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THE STEEL CORPORATION DECISION nepoly and can be prevented by the Federal Trade Commission from unlawfully controlling prices has been they existed at the time when the Government's suit was instituted and as they exist now, not in the light of doings. It has a long and dishonorthe conditions existing and created at able record of that sort of thing, the organization of the corporation. No doubt exists in the minds of disreach after monopoly and to maintain

Events, however, prevented the or-

works is a vindication of the anti-trust policy. That policy is based on lis the belief that, with restraint removed, competition will develop. The so thin-skinned or thick-headed. ability of a corporation to monopolize certain industry arises from its pewer to crush or absorb existing competitors and to frighten possible new competitors away from its field. Otherwise it has no advantages; its size is rather a handicap. A corporation of such magnitude has passed the point where size contributes to econmy and efficiency; its size militates against those elements of success. The President Wilson has aptly compared cause Commissioner Daly is for waing with another who carries no bur- removing all occasion for wonderden. Though much of the water has ment. been replaced by real money derived If ished size.

have been and now being under the mountains, and it could be piped by eye of the Federal Trade Commission, gravity into the houses of Portland the steel corporation may now be permitted to continue on its way without ably would be, prohibited by law from danger to free competition. The limiting the customers to minimum pressure of its younger, less unwieldy use, and preventing maximum use, and more efficient rivals may even What would be said or thought of compel its dissolution into more work- monopoly which deliberately threw finally disprove the plea that enor- than let the people have it? Would mous combinations are means of not the Labor Press demand that its that the United States may fight Gereconomy and efficiency.

DISCIPLINE FOR THE "SLACKERS" their desire for gain, according as one gardens and on Portland lawns. or the other motive seems strongest

The trouble with the British workearn more money than he needs for shows that in one great establishment engine fitters were losing one-fourth their time; in shipyards building warships the time worked was 65 per cent for riveters, 75 per cent for plat-ers, 78 per cent for caulkers and drillers. In one shippard 32 per cent of the ironworkers, 33 per cent of the platers, 32 per cent of the riveters and ers and 24 per cent of the carpenters failed to report in the early hours. Even at later hours absentees ranged from 13 to 30 per cent. An advance in wages, instead of being an incentive to industry, has the reverse effect, for after such an advance absenteeism

Admiral Jellicoe told the First Lord the Admiralty about the serious amount of loafing, writing:

tract from a London Times dispatch cannot agree with it. This being the from Northern France:

The result of our attacks on Sunday last in the districts of Fromelies and Richebourg were disappointing. We found the enterny much more strongly posted than we expected. We had not sufficient high explained to level his parapets to the ground after the French practice, and when our infantry gallantly stormed the trenches as they did in both attacks, they found a garbison undiamaxed, many entanglements still intact, and maxims on all sides. The want of an unlimited supply of high explosive was a fatal bar to our success.

There is a bit of a lesson to par-

The correspondent contrasts this ents in the story of the 12-year-old

failure with the success of the French who slept in the street the other

.....\$5.00 suade the British workman to do his hold, and there are others who can capital was abandoned to an army part towards victory, Britain may find describe the treatment as "being little more than half as numerous as resort to conscription necessary in order not to get men to fight, but to get do you suppose has the kinder memmen to work. If a "slacker" has no ory of the old folks? stomach for fighting, he may be in-duced to work steadily by being of-8.50 fered the alternative of going into the army, though such a man would make a poor soldier. The men in armament Exposition is just getting works may be enrolled in military bat- swing in San Francisco.

THE GALLED JADE WINCES. "Why," cries the Portland Evening Journal, "why this bounding of Commissioner Daly by The Oregonian? Its willful, mallcious and brutal assaults on a man who is conscientiously and ably serving the

eople should be rebuked." If The Oregonian has willfully, maliciously or brutally assaulted Mr. The decision of the United States Daly, it acquiesces cheerfully in the District Court holding that the United demand that it be rebuked. But it States Steel Corporation is not a moneyoly and can be prevented by the leaves to its believing contemporary San Prancisco fair was about to close. a monopoly of the practice of vilifying and humiliating public men, by sained credence. Only yesterday a rendered in the light of conditions as false characterization, by personal ex- land en route to San Francisco reposure, by misstatement of their say-ings and by misrepresentation of their ing if it were true the fair had closed;

interested observers that J. P. Mor- lie matters with which The Oregonian question, came to The Oregonian to gan and his associates intended to totally disagrees. He is a socialist He was elected as a moderate and prices artificially. President Taft fair-minded representative of the latruly said that, when the natural effect of men's acts is monopolistic they
must be inferred to have designed
or interests, because a large majority of the people of Portland—The
modern and sufficiently spectacular to and war. One or two of the mildest
must be inferred to have designed
or of the most blase. The travel to and shortest will be printed, chiefly
that offset. The acquisition of the ganizers of the steel corporation from and that in his important policies he advise them the fair at San Francisco, carrying out any purpose to absorb discards the counsels of experience to which, after all, the entire world its competitors. Public opinion was and accepts the unseasoned proposals has contributed, is still on, and from so strongly opposed to such combina- of mere innovators. He is the author all indications will remain on. tions that only under the stress of the panic of 1907 did they venture to minimum wage scheme. He is re- doubtless has affected the East. The absorb the Tennessee Company, and then not until President Roosevelt City Commission to devise an adehad promised not to interfere. That quate ordinance to control and regumerger raised a storm and provoked late the jitneys. He proposes to make the suit, which served as a warning the taxpayer pay for the gratuitous against further acquisitions. While collection of garbage. He wants to the great corporation's expansion was blocked, its rivals grew in strength water meters. He does other things and number, and the percentage of which justify the statement that he the total business controlled by it de- bas a definite programme of socialis-The result is a moral vic- tic control of the municipality's utilitory for the Government. By the acts ties and services, which he proposes of the corporation and the course of to carry out. Seeing these things, events the situation has come to conform to the demands of the Govern- ically dissents, in the public interest. A newspaper that has so little scru-

Healthy growth of competing steel ple or conscience in its attacks upon men, with whom it disagrees and in not please it really ought not to be

TO A WONDERING NEIGHBOR.

steel corporation suffers from another business methods of two great Porthandicap in the shape of watered cap- land corporations is from the Labor estimated at half the total. Press, which is for water meters besuch a corporation to a man carrying ter meters. We cheerfully respond to a tank of water on his back and rac- the inquiry of the Labor Press by thus

If the two corporations, or either from earnings and spent on improve- of them, were to be favored by Nature so that a great natural supply of gas or electricity were stored at an times—the college professor or the Its activities being checked as they available and convenient place in the pasts. That outcome would away water, or light, or gas, rather

The Bull Run water supply belongs duty to bring about the operation of the prople freely of their own water,

persuasion, his unbounded energy and his popularity with the workingmen to induce them to work full time. He will appeal to their patriotism and through Portland homes, in Portland ent case with but slight changes.

BEGUN AT THE WRONG TIME. The trouble with the British work-man seems to be that he either does not care or does not realise her tee is preparing for the campaign of not care or does not realize how next year by polling the country on greatly his country needs the articles the sentiment regarding the Wilson listing men for three years or the produces, and he does not care to policies. It has sent to county chair- war, and in 1779 many time-expired he produces, and he does not care to policies. It has sent to county chairmen a series of questions as to the a living. Thus a British White Book feeling of Democrats and the people time being came practically to a standgenerally towards the Administration, asking which particular policies are most cordially approved or disapproved; whether independent voters short-term levies to be useless and are favorable or unfavorable to the pleaded for an effective army, which Administration; conditions are good, bad or indiffer- for the war. He wrote: ent, to what cause they are ascribed holders-on, 53 per cent of the drill-ers and 24 per cent of the carpenters ing; as to the condition of Republican and Democratic organizations, whether Republicans and Progressives are getting together, the Democrats would fare better today than in 1912 and whether the Republicans are active.

This is a most inopportune time to make such a canvass. In the present critical state of American r with foreign powers, the natural dis-I am very uneasy about the labor situation on the Clyde and Tyne. J. Today an officer in a responsible situation arrived. His account of things on the Clyde was most disquieting. He said that the men refused present and to support the President sluggether to work on Saturday afternoon off every week. If not the whole of Wednesday, and worked all of affinday because they got double pay for it. osition of every good citizen with-The effect of this state of affairs on tration unwisely forces to the front operations is shown by this ex- some domestic question on which we general temper, it would detract from

There is a bit of a lesson to par-

CORRECT A WRONG IMPRESSION.

The Panama-Pacific International How to Remlt—Send Postoffice money order or personal check on your legal bank. Stamps, coin or currency are at sender's risk. Give postoffice address in full including county and state.

| Application is just getting under into for an intermediate bayont in San Francisco. There are troops, today. Stamps, coin or currency are at thought and scientific cunning untitle including county and state.

Yet the word seems to have gone disciplined by training." and if so, advising him he need not expect to join her at San Francisco. Mr. Duly represents aggressively a as had been prearranged. C. M. us indefinitely fro school of thought and practice in pub. Baumgras, the New York man in of our negligence.

confirm the falsity of the report.

In many ways we are led to believe

WHO IS THE BETTER GUIDE?

The interview with President Jorian and the address of Admiral Fiske present two opinions about the sufficiency of our Navy between

which the people are free to choose, Dr. Jordan is a pacifist who reuctantly admits the need of National defense, but he maintains that our Navy is second only to that of Britain and is sufficient. He can see no possibility that any European nation would attack our coast. Admiral Fiske is a practical trained

naval man, whose business it is to know what force could be brought against us and what force we must have to overcome it. He describes the possible hostile force and then It is generally conceded that great corporations such as the Portland Gas Company and the Portland Railway. Light & Power Company adopt the most scientific and economic measures obtainable in the conduct of their business. We wonder if The Oregonian would attempt to say, to proper thing for them to discard their meiers and sell gas and electricity at that the proper thing for them to discard their meiers and sell gas and electricity at that the proper thing for them to discard their meiers and sell gas and electricity at that we have "a smaller number of dreadnoughts, pre-dread-noughts, and destroyers, no battle control of the c states that we have "a smaller noughts and destroyers, no battle and twelve mine-sweepers; about forty-five submarines of kinds and ages distributed over the Atlantic and Pacific Coasts, Panama, Hawaii and the Philippines, an inmarine which to get suxiliaries; an enlisted personnel insufficient even in time of peace, and no trained reserves and no general staff or similar agency to

as a guide in these critical that of the theorist.

WARNINGS FROM WASHINGTON.

Imminence of the day for armed intervention in Mexico and possibility many have extorted from many who have hitherto opposed such action adto the people of Portland. It is de- missions that the Nation must make Appointment of David Lloyd George signed for their use and benefit. The ready for war and that its present as Minister of Munitions may be a last attempt to get the maximum output from the British workman with- missioner is to devise and install a exceed 30,000 men and is wofully out resorting to force. It will be his distributing system which will furnish short of artillery and ammunition We can reinforce it only with the National Guard, which is only half gun works, shipyards, ammunition and all military supply factories to their utmost capacity. He will doubttrained and is still more lacking in of loganberries, alfalfa for pigs,

This is proved by the publication of some letters of the first President written at the oritical period of the Revolution, many of them to the New Hampshire Committee of Safety. In September, 1776, the states began enmen left the ranks. The war for the still. In a letter dated October 18, 1782, a year after Yorktown, Washreviewed the war, could be obtained only by enlistment

for the war. He wrote:

Had we in the commencement raised an army for the war, such as was within the reach of the abilities of these states to raise and maintain, we should not have suffered these military checks which have incurred such enormous expenditures as have destroyed our paper currency and with it all public credit. A moderate compact force on a permanent establishment capable of acquiring the discipline essential to military operation, would have been able to make head against the enemy, without comparison, better than the througe of militia which at certain periods have been not into the field, for from that want of perseverance which characterizes all militia, and of that coercion which cannot be exercised upon them, it has always been found impracticable to detain the scatest part of them in service even for the term for which they have been called out, and this has commonly been so short that we have had a great proportion of the Army and the other going from it. . . I might add the diminution of our agriculture by calling off at critical seasons the laborers employed in it, as has happened in lustances without number.

He further said:

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"Tis time we should get rid of the error which the experience of all mankind shan exploded, and which our own experience has dearly taught us to reject—the carrying on of a war with militia, or (which is nearly the same thing) temporary levies against a regular, permanent and disciplined force. The idea is chimerical and that we have so long persisted in it is a reflection on the judgment of a Nation so enlightened as we are, as well as a strong proof of the empire of prejudice over reason. If we continue in the infatuation we shall deserve to lose the object we are contending for.

The Nation persisted in the notice.

The Nation persisted in the policy stage.

which Washington condemned offensive between Arras and Lens, night, fearing to go home after los- paid the penalty in the War of 1812, where, "by dint of the expenditure of ing his brother's coaster. Accidents 276 rounds of high explosive per gun happen; they are not premeditated men, while the largest number of in one day, all the German defenses, affairs. There are many boys in the British regulars employed at one time except the villages, were leveled with world, now growing old, who look was 16,800. The Americans were al-Estered at Portland, Oregon, Postoffice as except the villages, were leveled with second-class matter, subscription Rates—invariably in advance:

(By Mail.)

Exercise At Portland, Oregon, Postoffice as except the villages, were leveled with world, now growing old, who look back to the days when these things most always defeated on land until Neb., was hit by a cyclone yesterday were passed on lightly in the house—the battle of New Orleans, and the battle of New Orleans, and the land of the battle of New Orleans, and the b was due to reliance on untrained, raw levies of militia who were continually coming and going and who did not remain long enough with the Army

to become effective soldiers. The Panama-Pacific International Except that we have as the nucleus Exposition is just getting under full of an army 30,000 available regular There are troops, we are in the same position The National Guard is little thought and scientific cunning un- better trained and equipped for servmeasured tied up in the big bundle of ice than were the levies of militia in divertissements, educational and otherwise, at the fair. The fair has ready for a campaign, we must bring been open about four months and already millions of people have taken standard of efficiency and must raise advantage of its wonders and attractions. The tourist season is just now opening and vacation time is only fit for service short of six months, for here. For the remainder of the Sum- as Light Horse Harry Lee said: "That mer and Fall the travel to the fair, of nation is a murderer of its people who course, will be greater in proportion sends them unprepared and untrained than it has been the first four months. to meet in war men mechanized and

If we should engage in military op-San Francisco fair was about to close. erations, either in Mexico or else-Moreover, the report seems to have where care should be taken after they Only yesterday a are over that we never again relapsers stopping in Port-into the same condition of weakness Hitherto we have been saved from disaster by good fortune and by our isolation. The progress of science is destroying our isolation and we dare not rely on fickle fortune to protect C. M. us indefinitely from the consequences

The Oregonian has received a number of letters from readers who dethe San Francisco Exposition is ahead sire to discuss the two contributions that effect. The acquisition of the good policy to give recognition in the Tennessee Company confirms that inpublic service to that important element. But it transpires that Mr. Daly Coast. It is a duty of those in the withhold the others, for in the aggreis not a conservative, but a radical, West who have friends in the East to gate they run to large space, and some of them are quite acrimonious. not to say heated. Enough has been said-too much, perhaps-and it is well to close the controversy.

> The hardships of a policeman's life have not made it unpopular in Port-land. The prospect of 400 candidates at the next examination warrants a certain pride in the good character and physical fitness of our young men. Of course few would apply without a fair chance of success. We must therefore have a great many husky lads in the city. A policeman's life is as useful as any they could have cho-If some fall this time, we advise them to coach up and try again.

The King of England calls himself King of France. The King of Italy calls himself King of England, France, Spain, Jerusalem and many other countries. These titles are survivals from old wars and contain nothing but the ghosts of dead claims. Still the dead may be resurrected and nothing is more active than a ghost fitted out with a new body. every European potentate would be Emperor of the world if all his titles tood for realities.

The "small claims court" starts out ancouragingly on a career which should be extremely useful to people of small means. Its purpose is to curtail lawyers' fees, simplify court proceedings and render speedy justice in petty suits. Its efficiency will depend on the courage and sympathy of those who conduct it. They can speedily involve the small claims court in a net of technicalities if they choose

difficult to cure.

The more hospitably Portland can entertain her Chinese visitors the better for trade. The surly talk we hear nowadays about a boycott of American goods in China might all have been prevented by the practice of common politeness to our neighbors across the Pacific. It is a little late ready for war and that its present to begin now, but better late than never.

The Oregon Countryman, published at the Corvallis College, is the most practical magazine we are privileged The June number discourses to read. The June number discourses fact that an unjust proportion of the of loganberries, alfalfa for pigs, how to adjust the mower, worms in chickless use his eloquence, his powers of half or more of our water in the pared than we were in the days of ens and the like. We wish the farmens and the like. We wish the farm-ers might all read the Countryman and profit by its lessons. and profit by its lessons.

A Petrograd correspondent comments on the possession by Germany of plenty of important ammunition, as meters, the rate must be raised in orif everybody does not know that the empire means business in fighting and of pietry of important the der to produce the required total revenue, even without reference to the addempire means business in fighting and ed \$75,000 annual expense due to the being prepared to fight. A man who journeyed to the asy-

ium the other day to satisfy himself as to his mental condition was taken Not all the erratic-minded are so eandid. A sailing radius of 2400 miles is not remarkable in a German subma-

rine, though it might be so in a vessel of another nation. A scientist declares that the progeny of the nations in the world war will be shorter. Yes, in more ways than one.

A man might duck a bomb from a French aeroplane, but darts are the recrudescence of savage cruelty.

the Germans are feeding more than that number of "outsiders." Isn't it great to be alive this

Prussian losses total 1,388,000, but

veather and know there is more of it

Get a sample ballot today and study

it in the shade on the lawn tomor Buy blue pencils today and give them to the kids to mark the walls.

Where is the pessimist who feared there would be a lack of roses? Only an athletic girl can retie the

hos that laces in the back Keep the fire laddies in mind for lowers next week.

Przemysl is in her second Bull Run

Twenty-Five Years Ago

age probably will be found to be heavy and extensive in the surrounding coun-

McMinnville-The following compose e jury just selected for the Scott urder trial on here: Isaac Lambright, William Nelson, Henry Hopkins, W. E. Davis, John Redmond, W. F. Ralston, John Parrett, A. George Bryan and A. Detmering.

Colonel Geer, of Burns, has bought the necessary machinery for a flouring mill, the second he is is to establish in Harney County.

New York-Amos Rusie pitched the orippied New York team to a 4-to-1 victory over Brooklyn yesterday. victory over Brooklyn Brooklyn got only five hits.

J. H. Fisk and Clarence Coulter have fust returned from an extensive trip through the Bitter Root Mountains country. Mr. Fisk went to examine mining properties for some Portland enpitalists. People have for a long time known that toothpicks were in great demand, but the novel shipment of \$000 harrels of this necessary commodity by Wood-ard, Clark & Co: almost takes our

breath away. Adrian McCalman and Miss Julia Dil-ley were married at their future home, 348 Fifteenth street, last night by the Rev. Thomas L. Cole, of Trinity Church, Among other gifts was a handsome present from Foster & Robertson, Mr. McCalman's employers. McCalman's employers.

While Miss Lola Brown was on her way to a party at R. B. Knapp's residence last night her carriage was stopped in front of Judge Beilinger's home. The driver went into the house to call for Miss Bellinger and Miss Brown remained in the carriage. A passing vehicle frightened the horses and they started on a dead run. After three or four blocks the horses ran nto a vacant lot and the carriage was upset, throwing out Miss Brown. Miss Brown, a little disheveled, but not seriously hurt, proceeded on her way

Captain B. H. Lamson, clerk of the United States Court, has returned from Southern California, where he passed six months.

Eighteen ceusus-takers have started work in Portland and each resident will be asked 26 individual questions The population of Portland is estimated now at 60,000.

With good prospects for the construction of three additional railroads centering here being commenced very soon, everyone is anxious to know or which one work will be commenced first. It is likely that the Union Pa-clific will have the honor of starting work first, as operations on clearing right of way between this city and Vancouver will be begun in a few days, probably this week

CONSIDER CITY'S WATER SUPPLY If Portland Had to Pump, Filter and Sterilize, Meters Might Alter Cost.

PORTLAND, June 3 .- (To the Editor.)-Those who honestly favor the issuance of \$500,000 bonds for water meters in Portland must believe that a benefit will result. The usual argu-

1. That the use of meters is favored and is increasing in other progressive cities, therefore we should have meters, 2. That the use of meters will reduc the water bill, as shown by the experience of some consumers in Portland. 3. That the use of meters will in-

rease the pressure in certain districts. Argument No. 1 is based on an in-erent fallacy, to-wit: That the conditions in Portland are similar to the other cities, when in fact this city The inhuman practice of leaving specially favored by nature as to water boards with nails sticking up from them for horses to tread on is too common. Wise farmers, and their Portland's, and where the conditions times—the college professor or the man whose business it is to judge with as they are found. The unwise pass what we may have to contend and what means are necessary to contend successfully against it? We trust the judgment of the expert rather than of the foot and makes a sore very sults only in increased cost for a given amount of water. Only where the supply requires treatment by sedimen-tation, filtering and sterilization, ex-pensive storage and pumping, or where it is necessary to get maximum service from a limited source, can the use of meters on all consumers be justified. The Portland supply requires none of these, and its citizens should be keen to reap the benefits of its natural ad-

vantage in this respect.
The rules of the water department require larger consumers to pay the cost of meters for themselves; this rule is clearly equitable, and its enforcement would settle the meter question. Has Mr. Daly made any attempt to do so, and if not, why? The second argument is based on the

water now used were sold at present meter rate, an alarming defi-ciency would result. Any one can fig-ure this out if the number of unmemeters, a clear waste. If a private company were in charge of this water sys-tem, appeal to the Public Service Com-nilssion would long ago have been used to correct the injustice, and yet Mr. Daly and others are using this injustice to further their campaign for me-ters. Ask yourself why, (The laws of Oregon specially except publicly-owned corporations from the Public Service Commission, regulation of rates, public officials being supposed to be just to the nublic.)

Argument No. 3 is almost unworthy notice, and indicates total absence of competent engineering advice. Only of competent engineering advice. Only by an unwarranted and unsanitary restriction of use of water could meters produce any appreciable increase of pressure. The proper remedies for lack of pressure are reasonable regulation of sprinkling hours by districts and intelligent correction of the defects in the distributing system.

A vote for the \$500,000 bond issue is

a vote to nullify and wipe out a dis-tinct and valuable natural advantage, without a shadow of benefit to compen-

Wife's Right to Property. OREGON CITY, Or., June 3 .- (To the Editor.)—Will you kindly answer the ollowing questions?
What are the lawful rights of a wife

in regard to any and all property should the husband die first? (2) If, through the special exertions of the wife, a foundation is laid for a considerable property, can the husband will all the property to the children and money to other relatives and leave his wife. other relatives and leave his wife life

The wife gets a distributive share of the personal property and a dower right to the real property. (2) No, the husband cannot will away the wife's dower right in his property, (3) The will would be legal outside of the provisions conflicting with the wife's dowder right to the property,

TROUBLE BEGINS WITH METERS Agitation Years Ago, Partially Overcome, Recalls Anneying Results.

PORTLAND, June 3 .- (To the Editor.)-Years ago, when the matter of supplying the entire City of Portland with water meters was agitated, a man engaged in the water meter business gave notice through the press that he intended to start a meter factory here. He evidently thought he had struck a good thing and was willing to push it along. Perhaps this same meter individual or his spirit is still hovering around and in close proximity to Commissioner Daly. In considering the meter question one might ask if a private company was running the water business of the city at this time, would company accide to expend say

\$500,000 for meters, as Commissioner Daly advocates doing? When the City of Portland took over When the City of Portland took over the business of supplying the people with water it took the place of the Portland Water Company and others who previously had been engaged in these enterprises, and purchased their plants. The companies conducted business so as to pay operating expenses, pay interest on outstanding indebtedness, build mains, etc., and to realize a profit on their investment. realise a profit on their investment. People were supplied with Willamette River water. There was a cry for better drinking water, which developed into a plan for the city to ewn the water works and build the Buil Run pipe line. All this in due time was soon accomplished. From that time on the City of Portland, under the management of a water commission, became engaged in the water business. Now is it not reasonable that the water department conducted by the city realise a profit on their investment department conducted by the city should be run with as sound business capacity as a water business by a privata company? Should not the ings under city management provide enough revenue to defray operating expenses, to meet interest payments, construct additional water mains as required and other necessary things, and also to provide a fund so as to be able at some future time to wipe out the bond indebtedness, just as a pri-vate concern would do if it were conducting its affairs on sound business principles?

But under city management it ap-pears that when there is not money available for a purpose some fellow settles the matter by providing for an additional bond issue,

Years ago, when the flat rate system prevailed here altogether, the affairs of the water department of the city ran along satisfactorily and the finanreduced from time to time as the earn reduced from time to time as the earn-ings warranted. The lowest flat rate finally became 75 cents per month. There was no complaint from the water users and everybody appeared the installation of water meters

trouble began and it has been trouble The next step was to make people

proposed, but on Everett street, Tilla-mook street and all over the city wherever it was found new mains were needed. This scheme ended in were needed. This scheme ended in a court decision which compelled the city to give the money back. Since the advent of water meters the water question has been the subject of continual discussion, whereas in former years it was seldom heard of except in the way of general meetings of the compile. of general meetings of the commis-sioners and general reports. The atfairs were managed properly and there was nothing to discuss Since water meters can over. seems to have been turmoil, misman-agement, financial loss and more water bonds and consequent interest

This Is His First Term.

CHEHALIS, Wash, June 3.—(To the Editor.)—Was Alexander, the present Governor of Idaho, ever in the same office before since Idaho became a state? I think this is his first term as Governor of Idaho, and would apprediate it very much if you could let me know.

Hulf a Century Ago

From The Oregonian, June 5, 1865, The cities of Boston and New York are already moving in the matter of making some suitable endowment upon the Lincoln family, it being proposed that \$100,000 be raised in each city. The late President, it has come to left but little of this world's coods for his family

From Wilkes' Spirit of April 29 we "There can be but little doubt left in the minds of those who have attentively perused the details of the plot to assassinate the leaders of the that Andrew who has endured so much undeserved who has endured so much indeserved obloquy for his singular aberration March 4, was on that occusion under the influence, not of spirituous liquors, not either of a mere disturbing drug, intended only to disfigure him, but of deadly poison, furtively insinuated his drink with the view to take his It is in proof that the assussing tions were to have been perpetrated on March 4 and that Booth, the chief as-massin, was in a position to have exterminated the President about the time that the Vice-President should have died. Mr. Johnson's powerful terminated the President triumphed over the infernal draught.

Ex-Governor Wright, of Indiana, recently made an address in which he cited by specific examples which had come to his notice that the negro was able to take care of himself and that f working to the profit of himself and of working to the profit of himself and the white grower who employed him.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Higgins will soon open their boarding and day school for girls.

We learn from Mr. S. Straus that the editor of the Boise Statesman has been wounded by a pistel shot fired in the and of John M. Murphy, County Auliter.

Mrs. Stovens, of East Portland, has n legal tender notes and a \$5 gold

The board of managers of the Oregon State Fair, composed of H. W. Eddy, Clackamas County, president; John Barrows, Linn County; R. C. Geer and W. G. Hunt, Marion County; T. G. Naylor and W. A. Mills, Washington County; Samuel Miller, Clackamas County; Jose Palmas, Versili, nas County; Joel Palmer, Yamhi Jounty; A. J. Dufur, Multnomah Coun y; N. C. Myers, Jackson County, an W. Walling, Polk County, have issued a statement and prospectus for the 1865 fair, which promises to be an auspicious event.

GRAYS RIVER, Wash., June 3.—(To The next step was to make people pay for laying new water mains, not alone in new districts, as was said by some to display the flag at half-would only be done when this plan was mant and by others to run it to the top proposed, but on Everett street, Tillaflag have been displayed at half mast

On Memorial day flags on United garrisons. A National salute of 21 guns is fired at noon. The flag is then raised to full staff.

Violin Authority.

HANFORD, Wash., June 3 .- (To the Editor.)—I have an old violin secured from mountaineers in Arkansas, who knew its history for about 90 years. It has the name of Antonius Stradivarius as maker, date 1713. tell me the address of someone who is authority enough to know if it is genuine?

Communicate with F. E. Coulter, violin maker, Labbe building, Portland, Or. It is probably a Stradivarius copy,

Edison on the National Defense The Sunday Oregonian

The views of Thomas A. Edison on almost any subject are full of extreme public interest. He is a versatile man and as practical as he is versatile. For several months he has been considering the relations of the United States to the European nations now engaged in war. He has evolved a plan of National defense for America that he believes would be successful. His plan will be ex-

plained in detail in The Sunday Oregonian. THIS IS ROSE FESTIVAL WEEK-Due to the fact that the people of Portland are to lay aside the more serious affairs of life and enjoy their annual festival of roses this week, the Sunday paper will give a full outline of the entertainment that has been prepared. A complete and detailed programme of the events for each day of the festival will be presented. A series of illustrations will give some idea of the novel and varied features provided by this year's festival directors.

CANAL ENGINEERING SECONDARY-In his regular installment on how the Panama Canal was built General Goethals describes the manner in which the administrative forces were organized. He points out that while the engineering problems were of great magnitude, they were of secondary importance when the other details were considered. The task of transporting supplies and material was a tremendous one. This story will explain something of the manner in which this task was handled.

ITALY BREAKS WITH AUSTRIA-How Italy has been piling up hate against her neighbor and former ally and how the diplomatic bonds that held them together were weakened by the outbreak of the war, to be severed entirely by the declaration of war by Italy herself, is told in interesting historical detail by a well-informed writer. The story will be fully illustrated.

RICH WOMAN FIGHTS DRUGS-Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt is using her wealth in a crusade against drugs. She not only has given her money in this cause, but has taken a keen personal interest in the work. A Sunday article will explain her numerous activities in this connection.

GIGANTIC SWINDLER BROUGHT TO BAY-One of the most notorious swindles of modern times was that concocted by Whitaker Wright, of England. The story of how he perpetrated his scheme, how he manipulated it, how he profited from it, how he used his profits to live in luxury and how, finally, he was apprehended, tried and convicted, only to cheat the law by suicide, is one of the most sensational tales of modern times.

WAS COLUMBUS A JEW?-The Oregonian's Paris correspondent recently has come into possession of facts that indicate that Christopher Columbus probably was of Jewish origin. Early portraits of Columbus which show him with a decidedly Jewish cast of countenance will illustrate the story.

COMPLETE TOURING SECTION-For the interest and guidance of tourists and vacationists the Sunday paper will include a large section devoted to descriptions, by text and by illustrations, of Western roads and the scenery contiguous to them. Expert writers will explain the best ways of travel up and down the Coast, across the continent and about the state.

SERMON BY DR. BOYD-A complete sermon by some prominent Portland clergyman is a regular feature of The Sunday Oregonian. Tomorrow will be printed a sermon on "Our Dead," by Dr. John H. Boyd. It is a discourse that will attract wide attention.

OTHER SUNDAY FEATURES-Besides all this the Sunday paper will include the usual comic section, the department for little folks, including Donahey's page, the regular automobile, dramatic, society, real estate and sporting section and a large number of other spe-

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