be expected to may be expected to G. H. Pumphry, a well-known Min

neapells business man, who has been looking over the country with a view toward securing a good location for a branch house, has decided to make Portland the distributing point for Pa-

Mrs. O. H. Stott and sister departed on the last steamer for San Franciscor a three months' absence.

THE CALL OF THE EARTH. The call of the earth and the swee daffodil

Is borne on the breeze that sweeps over the hill: And I see in my mind a little farm home, Where old-fashioned flowers peep up from the loam,

The call of the earth and the bright marigold
I heard in the chirp of a robin so bold;
That he perched on a branch quite close
to my door,
And says of And sang of a garden that blooms ever

call of the earth and the pink peach-blow wafted down from that rain-Were cloud, I know; And I heard quite distinctly the hum of the bees As they hovered over the blossoming

The call of the earth and the new-mow I caught from the murmuring brook to

And quite plainly I saw the great creaking load On its way to the barn down the hot, dusty road.

old.

Thus the call of the earth is the call back home
Of infinite love to those who roam; Away from their poverty, failure and strife.

Back to his presence and newness of life. And the call of the earth is the call to rexpress
The thoughts of the soul that ennoble and bless;
Tis the call to all creatures to unfold to the light,
As the blade cleaves the sod that en-

Wraps it as night.
MARY H. FORCE. Hillsdale, Or.

Origin of Boy Scouts SALEM, Or. March 14.—(To the Editor.)—Kindly tell me when, where and how the Boy Scout movement originated. Who was the first leader and director, and is it true that Ernest Thompson Seton has held this position and hear denovad? In it in any

The Boy Scout movement is an out growth of constructive ideas that came to boy workers in widely sepa rated places. In Great Britain General Baden-Powell adopted largely the ideas and methods of individual Amer-British Boy Scouts grew into the hunmovement impetus in the United States in a closely and definitely organized form. Ernest Thompson Saton is now Chief Scout of the "Boy Scouts America." The Boy Scouts and Campfire Girls are not related as organiza-

# Mendel's Law.

PORTLAND, March 15.—(To the Editor)—In The Oregonian, March 7, I noticed in the article about Father Schoener, by J. A. Currey, "Mendel's theory" is mentioned. Will you please what this theory is? SUBSCRIBER.

Mendel's law is a principle govern ing the inheritance of many characters in animals and plants, discovered by Gregor J. Mendel, an Austrian abbot. For further information consult an unabridged dictionary or any encyclopaedia.

# When a Man Mortgages.

SPRAY, Or., March 13.—(To the Editor)—If A buys personal property and, owning a farm, gives mortgage on property bought, and on falling to pay for said property, would his farm be holding for debt."

A SUBSCRIBER.

If the personal property is sold unde foreclosure of mortgage and does not yield the amount due the mortgages. the real property may become liable for the deficiency.

DUTY SHIRKED BECAUSE OF COST Its Voice Always Heeded Heretofor

PORTLAND, Mar. 15 .- (To the Editor.)-"Am I my brother's keeper?" That evasive and guilty answer of Cain has echoed down the ages and will continue to do so as long as men will continue to do so as long as men and nations continue to live. Even now it is staring the Government at Washington in the face in the shape of a Mexican problem which will not down and demands solution. It can only be answered as a plain Christian duty. To evade the question is but to make a farce out of Christianity.

In this day and age when men and nations are so dependent upon each other it is nonsensical to argue that a nation can maintain a separate and

nations are so dependent upon each other it is nonsensical to argue that a nation can maintain a separate and isolated existence without disintegrating. If this war has proved one thing it is this: That if comity be interfered with between a number of nations neutrals suffer about as much as beiligerents. If not why are notes and demands flooding the capitals of London and Berlin? China is a comparatively (or has been) insignificant country and yet we are so dependent on her that we have kept a fealous watch on the orient; if not why have we demanded again and again an open door?

Is it possible that a situation as has existed in Mexico for some time and at our very door is no concern of ours. Is it possible that between the parties to a fratricidal strife a nation should be allowed to commit suited.

Is it possible that between the parties to a fratricidal strife a nation should be allowed to commit suicide and we not suffer? Is it possible that Americans should be advised to leave their success and interests of years behind them simply because their government is too impotent to protect them?

To say that it is Christian is to make comedy out of "The Man of Sorrows." If any man ever did his duty Is the coming city of the coast.

Last December J. G. Hogan, of Portland, went down to Klamath City to be absent not more than two weeks. Meantime the storms of winter came on and he was detained until the first of this week. While at Klamath he endured many discomforts and has no further desire for frontiering.

A meeting of the Coast.

Is too impotent to protect them?

To say that it is Christian is to make comedy out of "The Man of Sorrows." If any man ever did his duty he did his. And if duty is anything it is that which has for its object the greatest good to the greatest number with injustice toward none. And this question, Mr. American, can only be solved by listening to the voice of guty.

Great crises in the

A meeting of the Oregon Athletic
Club will be held Monday, evening in the office of Riggen & Holbrook to see what can be done toward putting the club on a popular basis and to pull it through its present financial difficulties.

Joseph Watt of Amity was in the

Joseph Watt of Amity was in the city during the week. He has lived in Oregon since 1844 and with the exception of the winter of 1861-62 he has no recollection of a harder season than the past two months have been.

It is the general impression that John M. Lewis, who has been appointed postmaster at East Portland, will be a competent and acceptable officer.

Pacent letters from Ralph W. Hoyt.

The voice of duty has always had willing ear in great statesmen regardless of cost. Abraham Lincoln listened to he voice and broke the shackles off a slave race and reunited the states. The Cuban trouble broke out in 1895 and was shifted by Grover Cleveland on his successor. William McKinley listened to the voice of duty and freed a downtrodden people. The Mexican problem has been shifted from William Howard Taft's broad shoulders to the lean ones of Woodrow Recent letters from Raiph W. Hoyt, who is now in Japan, state that he is enjoying his outing and that his health has improved wonderfully. Wilson. Duty is still calling. Will health has improved wonderfully. voice go unheeded? WILLIAM A. WILLSHIRE.

## Efficiency or Jealousy?

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Mar. 13.— (To the Editor.)—So far I have been unable to discover in all writing on the subject, a scientife reason for the the subject, a scientife reason for the application that on account of its "militarism" (Sermany must be destroyed. If by militarism (always as applied to Germany) is meant efficiency in this branch of the German government, as in most all German institutions, Germany pleuds guilty. If jealousy of its efficiency should be the motive of the combined nations of Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia to destroy this nation, "militarism" (as always applied to Germany) can hardly be the awful affair as painted.

It might be different with most of these nations as to the application of

these nations as to the application of militarism. Some are situated so that they do not need a large land force, others so that they need neither a very large land or sea force, but of both, they aim to have the best or the most efficient. Here what is locking in efficient. Hence, what is lacking in efficiency they have to make up numbers. AN OLD SUBSCRIBER.

PORTLAND, Mar. 16 .- (To the Editor.)—It must be patent to the Hink-ing people that the time has arrived when some effective means should be adopted to stop this alaughter of the flower of the earth. It is a matter of lower of the earth. It is a matter of our concern, neutral though we are, to Then my eyes traveled on to the farmhouse door.

And I stepped inside on the white,
sanded floor:

There the sun from the window enhanced with its gold

The hair of my mother, who never grew

our concern, neutral though we are, to call a halt upon the killing of the educated manhood of all these highly civilized people of Europe. If the balance of the people permit this carnage to continue the business and intellectual world will be placed in charge of incompetents and cripples, and put us back, may I not say, 500 years? Let our President do as Roosevelt did in the minor struggle between did in the minor struggle betwee Russia and Japan and in the name ivilization and humanity call a halt civilization and humanity call a halt in the Titanic contest going on in Europe. CHARLES J. SCHNABEL.

Europe.

PORTLAND, March 14.—(To the Editor.)—Regarding "litney," I do not know how, when or where this word was originated but I do know that it was in common use among the habitues of the underworld as long as fifeen or eighteen years ago.

Many is the conversation I have

overheard that ran something like this:
"Charlie, slip me a couple of bucks."
"Sorry old boy but I haven't got a
gitney."
H. R. V.

# "Jitney," What It Means.

LEBANON, Or., March 14.—(To the Editor.)—Will you please tell me what is the meaning of the word "jitney"? MRS. J. G. E.

As generally used now the word "jitmeans a 5-cent auto-bus. Origin

#### N. Nitts, Military Critic By Denn Collins.

of the term is not definitely known.

Nesclus Nitts, sage of Punkinderf Stalean workers and was so successful in tion, organization that the enrollment of British Boy Scouts grew into the hundred of thousands. This gave the movement impetus in the United States ation-And then upon war zones began ar

> I see by the papers how they has made known That they have created a submarine Around about Britain, and futher has showed up That trespassin' ships is quite like to git blowed up: And Britain retorts that that don't

make her squirm any, And she makes a war zone around

about Germany. And likewise, remarks in the paper 1 That this makes things bad for the merchant marine
That's tryin' to go on a peaceable With cargoes of armaments, blankets

Because in them war zones, there's danger of harm, h same our own country shore views with alarm. Which

I see that there's several letters been Each nation a sendin' out note after

note.
But net results, fur as the press seems to know.
Remains jest about pretty nigh statu So I lows at present, the safest move Be shippin' round Chile or mebbe Brazil,

## Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian of Marca 16, 1892.
It is understood that at least one full regiment of California infantry will be ordered to Arizona immediately and the native California cavairy battalion will be raised to a full regiment and ordered on service against

The loaded shell fired into the rud-der post of the Kearcarge by the pirate Alabama has been sent from Boston Alabama has been sent from Boston to Washington, as a present from Captain Winston to President Lincoln, the latter having expressed a wish to have it as a trophy.

Of the propriety of publishing to the world a statement of the amount of income of those against whom taxes are assessed by the ment, there has been the general ment, there has been much variation of opinion. Among all civilized people there is a hesitancy to divulge anything which pertains to their private or business affairs. He who is but moderately inquisitive in this respect, even among his nearest friends, at moderately make the manufacture of being important and rude. Ordinarily the domain of individual privacy is not to be entered by those who, without any real motive, are anxious to know the individual privacy is not to be only the motive of making it the object of their meddisome curiosity. If however, a fraudulent return is made to the assessor by any party, then the proper officer not only is interested in knowing it, but every other citizen is concerned.

By order of Brigadier General Al-vord, W. I. Sanborn, second lieutenant, First Washington infantry, and pur-suant to instructions from headquar-ters of the Department of the Pacific, the limits of the district of Oregon have been extended so as to include the whole of the state. This places in the district Fort Klamath and Camp Baker, near Jacksonville, herstofore in the district of Califernia. This change will give the commanding officer of the District of Oregon opportunity of making better military combinations best calculated to punish bands of marauding Indians.

first Oregon cavalry, will succeed teneral Alvord in command of the District of Oregon and that Colonel J. Steinberger, First Washington Territory Infantry, is ordered mustered out of the service, his three years having expired.

W. W. Scravendyke, agent for a co pious dictionary of memorable persons events, places and things, under the title of "Cottage Encyclopaedia of His-

Income Tax and Investments ASTORIA, Or., March 14.—(To the Editor.)—More than 20 years ago I bought a lot for \$3000. Since then I spent more than \$1000 for taxes and street improvements and had no income \$3500 or \$4000 must I consider this A income and give it as such in to the income tax collector? Actually I do not get one-half back what it cost, count-ing investment and interest.

lot within the last two years, during which the income tax law has been in effect, which, added to other income of the correspondent, would bring his net income up to \$3000 or more, he would not be affected by the porvisions of the act. On the sale of property the in-

come tax law contemplates a tax upon ncome from investment and is not in-PORTLAND, Mar. 16.—(To the Edi-tor.)—It's worth while to visit the Christle Home. It lies well up on the west bank of the Willamette River

west bank of the Willamette River about one mile south of Oswego.

The way the orphans and children are handled and treated there makes one wish he were an orphan. Those interested in the welfare of children will be pleased and delighted to see will be pleased and delighted to see this home. Everything for their comfort, education and pleasure is so nicely arranged. Playgrounds, parks, spacious, well-ventilated halls and rooms: clous, well-ventilated halls and rooms: clean, neat bedding and equipment as-sures one that the little ones coming under its guardianship will do well and be a credit to the school and this

Everyone should buy a shamrock larch 17 for the benefit community. ISAAC E. STAPLES stitution.

#### A Suffrage Catechism. Puck

"Mother, what is a suffrage state?"
"It is the state your father is in, dear child, on election night, when his winn But what is his party?"

"His party, my darling, is the stout gentleman who calls before the elec-tion and talks to him in a low voice out in the hall."
"And what does it mean-The ballot was cast'?

"To cast, Algernon, is to fix. The ballot was fixed."
"Was it fixed by the party in the hall? Little son, women den't understand

#### politics; you'd better ask father. Fir Yards in East,

BRIDAL VEIL, Or., Mar. 14.—(To the Editor.)—Kindly tell me if there are any fir lumber yards in New York City or the state of Massachusetts, and to whom should one apply for in-A SUBSCRIBER. formation.

The Charles R McCormick Lumber Company, of Portland and St. Helens recently opened d'stributing yards at New York. The Emery Steamship Company has established a plant at Boston. Both concerns plan to handle fir on the Atlantic seaboard on a large scale

#### Another New Way. Puck.

He—Suppose you get into office and there's a proposition comes up that you know absolutely nothing about. What She-Unlike the men, I think we'd sense enough not to meddle

# So Thoughtful of Him.

Pathfinder.
Mr. Manley-Well, my dear, I've had
my life insured for \$5000. Mrs. Manley—How very sensible of you! Now I shan't have to keep telling you to be so careful every place you

## We Thrive Together Mr. Retailer

This newspaper and the merchants of this city are local institutions. Their duty, their service lies to the people of this city. They thrive as they serve.

It is to the interest of the news-paper and merchant to pull together. When this newspaper secures the advertising of a national manufacturer it is helping every merchant who carries the goods. It is to the interest of the merchant to show these goods and

It helps him, and it helps the newspaper.

It's the pull together that counts.