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WHAT GERMANY MAY SAY.

Open exultation over the sinking of Germany will not stop submarine warfare are followed by assertions that a by reports from Berlin that conversations between Ambassador Gerard and Minister von Jagow justify assurances that a rupture with the I'mited States will be avoided. These are the conflicting suggestions we receive as to the purport of Germany's reply to Ye. marine attacks on American ships and on ships, whether American or belligcarrying American citizens

Several circumstances sustain the hope that the hitherto unbending attitude of Germany will be abandoned. Italy having just joined the ranks of his enemies, the Kaiser may well pause before provoking the United must have learned that the Lusitania must have learned that the country Republican, declared that they will stand by their be adopted country in any quarrel that always, nor even often, been a may result. These good Americans Republican, but has in turn beer may well have conveyed to the German government their earnest desire saved the necessity of fighting against their native country. There must surely be in Germany, outside of the fanatically militarist, junker class, a public opinion which does not sanc women and children. Hence the time is propitious for reconsider soberly his position, to cast up accounts and to ascertain whether he does not lose more than he gains by submarine warfare.

His object being to destroy allied commerce, to prevent food and war supplies from reaching his enemies. his submarine campaign has not paid expenses. From February 18 to April 21 the British lost forty merchant vesels and seven fishing vessels, through ines, their total gross tonnage being 109,718. Of the forty merchant yes- year. sels, thirty-six were sunk by submadeparted from ports of the United Kingdom. Since April 21 the submarines have added to their score the has not been materially

On the other side of the account are the rewards of party. to be set the heavy damages for which Germany has become liable through the destruction of neutral ships and cargoes and through the taking of neutral lives. She must pay for the Gulflight and must pay damages for very American life lost on the Lusilanis and the Falaba. By admitting her liability to the United States she will admit equal liability to Holland. Sweden, Norway and Denmark. The damage inflicted is equivalent only to the cutting off of an occasional small detachment of men, of an occasional upply train. It is not worth the mil lions Germany must pay out of the money raised by mortgaging the em-She has angered this and other neutral countries against her, the unti-German cartoons published in Holland betraying a rancor which has not been surpassed among her avowed

We cannot expect that all of the American demands will be immediately conceded. Germany may without hesitation grant reparation for the wrongs already done. An offer may be made to abandon submarine warfare on American ships and American fives if the United States will induce Brifuin to raise the long-range blockade. We know beforehand that such offer will be rejected, for the Pres ident has intimated that he will not make respect by Germany for elemenary American rights contingent on any reference to what Germany may lible. may do. The United States flatly de- this state unique. Nowhere else safely be taken to port, their crew and fertility of soil and balminess of clipassengers must first be taken off and mate. then they may be sunk.

national law and to humanity, may be nourished by a rich, deep soil. that the submarine is the only effective the gala spirit of the holiday makers her enemies' sailors is no worse than be the climax of the whole in splendor in a community where the prohibition starving of her own civil population, and variety of charms. Such a reply would initiate long ne-

in the New York Legislature merging work with a will and the outcome the Workmen's Compensation Com- cannot be doubtful. mission with the State Labor Department. That branch of the government genius of Portland. It is the soul of of the State of New York is under the city made visible in pure and en-Entered at Portland, Oregon, Postoffice as James M. Lynch, for many years presi-second-class matter.

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AMAZING.

Portland. It is a crystal stream, gushing forth from the rocks its pure, cold and health-giving waters. Millions of gallons are now available through the easy and inexpensive process of pipthe Lusitania and declarations by the ing them by gravity to Portland; and semi-official German newspapers that millions more are there, and forever adorn themselves with the richest

check will be put on submarines and land's proudest asset. Nature has silk and satin is but rarely bathed. Portland and the health of its citi- tection but in our vanity and that

> Yet Commissioner Daly would have the people use as little as possible, and ness. not as much as possible, of our over abundant water; and he would keep the surplus in the mountains, or spill It into the sewers.

MR. HUMPHREY'S CANDIDACY.

William E. Humphrey, Representative at Washington for the Seattle district, announces his candidacy for the States to add to their number. He United States Senate to succeed Miles Poindexter. Mr. Humphrey, who is a many German-Americans and that will enter the Republican primary, the latter, with few exceptions, have where his principal opponent will Mr. Poindexter, who has not Democrat, Republican, Progressive, and now again a Republican.

Mr. Humphrey has had six terms diligence, and has, through his capacprominence in Congress. Washington as indeed been fortunate in the perhave in recent years included such men as John L. Wilson, Francis W. Cushman and W. L. Jones, all of Senatorial size. Mr. Wilson and Mr. Jones were indeed elected to the Senate, cut short by his untimely death. If attack by cruisers, submarines and ice is to be followed, Mr. Humphrey and leave him nothing inside his head will have a well-earned victory next

Mr. Humphrey is a protectionis During the same period 13,145 and has been open in his opposition vessels of over 300 tons arrived at and to the Underwood bill. On the other hand, Senator Poindexter voted for the Underwood bill, and will be called upon to justify his action in that par-Lusitania, their greatest "kill." and ticular, and otherwise to support his other vessels, but the ratio of hits to misses has not been materially issue between the two candidates will changed, even if we add the number be clearly drawn, for the one repreof the principles for which the Republican party stands, while the other asserts the right to repudlate his party at will and yet to have and hold all of neutral vessels that have been sunk. sents carnest and consistent support The British blockade of Germany has of the principles for which the Renot been affected, nor has the deter- publican party stands, while the other mination of Britain to maintain it asserts the right to repudiate his party

It will be an interesting and memrable contest.

COLLEGES AND WAR

Readers are familiar with the effort recently made to interest college tudents in military training of an elebeen established for students in which discipline. There has always been some question of the feeling of the young men toward these efforts to militarize them and a referendum has been taken to get at the truth of the matter. It reveals that "a large majority of the students" look with dis-

favor upon the offered training. Two reasons have been suggested for this anti-militarist feeling in the One is the natural prejucolleges. dice of the academic mind against war and everything connected with it The other is the propaganda of the Carnegie Peace Foundation. Perhaps it is our less warlike young men who naturally seek a college career. It seems pretty certain, at all events that we must look outside the big educational institutions for the more ardent of our National defenders.

THE FLORAL PARADE.

The floral parade is the heart of the Rose Festival. In that joyous and the acts of any third power. He will beautiful spectacle the purpose of the settle differences with Britain without great annual celebration is made vis-The floral wealth of Portland and differences with Germany and Oregon are symbols of the fertile Without any reference to what Britain soil and genial climate which make hes the right of Germany to sink the United States are roses and other American ships on sight for the sole fragrant blooms produced so abundreason that they are in a war area, antly and perfectly. This is not by trading with Germany's enemies. If chance. There is a reason for it, and carry contraband and cannot that reason lies in our unparalleled

Between the Oregon showers and The President's demand that sub- the Oregon roses the connection is marine warfare on merchant ships in close. The magnificent Caroline Testgeneral, whether belligerent or neu- out rose could not blossom in its intral, he stopped as contrary to inter- comparable beauty if it were not met either with a direct refusal or floral procession therefore symbolizes with conditions. Germany may plead the resources of the state as well as weapon with which she can strike her It is the event toward which all the enemies at sea, and that drowning of rest of the festival moves. It should

To make the floral procession all gotiations, but the President may be that it should be ideally every citizen expected to consent to such a delay of Portland must contribute his share in acceding to his demands on condition only that submarine attacks on merchant ships be suspended in the meantime. Rejuctant as Germany will be, she may yield this point after casting up gains against losses, though she is likely to insist more carnestly than ever that, if she calls off her submarines, shipment of war supplies to fine allies must stop and food supplies must be admitted to Germany.

Sam Gompers is peeved. He has research and his possible of the spectacle. He who failes membership on the American Association for Labor Legislation because the association advocates a bill community. Let all take hold of the spectacly of the spectacle of the specta in acceding to his demands on condi- If he has a motor or horse vehicle it asked about them and this is his reply;

The floral display expresses the

Woods Hutchinson chants a pacan to the course of his melodious remarks before clean hands and skins in the visible parts of ourselves course of time.

This opinion of the erudite and lively Dr. Hutchinson is confirmed by many an observation of travelers in foreign lands For instance it is reported of the ladies of Peru that they will be there whenever they are fabrics and wear priceless diamonds furnished it merely for the asking. It and the nails of the bejeweled fingers is there for the benefit of all alike, are usually tipped with black. There Freely and generously used, it is the is no question historically that our atlargest contribution to the beauty of tire originated not in our need of pro redceming passion is at the bottom of our modern passion for bodily cleanli-

> Dr. Hutchinson sweetly hymns the praises of clean shirts and neat white deanliness and indicate that their infection. principal safeguard against germs will with dirt roads. not lie in serums and vaccines but in soap vigorously applied to the exterior of the person, and in those ture at Corvallis, the Ba subtle and saintly accessories of soap prints some reflections on which are included in the attire of a fine gentleman or perfect lady, Cleanliness, in the opinion of these enlightened savants, is not only next to godliness but it is the best warranty of sound health there is to be had.

Dr. Hutchinson thinks the current estumes of "both men and women" are the most comfortable, as well as n the House, and seeks promotion to the cleanliest the world has ever seen the Senate on his record. He has Reserving a doubt as to the comfort served his state with great fidelity and of tight shoes and corsets, we heartly concur in his judgment. Clothes, as ity as well as through the fact of his seniority, attained a position of great are not merely the detachable decorations of the human being; they are an essential part of ourselves. Without sonnel of its Representatives, who them, to repeat a dictum of William James, we lapse into savagery. In their perfection, as Emerson philosophically remarks, they impart serenity of soul surpassing all the consolations of religion. The only obwhile Mr. Cushman's fine career was jection to the worship of clothes that we can think of is this: the soul of the practice of rewarding good serv- their devotee is apt to seep into them or heart. But that, after all, may be but a trifle,

> THE PRESIDENT AND PROHIBITION. In Kentucky, where a prohibition

ampaign is in progress, the attitude much an issue as prohibition itself. Wilson wrote what is known as the queen of flowers. approval of state-wide prohibition. Clearly the letters are misinterpreted or else the President is on both sides of the fence. Being of an ana-

are inclined to adopt the former view

Following is the text of the Shannon letter:

Newark, N. Y. May 1, 1911.—My Dear Mr. Shannon: The question asked in your letter of April 27, about my stiltude toward the important question of local option, is, of course, a perfectly legitimate one, and you are entitled to a very frank answer. I would have replied sooner had I not been prevented by imperative public engagements. I have explained my views to you in private, but, of course, have no objection to your making them public.

I am in favor of local option, I am a thorough believer in local self-government, and helieve that every self-government, and helieve that every self-government, and here the right to control the matter of the regulation of of the withholding of licenses. But the questions involved are social said moral, and are not susceptible of being made parts of a party programme. Whenever they have been made the subject of party contests they have cut the lines of party organization and party action athwart to the utter confusion of political action in every other question, however important, into the background and have made constructive party action impossible for long years together. Se far as I am concerned, therefore, I can never consent to have the question of local option made an issue between political parties in this state. My judgment is very clear in this matter. I do not believe that party programmes of the highest consequence to the political life of the state and of the Nation ought to be thrust on one side and hopelens) embarrassed for long periods together by making a political issue of a great question partisan, moral and social in its nature. Very sincerely yours, WOODROW WILSON, And here is the Grogen letter:

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For mistook me if you thought that I was reating your first letter as a communication of a politician, or if you supposed that was trying in any way to swold the important question you put to me. The reply I made was made in all sincerity. I believe that for some states state-wide prohibition is I made was made in all sincerity. I belie that for some states state-wide prohibition possible and desirable, because of their reative homogeneity, white for others I this that state-wide prohibition is not practically I have no reason to doubt from what how of the circumstances that state-wide prohibition is both practicable and desirab in Texas. In my reply to you I was on trying to state what I think must be siwarkent in mind, the wide divergence of coditions which make it impossible to reply any single question like those of prohibition terms which would fit the whole count. With much respect cordiall, and sincere yours.

In the heat of a campaign it is not difficult to put a wrong construction on either epistle, but to us living issue has been settled, at least for the time being, the one letter seems not inconsistent at all with the other President Wilson, himself, has been

The careful reader will observe that in the Shannon letter the President is discussing primarily local option. He adds, however, that he is opposed to making local option a part of a po-litical party's programme, and tells He does not mention state-wide prohibition, but it may be assumed on the strength of the Shannon letter that he is also opposed to making prohibition a political party issue, will be noted that in the Grogan letter he discusses the practicability of state-wide prohibition in the state of Texas, not its practicability and desirability as a political party issue.

The distinction is as broad as the In one of our esteemed Eastern sea, Oregon adopted prohibition withontemporaries the sprightly Dr. out making it a party issue or part of a political party programme. We the glory of the new Spring suit. In have not the slightest doubt that many persons who favored the amendmen he intimates that clean clothes came in this state would have as strongly development of civilization. We first party issue. As the President says in the Shannon letter, local option-No city in the world has a finer or agreeable to the sight and nose. The he doubtless would add prohibitionmore bountiful water supply than invisible portions follow sun in the are essentially "non-political, nonpartisan, moral and social" in their

mature. We agree with the President in what he said in the Grogan letter to an extent. Some states may find prohibition practicable and if possessed of a homogeneity which runs to so pronounced a The Bull Run water supply is Portrowfully that the skin beneath the tion that the law will be enforced. Even there its introduction as a part of a political party programme is out of place. It should stand alone as a social and moral issue

> The Massachusetts "hill towns" are old communities of unadulterated their own Juice for two centuries or more. They are degenerate because they are cut off from the world, havcollars because he says they betoken ing no trolleys or decent wagon roads. The state is coming to their ald with Yearer is to a degree proof against a big appropriation for roads. Oregon Some learned scientists may read her own future in these preach that in the ages to come our hill towns if she continues satisfied

Moved by Dr. Zeublin's recent lecture at Corvallis, the Barometer college democracy which, it thinks, is threatened "by the advent of the National fraternal organizations upon our campus." But it finally concludes that the fraternities are what the students make them, good or bad, democratic or snobbish according to the spirit of their members.

From a poem in the School Bullein by Dora Steinberg, aged 12, we learn that "Miss Porter's room at Failng organized three months ago a little club for the purpose of cleaning up, you know." The little club "set to work with a merry little hum" and is still working and humming. Hurrah and the club she celebrates.

Russia is carrying prohibition out ogically by transforming the vodka saloons into reading rooms. picture shows and lecture halls. She will thus sublimate" the social spirit that makes saloons popular and cause it to do good instead of harm. of our prohibitionists might learn a useful lesson from the Czar.

Mr. Weed's collection of 20,000 peonies should be a wonderful sight when they are all in bloom. Probably of President Wilson on the general the fragrance is less enjoyable. The uestion of abolishing the traffic in peony, like the oriental poppy, is all liquor seems to have become almost as show. By and by some Burbank will while Governor of New Jersey, Mr. the violet and then it will be crowned nation that persistently acts in accordance with these can never be dishon-

same year Mr. Wilson wrote what is street fronts they must have realized known as the Grogan letter, addressed that Portland has good reason for a This letter the more liberal, unmeasured consumption prohibitionists are publishing broad of water. Gotham would be only too east as indicating the President's glad of an excuse to use more water in the same way.

It cannot be too often repeated that our most pressing rural problem mentary sort. Summer camps have lytical turn of mind at the moment, we is that of markets. Diversified farming does not advance because the it has been proposed to give them the Following is the text of the Shannon farmer can not sell his diversified rudiments of the soldier's drill and letter: ment should now and for some time to come concentrate on the question of markets.

> President Wilson is nearing the conclusion that, in the eyes of a belligerent, a neutral has no rights which he is bound to respect. The only way to compel respect is to boycott belligerents or to threaten belligerency,

> In the event of fatality, Queen ophie of Greece may find herself in like position of her mother when the Kaiser took the reins of power. The Crown Prince is inclined to barken to the voice of the Triple Entente.

> With Lassen Peak and the Alaska slands in eruption we may see disturbances among the intervening Volcanie peaks along the Coast. eruption in America seems to be as catching as war in Europe,

> The best thing the Swiss can do is to lay in much flour and sidemeat or pray for a shower of manna. There will be a bristling fence about her.

Changing the outfit of a brewery into ice cream, as is to be done at Olympia, is the modern way of working over spears into pruning hooks. If the belligerents would hand over

ach other's merchant ships to the United States we might soon have a respectable merchant marine, If the season at the Oaks did not

open in rain Mr. Cordray would think his rabbitfoot and lucky stone had lost their charm. Does anybody ever consider that in

generation or so this year's "war pables" may be running Great Britain? Across the waters, if they read of the matter at all, they probably liken

The macaroni industry may be added to the list of those annexed to the United States by the war.

Lassen to Aetna and Vesuvius.

onveniences of war without enjoying any of the excitement Why do not some of the candidates for commissioner hire a hall and liven

Switzerland suffers most of the in-

up things? Depend upon the Austrians to hand-

pick the Italians from above. tour. He is yet young.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

From The Oregonian of May 25, 1896 One of the most notable meetings of allway employes ever held in this city will convene this afternoon. For some time past the question of federating the various orders in the railway serv-ice has been agitated, and today's meeting looked to the accomplishment Fully 500 delegates

Four fine sticks of timber 150 feet long have been ordered for an obser-vation tower to be put up on Tabors Heights. It will be 25 feet square at the base and 10 feet square at the top, and will have platforms every 20 feet, so that people can go as far as they It will be the tallest tower in the world made of single timbers.

Representative Hermann has secured pension for Mrs. Jennie T. Gallentine, McMinnville, Or. She was a soldier's

In accordance with a popular custom, the First Regiment, O. N. G., last evening attended memorial services at the Tabernaole in a body. The services were opened by Professor E. E. Coursen with an organ selection. The Rev. Arthur J. Brown conducted the serv-

The citizens of Albina met at Miller's Hall, on Williams avenue, Saturday night, and organized the Nob Hill Re-publican Club, The following men were sen permanent officers of the club; Colby, president: M. L. Taylor, ary: Harry Glover, vice-presi-Hansen, treasurer: Henry Hansen, seargant-at-arms

Mrz. Ida Muetter will furnish the nusic-loving people of the city of fortland with a solrce musicale, given her pupils in the Masonic Hall, on interesting programme will be

WAR DOESN'T VINDICATE HONOR It Is in Same Category With Duelling, Says Correspondent.

PACIFIC GROVE, Cal., May 22,-(To the Editor.)-Princeton's president, speaking lately at the Mohonk conference, is reported to have said, "We dare not trade honor for peace," the first part of his discourse having been an incitement to the people to arm should become "the veriest torment of a living hell."

So much is continually made by snacious scare-mongers of this most eva-sive and elusive word "honor" that some exact definition of the term is reperative. Mischief inculculable has wrought in its name.

That greatest master of English, William Shakespeare, has given us a synonym in the second part of Henry

"What hath honor? He who died Wednesday!" The London Times of today, with its "Roll of Honor," seemingly corroborates Shakespeare, Those "who died" are honor's possessors. Their names fill the roll.

Midway between the Times And Shakespeare comes Alexander Pope with his opinion. "Act well thy part; there all the As presumably Dr. Hibben, of Princeton, does not want to see the American Nation on the death roll of honor, we may suppose he accepts Pope's

This amplified suggests that the honof a nation, as the honor of an individual, is entirely in its own keep-ing and results from its own actions. I may be personally injured or killed outright, but I cannot be dishonored unless I dishonor myself. Dishonor is from within, not from without. Honor consists in following the dictates of

If there be any living being so lacking in logic as to link together war and honor, such an one must be utterly oblivious to the deeds done in Europe today. Perfidy and brutality run mad doing everything hideous and devilish that human ingenuity can devise, laughing out and spitting at all religion, or even at common decency.
What have these to do with honor?
Public opinion in this favored land has frowned down dueling as a vindi-cation of personal honor; it is now learning that war is no more a vindiation of national honor than was the

duel of personal honor.

As to an armament "against war," that is the identical course that now has involved Europe in its cataclysm of bestiality and blood. Every nation was straining its resources to the ut-most to insure that its preparation. Shake off thy languorous repose: most to insure that its preparation "against war" should leave it more powerful than its neighbors. Such rivalry induced the very catastrophe it was destined to avert. What was prepared for came, as it usually does.

Not only the American Nation, but the world at large is demanding a more enlightened collect. enlightened policy. That policy must mean the enthronement of the idea of O. W. Holmes did not diadain public right as the soverning idea "in To rhyme with "rose" just "nose world politics." This spells the utter In that "Last Leaf" of his and yet repudiation of militarism with its dis credited and discreditable motto, "I you want peace prepare for war." I velopment for all races, with equal national development for all races, with equal national rights, regardless of size or wealth; and it means, lastly, some such sort of world accord as is extant today in the Universal Postal Union and kinted institutions, which have already

proved the possibility of a co-operative and kindly globe-partnership, beneficial to all peoples alike. Surely this loved land of ours is big enough, rich enough, wise enough to take the initiative in this, the inaugu-

ration of the only policy worthy of the age in which we live, worthy of our starry-spangled banner and worthy of If you want peace, prepare for peace. EDWARD BERWICK.

TANANA. Alaska, April 12.—(To the Editor.)—Kindly inform me as to the meaning of the word sabotage? I came across the word in Mr. Rooseveit's article in Everybody's Magazine. "America on Guard," and also in a story called "A Montissori Father." I have consulted every dictionary at my command, and have command, and have written to a law-yer in Fairbanks, but am unable to find its meaning. I would be greatly obliged to you if you will throw some light on the subject for me.

Would also like to know if it is not true that the Canadian Pacific Rail-

way is the only finished transcontinental railway in the world. I have heard this disputed several times of late, but believe that I am right when I say it is the only one of its kind now right. n operation.

damage Intentionally done by a dis-

MRS. W. B. PAGE,

satisfied workman; also the act itself. (2) The Siberian Rallroad compictely traverses two continents— Europe and Asia. Through trains run from Valparaiso, Chile, across South grateful to it." America, to Buenes Aires, but the line is not all under one ownership. The term "transconlinental" is broadly ap-This is not Buffalo Bill's farewell lines from Missouri and Mississippi after his estacean host had deposited bur. He is yet young.

Boston Transcript.

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Back to the land, observed Jonah Mississippi after his estacean host had deposited him safe on the seashore.

GENERAL WATER WASTE DOUBTED Meter Scheme Looks like Indirect

Effort to Ruise More Money. PORTLAND, May 24 .- (To the Editor.)—I would like to venture an opin-ion regarding the purchase and in-stallation of water meters. In trying to make an economical showing for the water department during his adminis-tration Commissioner Daly is doing every taxpayer and citizen a great injustice. If we lived in an arid re-gion, then the conservation of water by meters, which must be installed at enormous expense, might be justi fiable, but when we have millions of gallons of the finest water going to waste in the Bull Run River, why try o stint our citizens, especially at the time when our lawns and shrubbery need water most, during the dry Sum-mer months? At this time, when the movement for

the City Beautiful is claiming so much attention, what could be more apropos than plenty of water to keep things green and beautiful throughout the

Let us realize that we are a fast-growing city; get away from this small town idea of administration of public affairs and take a broad-gauge iew of the advantages and disadvan tages to be gained by such a move. At present the water department is confronted by a shortage for about three months during the year. 'It is safe to assume that only a very small perentage of waterusers waste the water during the dry season, especially with the present time limits on sprinkling, uch being the case, meters cannot inrease the supply, but merely give the city an increased revenue, or, in other If under our present administration

we need more funds, either for instal-lation of new mains or for the main-tenance of the department, why not vote an additional tax for the water department? Why not put it up to the taxpayers open and aboveboard that we need a larger revenue for our water department!

The installation of meters would cost nearly \$250,000. It will take a great many years to bring this money buck by the increase in revenue to the "MAN'S IDEA," SAYS HOUSEWIFE department and our quarter of a million is doing us no good as far as an Water Meter Inconvenience Will Fall increase in the available supply goes. Increase in the available supply goes. Increase in the present administration want to install meters because other cities are doing it and they want to be in taxpayers' money on something new?
It seems about as sensible as the little
child wishing to spend his money on a
new toy. No right-minded ciffsen will

water supply.

At the present time we have no dam at the headworks—merely a diversion canal. Consequently during the Summer months our supply is decreased 50 per cent because there is not depth enough in the river to fill the pipe lines leading to our city reservoirs. With the expenditure of approximately the same amount that the installation of meters would cost a storage dam could be built which would keep the big conduits carrying water into the city at maximum capacity throughout the year, thus practically doubling our supply during the dry reason, when it is most needed. s most needed.

Is most needed.

The taxpayers of this city have spent millions in the laying of these pipelines a distance of over 30 miles. Why not let us get as nearly 100 per cent efficiency as possible from this enormous investment? When we consider portland's convention of the conventi mous investment? When we consider Portland's geographical situation and her climatic conditions, water should be as plentiful as the air we breathe. The principal objection to a storage dam, as the Journal cited in a recent editorial, is, first, the danger of the water becoming contaminated in a large open reservoir; secondly, that the water becomes heated from the sin's rays during the Summer months. These are really not objections when we come to consider them. Our present city are really not objections when we come
to consider them. Our present city
reservoirs are open and the chances for
contamination are probably greater on
the outskirts of a large city than they
would be in a storage lake created
out in the forest reserve, especially
with the water department's continuation of a careful guard at all entrances to the reserve.

As for the water becoming warm, I
know from personal experience that
the water in any part of the Buil Run
River becomes very warm during the
Summer now, but reaches us at a muchreduced temperature after traveling 20
miles in underground pipes. Consequently the same condition would preafter margin, leaving only \$25. From
this the pool proposed to deduct further

trip to the negation. study and observation. J. C. KITCHEN. 732 Washinton street,

Behold, the season groweth late Nor hast thou piped about the rose.

Come, think! Cogitate Get busy with thy store of rhymes: What matter if they've all been used And mated o'er a thousand times?

It's almost classic, I suppose.

Come, we'll call it the "Last Straw,"

Ah, thou'rt wrong to think our lines Would cause a blooming riot. That meter's wrong? Then how

See how the rhythm flows, And phrases trite fit snugly in. Now, listen, muse. Here goes:

the dog-wood days are over And the broom is worn quite thin. But the beauty of the Portland rose. Has just started to begin,

For rose there's hose and toes, And—What? Disgusted? I give up! I've done my best the whold world

knows. -Mary H. Force. Hillsdale, Or. Destruction of Juvenile Court Records. PORTLAND, May 21.—(To the Editor.)—The Oregonian May 19 says

Judge Gatens is about to destroy the records of the Juvenile Court over which he has presided. Has he such a SUBSCRIBER FOR 28 YEARS. We know of no statute that prohibits

(1) Sabotage is any poor work or such act. Gentitude of a Physician.

Woman of the House—"Are you fond lebster salad, doctor" Doctor— No. I'm not fond of it, but I'm very

Buck to the Land.

Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian of May 25, 1865, Mr. Lyon, of the firm of Cohn, Lyon Co., on Front street, yesterday gave ch seems almost fabulous, ing direct and with undoubted we are inclined to the hellef this new discovery will yet be as noted for wealth as the famed regions of Caribou.

The time will come in Oregon when agriculture will be generally followed than it is now. A second of the people will engage to portion of the people will engage to farming, and comparatively fewer in the transient occupations which now give employment to so many throughout the state and adjacent territories.

Portland now has one or two panies of military to brag of, and the prospects are that soon athers will be added. The provisions of the State Milita law are liberal, and we can see companies cannot prosper under it in

the immediate place of confinement of Jeff Davis is to be the casements which are rock ribbed and arched mansions within the fort, each consti-tuting a fort within itself on arches. On these casements are mounted 15inch guns. The only connection from the fort with the main land is by the sally port and a small postern in one of the bastions of the west side, being spanned at each of these points by a draw-bridge, which can be raised at pleasure, thus cutting off all communication.

Men were company over the later than the bouse of General McCraken, which the engine of the Ha

Almost Whelly on Women. PORTLAND, May 24 .- (To the Ed) or.)-The installation of meters in the the prevailing style, or do they feel home is a man's idea, and it is the this is a legitimate excuse to spend the housewife who will be benefited or in-

convenienced by It. Very few men realize the economies the average housewife practices in the bject to raising the money if it is to home, how carefully we watch our gas to used for an acrease of the present meters, electric meters, etc. Will we water supply.

> water in the Summer, why not use that \$300,000 to install mains large enough to supply our city beautiful with an abundance of water? Then our city will continue beautiful, our children healthful and clean and the house

with your wives; they are vitally in-terested, and you will vote against the water meter bonding measure.

in a WHY BANKS COTTON POOL FAILED sun's Terms Demanded for Aid to Growers

Pronounced Exorbitant.

miles in underground pipes. Consequently the same condition would prevail if a storage dam were built. the same condition would prevail if a storage dam were built.

Let us as citizens and taxpayers study some of these phases suggested before going to the polls to vote on this question and try to form our own opinion as to the merits or otherwise and not be entirely influenced by some other person's opinion. All the facts above stated can be easily verified by a trip to the headworks and a little study and observation. \$28,000 to the Southern growers? C. L. ELLIOTT.

The impracticable terms described seem to have Arisen from an attempt to reduce a sentimental proposition to a business basis, but they are not as bad as represented. Would not the grower have to pay for grading, warehousing and insurance whether he borrowed money on his cotton or not? The most instructive fact about this cotton pool is that events proved it to be unnecessary, for the growers ultimately marketed their cotton with.

Socialist Condemns Copperhends. LEWISTON, Idaho, May 22.—(To the ditor.)—Concerning the copperheads Editor. — Concerning the copperheads and their letters on the editorial page, especially 'One Who Knows,' the Nation having let its flag be stained as at Ludlow and elsewhere, is it strange that patriotic spirit should be half dead or that the copperhead should abound in the land? However deplorable, is this near-treason anything other than natural cause working out

out resort to it.

its natural effect?
Nevertheless, and speaking as well for a host of Socialists, Laborites and other radicals as for myself, humanity is still humanity, piracy and murder are just exactly piracy and murder our country, whatever her faults, is yet our country. Has our flag been emirched or betrayed? Then let us

May no Socialist and no other radical fail, or even seem to fail, in upholding the President's efforts to maintain safety at sea and to encourage international righteousness. And should the day of need come may every man of us be found loyal. A SOCIALIST.

Puck.
Smythe (dismally)-"Nell, I simply can't meet my creditors," Mrs. Smythe -"Why should you? What in the world do you employ a secretary for

Home Economics

One of the large public servihe testing of labor-saving devices As each new appliance appears i

While the corporation's real is du to a desire to sell gas and current its attitude shows what an impor-tant factor labor-saving devices ave become.

The home not pravided with them a not up-to-date—the housewife in not getting all there is not of life From time to time many appli-ances for home comfort are de-scribed in the advertising columns of The Oregonian.