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MALY'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE WAR. Italy's chief contribution to the cause of the allies will be an army and navy on a war footing, prepared and equipped in the light of the latest experience gained from the military operation of the last ten months. has learned the importance of artillery, of abundant supplies of ammunitions, of entrenchments, motor vehicle and aircraft in land warfare and of mines, submarines and torpedo craft in naval warfare. She knows that range and weight of gunpower and speed are the chief elements of success at sea. She has observed the relative merits of mass attack and open order attack on land. Her army and navy are not "green," for fully 100,000 veterans of the Tripolitan war will in-

spire confidence in their comrades. The active army and first and second reserves of Italy are estimated at about 1,250,000 men, but from its population of about 35,000,000 the kingdom could probably double this force. The navy, being overwhelmingly superior to that of Austria, will add still further to the predominance of France and Britain in the Mediterranean and may enable Britain to transfer some of its forces to the North for protec-

tion of commerce. Financially, Italy is less equal to the strain of war than any of her principal new allies. Her imports in 1912 were only about \$690,000,000 and her exports about \$450,000,000. Her national debt is \$2,852,148,000 and her people are so heavily taxed that it is difficult to conceive how they can endure any addition to the load. Britain will probably have to supply the funds, to keep the Italian army and navy in the field, as she is already doing to some extent for France and Russia and almost entirely for Belgium and Serbia. Taking imports and exports as a measure of available financial resources, Britain surpasses all her allies combined. The total for the mother country, the principal colonies and India \$16,616,474,465, while that for France, Russia, Belgium, Serbia and Japan combined is \$12,421,750,000. Add about \$1,041,000,000 for Italy to the total of Britain's allies and it is

armies arrayed against the central em-From the standpoint of the allies, the chief service to be rendered by body's. We are careless in handling Italy will be the division of Austria's fire, careless in observing building army between the northern and south- laws and careles in enforcing the penern frontiers and the hastening of operations against Turkey. If the allies accomplish no more this year bug is almost impossible. The nature than the practical elimination of Tur- of the case renders direct evidence unkey as a combatant, they will have obtainable in the vast majority of done much. By drawing Turkey into the war, Germany made a great stroke willing to convict on circumstantial She compelled her ene- evidence, of genius. mies to divide and scatter their forces for hostilities in widely separated fields lumber as building material and thus of action. If the allies can dispose of further injure an almost pros-Turkey and can merely hold their own trate industry. We are too prone to of action. If the allies can dispose of further on the two main fronts, they will have rush from one extreme to another. done much toward the final over- Thus many may jump to the concluthrow of their principal foes. They sion that the only way to prevent fires will have released a total land force is to build of brick, stone and conof not less than 500,000 men and a crete. Europe, with one-tenth of our powerful fleet for service elsewhere, fire loss, still builds largely of wood, will have reduced the enemy land but it treats the wood in such a way forces by an equal number, will have as to make combustion slow and it increased the effectiveness of the Rus- traces responsibility for fires, whether sian army by enabling it to procure due to carelessnes or design. It enample war material and will have in- forces building laws, and, when their creased their available food supply, violation causes fire, it punishes the Should they succeed against Turkey, guilty. There is no need for the United they can close in on Austria and Ger- States to abandon our most abundant itself into a gigantic stege of those two use it in such manner that opportunity empires by Russia on the east, Italy for fire to reach it will be reduced to a of the strength that exists in a united and Serbia on the south, France, Brit- minimum. ain and Belgium on the west and the

British navy on the north. Italy's accession to the ranks of the allies closes the most important gap in the ring around the Teutons. Roumania may close another gap on the east and the only remaining opening would be on the Danish frontier and the Baltic coast, Italy lacks the money to fight, but every man she puts in the field will be well worth his cost to the allies who will supply the funds.

SENSE TALKED AT LAKE MOHONK.

tical common sense talked by Secretary of War Garrison, General Leon- signal? Wood and President Hibben, of when he said:

General Wood's statement marks overlook perfectly distinct signals, and mestic agitation or partisan stress, the difference between militarism and that again they may see and heed They fly off at no tangents. They National defense. In a democracy them not. such as this the people make the wars and employ the trained soldiers and tal machinery happens to be working sailors to fight them. The people of at the critical moment. Weariness, Italy have commanded their govern-the burden of sad thoughts, interest ment to make war on Austria. The in some problem, any of these things people of France, as one man, ac- and many others may so distract the claimed the decision of their govern- engineer's attention that he becomes ment to defend their frontier. The for the instant as unreliable as one people of Switzerland, trained to arms, born blind and deaf. The lapse is are defending their country against but momentary. He quickly regains war, not making war. They are armed his normal state of alertness, but in for defense, and, because they are the meantime a train may have been armed, the storm of battle sweeps past wracked.

"conferences of this kind do not look never suffer from absent-mindedness, conditions in the face," as General They have no love affairs, do not increased armaments offered no solution of the problem. No reasonable A machine, if it is properly cared for, could they of man says it will, but in opposing arm-always works with its maximum emament for that reason Mr. Angell does ciency, something that cannot be said not look conditions in the face. The of a man. The difficulty with auto-

maintain our rights. If we refuse to all its faults. Perhaps when it is bet- is a chronic inebriate. do so, we risk National extinction. While we do this, by all means let us

do all in our power to dethrone might and to make it everywhere the servant of right, in the sense that, ac-cording to General Wood, our soldiers and sailors are the trained servants of the people. So long as the people retain the power, they cannot be used against right. Let us do our utmost to induce other nations to join us in How to Remit—Send Postoffice money order, express order or personal check on your
local bank. Stamps, coin or currency are at
sender's risk. Give postoffice address in
full, including county and state.

How to Remit—Send Postoffice money orendling the rule of might by establishing a world court and by placing
the idea that they will not be able to
get their toddy after the prohibition'
law goes into effect.

The prohibition law limits the quanall nations at its disposal. Do not tity any one person or family may redown their arms while those which leave the just a helpless prey to the unjust.

MR. DALY AND A CLEAN ELECTION.

two horses at once in the meter race. economy through installation of meters on all services and they also point out emphatically that the ordinance does not provide for meters for all services, but for only 5000. Mr. Daly can secure the adoption of

his ordinance by a practically unanimous vote if he is willing to ride only a particular one of his two horses. If he will present a resolution to the City Commission in which it is declared that the universal meter policy is not understood by that body to be involved in the election; that that policy is opposed by the Commission, and that the object of the ordinance is solely to obtain the lower price incident to quantity purchase on meters for in-stallation where there is actual, demonstrated, not theoretical, waste-if such a resolution is presented by Mr. Daly and approved by Mayor Albee and Mr. Dieck, who are publicly opposed to universal meters and are also hallovers, the opposition to the ordi-nance, including that of The Oregonian, will disappear.

It ought to be presumed, and it is presumed, that Mr. Daly is honest enough not to prefer to win his fight for meters if he has to win it by false pretense. If approval of the referendhim and the others of the Commission as an indorsement of a universal ter thanking its members for their expressions of loyalty and pledges of prove to be he who did not plunge on one crop because of an artificial boom, one crop because of which may disappear at him and the others of the Commismeter policy, the effort to catch votes

chase is false pretense, nothing else. In view of what Mr. Daly's handy ewspaper support is saying about the comparatively small number of meters involved on the one hand, and in support of the purchase of enough meters for all services on the other hand, Mr. Daly owes the public a repudiation of one of the two arguments which misrapresents his policy.

THE WHALTH WE BURN.

The annual fire loss of the United States and the cost of maintaining fire departments is estimated to be equivstill far below that for the empire alent to a tax of \$6 per capita of the itself. As in 1813 Britain supplied the entire population. This is nearly ten funds to put the allied armies of Eu- times the average for the ten leading rope in the field against Napoleon, so countries of Europe. John Trix, of in 1915 she will do the same for the National Association of Manufacturers, says the fire loss could easily

be reduced 75 per cent. Whose fault is it? Almost everycases, and judge and jury alike are un-

The remedy is not to abandon The war would then resolve building material. We need only to

MACHINES AND BRAINS.

curious railroad accident hapexcept an engineer, and he would greater service of Germany, and it have been safe if he had not jumped will go through to the end.

from his cab. As it was, he suffered

It is true that the loyalty all Gerfrom his cab. As it was, he suffered nothing worse than a broken finger. A distant danger signal had been duly displayed and the engineer admits that he saw it clearly. This is all the more interesting when we learn fur-The impractical idealists of Lake ther that he was a man of long ex-Mohonk were startled by hearing prac- perience and tested carefulness. Why did he fall to obey the warning of the

Princeton, about National defense. might have followed upon his inat-Naturally, the old cry of "militarist" tention were averted by an automatic and "jingo" was raised by Norman An- safety device which "gently derailed States. They have proved it time and gell and his like, but they were com-pletely answered by General Wood lision. This has led to a discussion in technical journals of the possibility of substituting automatic safety detrained servants. You create wars; we try vices for the extremely fallible workto terminate them. Nine out of ten wars
are based on trade. The trouble with most
conferences of this kinat is that they do not
look-conditions in the face.

The trouble with most ings of the human brain in railway
to the most competent engineers may General Wood's statement marks overlook perfectly distinct signals, and

It all depends upon how their men-

The advantage of automatic devices Mr. Angell's speech is a proof that over the human brain is that they conferences of this kind do not look never suffer from absent-mindedness. Wood said. Mr. Angell declared that worry over the loss of property and their place. have no families to fall sick and die. duty, and they will do it. No more

The second second

'Might is right," has been thrown delicate and complicated construction, ter educated it will do better work.

TODDY NOT ABOLISHED.

a legal document the form itself is tive or directory. This rule disposes

ceive by common carrier from with love war retain theirs. That would out the state to not more than two quarts of spirituous or vinous llouors or more than 24 quarts of malt liquors within a period of four consecutive weeks. Before the carrier may deliver and his newspaper supporters to ride the law. This form contains the dec-They endeavor to gain approval of the for sacramental purposes only. Therereferended ordinance with glowing fore, reasons the newspaper legal promises of lower rates and much luminary, no person or family can ob-

either householder, priest, minister, or commanding officer of a fraternal organization. The keeping of two registers by the county clerk is avoided and the householder, when he signs his affidavit, will merely draw a line through the statement that the liquor

is intended for sacramental purposes. The case is as plain as day to perons of ordinary intelligence, but those who habitually contract nightmare upon perusing any act of the last leg-Islature would better avoid reading the law and await its operations with as much calmness as their infirmity will permit.

THE FATHERLAND.

President Wilson has sent to the Americans of German derivation and any moment and leave the market in ancestry have and would declare their unqualified and unwavering loyalty to He is likely to be the man of wheat the flag of the United States whenever national danger of any kind loomed on the international horizon. We have heard from Herman Ridder, leading advocate of pro-German thought, that he has no divided allearned that where America is there his organization will be always. could not be doubted. It never was

doubted. It is realized that the large body of so-called German-Americans-men and women of German birth, or of German parentage, but now American citizens—have been in a peculiarly trying situation. It was natural and ndeed proper that they should sympathize with Germany in her titanic struggle against her enemies. Germany is the Fatherland, and her sons assumed in good faith new duties and new obligations in the land of their Nor can any one find justifiable try. fault with the pride every such American has in the amazing advance of Germany in the past half century an unexampled national achievement,

not excelled even by the astonishing progress of America. In making any comparison of Germany and America, no informed student of current history would fall to admit that, while the expansion of the United States has been chiefly industrial, political and educational, the achievements of Germany have covered industry, education, science, letters, and government. It has come to be the first military power of the world-an accomplishment, however, all do not acclaim-and it has given and determined patriotism. If there is any faltering or faint-heartedness in Germany, or any dismay that it is face to face with a staggering combipened at Devon, Conn., on March 23, nation of powerful enemies, it has It can be studied with disinterested given no sign. It is enlisted for the nation of powerful enemies, it attention because nobody was injured war, and what it conceives to be the

> mans have given to Germany men of the same strain in race and blood have in America given to the United It is no mere term of compliment to say that such men and women are good citizens. They have been, they are, and they will be, among ou best citizens. There is a natural and instinctive devotion to country among men and women reared and educated in a German atmosphere that has been a great asset for the United In the civil war they were again. among the most valiant soldiers of the Union, and in every other war they have been among the first to and the last to leave the field of ac tion. Of conservative temper and steady processes of thought, they have been a great balance in times of dostand for reasonable and safe meth ods in government. They are lawabiding, and they respect authority. They build homes, and they live in them; they marry wives and live with them; they have children and they rear them in the fear of God. in love of parents, and in duty to country.

of the Fatherland, and the possibilities of a collision with their adopted coun try have not been matters of grave and proper concern for our American neighbors, who have relatives friends in the trenches, and who have treasure of tender thoughts for the Fatherland, let him put himself in Yet they have seen their could they do; no less were they ex

A Tacoma woman who whipped : conditions are that the old challenge, matic contrivances is usually their 3-year-old boy so severely that he died Roumania.

was found guilty of murder and a Se- BACK PRAYER WITH ARMED FORCE down again and that no means other They require incessant attention or attle barber who choked to death his than might exist for upholding right. they will get out of order. So, after 11-months-old baby because it cried Until some other means are provided, all, we are finally thrown back upon was found guilty of manslaughter, it is necessary to our National safety the fallible human brain. There both the same day. The nearest exthat we provide sufficient might to seems to be no escape from it, with cuse was in the case of the man, who

PLUNGING ON WHEAT.

Government crop reports forecast a It is a well settled rule of law that Winter wheat crop for the Pacific when a statute sets out the form of Northwest showing a larger percentnot legislation. It is merely illustra- the crop for the entire United States While the acreage for the of the cruel effort of a contemporary whole country has increased from 36,shows. to distress some of the public with 608,000 to 40,169,000, the estimated the idea that they will not be able to yield is only 9,000,000 bushels greater than last year's actual yield, namely 693,000,000 against 684,000,000. respective figures for the four Pacific Northwest states are:

1915, 1914, Actual, 15,300,000 13,684,000 10,500,000 2,440,000 10,500,000 11,088,000 So far the prospects are for a much weeks. Before the carrier may deliver the shipment of liquors the consignee larger Spring wheat crop throughout a Christian way, with all respect for must sign an affidavit the form of the United States than that of last those so inclined, let us assume that we which is "substantially" prescribed by year, sowing being farther advanced, the law. This form contains the dec-This is the circus season, but it is must sign an affidavit the form of the United States than that of last not becoming to Commissioner Baly which is "substantially" prescribed by year, sowing being farther advanced, which is "substantially" prescribed by

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That increase in price is tempting, but suppose the opening of the Dardanelles should release a great supply of Russian wheat; suppose Canada, India and Argentina should come forward with record crops. Then sup-pose peace should come suddenly in mid-harvest or before the crop is things are possible. Some of them are extremely probable. We know that the Canadian Government has offered a premium for increased acreage in the temptation to enlarge acreage as the United States has. Europe is doing

gether with a fair proportion of wheat, continued to grow root crops, fodder, livestock and hogs and to keep up his dairy herd., If wheat continues high, he will not make quite as much money as his plunging neighbors, but if the legiance. From our own Dr. F. H. bottom falls out of the wheat market, Dammasch, president of the German-he will still be safe and may buy his women of the Dickens and Thackeray Speaking Societies of Oregon, we have neighbor's wheat to feed to his hogs. type, indeed, at any woman who pre-

> The Oregonian thinks The Argus is wrong, and that Portland will escape from the water meter peddier. Perhaps she will. But if she does it will be by reason of The Oregonian pointing out that a quarter of a million dolings stolen is no worse than the same amount of money wasted.—Seattle Argus. The taxpayer foots the bill in either

case.

It is best that Italy draft Marconi, and stop his inventive mind. His latest device, to enable people to see what is happening behind a brick wall, puts and daughters have spread through- a great weapon in the hands of a jeal-

foods and the manufacturer who readoption, they have not forgotten, and fused an order to make \$3000 worth they should not forget, the ties of of shrapnel a day is not going to dememory, affection, race, and tradi-tion that bind them to the old coun-known product.

> California should not be despondent about the outlook for her grape industry. Let her consider the demand for grapejuice when the Bryan style of diplomacy has been universally adopted.

the laying contest at San Francisco, which is very good, but not enough. They belong at the head of the list.

how often she would be pained in the love-making at the movies half as succeeding year, she would never have much as he tries to make out.

A WOMAN. sent that últimatum to Serbia

If a grandmother is dangerously ill n the day of a big game, nothing less than death is the excuse when Buffalo Bill comes to town.

The estimated cost of the war for a ear, \$17,400,000,000, is too big to be omprehended. This is the season of the batting average.

If spots on the sun are responsible for Lassen's outbreak, why not charge Dream when there's plenty of time to family troubles to the same cause and let it go at that? The deficiency of rainfall is hanging

around fourteen inches, which Port-land will throw off gladly to clear the slate this week. The citizen handy with the pen who ices not write his ideas to the news-

papers is not living up to his rights and lights. Political bosses have been added to the estegory of those who cannot be libeled, having no reputation to main-

tain. A convention of the deaf must be restful to those whose ears ring with the discordant sounds of the streets.

Mount Lassen looked over to Europe and blew off its head in an outburst of professional jealousy. King Albert has decorated Kitcher, but did the Earl stand for being

Perhaps in other places besides Syracuse dynamite is being carried in

kissed on both cheeks?

There was not much thought of the rince of Peace in Italy on Sunday. The Beavers will be home tomor-Let all forget and forgive.

Roosevelt made even the polling of the jury spectacular. The coupon clippers had an unexected day off.

The war microbe is now working on

Correspondent Doubts Efficacy of Meek Spirit Among Nations.

RENO, Nev., May 19 .- (To the Editor.)-Commenting on the remarks of Professor Coleman before the Y. M. C. man in the Army or Navy but would like to see the war in Europe and any trouble in which we might become involved settled according to his plan. But all men in or out of the service with good common sense are aware of the unfortunate fact that it is a difficult matter to settle trouble in this

mated way.
The saying, "In time of peace prepare samely for war," is a very the one, and can be.
The construed to mean: "Prepare for Pacific peace" as well, for the stronger we are peace as well, for the stronger we are the less likely are we to have trouble or be imposed upon. We notice in insects, animals, etc., the weaker ones to him, will railways lose out, and it is the same with men. If we know a man to be strong and handy with his fists we are careful about provoking him.

Now, as regards settling trouble in wholly past; it

this fellow what was coming to him-a sound walloping—and he wouldn't be likely to burden himself with his bible or try to put any prayers across either, unless it might be prayers for the fel-ow's recovery after he had finished

with him. Hundreds who have tried the Christian way have gone down to martyrs' graves. Dr. Whitman tried it years ago at Walla Walla, and apparently had the love and respect of the Indians, but they got him and his family. General Canby tried it with the Modes is 1273 marketed. What a tumble the market would take! Any one or all of these things are possible. Some of them are extremely probable. We know that the advice, but he was a Christian gentle man and had given his word to come unprotected, for which he forfeited his hope of enlarging the yield 50 per life, after which followed one of the cent. Other countries have the same worst Indian campaigns in the history of our country.

It might be a good idea, however, to have the professor, in case of war, muster all who think as he does and, armed only with bible, let them go out and meet the enemy and try prayers on them. But I would advise as a precautionary measure to have three or four army corps, well drilled and equipped, bring up the rear, in case the plan led. T. F. FITZGERALD. falled.

LOVE-MAKING IN THE PICTURES Movie Actress Not Type That Dickens

Loved to Portray. PORTLAND, May 23,- (To the Edior.)-Some days ago you printed on your editorial page such a "slam" at sumed to be sentimental in either a novel or a movie, that somehow I have

novel or a movie, that somehow I have not been able to forget it.

Of course, it can't be that the writer of that—might I call it a phillipic?—has just been divorced for incompatibility of temperament, or been turned down by his best girl, so I want to enlighten him as to just what was the matter with the Dickens-Thackeray type of woman, and how the movie actress, no matter how sentimental ctress, no matter how sentimental she may have to be on occasions, dif-

The swooning, tearful, heart-broken female, who must crawl into a corner and die if the man she imagined her-self in love with didn't take her to Battle Creek is famous for its health purely a creation of men's ideals of ice, is the purpose of a proposed charter what a woman ought to be. They wanted to be sure she was sufficiently wanted to be sure she was sufficiently weak-minded and sufficiently good for nothing physically, so that by contrast, the man would appear like a demigod. For the consolntion of the editor who doesn't like that type of work, shall be made in the order of dismissal, the first to be laid off being the first to be taken back to work. woman, let me say that women don't like her either, so there are practically no more of her left.

As to the movie woman-see the difference. She may fall in love now and then but that's merely an incident in her career. Her real business is deep-Oregon hens are in second place in the laying contest at San Francisco, which is very good, but not enough. They belong at the head of the list.

If Austria had only known last July now often she would be pained in the love-making at the movies half as

HARMONY.

Live every minute you have to live; Love everything you can; Do every task that is good to do; Plan what is good to plan; Smile every minute you have to smile And, like immortal Pan, Music will follow where'er you go. Then you will be a man.

See everything that is good to see; Hear what is good to hear;

Cheer when there's aught to cheer; Praise everything that deserves your

praise;

Flatter not those most dear;

Treat every fellow you know the same;

Each is a brother here.

Better know little than far too much; Never condemn the low; Treat every prince of a man as such.
If you honor him, tell him so;
Be not a friend to a rich man's gold; Sow what you have to sow, Trust in the wealth of your head and There's plenty of time to mow.

Grin when you feel it is good to grin; Shun what is good to shun; Keep lots of sand for the slippery way Keep lots of sand for the support way and powder to fill your gun; If each of these virtues abide in you, If you cherish them, every one, Go to your mother, for you are much Too perfect for me, my son! LOUIS J. BALLBACH.

"THE LIGHTS OF THE CITY,"

See the little lights come dancing. Just like baby stars a-glancing; Dancing here and dancing there; Dance and glimmer; Dance and glim Now they're dancing everywhere,

Little lights that come a-winking.
Up and down the streets a-blinking,
Shining over hate and love;
Winking, blinking, all a-twinkling,
Rivalling the sky above.
SARA B. WRENN.

Who Was Ploneer Quartermaster? PORTLAND, May 23.—(To the Editor.)—I am very anxious to find out the name of the Quartermaster under Coloney Kelsey, of Corvallis, in the Rogue River Indian War, in 1855-6. Your help to the above information will be appreciated by the widow o one of the soldiers.

M. M. EDRIS,

1441 E. Morrison street.

Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian of May 24, 1865 The Hon. J. W. Nesmith, United States Senator from Oregon, may be Professor Coleman before the Y. M. C. expected upon the arrival of the steam-A. in Portland a few days ago, I don't think there is an officer or enlisted when the seven been a warm and of the Anti-Saloon League, and myself.

If there be a nulsance more deserv-If there be a nulsance more deserving of attention in this city, than that of the hundreds, thousands, yes, millions or billions of dogs, we should like to see where it comes in.

Mr. Johnson promises that liquor will be shut out completely after a while.

But we have nothing but Mr. Johnson word for it.

President Spalding, of the Chicago League club, expressed himself on the baseball situation again yesterday. He lwelt on the poor altendance at the

Captain Zalinski, of dynamits gun fame, returns from a tour of Europe, filled with news that a great continental war is impending. He found all the European powers straining every the European powers straining every prohibition has never given any perpending the fight for real progress in the fight for real p

The Isolation of the Pacific States market in the past few weeks.

Governor Pennoyer and Treasurer W. Webb addressed the people in G. W. Webb addressed the people in this city yesterday afternoon. Governor Penneyer touched upon one question fleretofore left out of his speeches, that is, the silver question. He eulogized Senator Mitchell for favoring free colours of silver. lavoring free coinage of silver.

This is the last week but one of the political campaign. The election will take place June 2. The only betting so far has been on the Governorship. It is estimated that about \$10,600 has been put. Gunst & Co. hold \$4000 which has been wagered on even terms. A. M. Hamilton, the bookmaker, and Woods, the hatter, put up \$500 each on Mr. Thompson and Governor Pennoyer, re-

Measures on Ballot

Correction of a peculiar wording of the city charter which makes it possible for a new city employe to take the place of a man longer in the service, is the purpose of a proposed charter.

The following, from the April issue of the Piencer on "Simplified Spelling," shows to what length the British would go to reform the language. The spelling for the purpose of a proposed charter. amendment to be voted upon at the city

the proposed charter change:
A has been in the service for five years. Es has been in the service a monitorial stack times come and the men are independent. B being the first. When work starts again B, who has been em ployed only one month, goes back be-fore A, who is one of the city's regular and older men. Under the change A would go back first and B second.

COPPERHEAD DOG IS CHALLENGED Neutral-Bred Canine Available to Settle Lusitania Controversy.

KALAMA, Wash., May 23 .- (To the Editor.)-In The Oregonian recently the editor was courteously invited by a correspondent to a fight with his

fore resorting to such a "military ne-cessity," a la Belgium, I have a neu-tral-bred buildog that will be pleased o call on your correspondent's bulldog to satisfy any hunger pangs the latter may feel and to impress on his master, if possible, the fact that bully-

ism can't succeed ROBERT E. MORGAN. Population by Continents. PORTLAND, May 23.—(To the Editor.)—Kindly publish the estimated population of the world by continents,

North America, South America, Europe Africa, 180,000,000; North America,

130,000,000; South America, 35,000,000; Asia, 900,000,000; Australiasia, 8,000,000; Europe, 450,000,000; polar regions, 300,000.

Challenge of a Recruit.

London Sketch.

London Sketch.

The officer (having been challenged by a recruit and seeking to improve the occasion)—I say, you know, that was quite right; but you left out "All's well." The Recruit—"All's well," is it, sir? An' me two feet like a block of ice!

Criticism of Cheerful Giver. Chicago Herald. "De Lawd loveth a churful giver!" olemnly said Parson Bagster, after the ollection had been taken up. "But" the good old man darted a glance at he well-nigh empty plate-"I whun he finds any of 'em!"

Marriage Is Legal. PORTLAND, May 23.—(To the Edi-or.)—Please tell me if a marriage is egal where both parties give

PROHIBITION IS IMPRACTICABLE.

Kansas Palls to Attain It in 35 Years' Effort, Says Mr. Gilmore.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 19 .- (To the Editor.)-Among the letters published by you in connection with the interenergetic supporter of Mr. Lincoln's is that of E. T. Johnson, of Yreka, Cal. measures for putting down the rebel- Mr. Johnson very frankly confesses that the present Oregon amendment is but a stepping-stone to real prohibi-

General Grant, it is said, has captured more prisoners than any general of modern times. Including the commands of Buchner at Fort Donelson, Pemberton, at Vicksburg, Lee in Virginia, and the smaller captures made by him, will run the number of prisoners he has made to fully one hundred thousand.

The horrors of the Libby are not yet wholly past; it is a horrible place even now. Not a few of our officers and men confined there at different periods digring the war have visited it since to recall a series of shuddering. experiences in the presence of kindred facts.

But we have nothing but Mr. Johnson's word for it.

Kansas is boasted of by Prohibition ists as an example of what prohibition can do. We are told how practically everyone in Kansas is for prohibition. And yet, in spite of this supposed Governors, Senators and other high officials to make prohibition ranks since in all sections. Kansas has no real prohibition today. And Kansas has been in the prohibition ranks since in the prohibition ranks since to be different from that of Kansas?

the sampment of liquors the consigner must sign an affidavit the form of which is "substantially" prescribed by the law. This form contains the decided for sacramental purposes only. There larger and soil and moisture of or sacramental purposes only. There fore, reasons the newspaper legal luminary, no person or family can obtain delivery of any quantity for household use without committing perjury.

Fortunately the courts apply more common sense than quibblers or sensent conflicts. They do not go to a prescribed form or illustration to describe form or illustration to describe form or illustration to describe form or flustration to describe form or flustration

to make the Federal Webb-Kenyon law effective and shut off liquor shipments from outside the state. If this happened in Kansas, after 35 years of profilibition, with all officials completely under the thumb of prohibitionists, how soon is Oregon to see the result promised by Mr. Johnson?

Mr. Johnson's frankness lays bare the more trianglets of the complete the state of the complete the complete the state of the complete the complete the complete the state of the complete the state of the complete the compl

East Portland will have a surfeit of political excitement and enthusiasm this evening. The Democrats will have a meeting in Armory Hall on N and Fourth streets. David Dudley Lynch will address the meeting. The Repubreup of the sale of ligner or alter its sale of ligner its sale of ligner its sale of ligner or alter its sale of ligner will address the meeting. The Republicans will have their grand raily at the corner of Fourth and H streets.

With a model license system and regulate the sale of liquor, or alter its form. If the people think the saloon must be done away with, the way to real temperance is through some substitute sales plan, such as the hotel-and-cafe idea of sales at tables (the bar to be abolished) or the merchants' license system, with all sales in pack-

The isolation of the Pacific States temperance because it strikes at the problem in the wrong way. Regulation the condition of the grain tonnage market in the past few weeks.

In manner progress in the light to problem in the wrong way. Regulation can point to present results into can point to present results in the condition of the grain tonnage for the future.

T. M. GH4MORE. lent National Model Deague.

> SPELLING AS IT IS SIMPLIFIED English Society Outdoes All Others in Orthographic Reform.

PORTLAND, May 23,—(To the 1961-tor.)—An editorial appearing in The Oregonian, May 21, anent the spelling of "dispatch" or "despatch" states "the charm of our language is its uniform and scientific orthography." Those who have given the subject thought are of your opinion in this matter. Learning to spell in our language is an ardnous scientific task, and no other teams approximates it is the uniformtongue approximates it in the uniformity of writing words one way and pro-nouncing them in another. Spelling reform societies, both here and in England, are engaged in devising reforms to make the acquiring of English less scientific and easier.

The following, from the April issue

work.

The Englishman's readiness for induling in furious controversies over reappointment will be on the basis of matters of prenunciation and orthogoriginal appointment, or, in other words, on the basis of seniority in service. The spelling reformers are bent on startfollowing example shows the intent of the proposed charter change: present war appear an insignifical conflict. HERMAN LOEDING.

GOOD SEEN IN BUILDING CHANGE Mill Construction in Two-Story Build-

ings in Fire Limits Urged. PORTLAND, May 23 .- (To the Editor.)-A big reduction of the fire hazard in the down-town district can be made by allowing two-story mill con-structed buildings to take the place of old frame shacks.

Aside from the discussion of whether mill construction with automatic aprinklers is as safe as concrete and steel for two stories, the fact that we are doing away with the dangerous old frame building will lessen the fire risk

a correspondent to a fight with his buildog. Truly a clearer insight into German military reasoning could not be had. The whole pith of German war policy is there—brutal, selfish force against manhood and the rights of others.

If your correspondent can get away from his "cultured" reasoning a moment he will admit the cowardice of sicing a beast on a human being. Besides in the present building ordinance these buildings are so the owners never do it. Under the present building ordinance these buildings, if turn down, must be replaced

ings, if tern down, must be replaced with concrete and steel buildings if at with concrete and steel buildings if at ail.

The time is not ripe for a permanent huilding that the site demands, so why not let the property owner improve with a good mill-constructed building, so that he may get some returns on his investment, until business demands a taller and better building?

It will help Portland in many ways if this section of the building code is modified so as io allow two-story

modified so as to allow two-story buildings of mill construction. CHARLES W. ERTZ. Deduction and Physic. Dallas (Texas) News.

Doctor—"Why have you deducted a quarter from my bill?" Patient—"That is for the six cigars you broke when you thumped my chest."

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