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THE BRYAN PEACE POLICY. In the present critical stage of our relations with Germany, the effect of Mr. Bryan's resignation on the attitude of that country towards the United States is of no less importance than its effect on this country's policy towards Germany. Unless the war lords absolutely dominate every department of the German Government and unless they are wholly reckless how many enemies they array against the empire, Germany's reception of the American demands must be materially influenced by the character and opinions of the men who compose the United States Government, and particularly of the man in charge of our foreign relations. Hence the res-ignation of the foremost champion of peace at any price and of arbitration and conciliation for any and all disputes must be taken by Germany as notice that it is not wise to presume on the pacific disposition of the Amer-

Mr. Bryan's statement of his reasons for resigning shows how little hope there would have been of inducing Germany to make reparation for past wrongs and to do no further wrongs to American citizens, if his policy had been adopted. He proposed that, beplan of devoting a year to inquiry into a dispute before beginning war, and because Germany has accepted it in principle, it should be adopted in the case of submarine attacks on Ameriean ships and American citizens. Germany not only accepted in principle, but signed and ratified several of the Hague treaties and the Belgian neu trality treaty, but they have not inter-fered with her actions. During the year of delay, the contention of which property. Were Germany to limit her submarine warfare in conformity with international law, she would seriously restrict for one year what she considers a most effective means of injuring her enemies. There is no reason to war with this country.

war footing. Our abstention from war it is built. during that year might give victory Germany over the allies. If then

Mr. Bryan attempts to overcome this American citizen to involve his country in trouble by traveling on belligerent ships. He proposes that the Prest- ers and the public. dent, if he legally can, prevent Americans from traveling on belligerent proposes that Americans abstain from trouble of protecting them in the exerrise of those rights and of compelling other nations to respect American rights. What are rights worth if they must be used only when other nations States among nations if it were in ef- ears until most of us believe it, to life and property on sufferance of died. In spite of our reverence other nations? What security would figures, we know from current read country under such circumstances?

contends is that neutral nations have behind the figures. the right to continue commerce and cept for unavoidable and accidental by the "truths" they reveal concerncarrying contraband, but in all cases head as he warns us that college the lives of neutrals and of non-com- women are committing race suicide at batant citizens of belligerent states are a fearful rate. They do not get mar-secure, even when they are on mer-ried, and, if they do, then they prodoubt run a certain risk, even when International law is strictly observed. the risk arising from violations of in-

warned against traveling on belligerent ships or on ships carrying ammu-If he had carried the parallel in spite of the warning, a citizen goes woman for the man she loves. consider that the warning relieves him

ble for damage done by riots. The will care comfortably for one child or produced by the too low rates of ear-county of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, two becomes pitiably inadequate if lier years, but that would have pre-issued a large amount of bonds to pay more are to share it. Two children vented the growth of the order. PORTLAND, OREGON.

Entered at Portland, Oregon, Postoffice as second-class matter.

Entered at Postoffice as second-class warning of danger in exercising them. Events will in all probability prove that the best service Mr. Bryan has done to the cause of peace is to retire from the Cabinet. His presence there was taken as notice that the Administration was for peace at any price. That was a direct invitation to some nation to bring about a situation nation to bring about a situation times argued that parents should be age of the insured and overhead exwhere this Nation would have had the choice between a dishonorable peace their own welfare for that of their year of a person's life until it reaches and war. We greatly mistake the temper of the American people if, when ble for the father and mother to drop A person's earning power being highoffered such an alternative, they down in the social scale without drag. est in his youth and lowest in his age, the Administration desires peace with deeper the fall. honor, but is prepared to accept the alternative-war. Knowing this, Germany is likely to think more than once before forcing war upon us.

NOT SYSTEMS, BUT MEN. There is a proposition before the New York state constitutional convention to reduce the number of State Senators from 51 to 24, six of them to be selected at large. Here in Oregon there will probably be a proposition put up to the people at the next election to entirely wipe out the upper house of the Legislature—and it will carry with little opposition.—Salem Capital Journal.

have a single chamber as well, the warriors. auggestion is ventured that the easy and practicable way is to abolish the House. It has sixty members, while the great musical events of the year, of orders. They do not know the

So long as our methods of popular election are what they are, nothing the Kalser never can with Krupp guns ship lines, will be accomplished in raising the and submarines. personnel of Legislatures by abolishing one house, or the other. It would seem that Oregon has had enough of the abolishers, who want to destroy or overthrow systems when they do not work well, and substitute other systems which will not work at all. The problem for Oregon, and for the Nation, is not new ideas in Government so much as old ideas of economy, efficiency, diligence and duty put into effect by good men.

LET THEM BACK US UP.

The Oregonian is only mildly interested in the reproduction from its colon the high seas, that of the United States or that of Germany? Were we to suffer Germany to adhere to her submarine policy during that year, we should practically license Germany for road (viz. concrete to the submarine policy license germany for road (viz. concrete to the submarine policy license germany for road (should practically license Germany for road (viz., concrete road costing one year to destroy American lives and stoom a mile), properly graded and openerty. Were Germany to limit her drained, would have lasted, with moderate annual repairs for a hundred years.

But The Oregonian is a great deal interested in the important matter of proper roads for Multnomah County, her enemies. There is no reason to believe that she would do this unless the alternative were the certainty of the alternative were the certainty of commissioners in getting the best possible roads at fair prices. On that ar with this country.

The Bryan plan also would forbid possible roads at fair prices. On that taken, but as a private citizen I am account it has insisted that there be free to urge both of these propositions the United States during the year to increase its armed forces, though Gertors be held to a strict accountability increase its armed forces, though Germany is already on a most complete both when the road is built and after

The Oregonian, it appears, has ven-The Oregonian, it appears, has ventured the opinion that a concrete road. In the future he finds it consistent with we failed to reach an agreement and properly built, graded and drained, war ensued, Gérmany would be amply ready, with a great veteran army and may on a war footing, while we should be miserably unready through having be miserably unready through having a footing with moderate annual repairs might last a hundred years. That is a long time. It will be well to see if the cement road contractors have even proposals. But the President will not proposals, But the President will not proposals. But the President will not proposals, and second, to go white the comment of The Organization of the comment o bound ourselves not to prepare. This a modicum of The Oregonian's confi-application of the Bryan plan to a con-dence in their handiwork. Let them, say. rete case proves how utterly imprac- for example, offer a substantial and enforcible guaranty that a concrete road will last even a tenth of a hundifficulty by denying the right of an dred years, and their proposal will be entitled to the fullest and fairest consideration by the County Commission-

It is to be hoped that The Orego nian was not mistaken four months ships or on ships carrying ammuni-tion, and that, if the President lacks with moderate annual repairs might this power, warning be given against last a very long time, and that the traveling on such ships. He in fact Washington Manufacturers of Portland Cement will not hesitate to back exercise of undoubted rights in up the concrete roadbuilders in an order to save their Government the ample bond that they will remain sound and safe for at least a decade,

STATISTICS AND FACTS.

Most people meekly bow the head and slink into silence when statistics do not choose to violate them? What are quoted against them. "Figures would be the standing of the United cannot lie" has been dinned into our fect to proclaim that its citizens could though nothing is more deceptive mly exercise the fundamental rights than a column of statistics deftly han-What security would figures, we know from current reading any of our citizens have in any foreign | that the same ones can be made by a little manipulation to prove direct op-The principle for which this Nation posites. It all depends upon the man

Perhaps the best instance of the travel undisturbed in time of war, ex- double life led by statistics is afforded consequences of war. Neutral ships ing women's colleges. Today some are liable to search and to capture for great statistician sadly shakes his women are committing race suicide at chant ships of belligerent nationality. duce no children. Moral, teach your It is essential that the United States daughters to shun the women's colstand firmly for this principle, first, in leges. Tomorrow some equally emidefense of American rights, and, seconent master of statistics soothes our ond, for the purpose of maintaining treubled souls by proclaiming that the Were the Govern- women who go to college never would ment to forbid Americans to travel on have married in any case. Their edubelligerent ships, it would injure and cation has simply prepared them to discriminate against the commerce of earn an honest living. It has not moditers that "he reveals the soul of a the belligerents affected. Our citizens fied their philoprogenitiveness in any

The common preference for small but they have a right to take that families which is observed among The Government must assume married couples in these days depends more on economic causes than on colternational law, if this Nation is to be lege education. Young men put off Supreme Court upholding the new inworthy of the name of Nation, and marriage because they dread the pinch surance rates of the Royal Arcanum must exact satisfaction from offending powers.

In powers, worthy of the name of Nation, and marriage because they dread the pinch surance rates of the Royal Arcanum establishes, a sound principle for the ary which suffices handsomely for a guidance of all fraternal societies The suggestion that Americans be bachelor sometimes falls woefully and sounds a warning against new soshort for a man and wife. The fiction that two persons can live on less than one has led many a blushing bride to nition is supported by Mr. Bryan with one has led many a blushing bride to a reference to a Mayor's warning that the divorce court. Nor is it at all uncitizens keep off the streets during a natural that a single woman who can creased out of proportion to its presupport herself comfortably should mium receipts and its accession of new farther, he would have found that it hesitate to give up her salary and be-works against his own contention. If, come an unpaid cook and washeron the street and is shot, the Mayor siderations like these affect marriage increased rates. Some of the latter

judgments for damage done in the can be reared in happy surroundings, would not choose war. Mr. Bryan's ging their offspring with them. And the collection of each year's actual retirement is notice to the world that the more numerous the offspring the cost in that year would render life interest and the cost in that year would render life insurance impracticable. The total

BACH AND KEUPP.

For the last ten years the town of modern music. He began the long and time. glorious line that gave Beethoven, Weber, Schumann, Schubert, Wagner and a host more composers of the first rank to the world. Such were the men that made Germany great. They were

A TIME FOR OPTIMISM.

"I believe," says the optimistic chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee, "that Bryan will continue to give his support to the Ad-ministration." "I believe," says Dr. C. J. Smith, re-

cent Democratic candidate for Gov-ernor, "that Bryan will continue his support of the Administration." Another optimist,
"I believe," says Postmaster My-

not believe he will ever be a candidate

visions the future in another light. He

differed from the President on arbi-

tration with Germany and on warning to Americans to stay at home. "The President," says Mr. Bryan, with great consideration for the feelings of his friend who a few years ago and to call public attention to these remedies in the hope of securing such an expression of public sentiment as will support the Presi-

his sense of duty to favor them."

UNKNIGHTED POETS.

Rabindranath Tagore could be the British Empire. The honor was conferred upon him in due course, as t was on Tennyson, Walter Scott and other men of letters, and he deserves it as well as most of them. United States poets cannot be knighted because the Constitution forbids the Government to confer orders of nobility on anybody, no matter how eminent Great Britain makes knights and barons of her big brewers more frequently than of other geniuses, but we follow a different policy. We abolish ours. Perhaps the honor we give our poets is as good as knighthood. It is difficult to see how a title of nobility would make Longfellow any more widely read or better loved than he is, Poe would not have been deemed worthy of a title by any ordinary government, and neither would Whitman, Such an act would require more disernment than most politicians posses Even the American people, shrewd as we think ourselves, have needed some two poets really were. Two or three more who are writing today give prom ise of becoming equally great in time. One of them is Edgar Lee Masters, the author of "Spoon River Anthol-

ogy."
This extraordinary book of poems takes up the history of Spoon River's distinguished citizens and relates it for each in half a dozen lines. To perceive at once the real flavor of the work, read first "Elsa Whitman." She was the German girl who worked in Thomas Greene's kitchen. Then Portland growers are good-natured. read "Hamilton Greene." He was much there is in aristocratic lineage and high breeding. The Chicago magazine *Poetry" says of Mr. Mascommunity." He has done more than that. He reveals the soul of man.

A WARNING TO FRATERNALS. The decision of the United States

cieties which seek to attract members Finding that, as its original members grew older, its death ratio inmembers, the Royal Arcanum revised its rates in such a manner that the does all in his power to arrest and statistics far more than Latin and took the matter into court, contending punish his assailant. He does not Greek do. that they had joined the order on the There is one more factor entering understanding that the original rates from responsibility for enforcing the into the matter that most of our sapi could not be changed and that the law. Neither would Mr. Bryan's pro- ent statisticians overlook. It is the new rates imposed an unjust burden posed warning relieve the President of the duty of bringing to justice the offending nation, by diplomacy if possible, by war if necessary. This principle is carried so far in some states themselves. that the county is held financially lia- In many cases a family budget that on the younger members the burden for them.

The protesting members were bound to lose if they had won their suit. The For the last ten years the town of in either youth or old age. Many fra-Bethlehem, in Pennsylvania, has held ternal societies are adjusting their an annual musical festival in honor of rates to this principle; those which do John Sebastian Bach, the father of not will fail unless they change in

bership in the Legislature, and to worth more than all her Kaisers and pansion of trade, we should set Massapequa, Long Island, she writes House. It has sixty members, while the great musical events of the you'll see Maribel Seymour Hogarty's know the language of the countries you'll see Maribel Seymour Hogarty's name as "author of the play" on the a meager thirty.

But let us assume that the Senate in Oregon will be dropped out and that we have a unicameral Legislature of fifty or sixty members. It is not to be supposed that the well-known and representative men who have heretofore stood as candidates for the Senate will retire from public life. They will undoubtedly become candidates for the legislature, and they will be elected.

Summer around the town, its importance must go on increasing. Bach's must go on increasing. Ba doubtedly become candidates for the liven before of since the sublimest philosophers. They conour customers. It is not even enough quered the world with their genius as to open banks and establish steam-

> That the schools may turn out graduates thus equipped, it is desirable that the Chamber of Commerce co-operate with the Board of Education and with the faculty of the University of Oregon and the Agricultural College in arranging curriculum to include these sub-Jects. Oregon has no less an opportunity than the Eastern states in this direction. The Oregon manufacturer's home market is restricted by the sparseness of population in his "I believe," says Postmaster Myers, "that Mr. Bryan will continue to support the Administration, and I do the sea, in order to expand, and he must have well qualified men for the

> > girls as they danced down the street. They were dressed like a sunflower and looked like one, though far pret-tier. Watching their bright faces one could well believe that "their hearts were as light as the wind that blows the leaves from off the treeses."

> > Mr. Adams has been an excellent ity Treasurer. He had ambitionsnherent right of every citizen. he failed will make him none the less a good official. The Council can do a graceful act in keeping him in the treasury, and Mr. Bigelow will increase the esteem in which he is held by many people by moving to make it

that state than we were willing to believe. Having committed a colossal blunder, the authorities are resolved at all hazards to perpetuate it.

If German and Austrian miners are

These are bad days for fraudulent eral of them will handle real estate with a pick and shovel, and will dewhile their jaw muscles rest.

sides who are cooking the hare before teeth will bite on nothing but air.

Oregon is now the acknowledged follows: nief ameng horticultural states. We Where ar chief ameng horticultural states. We always knew it excelled, but the rest decades to perceive how great these of the world has only just discov. Are you in Heaven, or have I been deceived? ered it.

The Oregon Funeral Directors are here in annual session, but you cannot distinguish them from other jovial visitors.

If the British Cabinet Ministers choose to divide the salary ple equally, why should they not? It's their pie.

reach over and pick it off the bush. Have the dog in leash when you

gets tangled will be good-natured. A woman upstate is suing for \$35. 450 for loss of a leg. At that rate-but why waste time figuring?

Policemen must be gentle with purse-snatchers and pickpockets. Just send them to the hospital. Be generous with applause today. Decorating is hard work, and appre-

ciation is pleasing. Mr. Drake is doing nicely with the weather. He realizes we are not

ducks this week. Every boy and every girl in the parade had the Portland spirit. That's

Be sure basement windows and doors are fastened when you go down-

Do not have empty space in the rehicles. Give a friend a joyous ride. should decorate them today.

Let the clouds roll by. Do not walt

Stars and Starmakers

MARJORIE MORELAND, the current MARJORIE MORELAND, the current wife of Nat Goodwin, is ill in Johns Hopkins Hospital at Baltimore. She has been ill in New York for several weeks. Her illness began with a supposed attack of diphtheria, for which antitoxin was administered. The antitoxin resulted apparently in poisoning her system. Members of the family stated that Mr. Goodwin was not be stated. ily stated that Mr. Goodwin was not expected in Baltimore unless his wife's condition should take a turn for the worse. Miss Moreland's mother, Mrs. George W. Parrott, lives in the suburbs of Baltimore.

try year of a person's life until R reaches its maximum in the year of his death. Parrott, lives in the subits maximum in the year of his death. Parrott, lives in the subphase of the person's earning power being highrest in his youth and lowest in his age,
the collection of each year's actual
cost in that year would render life insumment to be paid is therefore distributed over the life of a policy. This
amount to be paid is therefore distributed over the life of a policy. This
amount is thus not made prohibitive
in either youth or old age. Many frafid ternal societies are adjusting their
rates to this principle; those which do
not will fail unless they change in
time.

TRAIN MEN FOR FOREIGN TRADE.

The minds of the American people
having been definitely turned to
latin America as a field for the expansion of trade, we should be supmore and admired Marthel Seymour the
solves for or orders. They do not know the
field, and, worst of all, they do not
know the language of the countries
of the visit. It is not enough to write
letters and send circulars in English,
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ever stepped in two shoes." They are

tensive concert tour.

Hubert Henry Davies, author of 'Outcast," in which Elsie Ferguson is starring, returned post haste to his native England last November, the week after his play was first produced in New York. He was desirous of join-ing the ailies. Word has just been re-"We're just as happy as a big sun-flower that nods and bends in the dier and is now serving as an orderly breezes," sang two little Rose Festival in a hospital in France. Miss Ferguson is on her way to Portland.

Here are some facts and "near" facts about Elsie Ferguson: She is one of the few actresses of panies it. prominence who was born in New York

She was educated at a convent in France. She began her stage career as a chorus girl.

ing role in a leading theater in Lon-Her favorite recreation is dancing: yes, including the modern ones.

Her beauty is of the Scottish-American type. She has played in every state in the title examined first.

around the world.

Her real name is Elsie Louise Ferguson, and her duly registered cable address is "ELF."

Elsie Janis has taken her trusty typewriter in hand and has written what she calls a poem on the sinking not to be permitted to work in Cana- of the Lusitania. Beau Broadway in dian mines, they may on the same the Morning Telegraph, tells of it in ground be excluded from other occupations. Then the community must character acting has no superior and pations. Then the community must character acting has no superior and These critics may call themselve feed them and must pay for indulging few, so to speak, runners up; but, hav- "Nationalists," but they are not af ing read her literary offering in which, filiated with the Irish party led by by the bye, I am sad to say she scolds John Redmond. One of them, Lauthe deity as if he were a stage hand, rence Ginnell, is the clown of real estate men. For some time sev- I am convinced that she is not, as it were, hep to the poise of that afflatus their same muscles rest.

Were, hep to the poise of that afflatus and a party of one composed of is not as musical as that of our near dinnell. Another, William O'Brien, is not as musical as that of our near dinnell. Another, William O'Brien, is not as musical as that of our near neighbor. Mexico, but do we make it their arm and shoulder muscles rest.

Their jaw muscles rest. much of Virginia Harned; but when she King Ludwig of Bavaria has joined tries to act like, for instance, Elizathe number of belligerents on both beth Barrett Browning, she reminds me very much of a member of a Browning fused with the "Nationalists," a name invariably used in reference to the it is caught. If he tries to eat it, his Society of Philadelphia, which is some-

thing different again." The first verse of Miss Janis' inquiry Where are you, God, in whom I have be Heved?

I can't believe you sit up there and look down on us all. Seeing the horrors on this earth, seeing brave men fall.

In praying to you, are you up there, car you hear me call? Where are you, God? One cannot for a moment doubt that

the inspiration of this is a very keen and poignant sorrow over the loss of friends, and it may be further said in its favor that it maintains the stand-Wear a rose. If you haven't one, and of war poetry to date—that is to say, it makes no ripple on the dead level of mediocrity that a world cataclysm has failed to quicken. To that extent Miss Jants may consider herself a contemporary of Kipling, Watson and the

To every clime and nation
East to west it goes,
The one flower in creation—
The rose that Portland grows.
We know it from our childhood;
It follows to old age;
Its eminence has always stood

eminence has always stood

The top of every page.

rest. That's all.

At wedding, birth or christening In church and hall or home. Its petals sweet and glistening
Have remembrance where we roam
It paints the city sidewalk
In white and red and pink And lifts its head as though to talk And find out what we think.

It clambers round the house side, It stills our small alarms, Such beauty none can ever hide Or cover up its charms. And so in all the galaxy
Of every flower which grows
The first and best must always be
Our dear old Portland rose.

G. L. G. THOMAS. popularity has gone up 50

MR. MALTHUS' "APOLOGY" HOLDS "Birth Control" Agitation Prompts

Question From Another Angle. PORTLAND, June 8 .- (To the Ed-

be stated.

But there is still another natural law which would regulate births to the decided advantage of society that is ignored entirely in our code of statutes. It is that there should be no unwilling mothers; that all women who love and desire children should have them. Our marriage laws available.

olose friends—these two Emeraid Isle
songsters, Mr. McCormack is negotiating for the purchase of a historic
castle and estate near the Vale of
Aveca, in County Wicklow, Ireland. Mr.
McCormack owns a fine home in Hampstead Heath, London, but it is closed
up until the war shall end:

Just now the McCormacks are domiciled at Tokeneke Park, on the Sound,
a short distance from Stamford, Conna,
where he proposes to stay until the latter part of October. In November he
will join the Chicago Opera Company
for a limited number of engagements,
after which he will make another extensive concert tour.

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many states, including Oregon, in transfor law is the annual business session.

J. W. Blakey, manager of the Arlington Club, while out riding with a lady
a fortunate escape from possible inluny or death. The horse became
publish what is called the Torrens act or
Torrens law, I think, is what is called
a registered title to property transferred, but I do not just understand
what the Torrens act or law is.

Hilf a Century Ago

From The Oregonian June 10, 1855.

New York—General Howard, Commissioner of the Freedmen's Bureau, has
issued orders announcing that disloyal
the Torrens act which is the law in
many states, including Oregon, in transthe South, now being cuitivated by many states, including ferring title to property, A SUBSCRIBER. many states, including Oregon, in trans-

The Torrens law, wherever it has been adopted, provides for the regis- cultivators. tration of deeds of title at the county recording office. Under this law, when a man buys property, he takes his deed of imprisonment during the war, the to the recording office, where it is filed sentences are to be remitted and the and kept. The deed is given a num- prisoners discharged. ber and a certificate is issued to cover it. Thereafter the officers will not record any paper affecting that property unless the continues.

after the man who fathered it, is optional rather than mandatory in this state. It is in force in many states opposed to capital punishment, and and is the law in Australia, New Zea-land and British Columbia. It is in account. The motives of the two classes Before she was 21 she played a lead- force in certain Oregon localities, how- of men are altogether at variance. ever, in Alameda Park Addition to Portland, for instance. When the owners of a particular district wish to have their properties governed by the Torrens law they must make application to the County Court and have the

FACTIONISTS NOT "NATIONALISTS."

Critics of English Administration Not fundamental law. Necessarily Redmond's Followers. PORTLAND, June 8 .- (To the Editor.)-The news dispatches carried a cent. story June 3, that two or three "Na- of the company. tionalists" heckled the government on in operation three years.

the floor of the House of Commons the new war cabinet and made some reflections on the sincerity of Premier ciples of the Irish party led by Red-mond, Dillon, Devlin and O'Connor. These factionists should not be con-Irish party of which Redmond is the leader and spokesman.
BARRY F. MURPHY.

Portland roses from the earth Lifting up a smiling face To the sun that gave them birth.

In their chosen dwelling place. "Portland roses everywhere,"
Lily white, and rainbow hue,
Giving fragrance to the air,
Gath'ring crystals from the dew.

Portland roses, full of cheer, Breathing from the sunshine ray, Bringing light of heaven here, Gently pointing to the way.

Portland roses, flower queen Sweetest bloom of Summertime, All the year they may be seen, Blooming in the balmy clime.

Portland roses, let me dwell
'Mid the beauty where they grow,
By the river's mystic swell,
And the mountain peaks of snow.

Portland roses, dear to me, Let me hold them in my hand, Let me press my lips to thee, Dearest flower of the land FELIX O'NEILL

THE SONG OF THE HEART Could you but hear the song of my And feel its vibrant melody, You, too would join and sing your

Thus making perfect harmony. Canst bear my soul's viol-like tones-Crying out some tragedy? Your harp alone can still those moans, And change it to a rhapsodie! Come, strike the chords to love's pre-

Those chords so full of euphony; and then the song we'll both conclude Our hearts in happy symphony.
ANNA GOLDEN.

Walt Whitman's Reference GRANTS PASS, Or., June 6.—(To the Editor.)—Will you kindly tell me through your columns, to whose death Walt Whitman had reference in his poem, "O Captain, My Captain."

M. C. D.

He had reference to Lincoln.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

(From The Oregonian June 10, 1890.) St. Louis.—Eight were killed and 25 ajured in a smashup on the Wabash Railroad, 6I miles west of here, last night. Two engines and 18 freight cars were piled up in a frightful heap. The scenes were awful.

Senator Mitchell has secured the establishment of a postoffice in Mult-nomah County, Oregon, in the canyon near Portland. It is called Sylvan, and Charmotta Chrince was appointed postmaster.

Spokane Falls, Wash,-Colonel H. E. Allen has perfected arrangements for a 11-5 fare for the Sons of Veterans' encampment at North Yakima, June

proprietors of abandoned plantations in the South, now being cultivated by freedmen, will not be allowed to dispossess the latter, which they are in some states making efforts to do-at least not until the growing crops are secured for the benefit of the present

Washington-It is ordered that in all

panies it.

The Torrens law, which is named Copperheads do not want these rebels punished for the reason they have a

Twenty-three states have ratified the constitutional amendment abolishing slavery. After Oregon and California ratify, only one more state will be required to give the number no amendment a part of our

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In the matter or the composition of MURDERING THE KING'S ENGLISH Observer Luments Carclessness in Our Everyday Talk.

PORTLAND, June 8,- (To the Editor.)-Why murder the King's English? This is the question we ask of those who claim to have received their house, if not at times a positive education in the grammar school and nuisance. He is recognized as a crank even the high school. Our language education in the grammar school and several years past opposed the prin-ciples of the Irish party led by Red-Cleveland, Ohio, said to his students, "You must not use so much slang. You must cut it out." And again a teacher in speaking of the use of prepositions said, "A preposition is not a proper word to end a sentence with." We would say to such instructors, "Physician, heal thyself."

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Some of the expressions which create a tension on a person's herves are "have saw," "I seen," "James he," "Mary she," "Has 'the mail came?" "I've got it." "Are you goin'?" "He was runnin'." "I node it." "I was so tickled I thought I'd die," "I hain't got it." "I hain't had no good time nohow," "Seein' you're goin'," "Yessum," "Nome."

I think the old admonition might apply: "Think twice before you speak," It is not that many people do not know

It is not that many people do not know better, but they have drifted into such a way of speaking that we might infer they had neyer seen the inside of a schoolroom and picked up what they knew of the English language from the mountaineers of the Cumberlands. We can watch our words and be our own instructors if we will. Cease to murder the King's English OBSERVER.

Of course, it is almost needless to may in defense of the professors, whose words are above quoted, that the violations of the rules they fostered were for effect as an example, and not instances of carelessness. The quotations are now matters of record.

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