## The Oregonian

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Sunday and Weekly, one year ...... 8.50 being given an entirely new outfit (fly Carrier.)

Daily, Sunday included, one year ..... 9.00 every thirty days. It is becoming necevery thirty days. It is becoming necessary to clothe men largely in cotton.

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Eastern Business Office-Verse & Conklin New York, Brunswick building; Chicago Stenger building.

PORTLAND, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2, 1915.

WHAT WE COULD DO IN WAR. While every good American hopes While every good American hopes that our dispute with Germany will Evidence is accumulating that vicbe ended without resort to extreme co-operation with them for the purpose they and the United States would have in common the have in common—the coercion of Germany to concession of the de-

could be put in service within a week and or two, while the ships that are out will commission could be made ready within a few months. The first duty of the Navy would be to protect

The two latter classes of vessels Nebraskan were torpedoed. Our swift- measures. est cruisers could be employed in the speed of nearly thirty knots.

ald reinforce the allied fleet to maintain the blockade of Germany Aeropianes, of which the United States has 100 available in the Army, Navy and private hands, could be used to advantage in locating sub-marines under water, and there are the United States about 250 certified aviation pilots to man them,

It is too readily assumed that, be cause we have only a small mobile Army and a half-trained and imperfectly equipped militia, we should be a mere cipher in land operations. In fact, we should be in much the same position as Great Britain occupied in service of immense value in aiding and equipped a new army of about 2.000.000 men which has now begun to take the field. While doing so, she has supplied large funds and great quantities of war material to her al-She is now reinforcing them with fresh troops and is beginning to at sea and in financing the alliance. Were the United States to engage

in war with Germany and were we to decide that we should exert all our strength on land as well as at sea to compass her defeat, we could do much as Britain has done. At the we could send only 25,000 to fleet could help the allies to maintain naval supremacy and could keep us secure to raise, train and equip a citidustry for military service without impairing its efficiency range all the way from 500,000 to 2,500,000.

Recent statements of the number men and that yet, by employing the remainder full time and to their full efficiency, we could greatly increase our output of raw material and manufactures. Secretary Garrison states new Army would be ready for the still reached the comfortable total for the course of the mountains, the west field. Not much could be done in the month of \$133,594,093, while for winter, but by next Spring our Army ten months of the fiscal year it was east of Cracow, and the east side exwould be fit and could safely cross \$851,358,319. ocean, and conditions would then be favorable for a vigorous campaign.

value which we could render to the 1914. pared. First, we could lend credit to in March, 1915, and \$162,552,570 in great German army with a trementhe allies and could absorb vast April, 1914. For ten months ending dous weight of artillery was massed Seattle. So the plot thins instead of amounts of their war bonds, for our April, 1915 and 1914, respectively, the in Western Galicia, while the main banks are full of idle money. By so doing we should adjust international 572,114,692, a decrease of \$197,924, eastern end of the province. The plan exchange, which has been put out of 943, and the exports were \$2.045, was to drive back the wings and fold joint by our heavy excess of exports, 774,485, an increase of \$179,- them up, cutting off the center and nothing. Government is giving away and we should facilitate the flow of 773,583. The balance of trade in perhaps capturing it, or at least forc- stamped postcards at San Francisco more than ever the source of supply 1915,

railroad equipment, which had been low those of the corresponding and where frontal attacks had proved run for two or three years at only 25 periods of the two preceding fiscal useless. to 50 per cent of their capacity, have years, while the exports are the greatbeen adapted to manufacture of am- est on record. that with slight adjustment or addi- the greatest increase has been in that quarter, but were either too contion of a new part a machine used in wheat, from \$74,117,403 to \$296,981,- fident in the strength of their posimaking a part of a locomotive could 468; oats, from \$431,301 to \$43,371; tions on the Dunajec or were too abbe used to turn out shells and that a 511, and corn, from \$5,598,595 to sorbed in the attack on the passes to nut-cutting machine could cut car-tridges. A small manufacturer of flour shows an increase from \$45,-standing it. They could not stand firing line. He cocked a cannon the changed a nut here and added a part from \$12.271,232 to \$17,541,637; and the great masses of troops which \$200,000 contract for shrapnel shells. 276: fresh beef, from \$840.696 to were short of both artillery and am-

operating to 75 per cent of capacity. ture."
but they might under pressure exceed phrase their supposed limit. A battalion of phrase was that anesthetics of any

tory in this war will rest with the of our immediately available military resources in case the worst should come. No outright alliance with Germany's enemies is contemplated, but circumstances would naturally dictate

CLOUDING THE ISSUE. meters will be put in .-- Portland Tele-

Two fairly creditable efforts to per-American ships; the next to protect suade the public that the meter issue foreign ships carrying American car- is not what it is. The veracious News goes and any ships carrying supplies conveniently ignores the fact that an to the allies. This work would re- entirely adequate test has been made quire the services of our cruisers, of with the 13,000 meters already in-which we have thirty-four of all stalled and in operation, while the classes; of our destroyers, of which we have sixty-eight, and of our torpedo-boats, of which we have twen- ters, bought and paid for with the money saved from the 5000 meters.

Undoubtedly there will be, for the are peculiarly adapted by speed and autocratic Daly has said that the city swiftness in maneuvering to run down is to have meters, whether it wants submarines, and could afford protec- them or not. He is not to be stopped tion to merchantmen off the south by a trifling obstacle like the public coast of Ireland and on the route to will. The referendum is nothing to Liverpool, where the Lusitania and him, when it is applied to his

The people understand, however. find a way to take care of Commis-The battleships, of which we have sioner Daly, when he carries out his eighteen modern and twenty of old threat to ignore and defy them.

COINCIDENCES.

The German crisis and the Mexican crisis, both now in their acute first it was ridiculed. stages with America, are directly rely decided to turn Watchful Waiting public as absurd. more specific reason, undoubtedly.

were left to shift for themselves.

It is not now clear just what has Duval West, and he is acting upon course there are many others. his counsel, so it is said. But the having done far more than her part weighed havely made have the weighed heavily, probably. It seemed necessary that our own house be put

The people of the United States within a few months have grown familiar with the terrific visage of war. A year ago a serious misunderstanding with Germany, or any European 30,000 men to Europe, but our battle power, would have created immense excitement. But now the country faces even the eventuality of war with evident calmness, though it would be a mistake to say that there is no paof men we could withdraw from inest in the issue. Certainly, however, it is now accepted that we have been living in a fool's paradise in our belief that we were not exposed in any emergency to foreign entanglements we could raise an army of 2,000,000 or attack. We are. We know we are. After all, Mexico scems now not so

FOREIGN TRADE IN APRIL.

difficult for us.

that, by intensive training, raw recruits can be converted into trained soldiers in six months. Lord Kitch-soldiers in six months. Lord Kitch-soldiers in six months. Lord Kitch-soldiers in six months and a slight decrease of imports and a slight decrease of roughly speaking, three sides of a not cooking. honths. Certainly in one year our exports compared with March, but it square, of which the base followed

Imports in April were \$160,576,106, Dneister River. compared with \$157,982,016 in March. There is other service of immense 1915, and with \$172,762,115 in April. mans and Austrians adopted a plantal the which we could render to the 1914. Exports in April were \$294,- concentrate an overwhelming attack lies while this army was being pre- 470,199, compared with \$296,611,852 on the two wings of the Russians. A We should also become the ten months ending April 30, ing its retirement from the moun-ever the source of supply 1915, was \$851,348,319, compared tains in order to avoid capture. This capacity in with \$473,659,793 in the ten months plan seems to have been adopted as that respect has been vastly increased ending April, 1914, an increase of the only means of dislodging the Rus-by the adaptation of existing plants. \$377,688,526. Imports, for the ten slans from the mountains, where they women and children can begin at any Factories for the manufacture of months under discussion are far be- were firmly planted on many heights time.

flower pots and ash trays 785,640 to \$77,869,916; cottonseed oil, before the tremendous bombardment other day. and thus was able to take a canned beef, from \$230,128 to \$9,473,- the Germans hurled at them. They were many thousand such \$12,862,504; bacon, from \$22,722,978 munition. They were driven back The Bethlehem Steel Com- to \$36,714,705. These are the principle first to the Wislok, then to the Wislaken war orders estimated pal commodities exported to feed the loka, and now to the San River, where

American Locomotive Company has | head of mineral oils there has been a sub-contracts to the New York Air to \$42,770,482, and a lesser decrease sia. The drain on the wool supply the value has decreased from \$21.-has been enormous, the armies hav- 653,973 to \$21,355,491. We have inou ing been supplied with woolen cloth-1.50 ing, and, in the case of Great Britain, siduum from \$12,198,997 to \$15,-2.50 being close or creater of the control of the con

NATURE AND TWILIGHT SLEEP. 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.

Postary to crotile men targely in cotton,
Of which we can furnish vast supplies.
The American output of war material could be greatly increased to
meet the needs, not only of our own
Postary Bates. 12 to 16 pages. 1 cept: 18 Pesiage Hates—12 to 16 pages, 1 cent; 18 to 32 pages, 2 cents; 32 to 48 pages, 5 cents; 60 to 60 pages, 4 cents; 62 to 76 pages, 5 cents; 78 to 92 pages, 6 cents. Foreign postage, double rates. and those already engaged could en-large their output. The steel mills are "interferes with the processes of na-The older and more reverent

skilled American railroad men could be sent to Russia to build the roads lack of which prevents her from being a match for Germany.

Interfered with the will of God."

The Michael Reese Hospital, if we can believe Dr. Baer, conducts obstetrical cases with but little inconstants. venience to the patients. They are usually "alert on the second day" and recover so promptly that he "is at a loss to understand" the language phy-Hospital and falls under the miraculous expertness of Dr. Baer.

We wish in this connection merely mands made by each.

The first step would probably be to send a number of the fastest ships in the United States Navy to Europe for the protection of merchant ships against German submarines. The active fleet of the Navy is always practically on a war footing and could be put in service within a week or two, while the ships that are out correct one misapprehension. condition

> GARDENING AND VACANT LOTS. way there this season. The Newark sis on Onc News speaks highly of these gardens. It says the idea of cultivating them is City of Detroit and planted to pota- soon. toes by the "unemployed." The first \$13,000. worth about \$60,000. great deal of praise for the vacant-lot diet to the jurors. gardening which he originated, but at

It was perfectly else. Huerta. The appeal for help for hu- the usual penalty of the pioneer, but

sch the President coldly washed poor families. It is capable of doing of or the French and Belgians to block the discharge and the miserable behind her navy, she has organized behind her navy, she has organized people of the unfortunate republic more adequate knowledge. Most The Summer school of caused President Wilson to change berries than they do now without dihis mind again. He has had a new minishing the crop of vegetables. This of the promised lecturers.

GERMANY'S LATEST VICTORY.

One of the most brilliant feats of generalship revealed by the right wing from 000 miles in area, but most important into disuse. of all, it has compelled the retirement of the Russians from the Carpathians, control of the passes.

progress in the west at the Dukla and aged. After the fortress surrendered the attack was extended all along the range as far as the Beskid Pass. The tended from the mountains to

About the middle of April the Ger-

The German attack on the west succeeded fully. Comparing the ten-month periods, been warned of the concentration in at more than \$100,000,000. The allied armies and nations. Under the they have at last rallied. Their right know its father.

center has retreated from the Dukis contracted to supply Russia with \$65,- heavy decrease in exports of illumi- and Lupkow Passes, some bodies be-960,000 worth of shrapnel and has let nating oil, namely, from \$61,990,993 ing cut off and captured and the remainder fleeing northward to join the Brake Company and the Westing- in crude oil, namely, from \$5,869,884 retreating right wing. The Austrians house Air Brake Company. The to \$3,869,633, and exports of lubricat- who had confronted the center poured deavored to cut the railroad between Przemysi and Lemberg.

again approaching the mountains and at intake and reservoirs placing Czernowitz in danger. Hope Vote 101, No. of the Teutons that they might en velop the Russian army is gone. It is now making a stand on the San to prevent the investment of Przemysl, and appears to be holding its ground. Italy seems to have intervened at the opportune time to enable the Russians to reorganize their battered and diminished army. The necessity of protecting herself in the south is likely to prevent Austria from sending reinforcements to the Galician front for the purpose of completing the expulsion of the invaders, espe cially as Serbia shows signs of renewed activity. Russia can now import war material through Vladivostok and Archangel, and can equip her armies for a new offensive. The German victory is partly the

fruit of a perfect railroad system and of interior lines of communication. Germany freely transfers troops from the west to the east front and sends new levies in either direction. Herein lies the one great advantage of her central position, for it almost doubles the effective value of each man.

Of course Dixle will "back Wilson Who has thought of doubting it? The reports of loyalty in the South are pleasant to read, but superfluous. Where patriotism is concerned there is no South now and no North, there is othing but the United States. The City of Newark, N. J., takes a National motto is literally exact. worthy pride in the amount of va- E pluribus unum means one formed cant-lot gardening which is under from many parts, with all the empha-

It is disquieting to read that the one of the most useful, pleasant and Irene explosion may have been inexpensive plans ever devised for the caused by a "wireless bomb," but benefit of city people who could not there is nothing unlikely in the hy-otherwise have gardens of their own." pothesis. "Wireless electro-magnetic The News gives proper credit to waves can do so many things of a de-Mayor Pingree, of Detroit, who first structive nature nowadays that we are thought of utilizing vacant lots in this disposed to blame them for every caway some twenty years ago. In his tastrophe. If they do not deserve day 7000 lots were borrowed by the their evil repute quite yet, they will

year's crop was worth something like
\$13,000. The plan has been continprieve may not save his life, but it same manner, for they could outrun that they are voting on the specific and submarine, but our chief rell- policy of water meter installation. If and submarine, but our chief rell- policy of water meter installation. If and submarine, but our chief rell- policy of water meter installation. If and submarine, but our chief rell- policy of water meter installation. If and submarine, but our chief rell- policy of water meter installation. If and submarine, but our chief rell- policy of water meter installation. If and submarine, but our chief rell- policy of water meter installation. If and submarine, but our chief rell- policy of water meter installation. If and submarine, but our chief rell- policy of water meter installation. If and submarine, but our chief rell- policy of water meter installation. If and submarine, but our chief rell- policy of water meter installation. If and submarine, but our chief rell- policy of water meter installation. If and submarine, but our chief rell- policy of water meter installation. If and submarine, but our chief rell- policy of water meter installation. If and submarine, but our chief rell- policy of water meter installation. If and submarine, but our chief rell- policy of water meter installation. If and submarine, but our chief rell- policy of water meter installation. If and submarine, but our chief rell- policy of water meter installation. If and submarine, but our chief rell- policy of water meter installation. If and submarine, sub worth about \$60,000. New York, trials. Frank's conviction was a sol-Chicago, Cincinnati and Cleveland emn mockery of justice. The external have adopted the plan and all of forms of law were punctiliously obthem are pleased with it, Mayor served, but the trial was conducted by Pingree, who is now dead, receives a a fanatical mob who dictated the ver-

No doubt the courts will meticuwith America, are directly re-President Wilson has evident-help themselves struck the American booze in candy is booze or something Much hangs on their decision adrift and go to Mexico's aid, in the proper to hand out charity. But to a drink served in a shell of candy is name of humanity. But he has a put into their hands the means of as refreshing as in a champagne cup, more specific reason, undoubtedly. Mexico has gone progressively from juring anybody else seemed prepos-bad to worse since the days of terous. Mayor Pingree had to pay may be foreseen in some quarters.

position as Great Britain occupied in talked brilliant generalization about the earlier stages of the war, a position from which that country is just emerging. She could put only a small army in the field, though it rendered service of immense value in aiding

The Summer school of the Univerback-yard gardens could be made to sity of Oregon offers courses for produce a great deal more fruit and teachers that should prove extremely attractive. Dr. G. Stanley Hall is one He is our special ambassador to Mexico in is one way to improve them, and of greatest authority on educational subjects. His books are interesting as vell as profound. His lectures never fall to stimulate thought.

> The hoop skirt, if it comes, will give the driving back by the Aus- this generation a touch of hilarity. tro-German army of the Russian There are times, of course, when the Dunajec wearing it is wisdom. Empress Euthe San River, in Ga- genie adopted it, upon occasion, three sians a stretch of territory in Galicia followed, regardless of need. Its reign the spread of a possible conflagration. over ninety miles wide and about 10,- will be brief, for it will shock itself It is urged by the Dock Commission.

Tales of cruelty by troops of both thus undoing the work accomplished armies on the eastern battle lines are in six months of furious fighting for to be expected. If the Turk could get abroad he would discount all. For some time prior to the fall of humanity, which means simple kill-Przemysi in March the Russians had been trying to force their way through all the armies are too busy to engage the Carpathians and had made most in the frivolity of warring on the weak

In eulogizing Jefferson Davis at The Richmond yesterday, General Green, summits were captured and the Mus- of Little Rock, said the President of tervening territory is sparsely settled The balance of trade in favor of covites penetrated into Hungary at the Confederate States was "finding

> Oregon Ploneers in this city on June This is the event of the year to the sturdy folk who trekked the Great Plains, leading the star of empire, se o speak Very likely the watchman dropped mething and let off the dynamite at

The festivities of this month will

thickening and the Germans have or At last you can get something for

Now the Zeppelins have the range

The "damage" to artillery in the upper Coast forts turns out to have The Russians had been a dope dream of a private.

If a Zeppelin can reach London. why cannot a British machine drop a few bombs on Berlin?

Portland can absorb a little more ain, but Mr. Beals knows what is due

It's a wise child in Europe that will

Advice on Measures

THE OREGONIAN herewith presents I its recommendations to the voters on the several measures on the ballot n the forthcoming city election. Because of space considerations the titles are not given in full, but the of frontage on the Willamette River measures are presented in regular or-

ing, and, in the case of Great Britain, siduum from \$12,198,997 to \$15,being given an entirely new outfit 427,638.

The Austrians, however, did not succeed in the corresponding movement to double up the Russian left wing the policy of wing hy an advent of the corresponding movement to double up the Russian left wing hy an advent making the purchase of 5000 water meters. 100, Yes; 101, No.

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asked to become a part of the committee, estimates
Thompson will be elected over Pennoyer by 4750 to 675, or a majority of city. It is equally important that St.
Johns, on the opposite side of the river, be also annexed.
Having in mind that the extension

Having in mind that the extension took the offensive, driving them back dollars to curb use of water, although from the Dneister to the Pruth River, millions of gallons are going to waste

main open on Sunday and permit the sale of tobacco, milk, fruit, confection-ery and newspapers, but would prohibit the sale of groceries. We can see no reason for making an invidious distinction between groceries on the one hand, and tobacco, milk, fruit and confectionery on the other.

The proposition that Portland take in and have jurisdiction over the additional six miles of river front on both sides. The Willamette River is Portland's largest commercial asset, and the more of it that can be absorbed by this city the more taxable wealth Portland will have. It will also add to the city's population and give Portland greater prestige.

A broad and comprehensive view letter to The Oregonian attacking the

Vote 103, No.

Charter amendment authorizing re-appointments in the classified civil service in the order of original appointments. 104, Yes; 105, No. Under the present system the emplaye of shortest service is the first dismissed. The charter requires that he shall be the first to be reinstated. although subsequent to his dismissal employes of longer service may have also been discharged. The amendment permits the reinstatement first of the experienced employes.

Vote 104, Yes, An act providing for collection of garbage at the expense of the taxpay-ers. 106, Yes; 107, No. A measure proposing in times of business depression a new city venture estimated to cost upwards of \$150,000

a year. Vote 107, No.

Charter amendment authorizing the Council to provide in one proceeding for the elimination of grade crossings of two or more streets with any railroad or railroads in a district. 108, Yes

109, No. A measure designed to correct an existing charter provision in the interest of economy and convenience.

Vote 108, Yes.

An ordinance authorizing the Council to contract for the operation of the prevention of cruelty to animals. 110, Yes; 111, No.

This measure is frequently misunderstood as a proposal to surrender all the profits of the pound to the con the contract and is not a plan to sur render revenues, but to insure humane treatment of animals.

Vote 110, Yes.

An ordinance licensing and regulat ng Jitneys. 112, Yes; 113, No. A weak and timid attempt to regulate a transportation service in the interests of traffic and public safety, ut better than no regulation at all. Vote 112, Yes.

An act providing for semi-annual payment of installments on street and sower assessments. 114, Yes; 115, No. A measure designed to avoid the necessity of diverting the general fund manity's sake was about as urgent he held fast to his idea and now it is then as now. Indeed, the President accepted everywhere as sound and are happening just now to the guns in provement bonds—a process costly to the city and of no particular benefit. An economy measure.

Vote 114, Yes.

An act granting firemen's pensions This measure extends relief from

fund already created to two worth, city servants who are not now per mitted the benefits of the existing pension fund, because of technical word ing of the charter.

Vote 116, Yes.

An act to authorize the Council t erect fire stops, condemn property therefor and assess the cost to property benefited. 118, Yes; 119, No. This measure is particularly designed to provide fire protection for the Wil lamette River bridges. The plan is to construct fireproof walls at the approaches and elsewhere on the water front where property is menaced by Vote 118, Yes.

Measures on Separate Ballot, The measure providing for the mer-ger of St. Johns with Portland will

appear alone on a separate ballot, un-numbered. St. Johns is a populous district, the intervening territory is well built up and its admission would not mean a financial burden to Portland. The measure providing for annexa-

tion of Linnton will appear alone on a separate ballot, unnumbered. The community is small; municipal finances are not in first-class condition and in-The merger would probably mean an additional expense to Portland for a time. On the other hand, annexation wonders, but in this case only is in line with growth and expansion century has elapsed and that is and will be inevitable sooner or later. vo recommendation.

THE BETTER WORKS. se with the annual reunion of the Six thousand varied, awful years Of progress, peace, or strife, Have failed to teach mankind to keep The law of love and life.

We chain the lightning, talk through And navigate the air; Yet discord reigns—black, cruel war, Want, sickness, death, despair,

Devotion to right principles, Prompt action, careful thought, Accomplish more progressive ends Than all the battles fought.

Sunlight and motion vitalize

Plants, atmosphere and sea. Wise thought and action energize For peaceful victory. Our Edison, Watts, Whitney, Morse Achieved, yet slew no men; While Luther, Spurgeon, Moody, Knox Reformed by voice and pen.

The careless cannot hope to win In earth's unequal strife; Inaction enervates, or kills Activity aids life.

Greed, dissipation, idleness Vex, sicken and annoy; Work, purity of heart and life Bring comfort, peace and joy.

No recreation, habit, sport Should weaken or exhaust The reaper does not what the blade Till all the steel is lost.

Our habits all should edify; Toil, thinking, reading, play; Our courage be commensurate With duties on L D. WESTFALL. Tualstin, Or.

BROAD VIEW OF ANNEXATION S. Benson Urges Taking In Suburban

Towns as Sound Business PORTLAND, June 1 .- (To the Editor.)-If the voters of Portland should fail on June 7 to vote in favor of the annexation of the town of Linnton to this city, it would, in my opinion, be and the certainty of the town's growing importance as an industrial district and for dockage of deep-draft vessels, Linn ton's absorption by Portland is desirable and should be accomplished with-

Having in mind that the extension of Portland's harbor down the river below the bridges is desirable and that the large developments to this city's shipping facilities must come to the Ordinance prohibiting the sale of groceries on Sunday. 102, Yes; 103, No. This ordinance would permit numerous designated business houses to re-

> A broad and comprehensive view should be taken of the proposition to annex these suburbs. The future needs of Portland make the absorption of Linnton and St. Johns desirable from every business consideration. To deny these suburbs to come into this city to would be a return to unpropressive view. A broad and comprehensive view would be a return to unprogressive sion at Snohomish, was interred in policies. Objection to annexation is similar to the opposition which was shown when East Fortland was annexation carried then, successful ascensions from the vacant and L doubt it any one would consent shown when East Portland then, and I doubt if any one would consent to the cutting off of the East Side and letting the West Side become the Portland of old and East Portland an independent municipality. Those who oppose annexation could as consistently wark for the dismemberment of the plan of independent municipality. The New York papers have been in an agony of apprehension lest a hostilie warship should sail into the Long Island Sound and drop a bomb into the postoffice.

cial sense, will also profit by cutting out duplicated expenses of municipal government. Linnton has its own water overnment. Libraton has its own water as Port-upply system, the same water as Port-and has, and a distributing system built according to Portland's standard. That alone is a valuable asset and will a recent letter to the Times he says boldly that if the German colonial desupply water to the section proposed be annexed.

Linnton and St. Johns will bring to Portland a large volume of taxable wealth and will increase more rapidly as a producer of public revenue than any other part of Portland fronting on any other part of Portland fronting on the river. The finances of both towns are in sound condition, and the points in favor of annexation so far outweigh the few objections raised that I fail to in favor of annexation so far outweigh the few objections raised that I fail to see why every voter should not favor

GENIUS LIVES IN SPITE OF WAR American Fing Proves It.

PORTLAND, June 1 .- (To the Edtor.)-Edmond Rostand's lyric tribute to the Stars and Stripes, reprinted in finest poems which has appeared as the result of the war. It will not only cement more firmly the bonds of friendship which have for centuries inited France and the United States. An act granting firemen's pensions to two disabled firemen. 116, Yes; degree is the spirit of commercialism been found to curtail the daily use of 117, No.

This measure extends relief from a civilization.

Edmond Rostand does not so often ome before the public, but when he loes come he compels our attention. His imagination is brilliant, sometimes almost spectacular, but always sus-tained by noble concepts; and in this chant to the stars he has given us a onception of our flag that cannot but thrill every patriotic citizen to the deepest fibers of his being. If anything so fine has ever been written of it it has not been my good fortune to see it. Without disparagement to the flag of any other nation, of what other can it be said that vandal hands can cut away its finest emblem and through the rent we look upon its ever-living counterpart in the heavens? There is the true ideal which any flag should symbolize and which our own pre-eminently signifies to all the

Once before France showed her faith was to enlarge and perpetuate phere of liberty throughout world; and now again one of her fa-vored sons has lifted the concept of freedom, as typified by the Stars and Stripes, to heights sublime. It is a magnificent tribute from one great na-tion to another, and the last half, at least, of this peem ought to be committed to memory by every man, wom-an and child in this country. C. H. SHOLES.

DUPLICATE SERVICES ANNOYING Mr. Powers Objects to Maintenance of Two Telephone Systems.

PORTLAND, June 1 .- (To the Edior.)-For some time past, through newspaper columns, Mr. Ed Word has been laying special stress on the dupli-cate telephone systems in Portland, and at the same time he does not seem to come out and take a stand in favor of either company. The subject is surely orth consideration

worth consideration.

If the public will stop to figure, we have two telephone systems in Portland, each guaranteed a fair net income over and above the cost of operation and maintenance, which is 6 per cent, according to the Interstate Commerce Commission and laws of some 34 states. Or, in other words, all public utilities are guaranteed a 6 per cent interest on all investments. And there is no such a thing as competition between the telephone companies, but under the present condition I am compelled to maintain the service of both companies at an expense of \$111 a year for the Home telephone and \$132 for the Pa-cific. Moreover, there is no other business or business man in this country, except a public utility, that is guaraneed a fair rate of interest or fair profit by the public on his investment.

I personally think it is time for the citizens of Portland to take a stand in

his telephone question, and either compel the two telephone companies to con-solidate or the citizens unite in sup-port of one by discentinuing the other. Judging from Mr. Word's articles in the paper, I should say that he seems to be familiar with the telephone rates and conditions throughout the differ-ent states, and, this being the case, I would like to have Mr. Word show his and and let us know which company ie is representing, or what interest he nas in the companies.

Speaking for myself, my idea is to discontinue one telephone service, thereby saving \$111 a year, and I am sure the same rule would apply to many other business men in Portland.

DAN E. POWERS, 913-17 Lewis Bldg.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

From The Oregonian of June 2, 1888, Washington.—Senator Dolph has taken as much interest in the Oregon election as if it had been which expires next March. that the tariff was the important issue he made a speech in answer to Senator Voorhees which attracted wide and fa-vorable attention, and 20,000 copies have been mailed out to Oregon,

Chairman Lotan, of the Republican

Ogden, Utah .- Rev. Sam Small, the Southern evangelist, has been elected president of the Methodist university n this city. This necessitated the severance of Mr. Small from the Southern Methodist conference and the affiliation with the Northern Methodist con-

ton and St. Johns, and the towns, which are now part of Portland in a commercial sense, will also profit by marriage for seats in the Sense. eligible for seats in the Senate and to the Presidency and Vice-Presidency, which he would establish on the Amerlean plan.

boldly that if the German colonial de-mands be granted it would be more economical to make Germany a gift of the whole British sphere. Then Brit-ish investors might obtain so many shillings for the pounds they so credulously have been victimized out of. In conclusion he declares that the do nothing half-heartedly. Yield all, including Egypt. Never a word of prothe proposition, which has received the indorsement of the Chamber of Commerce after full investigation.

BENSON

Including Egypt. See a missility may become an infirmity may become an infirmity and the infirmity of negligence, ity and the infirmity of negligence, ity and the infirmity of negligence. like other diseases, grows until it ends senility.

This may be true enough, but the Edmond Rostand's Lyrie Tribute to with which the British public and the government consent to be scolded traveling Yankee newspaperman,

METER CASE IS TOLD IN RHYME The Oregonian Sunday, is one of the School Pupil Gives Visiting Nurse Good

Excuse for Dirty Face. PORTLAND, June 1 .- (To the Editor.)—I am with you heart and soul in your campaign against the proposed system of meters for the city, and but will, if such a thing were possible, make us all more loyal Americans. If such verses do not disprove the off-repeated dictum that war paralyzes genius, they at least furnish a remarkable exception. Perhaps from no other nation, then Paraga could are defined as a system of meters for the city and base the inclosed rhyme upon actual fact, as I know of two instances where a strict surveillance is kept on the consumption of water, because since the installation of meters in these two residences the water bill has been exormarkable exception. Ferhaps from no other nation than France could such literature issue at this time. In culture, delicacy of perception, strict adherence to the finer dictates of human nature and devotion to the sentiments of friendship between nations France has no peer. Nowhere else to the same degree is the spirit of commercialism cause Bull Run water is being dout to his residence by the quart.

"What did you learn at school today?" I asked of a merry lad.
"O lots of things," he answered me, "A peach of a time we had.
First the music teacher heard us sing. then the music teacher heard us sing.
Then the girls stayed in to sew.
While we chased out to another school
for manual training, you know.
We just returned when we heard the gong—
trofessor Krohn was there,
to we matched up to the assembly hall—
lymnastic inspection there.
Then we went home to lunch at last lyminastic inspection there. Then we want home to lunch at last, and after we got back. The visiting nurse was there to look it us, and my pal Jack—ay he got into an awful scrape, and goe! he's awful hime. Cause teacher's mad and he don't know ust what he's going to do. The visiting nurse looked at our tongues and threats and eyes to see f we've got measies, mumps or colds, and then she talked—O goe! fow she did talk and talk and talk and the use of water. The knows more things about the stuff—Guess Mr. Daiy taught her), and then she pounced on my pal Jack. And then she pounced on my pal Jack.
His face was not the cicanest;
She scolded him with all her might
"Hecause," she said, "the meanest
Humblest, poorest boy need never, never

The lack of water on his face,
for you all surely know
there's water, lots for a million boys
to wash six times a day.
Then my pal Jack got awful white,
then red, then mad, and say,
He jumped right up and shook his fist,
thought at first he'd beat her.—
"You don't know what you're talking
agout."

Jim Stewart Not Crosseyed.

Fossil Journal.

We heard the Italian warblers singing "Traviata." It sounded real good, but was harder on the nerves than a three-ring circus. It sure does keep one on the qui vive to read with one eye the English translation of the Latin opera in the glossary that they sell you for two bits, and at the same time keep the other optic glued to the orima donna

(The above paragraph is taken from Innocence Abroad," a column written by Jim Stewart about a trip to Portand. There are several items in this column that are far too good for publication in a city paper. From thei tenor it would seem the part of wie dom for Mrs. Stewart to accompan jim on his future trips here; also whe he goes down to Salem as a membe From their of the Legislature).

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