# The Oregonian PORTLAND, OREGON.

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Weekly, one year Sunday, one year Sunday and Weekly, one year... (By Carrier,) 

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No doubt remains in the minds of men who have watched the course of events in Italy that that country intends to intervene in the war on the side of the allies, but the question arises: Why does she wait?

One suggested answer is that she does not wish to take the risk until she is sure of fighting on the winning in almost complete possession of Belgium, firmly affied fleet badly mauled in its attack on the Dardanelles. She sees German commerce well nigh annihilated and German battle fleet shut in port, ing off British and neutral merchant she may well consider the issue ficiently doubtful to hesitate about taking the plunge. This explains the statement in a recent dispatch that Italy would wait until the Russians had crossed the Carpathians and until the allied fleet had forced its way through the Dardanelles, in order that

to the side of her prospective allies If she should aid in winning what the was evenly balanced. Italy desires the east shore of the Adriatic, but Russia will claim a large share of it More than three-fourths of the women strong Slay state to acquire Dalmatia and Albania together with Bosnia and City. Herzegovina, Italy would simply exthe Austrian menace for a Serbian menace. She must have a France in order to induce them to favor her in preference to Russia and must know that her armies would be more welcome to the affles and would impose a heavier debt of gratitude upon them at the present juncture than if she should not enter the field until their victory is certain.

The season cannot have prompted Italy's delay, though much of the fighting with Austria would be done in the mountains, where snow is probably melting. Events have falsified all predictions as to the effect weather would have on the vigor with which stilities were prosecuted. The hardest Winter fighting was predicted in France, while a practical cessation of as a majority of the women ask for it, operations was foretold for the eastern the right to vote is likely to be greatly front. In fact, mud seriously restricted fighting in the west, while and frost did not prevent most furious fighting in the east, even in the Car-pathian Mountains. Italy could block the outlet from the Alpine passes in Trentino, while she attacked in force the Adriatic territory of Austria. Weather is not the obstacle.

Italy's difficulty seems to be neither

military nor diplomatic nor related to

weather, but financial. Her nationa debt is about \$3,000,000,000, compared with Britain's \$3,500,000,000, though Britain's foreign commerce is nearly five times as great as that of Italy The resources of Italy were severely taxed to pay the cost of the Tripolita campaign, which was about \$200,000. 000, and the country is poor. The country cannot pay the cost of a long, exhausting war and must of necessit, make its share in the work short and Hence Italy seems, from necessity if not from choice, to await the invasion of Hungary and Austria proper by a host of Russians and the new offensive of the allies against Germany in both east and west before en-tering the fray. Her delay may diminish the size of her reward, but she cannot help that. It is the penalty of

#### poverty. SURGERY AND BULLETS.

The art of surgery in the European hospitals seems to keep up fairly well with the progress of the art of deon European battlefields Shattered arms and legs that would have been amputated a few years ago are now patched up so as to be more less useful. Perforated lungs car be healed and wounds of the intestines that were always fatal in older wars are now curable if they are taken in Where wounded men lie for days piled six or eight deep in the mud and rain they are not apt to be benefited much even by the most modern and scientific surgery, but if help comes promptly it seldom comes in

The guns now in use make smooth, minute perforation of the bodily tissues. The bullets are measurably antiseptic and are even said to cauterize the wounds they make. Thus healing becomes easy and some frightful demolitions of the body are up in the most surprising way. To a cynic there would be something irresistibly absurd in the spectacle of military authorities working night and day to kill and maim as many men as possible while the surgeons labor just as hard to save them Pure reason would counsel that it is

order that the surgeons may cure a tion. Those countries boast of having where near par, few of them, but we shall not see that produced men who discovered the In recent more day until common sense gains a great deal more power over us than it has

### OH, FORGET IT.

Major Bowlby may be given full credit for honesty of purpose; but the assumption, and indeed the open dec laration, of his sole journalistic supporter that he has been removed t is false the roads of the state, so far as their

is contemptible that the motives of election boards from doing it, The Ore-Governor Withycombe and Treasurer gonian will approve it heartly. ay, who have replaced him with annot wish to take the risk until They have acted out of a clear and for county roads? That is not so easy sure of fighting on the winning Italy surveys the field and sees. They have given to the state a new parent element of injustice in the olete engineer with sound credentials, and plan; but it is only apparent, they look to him to extricate the cause county road is a highway leadi trenched in France and fighting on of good roads from the difficulties in the entire city, and is not localized, as Russian soil all along the eastern which it has been unfortunately the street is. Traffic over the highfront. She sees Austria holding Rus-placed. It is not going to be an easy, way is a contribution to or from the sia at bay in the Carpathians and the job; but it must be done. It could entire community. Obviously, if there not be done through Bowlby.

forgotten the better. The state has the country, there will be no com made a false start in roadbuilding merce between them and both will but she sees German submarines pick-ing off British and neutral merchant on the right track through united ef-of the city that the country be devel-

#### WOMEN AND SUFFRAGE.

We are apt to swallow a little too readily the common assertion of the 'antis" that "women themselves do not want the suffrage." No doubt there are women who do not want it, she might be sure of fighting on the just as in plantation times there were slaves who did not want to be free, bu Against this theory it may be said the chances are that a great majority that, if Italy hopes to get her full of the sex if they felt at liberty to share of the spoils, she must inter-vene when the issue is doubtful, not right to vote. To bring this question when the issue is doubtly, not when the scales have swung decisively to the side of her prospective allies. New York World took a straw vote the other day, asking hundreds of womer in all parts of the state to tell whether allies consider an already assured vic-tory, her claims would not get the same consideration as they would re-ceive if she turned the scale when it

for Serbia and Montenegro. Were a questioned were in favor of suffrage This proportion held in New York In Elmira 96 per cent of the women who answered the World's questions were suffragists. Among the well-to-do women who answered from very strong claim on Britain and all parts of the state 79 per cent favored suffrage. Of the University Club women in New York 86 per cent were for suffrage. Of course the business and working women stood for the right to vote by a large majority

As far as New York is concerned therefore, it is not true that "the women themselves do not want to vote." On the contrary, at least three-fourths of them do want the right. Since that state is rather more long as he lives. conservative than most of the American sisterhood we may take it for opinions granted that women's even more advanced elsewhere. the men are willing, as so many say it they are, to grant the suffrage as soon is extended at the next elections.

# RIVALS IN SLAUGHTER.

ference to the sanctity of human life which it generates in men who in times of peace would shrink with horror from the thought of killing a fellowman. An Irish soldier picks off one by one the eight men composing a German machine gun crew, and the feat is recounted with praise in official dispatches and the Irishman decorated. We are told that a trench is stormed and every man in it slain with as much pride as a fisherman shows in boasting of his string.

There is the excuse in such cases that the men killed are there for the purpose of killing their slayers in the cause of their country. Such killing in ordinary times would be justified on the plea of self-defense. But what can be said of an American, having no patriotic interest in the struggle and whose nationality protects him either camp, who deliberately shoots a man as he would take a pot shot at partridge? Robert Dunn, an Ameri-can war correspondent, tells this story of himself and John Reed, another correspondent, when they were in the

They kill without cause "a couple of Turkos," compare it with bearshooting, and, like tired sportsmen, turn their minds to beer.

Equally cold-blooded brutality was displayed by the crew of a German

An even worse display of savagery was made by the German submarine Europe in liquid capital is indicated U-28, for while the crew was lowering by the rate of exchange. The pa the boats of the Aguila she fired her exchange on London is \$4.86% for the

place than to shatter his body today in order that it may be patched up tomorrow. But pure reason finds little place in warfare, which is the negation of everything human and a reversion to the brute. Since war is in tiself utterly absurd we must expect its conduct to bristle with minor absurdities. The spectacle of the soldier parading about in his fine millinger. When the rate rises to stange were non-combatants, and many of them were passengers. All previously recognized rules of war is in sizelf utterly absurd we must expect its conduct to bristle with minor absurdities. The spectacle of the soldier parading about in his fine millinger. The spectacle of the soldier parading about in his fine millinger.

Some day the world will cense to wound and kill a thousand men in order that the surgeons may cure a tion. Those countries boast of having where near partial tions are being leaders in humanity and civilization. life.

### THE HELPING HAND.

The Oregonian has today a letter cause he is an honest man, and be-cause the road contractors demanded who inquires, with every evidence of from a worthy citizen, Mr. Tucker, He was removed because good faith, why the county as a wh should pay for paved roads, while the location and construction have been property-owner in the city has been lirected by the State Highway Com- personally taxed for the street immission, are at a standstill, and the provement in front of his lot or lots elations of the state and the various and he inquires also why any citizen countries are in an almost hopeless serving on an election board should in-muddle. If anything is to be done sist on charging the public for a full hereafter for roads through state aid day's, or night's, work, when he is or supervision, it must be through an actually employed but an hour or two.

engineer who has the confidence of the counties, and who will not be so the latter question only by saying that constantly and inevitably at cross no citizen should thus mulct the counties. purposes with them and all of them.

Neither the politicians nor the contractors have got Bowlby's scalp. It
others who chance to be employed on

Why should a citizen who pays fo other, should be so grossly impugned. his own street improvements also pay The is to be no outlet to the country from The sooner the Bowlby incident is the city, or no inlet to the city from vessels at the rate of one or two a fort and a display of good sense and oped, and it is equally essential to the day. Italy may believe the odds to a proper spirit by all concerned; and country that it have easy and cheap be against Germany and Austria, but we think it will be. the construction of roads throughout the county is undertaken by the coun as a community, and not as an individual undertaking.

The City of Portland has been grow ng rapidly during the past decade of more-more rapidly than the county and too rapidly for the common welfare. The people of Portland have come to realize that it all alike are to fare. grow and prosper, a helping hand must be given to the country, so that it, too, may have a proportionate de-The proposed \$1,250,000 ond issue is a concrete expression of It will serve to equalize onditions between city and and will be a direct contribution to th welfare of the entire commonwealth No citizen can afford to stand on the share, and has no further duty.

### THE SIN OF DANCING.

It is probably useless to argue with a man who speaks of dancing as "a sinful pleasure" which "arouses the evil passions in man" and who believes hat "dancing is the first step toward those chambers of death that the Blble speaks of as the habitation of sin-The language we have quoted петв." is from a letter to The Oregonian pub. lished today in another part of the paper. The man who wrote it has not troubled himself at all about the facts of the subject. He has formed a the ory of his own without any regard to perfectly patent circumstances and to that theory he will doubtless cling as

If dancing is in itself so great an evil, leading to consequences so terrible, it is marvelous to see how many good and virtuous people indulge in it without experiencing any harm. Or is it true that dancing is innocuous in the halls of the wealthy and is "evil" when practiced by the humble for their amusement after the day's toil is over? What is unpardonable sin for the poor is oftentimes a shining virtue for the rich, in

His psychology is as perverse as possible. Dancing under proper conditions does not excite "man's evil It is a well-known scientific them. truth that lack of decent company and wholesome amusement turns the mind toward victous indulgence, while pleasant society and agreeable diversions like dancing, music and cheerful conversation are great conservers of innocence. Wherever public dancing has been brought under decent supervision it has shown itself to friend to morals as well as to physi-

cal health. forms of innocent amusement which can be offered to the humble classes under public auspices and good chaperonage pay large returns in health and morals. The money spent for them is saved over and over in court and fall expenses. In the face of facts like these, the judg-ment of a man who wilfully ignores everything but his own prejudices should not be allowed much weight

German trenches:

He (Riegel, a German officer) took the Mauzer from the follow in the scooped place by us. The next moment it was in Reed's hands, and, with the mussle pointing through the eyehole atop the bank, he was getting a bead on the low, jagged crest of mud across the short and hellish space. Be it on our heads, we did it, both fired twice, iurn and turn about.

The useless in atraign our feelings—the eagerness with which, as in the dream which had so long held us, we losped to do this!

"Get anyone?" chuckied Riegel at me.

"Call it a couple of Turkes," I gasped. Different from bear shooting, this.

Back to the officers' cave we sloshed, and to bottled beer.

They kill without cause "a couple of practical men and As for the "complete suppression and annihilation" of dancing which

# BECOMING A CREDITOR NATION,

The war has turned foreign comdisplayed by the crew of a German merce and international finance topsy-submarine in sinking the steamer turyy. It has converted the United Falaba, if British accounts are to be States from a debtor to a creditor believed. While the beats hung from Nation as to liquid capital, reprethe davits about to be launched, a sented by imports and exports, freight torpedo was fired at a range of 100 and insurance, interest and dividends yards and the boats' occupants were on investments. It is gradually scattered in the water as the ship changing us into a creditor Nation as sank. An officer of the ship says: to fixed capital, represented by in-"The submarine was in the midst of vestments, as Europe sells its Amerthem, and I saw at least twenty men ican securities to the United States on her. They stood and laughed, the and borrows money in this country.

That Europe owes the United States more than the United States owes better not to wound a man in the first gun at them several times, killing a English pound. At that point it is place than to shatter his body today woman passenger and three of the parading about in his fine millinery breeds hate, and slaughter provokes was so imperative that the rate rose and armed with weapons useless for retaliation in kind. The war is de-

everything but slaughter is probably generating to a ferocity equal to that london to pay the debts of New York ridiculous to the angels. But men are of savage tribes which torture and city and we shipped more gold to ottawa for the credit of the Bank of Ill prisoners.

Ottawa for the credit of the Bank of These things are being done by the England in settlement of our general

> In recent months our vast favora means of saving life, such as Harvey and Lister in England, Pasteur and Curie in France, Koch and Zirchow fell on March 29 to \$4.77, and gold in Germany. The war has caused Europe to descend from rivalry in preserving to rivalry in destroying human having totaled \$38,100,000. Normally, In the Oregonian has received a capable of the control of the co gold would now flow to Europe, for interest rates are now higher in that entinent than in this, and the tendency of money is to flow where interest is highest. But war finance has suspended this rule. The fixed capital of belligerent countries has been converted into liquid capital-that and the issue of notes. To cover these yesterday. notes they hold onto every ounce o gold possible. Europe has a flood of paper money in circulation, while the United States has a surplus of gold, which no other nation has the power to draw from us, because no other nation can sell us an excess of goods over what it buys and then enforce settlement in gold. Europe buys mor goods from us than it sells, but is unwilling to pay in gold. fore establishes credits in this country

borrowing of our banks.

The artificial conditions created by the war have thus checked the nor-mal flow of gold which would follow the strong turn of the commerce tide in our favor. An adjustment may be reached when a balance is struck be tween the price of European national securities and that of American securities held in Europe; also between our valuation of our securities prices of our commodities When that balance is struck, Europ will pay for our goods with its hold-ings of our securities and the United States will be in the happy position of a farmer who pays off a mortgag by the sale of his crops. Tha by the sale That process and the borrowing in the United States of money with which to pay for American exports complete the change of the United States from a debtor to a creditor Nation as to fixed as well as liquid capital.

The usual hullaballoo has arrived ver the "impure" shows at the San Francisco fair. The noise may be for advertising purposes, since the suspi-cion of "impurity" attracts certain cion of classes of people. It is useless for The shows in question are grossly vulgar, but decent peopl will shun them in any case and those who relish them are past injury. It is therefore hardly worth while to make a din over the matter.

The Egyptians are not all followers A majority believe of the Prophet. in the religion of the Koran, but the Copts, who are a respectable minority are Christians. They descend from the race of the Pharaohs and were converted in very early time by St. Peter himself. The Mohammedans are Arabs who came into the country much later.

The time may come when a Port hander need only send out some "juice" from wires attached to the top clothesline posts in his backyard and

The growing pains of Utah's State University are exceptionally severe. Four professors have been dismissed religio-political reasons and fifteen have resigned in protest. state universities have to pass through similar troubles, but in time they are usually outgrown,

The women of Holland have itiated the most remarkable of all the current peace movements. They have called an international meeting at The Hague to consider practical measure ures for ending war. It is announced that Jane Addams will preside.

luck. Patriotism inspires him to

for France, but she will not enlist him, nor will her allies, out of courtesy passions." On the contrary it allays If it were for pure love of a fight, Villa might take him, The question whether the Prinz Eitel Friedrich will interne or make a dash to sea may hinge on the ques

tion whether a fog favors escape from British cruisers on the night when her time expires. Even the vegetarian, in his lapses

will admit there is nothing finer than Oregon Spring lamb, and that it brought the record price in the local yards yesterday was to be expected. American clergymen in Cuba are beginning late in protesting the fight. Laymen at home think Willard will

do real missionary work by whipping the negro. Judge Stevenson is trying to raise the standard of veracity among gamblers. He might turn his attention to other occupations-fishermen, for

example. Lloyd-George's proposal of prohibition for England is a war measure, and the little Welshman is big enough to make it go.

Oregon now has two highway engineers, one going and one coming, and between them should get some

Nevada clings tenaclously to the favorite sports of its pioneer days. It excepts poker from the prohibition of gambling.

Whenever the Administration wishes the Mexicans to think it really means business, it sends General Funston.

rive the Venetians a chill from which they cannot recover. Under the new administration

Snow on the Sait Lake field will

Freece has become aggressively neutral.

Today concludes a record March in Portland for weather of right quality. Real optimism in Germany is shown

If you cannot put one over tomorrow, just bite and appreciate the joke. The Breslau has as many lives as a It has been disabled once more.

are getting low enough in price to be eaten by thrifty people.

It was an auspicious opening for the Beavers,

Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian March-Si, A London correspondent of t A London correspondent of the New York Tribune reports that Queen Vic-toria will not open Parliament in per-Her friends and advisers have orged her to try to open the season as orilliantly as possible, but her condi-

The Oregonian has received a call from Charles Shively, who was a pas-senger on the illfated bark Industry, which was wrecked off the bar. Mr. Shively gave an account of the disaster most interesting and valuable,

ded this rule. The fixed capital gerent countries has been coninto liquid capital—that is, by the floating of war loans convention at Claquato, called on us

A growd collected at the corner of First and Morrison hast night to wit-ness the raving of a woman on the awning and roof surrounding the old "El Dorado" saloon building. What created the fuss nobody seems to un-derstand, but the poodle, the washtub, clothesrack and all flew miscellaneously for a short space of time.

old adage of "burying the The old adage of "burying the hatchet" is generally conceded to be healing all feads existing between the parties compromising a difficulty. A day or two since, on Couch wharf, an ardent leader of one of the most benevolent institutions of the city and a prominent church member became embroiled. They started to enjoy a joke together but the joke went too far and after some loved talk they agreed to "bury the hatchet." The next day one of them wanted to use the real instrument—and failed to find it—where the ment-and failed to find it-w other told him he had buried it

A. L. Sutton and Miss Alice Campbell, both of Canyon City, were married by Judge W. Lair Hill, of Grant County, March 21.

Washington-A Richmond paper mits that, on the report of a rebel, the damage done by Sherman is placed at \$50,000,000.

Surveyor Burrage finally struck bot-om at Front and Main streets while hunting out a place to set the monuments authorized by the Council.

# Submarine Safety Devices

PORTLAND, Or., March 30 .- (To the Editor.)-While reading of the awful fate of the unfortunate fellows who go down in submarines with so little hope of ever getting to the surface again I have wondered why naval constructors have not provided means of safeguarding them against such a ca-lamity when with trifling expense a device might be made that would carry device might be made that would carry their signal to the surface and thus expedite the matter of locating them. Why could not a reel of small steel wire attached to a buoy and a signal flag be provided, which in case of trouble could be released by the crew and, rising to the surface of the oceas, give the location of the craft? It seems to me that in the same way a reel of hose might be earried that would prohose might be carried that would pro vide air to the men imprisoned while the work of rescue was progressing

Submarines are now equipped with marking buoys, which may be released from the interior of the vessel. The buoy is attached by light cable and marks the location of the submarine. Probably one great obstacle to sending call to his brother in Scattle in order air tubes to the surface is the large to bring the answer. When that time bulk of buoy that would be required air tubes to the surface is the large comes, how will it be possible to break to raise the weight of the tubes. Moreoff a conversation with a bore? over, they would be valueless without air-pumping machinery. Space economy is one of the prime essentials to a successful submarine.

PORTLAND, March 30 .- (To the Ed itor.)-In The Oregonian March 24 I see that the Legislature of Connecti cut has adopted a resolution calling for

that any man who has taken unto himself two wives in Utah, since that state
was admitted to the Union, is guilty
of bigamy. If not, why not? What
stands in the way of a general roundup of this class of criminals, whether
found in Utah, or elsewhere in the
Western states, and their punishment
as bigamists?

C. B. MORGAN.

Except in territories and other places:

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Could wish for, excepting his health,
sould wish for, excepting his health,
sou

Government, bigamy or polygamy in had laughing eyes and happy faces the United States is punishable only all were dressed scrupulously clear under state laws. The Federal Gov-with garments well laundered. They are under state laws. The Federal Government now has no power to enforce state laws or define plural marriage as a crime or punish the practice within a state, except that transportation by a polygamist of his family from one state to another would probably be punishable under the Federal white slave law.

What You Want and What You Get. PORTLAND, Or., March 30,-(To the Editor.)-March 18 that cultured pubication, "The Nation." prints some eulogistic remarks on the journalistic career of that other cultured publica-tion, "The Springfield Republican," and

Such a paper as the Republican is a tanding protest against the doctrine that the business of a newspaper is solely to live the people "what they want." Give hem what you think they ought to have, nd it may turn out that, in spite of aperamices to the contrary, that is just what they really want.

concludes:

Coming from such high quarters, the existence of the 'doctrine" may not be gainsaid. The way it is put is touching, gainsaid. The way to sput is tourning, illuminating, frank, or is it courageous, altruistic, patriotic? Giving grown-up children "what they want" some of us supposed was the business of a preacher with a lean purse, and giving botchy-minded adults what "you think they ought to have" has been the right and privilege of the medical profession. The development of American Journal-ism in the past 25 years, however, has brought along with it its responsibil-ities. Christian and other good readers are sympathetic, humbly grateful for what they get and fervently thank-ing God it's not up to them what their fellows want and what they think they ought to have.

J. HENNESSY MURPHY.

#### Tax Rate in King County. PORTLAND, March 30 .- (To the Ed-

itor.—Please give the tax rate in Ki County, Washington. W. H. H. D. Last year the tax rate in King County for county purposes was 8.49 mills. We have no later figures. The tax rate for all purposes in Seattle was 43.87 mills on a 45 per cent valuation.

PORTLAND March 29 .- (To the Ed-

itor.)—If a voter residing in precinct A acts as judge of the election in pre-cinct B and votes in the latter preinct, do such proceedings make the on illegal in that particular pre-READER, cinct?

WHY TAX COST OF ROADS TO ALL! Writer Argues County Highways Should

PORTLAND, Or., March 10.—(To the Editor.)—I have always been pretty well satisfied with your views on economical questions, and my neighbors and I are needing information on tw

and I are needing information on two questions of which we have not noticed much comment in The Oregonian. First—Why should a good, "a desir-able citizen," who is a member of the Election Board for the daytime object to donate an hour or so to count the ballots, to help save the county a needless heavy expense? And for the same reason, why should the same kind of a citizen, who is a member of the night board, want the county to pay him for 12 hours' work which could be done in one hour and gratis by another good citizen? What would such people not do with public money if they had a chance?

Second—Is it right to ask Portland

pay and who pay nothing to help us out of our debt? We are told the St. Helens road, as mentioned in the election notice, is the road recently cut through up the side of the hills. Why should owner along the Willamette boulevard help pay for that street up in the woods, across the river, when the road at the foot of the hill is good enough for us? We have just paved the Wil-lamette boulevard and expect to pay for it in time, but let the other people pay their own paving bills, so long as

that is the custom here.

We would O. K. the plan to tax all property for all street improvements. for I have as much and even more use for a paved street near me for which I paid nothing, as my neighbors, who we do not think that it costs \$1000 pass.

per annum per mile to keep in repair a well-made macadamized road, or even one-third of that amount. A narrow strip on the Columbia boulevard was thus covered three years ago and is in good shaps now without \$150 per mile per annum having been spent of it since, and macadamized streets are good enough—yes, a thousand times better—for hundreds of our little-used netter—for hundreds of our little-used suburban streets than the mud flats we call streets, and would be giadly paid for by the abutting property owners. But no, the cement paving companies put it over us, so we are obliged to have the high-cost-of-living pavement or nothing.

We are earnestly in favor of good roads and streets, but also urge reasonable economy and fair distribution of expenses. We presume the farmers, the well-to-do in the city, who are able to pay, and the other extreme, who pay no taxes, will vote the \$1,250,000 bonds, but not the small home owner. His lot is hard enough now.

G. B. TUCKER.

MORNINGSIDE CONDITION GOOD Frequent Visitor Praises Cleanliness,

Food and Treatment of Inmates. PORTLAND, March 30 .- (To the Edior.)-Kindly allow me the privilege of your paper to give my im of the conditions existing at the Morn ngside Hospital at Mount Tabor, where the Alaska insune are being cared for. According to the published Ingside cared for. According to the published at that time or matters have gone from bad to worse under the very eyes of the Alaska Legislature, one is led to believe that the management of the above-named institution violated every law of reasonable humanity. Nothing could be further from the actual facts.

During the past month I have been a regular visitor at the hospital, usu-tainly smaller enough to the law to the course with the devil. For that reason I say all these attempts at regular visitor at the hospital, usu-tainly fail. The true solution lies in prohibiting them entirely.

During the past month I have been regular visitor at the hospital, usu-lly spending three to four hours every Sunday afternoon with my friend and former partner, a lunter and trapper of Alaska, who is now an inmate of the hospital During my frequent visits
I had all the opportunity of observing
the life at the place and walking right
through the main ward spoke with
many of the inmates without ever dismany of the inmates without ever discovering a note of discord or ill-will.

Peace and good-will seem to prevail
within the grounds, the men walking
or lounging about, smoking, reading or
talking. The buildings look neat and
Bible speaks of as the habitation of a Federal Constitutional amendment are scrupulously clean, steam-heated, that will enable Congress to prevent well-lighted and ventilated. The surthe practice of polygamy in the United rounding grounds look well, showing States. Will you explain why such enact- by the inmates under the supervision of

dently out for a walk. Some seemed under the exclusive jurisdiction of the to be in a meditating mood, but other swered my greeting with a smile, which consider and appreciate as a reward

I consider and appreciate as a rewar-for civility.

In addition, I must mention the pre-siding officer of the institution, Dr. J. W. Luckey, a gentleman, every inch whose kindly but searching eye denotes the humanitarian and scientist who is fully aware of his responsi-I may add that this letter is unso

licited, but in view of the published charges against the hospital, it is my duty to give my impressions of the conditions as I found them.

ARTHUR HOFFMAN.

Pleasure-Seeking Root of Hard Times PORTLAND, March 30 .- (To the Ed! PORTLAND, Maren 30.—(To the East-tor)—I was surprised on reading the article by C. E. Cline in today's Ore-gonian, wherein he biames the Admin-istration in Washington for much of what might be termed the out-of-joint what might be termed the out-of-joint conditions that prevall. Long ago Cardinal Newman said that mankind was out of joint with the purposes of its Creator, and a short while ago there was published in The Oregonian an article ever the signature of C. E. Cline in which he forcefully portrayed the extravagance of our present-day life with that of 50 years ago.

More than ever, today the people are demanding more expensive tood, clothing and luxuries, more amusements, more travel, in short, as the common rounder puts it, "When they go they want to go like hell," and all the while they are demanding less work and more pay and, while some preach the simple life, they all try to avoid it.

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What the fruits of our high-pressure civilization will be time alone will reveal, but from present tendencies it does not seem to be just the thing to produce a hardy, self-reliant manhood, such as has now nearly passed away. In the last analysis a pleasure-seek-ing people and not the President are to blame. J. AREMUS.

# Her Hat as a Hint.

Judge. Mildred-Don't you think Miss Elder ly looks much younger in her new hat Helen-Indeed I do. Why, Mildred, it makes her look but very little older than she says she is.

# Can't Afford It.

Houston (Tex.) Post.
"Are you going to the exposition?"
"None, can't afford it." "But your wife bought an entire new outfit to wear at the exposition?" can't afford it," "Yep, that's why we

## Twenty-Five Years Ago

cut Yankee in King Arthur's Court," is, indeed, a strange conceit. It is quite up to Mr. Clemens' good standard and the class of reading he has led us to expect. Mark Twain's new bo

expect. The cyclone which passed over parts of Kentucky Saturday mowed down trees like grass, wrecked farmhouses and hurled occupants to instant death, and wrought general devastation in Webster County. The less is running into the hundreds of thousands of dollars and levees are still giving way.

Washington.-The marriage of Mar caret Blaine, oldest daughter of the secretary of State, and Walter Dam-osch, of New York, will take place here April 17.

La Grando has censed to support two naners. The Journal is no more.

.H. F. Reininger's residence in Spring Hollow, Marrow County, burned to the ground several nights ago. The loss is ore than \$1000.

Mrs. M. E. Slocum, of Morrow County, as just received about \$2000 in back has just received about \$2000 in back pension. Her oldest son died in the Union Army in 1864, and she has had a hard struggle for some years.

It has been frequently remarked that me women have an erreneous impres sion of their rights to the sidewalks. The class of women referred to is those who make their calls on the street. Groups of them stop to talk and discuss the latest sensation, much to the inconvenience of the pedestrians. Sometimes two women, each wheeling a baby carriage, block the sidewalk so effectively that when they stop to exchange a few words of gossip, other pedestrians have to get entirely off the sidewalk to

I. C. Shorne, who has the centract for building the bridge on North Front street, has received a large load of lumber from Independence, Or. The lumber will be used in the bridge.

Rev. J. R. Thompson, of Vancouver Wash, passed through the city last night on his way to Olympia, where he will conduct the funeral services of the late General Milroy. Dr. Thompson re-ceived General Milroy into the Presby-terian Church about 14 years ago.

Judge Matthew P. Deady and Mrs Doady returned Friday night from their trip to the Sandwich Islands. Judge Deady's health is much improved.

#### ANNIHILATION, NOT REGULATION Such Is Recommendation of Correspondent as to Dance "Evil."

PORTLAND, March 30 .- (To the Ed)tor.)-I was much surprised to read that certain "social workers" have assumed the responsibility of guarding young people in our public danching nails from evil influences which may operate there. I was under the impression that this dancehall evil was one away with two years ago, when one away with two years ago, when, remember, a drastic ordinance was assed, with power of enforcement iven to a regular inspector. We were old then that the new law was a complete solution of the dancehall probability of the control of the dancehall probability. plete solution of the dancehall prob-lem. Evidently some one was mistaken

philation of the true solution are trainly fail. The true solution are prohibiting them entirely.

Now the social workers have a new panneces—they are calling for "municipal dances." Could snything be more fainous and shameful than such a suggestion? Dancing itself, where members of the opposite sex are partners, is always a dangerous pastime, regardless always a dangerous pastime, regardless of whether it is done in the home, in the dancehall or in the gilded palaces

sinners.

Regulation of this sinful pleasure must always fall, even if the dances are held under municipal auspices. To Will you explain why such enactment is deemed necessary in a country where the crime of bigamy is punishable with a ponitentiary sentence? What reason can be given for calling plural marriage polygamy in one case and bigamy in another? To me it seems that any man who has taken unto himself two wives in Utah, since that state which is gone forever. Who will undertake to regulate dan Who will undertake to regulate dancing in such a way that suggestive words, debasing conversation or a seductive pressure of the arm shall not be the first small transgression that leads to the most deadly sins?

Regulation of evil is futile and wicked. Complete suppression and analhilation is the only remedy.

ONE WHO KNOWS.

American Investors Deceived.

PORTLAND, March 30.—(To the Editor)—I wish to call your attention to the big frauds on Americans by Vancouver (H. C.) attorneys, or solicitors, as they call themselves, who a year or two ago flooded the American cities with letters offering mortgages for sale paying high interest rates, and personally giving their guarantee in case both principal and interest is not

paid when due.

Things go on all right in case the loan is paid on time, according to agreement, but in case it is not paid the solicitor defies the carrin and refuses to pay, making all sorts of denials and bluffs and delays. In the paid when due.

nials and bluffs and delays. In the meantime the lenders are suffering for their money, and the money usually has been obtained from widows and children or from weak, old men with little means, who grab at the high interest to eke out their existence. The Washington authorities should take up this matter with the Dominion government and show up these rascally solicitors and make them disgorge their ill-gotten gains. Besides, the postal authorities in both this country and Canada should bar auch creatures from the use of the mails to stop such traffic.

The public should always look with

The public should always look with suspicion on attorneys suaranteeing morigages. for the usual commission of a broker lending money does not warrant guaranteeing mortgages. People who do it do not intend to pay it case the loans are not paid, but the widows and children who put out their more a livery come to grief. money always come to grief.

MRS. CLARA BROWN.

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