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## TO REDEEM OBEGON.

The Oregonian has never held a strong expectation that intervention at this late day by the State of Oregon through its Attorney-General in the land grant forfeiture case would influence the character of the decree to be handed down by the Supreme It has felt, however, that every legitimate means to bring the hamstrung condition of Oregon to the attention of National authorities and to not be neglected.

The attempted intervention has produced exclamations of horror from the outfit that was back of the discredited attempt to deny the present generation right to bulld industries on or otherwise develop overflowed lands; it has brought outbursts from the faction that is urging adoption of a law to convert part of Oregon's waterpower resources into funds to be used to reclaim arid lands in other states and support a gluttonous Federal department; it has wrung protests from the element that countenances and encourages the Forest Service in preventing the homesteading of agricultural lands. But it is offensive to those in Oregon who place political party policies on a higher plane than welfare. Opposition to it is of the type that will best awaken Oregon to the actual consequences of taxing 40 per cent of the state to maintain not only that 40 per cent but the remaining 60 per cent as well,

There are few who will deny that the railroad company did not administer the land grant for the best interests of Oregon. That the terms of the grant were not complied with is indisputable. It would perhaps be just retribution if the company were compelled to forfeit the grant. But there is something besides revenge upon a corporation to be considered Government administration of public lands is now as oppressive on the people as the railroad's administration of its land grant, Unconditional forfeiture of the grant means merely a change of padlocks, unless the Government be forced to a higher sense of duty toward a reserve ridden state.

The railroad land grant was never set aside as a reserve of any kind. The people of Oregon do not now want it locked up by either railroad or Government. settlement and development. The Legislature in adopting the resolusought a means to a.c. complish that desire. If it cannot be done by court decree an appeal to Congress will be in order. If settleof the railroad to \$2.50 an acre, that is small cause for worry. Settlement and relief of Vienna or that of Kosciusko's and more securely upon him. development overtop desire for retribution or hate of corporations. of the land is the essence of the peo-

ple's need.

Meanwhile there is a growing senti-Oregon resources. It is almost an organized movement. The decisive Paderewski to music. The election was the beginning of it. for American independence. It found voice in the call by the Oregon Legislature to other western states to join in a waterpower and public land conference in Portland. The resolution calling for intervention by the state in the land grant case is been pried open, not for the benefit of plunderers, but for the perwelfare and the multiplication of the wealth therein contained.

EXPORT BOOM IS ALL DUE TO WAR.

In almost every instance those commodities which show an increase of exports during the eight months ending with February have been in heavy demand for military use. In almost every instance those commodities vestigation." which are not in such demand show a decrease. There are some cases where the war has had an indirectly adverse effect, but it can have been only one of the chief causes.

The Department of Commerce reincreased exports of wheat meat, dairy products, horses, cotton manufactures, harness, saddles, and carriages, chemicals, leather, explosives, cottonseed commercial automobiles, shoes, woolen manufactures, zinc, sugar, mules, vegetables. Copper and its manudecrease factures show a from \$96,900,000 to \$58,600,000; oils, from \$99,700,000 to \$85,000,000; \$32,000,000; agricultural imple ments, from \$20,800,000 to \$4,600,000; passenger automobiles, from \$14,900,-000 to \$7,800,000; fertilizers, from \$7,- policy, do nothing to protect its vic- should create a benevolent trust.
200,000 to \$2,200,000; fish, from \$10,- tims." He continues: 400,000 to \$8,100,000; iron and steel manufactures, from \$171,600,000 to \$121,300,000; toBacco, from \$43,100,-000 to \$32,300,000.

The export boom due to the war has been sufficient to offset the decrease in exports of commodities which are injuriously affected by the war or are not Lumber and steel have suffered most, sales of the former commodity having decreased more than one-half. Germany, Austria, Russia n and Belgium, being unable to import agricultural implements and fertilizers, are thrown on their own resources while the other belligerent nations have not the money to spend. Durine the eight months ending with February the vast increase in exports of war

foreign commerce which immediately followed the outbreak of war. Only by persistently building up foreign trade that is not dependent on the abnormal demand created by the war can we Underwood tariff and maintain permanently a favorable balance of trade.

OF COURSE. It is a pretty safe guess that Mr.

the latter. But the ordinary juror is not built that way. It does not seem discredited business by force of arms and ship the stock of goods out of the

What would have been the verdict had it been dry goods expelled from Copperfield can be imagined without difficulty. And in truth there was about as good reason for closing out a dry goods store as there was for ing of the saloons in that manner. Has not the lurid tale of general disarmament of the populace of Copby press and magazine throughout the world? Orgy there might have been but no massacre. The seizure and expulsion of booze from Copperthe people of the state itself should field was not a measure of safety, but presumably an act to make sure that offending saloonkeepers should be punished in the way that seemed proper to the Governor.

tradition that the saloonman has no watches over it as the apple of his friends in court. He is never able to eye and if his life is spared he will friends in court. He is never able to eye and if his life is spared he wi collect at law a bill for goods sold on go back there and undoubtedly be credit to a consumer at the bar. If caught by a deadbeat the liquor dealer, West. unless he can threaten or conjole pay- good advice coming from any source, ment from his customer, now charges it up to profit and loss. No jury will help him. So it naturally follows that a farm, it is doubly valuable. if one is seeking another to kick in the pocketbook for amusement of the gallery, the safest man to pick is a liquor dealer.

POLAND'S CALL FOR HELP.

Poland's sorrows have been almost overlooked, so absorbed has been our cian's prescription under severe penalinterest in the sorrows of nearer Bel. ties and others are likely to follow gium, yet they are as great, and Po- suit before a great while. The new land has as strong a claim on our sympathy. The reason is that Poland is more remote and has lacked the pow- of his drug suffers intolerable torments erful advocates who have spoken for and readily resorts to cunning and de Belgium. Yet none can fail to be ception to obtain the means to conmoved by the appeal of Paderewski, the great Polish pianist.

the cry of Belgium. p by either railroad or Gov-been said of some men, that in the by great scientists and treated by the They want it opened to days of independence she was her own best methods. worst enemy, for her soldiers could formed and Ladislas III consolidated a send him carefully graded supplies by he should be paid \$1200. kingdom which promised to dominate express. It is dangerous to use Central Europe, but internal dissension mails for this purpose. The quacks

last blow for national existence. Poland has given the world great men of letters, of whom Sinkiewicz is are all alike in that they never cure best known, but of whom she had a but always confirm the deadly addicbright galaxy in the period following tion. Some gain increased attractivement against bureaucratic control and the renaissance. To science she gave ness by adding from 15 per cent to 20 every unintelligent reservation of Copernicus, and in our own times she per cent of alcohol to the mixture. has given Modjeska to the stage and defeat of the vicious waterfront States owes something to Poland, for on entirely by mail. There is a set of reservation amendment in the last Kosciusko fought under Washington

NO LAW WITHOUT FORCE.

The utter futility of an international tribunal for settlement of disputes and for enforcement of international It will not be aban- law without armed force is shown by false physicians administer the drug doned until the Oregon treasure chest Mr. Balfour, the former British Premler, in a statement defending the blockade of German commerce as jus- would suffer. The Federal Governmanent enhancement of the people's tifiable retaliation for the submarine campaign against British shipping.

He maintains that the Germans vioate not only international law, but international morality by sinking merchant ships which "they believe to be British, without regard to life or the ownership of cargo, without any assurance that the vessel is not neutral and without even the pretense of legal in-In defense of the British retaliatory action he says:

As to whether the British blockade other public institution gains that, while the obligation of interna- location, he would close it and com-tional morality is absolute, that of in- bine it with some other, just as he ternational law is conditional and that would close one oil refinery and enone of its conditions is reciprocity. He large another. If badly managed, he explains his meaning by supposing the would re-organize it completely, dispower to enforce obligations, to pro-tect the innocent or to punish the came up to his standard of efficience guilty." Such a community might He uses the great power of his wealth naval stores, from \$13,990,000 to \$6.- prosper so long as there was a general to procure the adoption of his ideas, 300,000, though these commodities are agreement to obey the laws and the for unless they are adepted he gives agreement was maintained, but if the nothing, not largely needed for military pur- criminals broke it, the innocent ought poses, cotton shows a decrease from not tamely to submit. He says that out his idea, as described by himself \$498,900,000 to \$243,900,000; lumber this condition now prevails as to in- in the Saturday Evening Post and as and its manufactures, from \$68,400,000 ternational law, for "no penalties are carried out by himself in the Rockeinflicted on those who violate its rules, feller Foundation, is that each miland, if a state makes use of forbidden lionaire who designs to give or beweapons, the neutrals, who blame its

tims." He continues:

But let them (neutrais) remember that impotence, like power, has duties as well as privileges; and if they cannot enforce the law on those who violate both its spirit and its letter, let them not make haste to criticize beiligerents who may thereby be compelled in self-defense to violate its letter, while carefully regarding its spirit. For otherwise the injury to the future development of international law may be serious indeed. If the rules of warfare are to bind one beiligerent and leave the other free, they case to mitigate suffering; they only load the dice in favor, of the unscrupulous; and those countries will most readily agree to changes in the law of nations who do not mean to be bound by them.

International law without courts to

International law without courts to interpret it and without force to exe-cute the court's decrees is therefore no factor establish a separate trust? To law at all. Violation by one nation ab- do so would involve great duplication solves all others from obedience to its of expense and effort, which is abprecepts, and the world sinks into anarchy, so far as relations between nasupplies had not quite sufficed to offset tions are concerned. Nations thus full dollar expended. Why not have one

modities and the general paralysis of the condition to which the war has re- should be pooled and by which

duced the world. vigilantes rose up on behalf of the in- and position," which he quotes. could be established. By the same saying: means alone can law be made supreme among nations. Hague treaties, arbitration treaties, declarations of Paris West owes to public antipathy to the and all such documents are worthless. West owes to public antipathy to the and all such documents are working allow business his present freedom only when each nation unreservedly from a personal judgment of \$1000 or puts at the disposal of the Hague triam and or woman would draw a check bunal armed forces which, when those into actual operation.

"STAY ON THE FARM."

When Governor Withycombe in his speech at Salem last Saturday said 'Instead of 'back to the farm,' the to him a serious matter to seize a injunction should be 'stay on the farm," he was speaking from a lent Trust and leave it to do the rest. wealth of information gathered during his long connection with the Oregon

Agricultural College. James Withycombe, the farmer, started his farm career without He made it pay. He went capital. steadily ahead until he was recognized as authority on agricultural and livestock subjects. He read, studied-and worked. He was liberal in buying the best that could be bad for his farm, perfield been told in rhyme and story frugal in his personal and family ex penses. He was a real farmer of the best sort. And what he accomplished can be accomplished by any farmer of intelligence.

If you were to ask Governor Withycombe what portion of his life he enjoyed the most he would say that portion spent upon the farm.

The Governor still owns that farm, It is something stronger than still keeps it on the up-grade, still come one of the best farmers in the "Stay on the farm!" It is but coming from a man who knows, who founded a distinguished career on

QUACKS AND DRUG FIENDS.

Recent legislation has made it very have prohibited the sale of morphine, Federal law in particular has done much to injure the nefarious trade of quacks. But the victim when deprived summate histown ruin.

It has been found that there are On their advances to and retreats plenty of people ready, for a considerafrom Warsaw the German troops have tion, to provide the morphine, cocaine destroyed many towns and villages, or heroin for which he longs. The The The Russians, in the course of United States Treasury Department hostilities, have added to the devasta- reports that quite a thriving trade in tion. Western Poland is laid waste as habit-forming drugs has been set up completely as it ever was in the days of by express since the new Federal law anarchic Polish independence and went into effect. The drug-user's 5,000,000 people in the parts occupied name is obtained by some of those unby Germany are in danger of starva- derground methods known to the great tion. Their cry for help deserves as brotherhood of quacks and he is then generous an answer as was made to invited through the mail to forward he cry of Belgium.

Of Poland it may be said, as it has the assurance that they will be studied

What is actually done is first to fasten the chains of the habit more These treacherous medicines are sold under alluring names but the a hundred

But the business of luring drugusers to their destruction is not carried depraved physicians in almost every city who pander to their unfortunate cravings and stand ready to sell prescriptions to all comers. They are able to make a plausible pretense of legitimate practice since the best way to cure some addicts is to administer their drug in diminishing doses. These diminishes. If it did, their busines ment has its eye upon these ill-favored characters in some parts of the country but they are a slippery breed and hard to catch. No doubt it will be a long time before they are all shut up in fail, where they properly belong.

MR. ROCKEFELLER'S LATEST TRUST John D. Rockefeller is now applying to the purposes of benevolence great talents for economical and efficlent organization by which he built It cannot cause the death of a single inoccent civilian; it cannot destroy neutral
occent civilian; it cannot destroy neutral
in the sand neutral property without legal
in is habits and experience can have
process; it cannot inflict injury upen neutral
commerce comparable in character or extent to that which would be produced by a
blockade whose legality was beyond question. Badly managed college, hospital or up his huge corporation. A man of his habits and experience can have conforms to international law, he says sympathy from him. If in a poor case of a state which has "lost all miss the inefficient enthusiasts and whe

Mr. Rockefeller's plan for carrying queath money for the general good trustees would be a body of successful business men who applied to those institutions which sought donations the same principles by which they had succeeded in business. They would have a staff of efficiency experts who would investigate each applicant. it came up to their standard of efficlency, they would subscribe. fell below that standard, they would make donations conditional on cer-tain changes of management. Thus the general standard of efficiency

horrent to a man of Mr. Rockefeller's passion for getting full value for every the decrease in exports of other com- back on elementary morality. This is great trust in which all benefactions

applicants for donations would Montana was just such a state as Mr. judged? Mr. Rockefeller seems to have Balfour imagines when the outlaws had that idea in mind when he made spread terror. There being no law, the a speech in Chicago to "men of worth ocent against the criminals and estab- advised them to do with their public fished law by superior force, which benefactions as they would do with was the only means by which law fortunes bequeathed to their families,

Let us erect a foundation, a trust, and engage directors who will make it a life work to manage, with our personal co-op-eration, this husiness of benevolence proper-ly and effectively.

of all nations are combined against one Trust and consider his or her chari-nation, can reduce that nation to submission will international law come trustees would place the money in the common fund and apportion it acording to certain standards of merit and efficiency which they had established. If a rich man or woman were making a will, he or she would not make a series of bequests to a number of institutions, but would make one big bequest to the Benevo-

> entire idea of combination, of which Rockefeller is the most distinguished product, takes no account of the personal equation. Charity is sentiment springing from the heart towards a definite object and finds its greatest exercise not in giving money but in personal service. When it gives money, it wishes to apply that money to certain chosen purposes and to supervise its expenditure. Shakesp says "Charity is twice blessed. It blesseth him that gives and him that takes." He that gives enjoys this blessing by numberless gifts and acts from day to day; he cannot enjoy it by pouring a certain sum of money into a hopper once a year, to be distributed by a committee of business men. Either charity would be dried up by such machine methods or it would evade them. Individual givers would persist in giving in their own way to their

wn selected objects. Nor is it desirable in the general interest that benefactions should be oncentrated under the management of one or a few boards or committees of business men. These boards would have great power for good, but they would also have great power for evil. They could give education a certain trend by discrimination, which might difficult for drug addicts to obtain be unconscious or dictated by worthy their favorite potions. Several states motives but which would be pernicious in its effects. They could blacklist cercocaine and the like without a physi- tain institutions and enlarge others to swollen proportions. Mr. Rockefeller SRYS:

I have no fear that such foundations ar likely to exercise any undue influence or education, nor have I ever hearl of any persons or institutions altering their convictions or their leachings as a result of gifts from our foundations.

Nevertheless, men possessing such power as would be vested in the pro-posed benevolent trust would be more than human if they did not exercise it. Heads of institutions which sought their aid would be sorely tempted to modify their teachings and their methods in order to ingratiate themselves with the rulers over so many millions It would be better to continue a large measure of duplicated, wasted effort from a monetary standpoint than to place all benefaction in the hands of a machine.

In all the years it has been in control of Government, the Democratic party has been notorious in failing to recognize the laborer as worthy of his hire. The present Administration is a little worse, however. For example: fight as bravely as any, but she could analyze the symptoms and learn to carrier of the new rural route out of not govern herself. King Ladislas II what drug he is enslaved and then The Dalles will get \$572 a year, when

Most women depend upon the cler ment can be had by eliminating ralitore it apart and made the fragments
road title, well and good. If it cannot be had without conceding the right
No more stirring story of war has been
but the real object is, of course, to
has petitioned the County Court to eliminate a few syllables. Douglas, where art thou? Yes, Governor, we will go back to

> the farm when we can get there without wading through mud. been living in cities so long that good roads have ceased to be a luxury and It is significant that a husband who administered a severe beating to a

masher who bothered his wife was not arrested. Some policemen have a keen | he sense of humor mixed with justice, A noted German ascribes the war to Russian tyranny, French passion for revenge and English jealousy," yet he

does not accuse his own country of

The Sherwood County people will need to administer the twilight sleep to Yamhill, Washington and Clackamas to get away with the goods.

lamblike conduct.

H. W. Holmes' record of actual work speaks louder for him as a good road engineer than a long series of civil

Sunnyside school children have the Japanese peril brought home to them when a little brown girl beats them at Once more is the great basic fact

established that one who would sue for damages must go into court with clean Austria is calling for her untrained

nen, looking for a prolonged war. Great Britain is likely to be the next. The Government is seeking a stand-

ard for soap, while everybody believed all the difference was in the scent. Wanted: A President-maker by the Republican party, but he must have no

dollar murks on his clothes.

When Great Britain gets the 80,000 mules ordered there will be few kicks left in the Missouri Valley.

When Turks lyngh Kurds for killing Christians, the affair has the sound of the movie camera. Russia's loss of half a million men is

a mere bagatelle. Russia has plenty Flycatchers are not contraband and

more than five million are coming from Germany. Was the Greek steamship torpedoed

to involve the little fighting nation? Miss Thomas will now be the envy of all the other teachers.

We must intervene at Turtle Bay before going into China. Mr. West could not help grandstand-

backing.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

m The Oregonian of April 19, 1890. Washington-Dr. Mary Walker, who has been suffering from injuries received in a fall, May 30 last, will never

Tacoma.—The cansus of Tacoma, taken to determine the right of the city

Ex-President Hayes and daughter Fannie, sailed from New York Thursday afternoon for Bermuda.

While A. Baker was reading a newspaper the other evening in his rooms a lamp exploded and but for the quick

The Rockefeller scheme, like the mer.

Sol Abraham, of Roseburg, has sold his extensive lumber mills at Glendale,

dandy."

Treasurer,

Auliffe and Miss Kitty Hart, leading county, lady of "The Hole in the Ground" company, is hereby announced,

G. P. Rummelin, the well-known fur-Alaska on business.

A. M. Hamilton & Co. will reopen this morning, commencing with the basted the old Union Depot and pubraces at Elizabeth, N. J. They have a lished things about it that made the special wire running direct to the public gag. He said it was swarming track.

A San Francisco dispatch says "Bill" Ayres, of Portland, is in that city tak-ing a look at the flyers. Mr. Ayres has been interested in "bangtails" and many a time his colors came under the

amas County from Oregon City, will be an attractive outling for city people. Starting out as a branch of the Oregon Water Power line, it gradually ascends by an easy grade to an altitude of 900 feet above the summit and from there down into the Molalia Valley, running around the conformation of the hill. It might well be named the zig-zag road. Passing over canyons, hundreds of feet below the roadbed, gliding by impenetrable forests of fir timber, lookpenetrable forests of fir timber. ing into oasis-like valleys and, above all, a magnificent view of the Cascade Range, looming above all Mount Hood in all its grandeur-it certainly will he an inspiring sight to strangers, second only to the Columbia Highway. White and Free Vandergritt are employed under the same roof to write for one paper.

It is an object lesson of the re-sources awaiting development, not only in timber for manufacturing purposes, but water power that will shortly be of inestimable value. The richest soil in the valley lies along the right of way and it is safe to predict that the future will see many suburban homes dotting the landscape where now is rimitive forest.

Its proximity to Portland as well as Oregon City will draw upon the agricultural interests to supply the markets with vegetables (every train running into the city), let alone supplying milk for the creamerles. When it is considered this road was built to a considered this road was built to a great extent by co-operative stock subscription, the right of way donated by the young farmers, promoted by a young man without financial support of capitalists, simply by the confidence placed in the promoter and officials of the former Clackamas Southern Railroad until completed to Molalia, it is evident that integrity is all that is necessary to build many industries necessary to build many industries that are needed in the valley, as well as evidence that this is only an entering wedge to transportation facilities ing wedge to transportation facilities. As a pioneer farmer remarked, it had taken him a day to go to Oregon City and return by ox team, while now it takes but an hour by the cars. Another, asked what corporation owned the road, replied: "We, the farmers along the line," with as much pride as a capitalist. He little realized that the officials had to sweat drops of blood to meet the payroll for the meet the payroll for the building of a road.

Assessment Against Government.

PHOENIX, Arizona, April 11,-(To the ditor.)-Please state in your columns whether the United States Government ever pays for street improvements in front of its property. They are about to improve a street here on which the Federal building fronts and it has been stated here that the Government never pays for street improvements that the pays for street improvements, that the city will have to pay for it. If that is note is still collectible. The "statute the case, I think it a shame. It strikes of limitations" in California rups five me that the Government should be first pay for street improvements, there-setting a good example.

G. C. KISSEL

There appears to be no fixed rule in regard to this matter, according to local Federal officers. The Government may or may not pay for street improvements in front of Federal propa special act of Congress is necessary whereby the appropriation may sone as to the practice in that state. such action.

MR. NELSON AND KANSAS CITY How Editor Awakened Community Interest and Caused Civic Revolution.

STEVENSON, Wash., April 17 .- (To the Editor.)-I was greatly interested re- in your editorial, April 14 on the be able to use her limbs again it is feared, and she has about given up hope ever of leading the active life that she has been accustomed to.

Tacoma.—The cansus of Tacoma, taken to determine the right of the city. taken to determine the right of the city I can indorse what you say of its into form a new charter, shows a total population or 28,481 within the present half a dozen states adjacent thereto. Iimits. The United States census in As an editorial writer, who sees the June will embrace some additional territory and will show more than 30,000 of his library, he was not to be classed or an increase of some 6791 since 1889.

Ex-President Haves and daughter on questions of National importance on questions of National importance for party's sake. In fact, he claimed to be independent of party affiliations, but had a strong leaning toward the Demo-cratic side, nevertheless. He was not a theorist who evolved fine-spun systems as vehicles for the display of eruaction of Mr. Baker a serious fire dition and personal aggrandizement, would have resulted. Mr. Baker will be laid up for a few days with burns. every-day sort of common sense that accomplishes results. Doubtless if Mrs. Sigel White is on a visit to the editorials he ever published in his Albina and may remain over the Sumpaper were assembled in a book it would make, as books go, a sorry volume, but if all he accomplished by these editorials could be told in one story it would remind the reader of one of the most vivid chapters of the Arabian

his extensive lumber mills at Glendale.
Douglas County, to a company consisting of C. A. Roberts, Francis Feller,
W. H. Byers, E. S. Larson and D. D.
McClure. A large body of timber was sold with the mills, the transaction involving \$80,000.

Wednesday evening a surprise party was tendered Miss Minnie Parker at the residence of John Parker on Rodney avenue. A most delightful evening was spent in dancing, cards and social was spent in dancing, cards and social conversation.

The plans for the six-story building to be erected on Third and Washington by Frank Dekum have been approved. The building will be a Star, and he found them both in a rut dandy."

and somewhat of a joke. He had the foresight to see the possibilities of each as well as the candor and courgreasurer, will pass a few days in age to admit the lamentable conditions Treasurer, will pass a few days in town, getting acquainted before he returns to Baker.

San Francisco—Jack McAuliffe, the lively lightweight, has met his match in the little bantam champion, Dan Cupid, and the engagement of Medical Miss Science of Medical River below to the paper, it was scarcely known outside the county.

When the new management was an-New York—A rumor that Lyman affairs wanted of such a paper! In due the ferry Ward Beecher's old church in Brooklyn, is current here. It is said that Dr. Abbott said he would not remain where his creed and theology its needs. He hammered away at this was subject to controversy among the until he forged out a commendable demembers of the church. Rev. Dr. Bur-rell, now in Minneapolis, is to be of-fered the church, it is said.

gree of civic pride among the inhabi-tants. He employed the keen weapon of ridicule unmercifully. Instead of covering up or apologizing for faults and defects he exposed them and sat-trized them until they disappeared. He of the Prineville Land & Stock Company, was klised 75 miles from here thrust at sittingards and mossbacks recently, when the team he was driving ran away, upsetting the wagon and the business and residence sections, the business and residence sections, the western and residence sections. P. Rummelin, the well-known fur-leaves on the next steamer for cessive charges for gas, the need of parks and boulevards, the unsightly telephone and telegraph wires and their A. M. Hamilton & Co. will reopen forest of poles that obstructed the their race bureau at No. 11 Alder street streets and obscured the sky. He lamthe dreaded pestilential terrors that stalk in darkness I am not sure but he sent reporters down there to become inoculated in confirmation of these

Charges.
That was 30 or more years ago. Colowire first.

nel Nelson is dead and his work is done, but neither time nor death can appreciate New Electric Line efface the results of the revolution of Willamette Valley Southern Seenie and
Taps Rich Country.

ALBANY, Or., April 13.—(To the Editor.)—A trip eyer the Willamette Valley Southern Railroad, a new electric line leading into the interior of Clackamas County from Oregon City, will be an according to the results of the resolution can which he is the acknowledged hero.

Kansas City is "The City Beautiful" now and admired the world over. It has a system of public parks that would be an honor to a city of four times the size. Its boulevards for physical design construction and sconic heauty are unexcelled in American

great newspaper manager for the ac-complishment of his magnificent work. It is not often that such newspaper geniuses as Noble L. Prentis, Alec Butts, Rose Field, William Allen White and Fred Vandergrift are em-

I am particularly led to the above tribute because of the magnificent victory you won this week in favor of modern roads in Multnomah County, ALBERT R GREENE.

Simplified Spelling

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 17.—(To the Editor.)—To what extent has the Spelling Board simplified spelling?
MILTON RICHARDS.

The Simplified Spelling Board has repared a number of lists of words simplified in spelling. The first list prepared by the Board contained 100 words, the spelling of which was simplified. Later another list containing 200 words was adopted, and the latest list put out by the Board contains con-

siderably more than that. The Board has no power to enforce "Civis Americanus sum" can be said the use of the simplified spelling and consequently it is merely up to the all citizens alike, born in this country various schools to adopt or reject the or naturalized. E. SCHWARZSCHILD. lists of words prepared. The movement is still new and as yet but few schools have adopted the simplified spelling. lists.

Collecting Note Made in 1908. PORTLAND, April 18 .- (To the Editor.)—Will you kindly inform me if a note of hand for \$250, 8 per cent interest, given me for money advanced in 1908, in the State of California, is said collectible? Have had the matter in a local collector's hands, but have received no payment on said note, although on the case being taken into court 18 months since, the court cost, fees, etc., are being paid to the col-

lector at a small payment monthly by debtor, is such a note ever outlawed? MRS, R. HENDRYX. A .- If the suit was started befor the note was legally outlawed, the note is still collectible. The "statute years, in Oregon six, A judgment of court, if one has been rendered, will time, but may be renewed.

Germany's Quarrel With China. VANCOUVER, Wash., April 17.—(To the Editor.)—Kindly inform us the ex-act trouble between China and Germany erty. In the event this charge is met. in the fecent war, since July, 1914.
MISS SUSIE MYKENNA.

When Japan attacked Klau-Chau, Germade, unless this item is provided for many protested to China that the terms at the time the original appropriation of her lease were being violated. In for the building or the purchase of the view of the facts that China was pow property is made. No lien can be taken erless to resist Japan and that Geron Federal property in the event it many could not then bring China to should be decided not to meet such book, the protest can be regarded only charges. You had best consult the as preliminary to more forceful action Intervention in China needs force for United States District Attorney in Art- when Germany is in a position to take

Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian, April 19, 1865. True to the reckless and suicidal policy that has actuated it from the first, rebellion has complicated its own fate by its last destardly act—one that will forever render its history ac-cursed among men. From the soul of Abraham Lincoln it had reason to expect every concession he could in hono; grant. Never had he for a moment en-tertained toward the South the bittertertained toward the South the bitterness of spirit that it extended to him;
never had he allowed the passion of
the hour to obtain a mastery or permitted a prejudice for an instant to
sway the councils of the Nation. From
him the baffled and disappointed rebels
could expect much for his was a nature
capable of forgiving all that honor
could overlook; capable of bestowing
benefits in return for a multiput of benefits in return for a multitude of injuries received. If his (Lincoln's) assassination was planned and executed in the hope of embarrassing the ad-ministration of the Government, de-moralizing the Nation and aiding rebellion in its death grasp, the hope was but vain and futile. Every such act but adds to National unity and calls more loudly into action the popular voice that is so omnipotent in free governments. The consequences of the act are not to be calculated early he wheels of government will roll un undered: the people will mourn a great and good man lost but the immediate effect will be to steel and harden every heart against the cause that calls to ish acts that can be conceived and ex-

The bill granting Congressional aid for the construction of the Oregon and California Railrond passed the House of Representatives a short time prior the adjournment of Congress action was had on the bill in the Sen-ate. The Bulletin, of San Francisco, says the matter was neglected by Caliornia Senators because of between Mr. Conness and Mr. Cole in

Washington-Andrew Johnson was inaugurated President April 15 at 11 o'clock. The funeral of the late Presi-dent will take place Wednesday.

A petition has been sent to Scuator Williams urging on him the necessity of having our mails to California con-tinue on the best plan available and with the greatest dispatch the Government can obtain

It is said that Mount Baker, a lofty peak to the northward, is rapidly sink-ing in. It is asserted that the moun-tain has fallen 1000 or 1500 feet and that its summit which formerly was a harp point, is now much flattened This peak for some time has been in a state of active eruption. Dense clouds of smoke have of late been seen to is-

The Sunday law, which calls for the closing of all kinds of stores and claces of amusement goes into effect

It occasionally may happen that lit-ile inadvertancies occur in our city tems which omissions or mistake may give rise to indignation or that, we may say, sometimes create pleasant feelings is not unlikely. We do not hope to satisfy every person by our course; to do so is not within our mortal grasp, hance anyone who may feel aggrised or have emotions vice versa and wish take a look at us, are advised that We may be seen as accurate as life on the west side of First street, two or three doors above Washington street at the entrance of Dalton's gallery where Mr. Desmond has placed a

GERMAN MAIL SACKS ARE SEIZED Charge of American Subservience to

England at Least Premature. EUGENE, Or., April 17 .- (To the Editor.)-You bring the news that England has again confiscated 2509 mail bags from Germany from an

Italian steamer. The powerful American Nation submits to such outrages without a mur-mur. These outrages are directed against the citizens of this country, a eutral country, be they hyphe itizens, German-American or Angle-

Saxon or others. Germany interferes with the mails of Ambassador Van Dyke, apparently on military grounds. The United States protests and Germany makes good the

with the mails containing letters and other matter sent by American Con-suls, American citizens, to probably the American Government and to American citizens? Is this neutrality? Is this the way to stand up for the reputation, the power and the honer of this great Nation? It certainly shows the spinelessness of our Administration in its worst shape.
"Civis Americanus supply This

"Civis Americanus aum!" This proud expression, which you called upon all citizens to consider as the highest honor they can bestow upon themselves and their country, this American citizenship is trampled into the dust by our present Administration in their subservience to England What has become of the principles declared in the Declaration of Independence? Have the citizens of this country no right to travel and live in foreign countries or to join the Red Cross Society and from there write

home to their kindred and friends? Has a German-born citizen no right to communicate with his old home and relatives? Is it the privilege of the Englishmen alone to say, "Blood is thicker this water," as our humane American exporters of arms and muni-

When our correspondent knows that there was American mail in the selzed Reed College has adopted one of the sacks, that some of it was official and that, in that event, the Administration has not demanded satisfaction, it will be time enough for him to may that "American citizenship is trampled

Trouble in Politics.

Judge. Ferris-I'm going to move.
Harris-What's the trouble?
Ferris-The fellows on each side of he ran for the same office this year. Harris—What of that? Ferris—Well, I can't stand it to live between a swelled-head and a soro-

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