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AN AMERICAN, YET NOT AN AMERICAN The question "When is an American not an American?" has come up ment, Mr. Lansing simply stated what the law is in two typical cases which came before him, but his opinions called forth declarations from ex-President Roosevelt and Senator

Lodge on what the law ought to be. One case was that of P. A. Lelong, of New Orleans, born in the United States of a French father. Mr. Lansing wrote to him that he was formance of military service in France person born of a Frenchman in France or abroad." Under that definition no Frenchman ever could better? become an American, for it declares and so on for generation after gen- of method.

Ugo Da Prato was born in Boston after his father had been naturalized, and went to Italy to study architec-Mr. Lansing informed Mr. Lodge that "it does not appear that lums. he can be considered an Italian subject under Italian law," and has requested his release.

In both cases the opinion of the State Department was based on foreign, not American, law, though in both cases foreign law conflicts with declaration of the fourteenth amendment to the Constitution of the United States that:

All persons born or naturalized in the United States and subject to the jurisdic-tion thereof are citizens of the United States and of the state wherein they reside. Colonel Roosevelt declared that ft was "dangerously close to treason to the United States that men born here of foreign parentage should be blandly

and said: Because Italy, or any other country, has navigation and commerce.

Citizenship is not lost by one who be

This law is construed by Richard tice. W. Flournoy, Jr., chief of the Bureau

of Citizenship of the State Department, to mean that a German residhis German nationality have already lost their German na- and studies in the public schools. American citizens again to become all the trouble he makes. German subjects.

other countries or with native citi- \$748.88, almost twice as much. right to choose the government to prevailing one. which he will own allegiance.

the war will make the ending more is trained by the "heart, head and difficult than ever. With its popula-tion depleted, Europe will keep a his school course. He gets his mantighter grip than ever on what re- ual, or trade, teaching simultaneously mains, and may selze upon every with his culture studies. There is no wanderer who returns as a needed gap between them and no undemo-

People who dispute the germ theory who pursue the culture branches. of disease are invited to contemplate the current history of typhoid fever.

will go on saying that "the germ theory is all humbug."

HAPPY OVER FAILURE. We reproduce the following from a Democratic contemporary esteemed ror its sound logic and profound knowledge of the effect upon world mmerce of recent tragic events: What has become of the demon Underwood tariff? Where is the sob squad that, in the late campaign, claimed everybody was gorging on cheap Australian butter? Where are those 'your-butter' Oregonian editorials dripping with tears and choking with sobs over the dastard invasion of Oregon by

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o 32 pages, 2 cents; 34 to 48 pages, 3 cents;
0 to 60 pages, 4 cents; 62 to 75 pages, 5 expected by the Democrats to accrue ents; 7s to 92 pages, 6 cents. Foreign postge, double rates. seems to be a cause for congratulation The decision in the suit to dis among them that the new law has the anthracite coal trusts adds & Conklin. Steger building, Chicago; San been powerless to relieve the drought more to the defeats which the Gov-Francisco representative, R. J. Bidwell, 742 which ran Australia short of butter or ernment has suffered in the prosecur-makers

for discussion through opinions given larger volume. But whenever war and influenced to- some extent by by Secretary of State Lansing when other circumstances prevent the ful- sanction of long-continued immunity. he was counselor of the State Depart- fillment of that purpose nobody is happler or more triumphant than a Dem ocrat.

#### FRANK HOLT'S INSANITY.

Frank Holt, the man who tried to assassinate J. P. Morgan, is unquestionably insane. At any rate he is not sane, for his ways of thought and action are totally different from those of the work-a-day world. He "born with a dual nationality" and may cherish higher ideals than orthat "the department cannot there- dinary people but he does not cherish fore give you any assurance that you them wisely or normally. His writwould not be held liable for the per- ing a letter to the Kalser stamps his mind as abnormal, even though the should you voluntarily place yourself letter in itself is a pretty good one within French jurisdiction." Mr. His advice to that energetic potential Mr. His advice to that energetic potenquoted the French Code, tate is presumptious, of course, but which defines as a Frenchman "every still it is good advice. Mr. Holt counsels moderation, reasonableness and forbearance. Who could do Under that and forbearance.

The sanest of us may envy Mr. Holt Mr. Lelong a Frenchman and hence his philosophic view of right and his sons would be Frenchmen also, wrong. In his madness there is plenty What he lacks is common sense, the saving salt that keeps learning and logic from spoiling. Some men have a great deal of it and we call them the saviors of so ture, but was forced into the Italian ciety. Most of us have a little and it keeps us out of the lunatic asy-Mr. Holt seems to have all desirable mental traits but this indispensable one and there we suppose he must be shut up.

RIDING THE STATE. RIDING THE STATE.

PORTLAND, July 4.—(To the Editor.)—
I note by decision of the Supreme Court (II
Howard, Si2) that "the shores of navigable
waters and the soils under them were not
granted by the Constitution of the United
States, but were reserved to the states respectively. The new states have the same
rights, sovereignty, and jurisdiction over
this subject, as the original states."

This being conceded as true, how about
the shores of non-navigable waters and the
soils under them?

Whence comes the right of the Government to conserve water powers?

W. H. ODELL.

The question Mr. Odeil presents

The question Mr. Odell presents about her bodily exercise. No that if they visit the countries in tion adopted by the last Legislature keep her young and strong, which their parents were born they calling for a conference of delegates Until quits recently Mrs. the acceptance of foreign law as valid the beds and waters of non-navigable for months after

cause we should then submit to the law of another country instead of maintaining our own.

Mr. Lodge took exception to the trades on the necessity of the state to days she gathers her children around phrase "dual allegiance," but that is use admittedly Government property her to the third generation and rerevenues derived from waterpower de- to the other shore, when at last she is given the German consul is to be velopment, although the state's inter- hears the call of the Master she has

THE GARY SCHOOLS IN NEW YORK. ment, to mean that a German resid-ing abroad may be naturalized in a has instituted in some of the New foreign country without renouncing York schools is undergoing a fire of unless the criticism, most of which is, of course, laws of that country require him to unintelligent. But some of it is marenounce any prior allegiance. As licious. Those who profit by the United States law requires such re- old ways are naturally reluctant to nunciation, it could only apply in this admit the value of changes and they Mrs. Coulson hits the nail on the country if applicants for citizenship are not always scrupulous about the not acting in good faith. choice of methods to prevent improve-Another provision of the same law, ments. No fights are more bitter than however, provides that persons who those which arise over the discipline tionality through residence abroad for fight which Mr. Wirt has started in ten years may, without returning to New York conforms to the old-es-Germany, resume their original na- tablished fashion in this particular. This would permit German- But his cause is so good it excuses

The great merit of the Gary sys All these conflicts between laws and tem is that, for less money than the is assured through exhaustion of the these doubts as to the status of old one, it gives the children more foreign-born citizens arise from the and better teaching. The money saved necessity of obtaining from foreign can be exemplified by an item or two nations treaty concessions in order which will stand in the reader's mind Belloc reaches the conclusion that up the rights they have acquired as citi- tem, \$32.50 a year, while under the railroad, telegraph and postal serv these rights can be old way it is \$42.28. A twelve-year enjoyed abroad they are of limited course under the Gary system costs,

have encountered. The conflict is year, while the old way gives him but nal of Commerce says that "the fundamental, for it arises from the 950. If we count in the Saturday process of economic exhaustion is necmonarchy holds that birth in its do- it not for the superior educational re- of Germany in this connection is more minions gives it a perpetual claim to sults which the Gary system obtains, This situation should be ended, but to ordinary school work. The child cratic herding of the pupils who take and Politik, made early in June, that

Another great merit in the Gary riere della Seres as estimating that the schools is the saving they effect in French army has lost half its strength The teachings of the germ theory have the pupils' time and in the space, of in killed and wounded, while the Lon-

duced the typhoid death rate to nil. does not weary them excessively be- Belgian are added, are placed at 5, Now comes news of similar purport cause it is wisely distributed between 000,000. To these should be added from France. And yet some people hands and head. We have grown so the Russian losses in Galicia during accustomed to seeing the school- June

vantage. dripping with tears and choking with sobs over the dastard invasion of Oregon by to the rising generation would be inclined and the invasion of Oregon by the rising generation would be inclined for its in the antipodes carried \$58,000 pounds of Pacific Coast butter," says The Oregonian now, and it adds: "Shipments permitted to blight by their ill-nacarriler in the season aggregated over 1,000-tured opposition a reform of such promise, promise, promise, and the opposition of the National City builtetin of the National City

THE ANTHRACITE COAL DECISION. The decision in the suit to dissolve been powerless to relieve the drought more to the defeats which the Govchange Winter to more productive tion of trusts. The anthracite combi Spring in the Antipodes or relieve the nation is popularly regarded as a danblockade which is ruining Danish but- gerous monopoly, but the court holds that it is not forbidden by the Sher-It was generally understood that the man law. Elther public opinion has main object of the Democratic tariff wrongly condemned it or the courts was to let foreign commodities into are becoming excessively lenient tothis country in greater variety and ward trusts. Possibly the court was

The failure of efforts to remedy

evils of monopoly after they have be-come established adds importance to the prevention of these evils at their inception, The Federal Trade Commission should be required to watch closely for and to nip in the bud any combination which plainly leads to aonopoly. It is far easier to prevent the consummation of a newly-signed contract than to annul a contract which has been in operation for years In its recent defeats in the courts the Government is paying the penalty for having long neglected to enforce the Sherman law. During the period of neglect great combinations grew and became strong and were woven into the web of business. Securities deriving their value from combinatio became widely scattered in the hands of many people of moderate means Dissolution of the combination would give a shock to business and would impoverish many innocent security-holders. The courts may have considered these possible consequences and may have yielded to unconscious bias against bringing them about.

#### MRS. COULSON'S BIRTHDAY.

helps to fasten it firmly upon us.

easy tolerance of wrong in its infancy

We attribute some of Mrs. Delila Coulson's long and happy years to the time of her birthday, which comes on the 5th of July. One born so near the Fourth could hardly fail to reof which long life with troops of friends and children would naturally be the first. Mrs. Coulson explains her ninety serene and blessed years upon other grounds. She says good literature and good company have helped wonderfully to lengthen her days and fill them with joy and we are disposed to think she is right about it. She has gone to church regularly, too, and been careful informed by the State Department is the one that inspired the resoluthese excellent habits have helped

Until quite recently Mrs. Coulson can be seized, punished for evasion of from Western waterpower states in military duty or made to serve in the Portland next Fall. The resolution have reason to believe it was always Mr. Lodge protested against boldly asserts state jurisdiction over a meal to make the mouth water conflict with our own law streams and of navigable streams sub- eaten. Her interests in life have been ject only to the paramount rights of wide and varied but the dearest spot which conflicts with ours it does not that we should fall to sustain our aw and our own doctrine. If we did serves waterpowers by regulating the should be, to remember how faithful serves waterpowers by regulating the should be, to remember how faithful serves waterpowers by regulating the should be, to remember how faithful use of Government land necessary to she has been during all these years through to its duties. The Federal Government now con-

Federal reclamation fund one-half the in blessed memories and her journey The Imperial Chancellor may order, with the consent of the Federal Council, that persons who desire to acquire citizenship in a specified foreign country may not be granted the consent provided for in paragraph 2 (the foregoing paragraph).

est is relatively many times greater than the Government's.

When such policies are on foot it is high time the waterpower states combined in an effort to obtain jusquitook on a more peaceful world, then the consent provided for in paragraph 2 (the foregoing paragraph). est is relatively many times greater served so long and faithfully, will be like a step from one room to another but it will not be strange to her, and she is sure of her welcome when she enters it.

We are glad Mrs. Coulson likes the 'old songs" better than those in fashion now. It is easy to imagine the angels singing "Kathleen vourneen" in Heaven, but not any of the up-to-date melodies, if they are melodies. We are inclined to think head when she calls them "screaming.

USELESS COUNTING OF SCALPS.

One favorite occupation of writers on behalf of both parties to the war is to calculate how many men the other part has lost and how many it show that victory for the cause which the particular writer advocates

to make the fourteenth amendment for many others. The saving runs to June 1 Germany and Austria had truly effective. As matters stand, through the whole system. The ex- lost 3,750,000 men by death, capture naturalized citizens no sooner enter pense of teachers' salaries; estimated or disablement. Allowing for 2,000,-their native country than they lose by the pupil, is, under the Gary sysice, in arsenals, navy-yards and munivalue, and a naturalized American is for the average pupil, \$394.30, while effective strength of the German army not on an equality with citizens of under the old system the cost is on that date could not have exceeded zens who are free from such troubles Again the Gary plan gives each pu-as Mr. Lelong and Mr. Da Prato pil 1416 hours of school work in the on these figures, the New York Jour-4,500,000 men, of whom not to exceed difference in theory between a republic and a monarchy. A republic and a monarchy. A republic holds that every man has an inherent much schooling in the year as the much schooling in the year as the that "six months more of war much schooling in the year as the that "six more of war much schooling in the year as the that "six more of war much schooling in the year as the war was the war was the war was th But all these ad- reduce Germany to a state of military A vantages would be of little worth were exhaustion," and that "what is true his allegiance and in some cases to that of his descendants.

Sulfa which the way, a practical application of the Montessori improvements nomic capacity." The Journal of Commerce then draws this conclusion: The Russian reverses in Galicia may delaborate they can hardly prevent the breakdor of all the forces of the dual empire, as the consequent narrowing of the contest that of a life and death struggle for de

Set against this the estimate of Heer mechanical training away from those Russia had then lost more than 2,000,-000 men. It quotes the Italian Corall but eradicated that disease from the school buildings. The boys and the world's armies. In our own and the school buildings. The boys and the world's armies. In our own and the Japanese inoculation long since redaily at their school work, but it

ohildren's time wasted by short hours All these estimates are misleading, and badly grouped recitations that for they make no allowance for the the long day of the Gary system appears to some persons as an actual turn to the firing lines. These have demerit. Experience has shown, been estimated at about half of the however, that it is a marked adalso takes no account of the great It is to be hoped, for the good of the country, that the Gary plan will conquer for itself a fair trial in New York. Once fully adopted in that city it would rapidly spread through- out the United States and the rain out the United States and the gain army or in other capacities an equal-

Bank. After quoting figures showing the numerical superiority of Germany's enemies in population and men under arms, it says

under arms, it says:

Population counts for nothing in wa inless it is so organized, equipped and differented that the weight of numbers is brought to bear upon the point of contact with the seemy, either at the hattle from a supporting the battle from it is supporting the battle from it supporting the battle from it is supporting the battle from it is supporting the battle from it is supported and whatever gains an made, now on one side and then on the other, are due to the massing of superior numbers and overwhelming gun-tire at the points of sitiach. This is evidently the only way in which a decisive advantage can be wen, and so far the superior organization mobility, and internal support of the German allies have enabled them to more thanked their own against their adversaries in large degree cut off from outside supplies while the latter have had access to the markets of the world. In truth, the German allies have had a much more ready an allies have had a much more ready and allies have had from all the rest of the world. Their strength has been and is it had form their countries than it is defined the independence, their ability they can continue to do this, their financia problems can be managed, for they will have ne payments to make abroad and payments at home can be made with the pape currency.

The allies would do well to turn

The allies would do well to turn their attention from counting the enemy's losses to increasing their supply of big guns and ammunition and to augmenting their facilities for cor centrating superior masses of then and artillery at the point of attack. Notwithstanding their numerical superi-ority, they have not prevented the Germans from having the advantage in this respect at almost any point of attack, for the central position and superior communications of Germany and Austria have offset inferiority in numbers. History is full of wars which have been won by smaller numbers with like advantages.

The grip of the drug habit on its victims is exemplified by the poisoning of forty youths at Hart's Island reformatory. They were under treat-ment for drug addictions, and in their mad craving broke into the medicine chest, mixed together belladonna, aconste and a dozen other drugs and swallowed the potion. They have been suffering keenly to do such ceive all the blessings of the fairies, a thing. The treatment of drug victims requires many humane precautions.

There may be something in Dr. Blackwood's theory that an alfalfa dlet is a sovereign remedy for indi-He also says it will "the blues." In support of his theory we can say that we never saw an alfalfa-fed horse or pig in the dumps, and what is good for the lower animals may prove to be as good, or better, for us. Let us all try the alfalfa diet for a week or two.

Sigmund Mendelsohn, a New York student of child welfare, makes the student of child welfare, makes the student of child welfare, makes the observation that "well-to-do parents have no delinquent children" and draws the pretty obvious conclusion that poverty and delinquency march together. Children thrive in comfortable homes; in the dwellings of poverty they are blighted in mind and poverty they are blighted in mind and body.

Would acquire his final certificate and the least all who vote it is inevitable that they care nothing about the rights of the individual, for the is only one as against many who teristic of fathers than of parenthood are no less charged on the is only one as against many who teristic of fathers than of parenthood are no less charged on the is only one as against many who teristic of fathers than of parenthood are no less charged on the is only one as against many who teristic of fathers than of parenthood are no less charged on the is only one as against many who teristic of fathers than of parenthood are no less charged on the is only one as against many who teristic of fathers than of parenthood are no less charged on the is only one as against many who teristic of fathers than of parenthood are no less charged on the is only one as against many who teristic of fathers than of parenthood are no less charged on the is only one as against many who teristic of fathers than of the rearring of children that they care nothing about the rights of the individual, for the is only one as against many who teristic of fathers than of the rearring of children that they care nothing about the rights of the individual, for the is only one as against many who teristic of fathers than of the set of the rearring of children that they care nothing about the rights of the individual, for the is only one as against many who is the rights of the individual, for the is only one as against many who is the rights of the individual, for the is only one as against many who is the rights of the individual, for th Sigmund Mendelsohn, a New York

The publishing houses of the United States unite in saying that the precisely what Germany has tried to create by the following section of her nationality law promulgated in January 1914:

in developing its water resources, joices with them in the sweet memory making of "war books" has been overties of the past and the calm hopes done. The hundreds already published to control the use and disposition of the fourte. For a woman who has have sold pretty well, but they are the disposition of the Government's the disposition of the following section of the past and the calm hopes done. The hundreds already published to control the use and disposition of the future. For a woman who has have sold pretty well, but they are the disposition of the future that the sweet memory is a subject to control the use and disposition of the future. For a woman who has have sold pretty well, but they are the disposition of the future that the sweet memory is a subject to control the use and disposition of the future. For a woman who has have sold pretty well, but they are the disposition of the future that the future that the sweet memory is a subject to control the use and disposition of the future. For a woman who has have sold pretty well, but they are the future that the future the state's water as well as the use lived like Mrs. Coulson life has no not going so fast as they did a few and disposition of the Government's bitterness and death no terrors. The months ago. The mind of the world fore acquiring foreign citizenship has seland. It would appropriate for the years to come will grow ever richer is recoiling from its abnormal incured on application the written consent of Federal reclamation fund one-half the in blessed memories and her towney terest in war. terest in war.

> A time may come when it will be considered as necessary to teach children to swim as it is to teach them When such policies are on foot it in her old home. Her new apart- to walk and talk. Then such fatalities as that which happened at Salem will be less frequent.

Possibly the Germans who were supposed to have surrendered to a lone British officer in search of his binoculars held up their hands only in surprise.

Secretary Daniels might hire sor

of the Germans who raised the U-30

next time a United States submarine fails to come up. It was Huerta who failed to salute the flag some time ago. Wonder if he

thought of that while in fail on the Serbia may be beautiful but they will

can still muster, the purpose being not supply rations to Serbian soldiers. Now Sweden experiences what it means to have quarrelsome neighbors

shooting each other up. The Elks will have a great reunion at Los Angeles next week, but they will remember Portland.

Huerta finds that he has at last gone beyond the limit of even President Wilson's patience.

Warsaw is beginning to tremble in its shoes as it hears the distant roar of cannon

The Fourth of July has become a safe and same as to be quite harmless.

The auto replaces the firecracker

as the deadly agent of the Fourth. The boys missed the crackers, but do not miss any fingers this morning.

Cutting the Summer vacation interferes with hoppicking. The Third Oregon is an annual

Hard to settle down to work this The only fireworks were at the ball-

The Beavers took the series, any-

The Liberty Bell has started West. It was a record Fourth without rain. licking."

Twenty-Five Years Ago

From The Oregonian of July 6, 1800, London.-The war cloud grows dens over the Black Sea. Russia reiterates the demand for payment of arrears of indemnity and the Turkish treasury is unable to respond. The Czar is strengthening his fleet in the Black Sea and the torpedo-boat Alder, recently constructed in Germany for the Black Sea fleet, is said to be the fastest warship affoat, it having attained during the trial trip a speed of 26.55 knots.

of troops by throwing smoke in the enemy's eyes, as it were. It is a pro-nounced success.

There is very little hope that Governor Ferry, of Washington, will interfere in the case of Edward D. Gallagher, who is to be hanged at Vancouver next Friday for the murder of Louis Mar near the Lewer Cascades last November. While the citizens of Vancouver think Gallagher merits death for his cold-blooded crime, it is almost the unanimous opinion that he almost the unanimous opinion that he is insane and ought not to be hanged and steps are being taken to save him.

Five hundred posts for the telephone line from Salem to Portland arrived at Aurora on Thursday. It is evident from this that work will commence on

An old man, whose name could not be carned, living on Twentieth, between d and N streets, East Portland, came to grief on the afternoon of the Fourth for being too close to a large bomb when it was on the point of exploding. He hardly knows how it happened, but several eye-witnesses state that when the bomb exploded the old man doubled up and turned several somersaults with the rapidity of a circus clown.

Penumbra Kelly begins his second term as Sheriff of Mulinomah County on Monday. His officers will be substantially the same as this term. In the office there will be the four depu-ties, A. W. Witherell, Joe Misener, Al bert Salmen and P. A. Marquam, Jr. In each of the towns of East Portland, Albina and Sellwood the City Marshai will be made a Deputy Sheriff.

At the Hotel Perkins the other night a citizen of Rooster Rock with broad manners and a still broader cim to his manners and a still broader tim to his hat retired to his room at a late hour with a large-sized jag. After saying his prayers he blew out the gas and sank into the arms of Morpheus. The transom of his room was wide open, which accounts for the cheerfulness of this tale. In the morning he called a porter to his room and made a vigorous protest about his room smalling. orous protest about his room smelling bad. This fact he thought helped justify him in protesting against the charge at the desk for extra gas used.

### GREAT WEALTH IN SETTLEMENT Mr. Jones Estimates What Homestend-

ing of Land Grant Would Mean. ROSEBURG, Or., July 4 .- (To the Editor.)-Referring to th, Oregon & California Railroad land grant, some people get the idea that to pay the railroad company \$2.50 for the land and throw it open to settlement under the homestead law, as I suggested in The Oregonian July 2, would cause the counties and state to lose a large amount of taxes. As a matter of fact it would be just the reverse. In addition to the taxes to be derived from these lands in their present unimproved condition the value of the timber on the land, if the land were settled in five years the value of the improvements on the land and the personal property would amount to approximately \$18,000,000 at the end of proximately \$18,000,000 at the end of the five-year period when the settler would acquire his final certificate and

settler must have in actual cultivatio five acres aggregating \$0,000 acres of farming lands. In addition to this each settler will have the brush cut

During the five years each settler ill have built a half mile of wagon oad at a cost of \$200 per mile on an

Each settler will have 50 head of vidual? sheep or goats (now assessed at \$2 per head). aggregating \$1,200,080.

Each settler will have a wagon, harness and team, average value \$200, aggregating \$2,200,090; 16,600 houses and harns. \$300, aggregating \$5,500,000; \$20 per acre for slashing and burning ten acres of land and seeding it to tame grass, aggregating \$220,000. Allow each settler a family orchard of only 25 trees, aggregating \$220,000 trees, of the value of \$2 cach, aggregating \$250,000.

That it will drift into the hands of the sum of \$2.50 per acre in lots of \$160 acres.

very fair average. While schools are not assessable they are one of the not assessable they are one of the greatest assets that any country can

These figures are approximately cor-rect and should convince any reason-able man or woman that the State of Oregon would reap more lasting bene-fit from having these wild lands set-tied by homest homebuilders than if sold to speculators who would hold the timber without ever improving the land. Whereas now this 2.799,000 acres of land is nothing but a hig game preserve it would, if settled, in five years be a great community of happy homes with roads and schools. What Oregon, needs is more actual necessaries. needs is more actual permanent homes. No one will ever settle these wild lands but the poor man who is a real tome builder and wants to better his condition and is looking to the time he can quit working for wages and own his home if ever so humble.

It has been suggested that the Government give the lands to Oregon for a school fund. But what need of a school fund if the lands are not settled, and there will be and there will be no settlement if the lands are sold to the highest bidder. Men who have money buy improved lands near trade conters where they can have all the modern convenience and comforts of life. B. F. JONES.

Rule Applies to All. PORTLAND, July 5.—(To the Editor.)—Please inform me if one having meter in, can use water every day My neighbor opposite from me has a water meter and uses water every day, saying she pays for what she uses. Has she this right? MRS. JOHN WILLIAMS.

No. Meter users as well as flatrate users are subject to the siternete- and date sprinkling regulation.

Logic of the Small Boy.

DIVIDING UNCAUGHT LION'S SKIN How Proposal That State Profit From

Land Grant Looks to Writer. VALE, Or., July 4 .- (To the Editor.) Some years since I made an investigation of some 50 sections of the land
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owned by the Oregon & California
Railroad Company, according to the
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quite valuable and the sarger portion is of some value beyond the \$2.50 per A queer English invention for use scre. Perhaps a safe estimate for the in warfare is a "smoke rocket," to be entire 2,200,000 acres would be some-used to screen the advance of a body where between \$20 and \$30 per acre. The pleasant occupation of dividing the skin of an uncaught lion, which is

> If permitted we will begin by stating that the grant was made to the company with the easement, or contract, that it should be sold to actual settlers for \$2.50 per acre. The Supreme Court has decided that the terms of the grant must be carried out, but leaves it to Congress to see that this is done. We are now confronted with a scheme to induce Congress to call the State of Gragon an actual settler and sell it all to that settler, notwithstanding that the grant says no setstanding that the grant says no set-lier shall have more than 160 acres. Does the size of a violation of a con-tract validate a violation? Rabid conservationists propose that

It be turned into state reserves or to National reserves. These men propose that the terms of the grant just ratified by the courts shall be visited for the alleged common good.

Another conservator of public property proposes to sell the times. erty proposes to sell the timber for all it will bring and sell the other to ac-tual settlers for some advance over \$2.50 and loan the excess to the settler on his personal property. This whe economist proposes to violate the contract just determined as valid as to the railroad company and dissipate the funds by loaning them to people on security which is not considered safe by bankers. In this way neither the state nor the community would profit. Among all of the proposals put forth in your columns to date not one, with-out exception, proposes to carry out, or to insist that Congress shall carry

out, the express provisions of the con tract Why this determination to violate a law? The supreme legal authority of our land declared in specific terms that the contract between Congress and the railroad company has all the power and characteristics of a law and must be construed as such. In the face of this we see conservationists, politicians and alleged statesmen advocating strongly and with specious reasonings that the state should insist with all of its power that Congress violate its own contract though no

with all of its power that Congress violate its own contract, though not permitting the railroad company to become a further violator.

The grant did not give the railroad company the land or \$2.50 per acre. The grant was perfected by a second Congress and made more binding that the land should be sold to actual settiers in lots of not more than 160 acres at \$2.50 per acre. The Supreme Court determines this as a law. The ancient court of Venice refused to do a little such a consummation generally imposcourt of Venice refused to do a little such a consummation generally impossion to save Antonio's life, though sible, even if individually desirable, it it found another way to get the best of Shylock. Perhaps that is what Osswald West has up his sleeve when he advocates the purchase of that which Congress is inhibited from selling (as longered is inhibited from selling (as Father and mother are coupling the

politicians are advocating something it is always what is best for the people, all the people, at least all who vote and effort that the rearing of chillits inevitable that they care nothing about the rights of the individual, for the is only one as against many who teristic of fathers than of mothers, can be won with words. I am personof the suit just occioed. Are they are the suit titled to no consideration? The land Hacory marriages are usual, behaving become valuable, or of more value, since their application, has not the newspapers and magazing a thing to do with the subject, from often as the other kind Every and burned from ten acres and the land acceded to tame grass, not burning or damaging the big timber. The five acres of cleared land will have cost the settler in labor \$500, for the purpose of taxes it will be worth half that amount (\$250) aggregating \$4.000,000.

During the five years each settler was will have built a half mile of yagon.

Congress well knew that the land was to be used for the scheme—reduce him to a will have built a half mile of yagon.

Congress well knew that the land was to man belongical incident. Surely, this man of the other kind. Every normal man longs for a wife, home and chilling hand longs for a wife, home and conjugation. Congress well knew that the land was in great measure timber, land. Did they not mean that individuals should At the end of the five-year period each sattler will have five head of the grant and did not they purposely cows at \$25 per head, aggregating \$2,000,000. of both the company and the indi

of the acre in lots of 160 acres.

That it will drift into the hands of a timber baron is no argument. Sir

That it will drift into the hands of the grand total is \$17,320,000.

In addition to this the settlers must bave built 2005 schoolhouses, allowing that time period of five years have built 2005 schoolhouses, allowing 16 scholars to each school, which is a culation, while his purchase will be very fair average. While schools are which to the suggest the assessor. subject to the guess of the assessor If Congress is afraid that some per-centage of the alleged settlers are mercly speculators, an examination into their occupation and location, coupled with their oath that they are taking the land for their own benefit and use, would be sufficient guard against all but a trifle of the frauds.

It seems to one of the uninitiated (7) that compliance with the law might look well and to advocate otherwise. look well and to advocate otherwise sets hard on us when coming from some of those who have but until lately demanded that all laws be obeyed even demanded that all laws be obeyed even though they themselves broke a half dozen in enforcing one.

Administration of state and National lands cost far more than any possible return, and benefits the consumer not a particle. We note a sale made the other day where no bid was considered for less than \$2.25 per thousand, board measure, which looks as though, to the uninitiated (?) at least, the timto the uninitiated (?) at least, the fim-ber baren was well supported in his profits by the National Government.

refits by the National Government.
Years of care on land that might be reforested would be well repaid by growth of timber for future generations, but this generation is being robbed and smashed, fooled and befuddled, taxed, retaxed and then taxed some more until (as was well said by others) virtue ceases to be a forbearance.

JOHN RIGBY. Rerosene to Start Fires.

SALEM, Or., July 4.—(To the Editor)—Your advice relative to the preference of the use of "whittlings" and waste paper for lighting kitchen fires is excellent. It is a much safer way than that of pouring kerosene into the stove. But as people will use the coal oil they can do so with perfect affety and with excellent result if they will only mix it with ashes so the latter are thoroughly dampened.

thoroughly dampened.

The proper method of preparing the "dope" is to take a common lard can, full it half full of ashes and with a Washington (D. C.) Star.

"Don't you know, Johnsy, that if you refuse to strike back there can't be any fight with Tommy Birkins?" "Yes'm," A tablespoon full of this mixture will replied the simil boy. "There wouldn't be any fight. Tommy would have it all his own way and I'd get a plain licking."

"Don't you know, Johnsy, that if you fill the implement stir in the coal oil until the ashes are quite damper at the coal oil until the ashes are quite damper at the coal oil until the ashes are quite damper at the coal oil until the ashes and with a specific to the coal oil until the ashes and with a specific to the coal oil until the ashes are quite damper at the coal oi

## Half a Century Ago

The miners at and about Canyon City are making it pay again, after the long delays of the Winter and Spring. Money is becoming plentiful and people are getting so they can smile, as they used to do when there had been no hard Winter and no freshets. All around here the miners are getting "ahead of the hounds" at last. The mines here will last for the employment of from 1500 to 2000 men for a ong time yea, some say ten years,

Our Fourth of July celebration was our routes of July celebration was the first after reunion and peace. The day is still left to us and the remembrance of our acquired and vindicated Nationality is not a mockery. The love for this great day will again be established in the hearts of all our countrymen. May heaven grant that before another National vertices. efore another National anniversary he seeds of dissatisfaction that yet remain in some portions of our country may be torn up and that there may be hereafter throughout all the land no other feeling than that of the pro-foundest love for a country whose lib-orty is the equal heritage of all.

A party of prospectors headed by a Mr. Poley left this city some six weeks ago for the Molalia region in the Cas-rades and made important discoveries. They found placer diggings which pay from five cents to six bits to the pan-It is found in a species of decomposed courts, unwashed, and has a depth of about 12 feet.

The fire alarm yesterday was caused y a fire at 129 Second street. No lamage was done.

A school meeting was held last eveng in the public school building in this city to provide for erecting a school house in the Third Ward and also to secure a block in Couch's Addition on which to locate another school building when the necessities of the city may demand it

San Francisco—The Militar con-mission in the Salvador piracy case found the prisoners guilty and sen-tenced them to be hanged General Mc-Dowell has commuted the santence by sentencing Hogg to imprisonment for life at San Quentin and the remainder for ten years each.

SACREDNESS SEEN IN FATHERHOOD Women Averse to Marriage Have No

Special Claim to Sympathy. CHEHALIS, Wash, July 5 - (To the Editor.) - A recent valunteer contributor to The Oregonian complains of the unhappy estate of unmarried women

Ongress is inhibited from seiling (as sidered:

What is best for the State of Orecon? Justice is best for this or any ther state? We note that where the solliticians are advocating something it

Hoppy marriages are usual, by a wast majority, only they do not intrude into the newspapers and magazines so The contributor would leave may out of the scheme-reduce him to mere biological incident. Surely, the mere biological incident.

Legality of Appointment Questioned, PORTLAND, July 4.—(To the Edi-ior.)—May the public know about the unfairness done by Commissioner Daly

There are qualified auto mechanics n the list who have lived in Pertland 0 years. C. L. Gallup has not been in partland five months. His appointment as fitney inspector for one day would be a violation of the provisions of the city charter in that respect. Let men on the eligible list and citizens of Portland look at section STANLEY PHILLIPS.

Mr. Gallup came to Portland in 1910 and remained for two yers. In 1912 he went to Seattle and remained there until four months ago, when he returned to Portland. He is a brother of D. O. Gallup, secretary of Multnemah Typographical Union. Mr. Daly is within his rights in the appointment inasmuch as the appointment is not under civil service, but is only temguard porary pending the holding of an examination to secure a civil service held a one year's residence immediately preceding the date of the examination will be one of the qualifications

> PORTLAND. July 4.—(To the Edi-tor.)—Although a stranger; but a great traveler, I have always read your editorials with much interest. Today I saw something which certainly commends your attention, referring to cross-ing men. Why are not those men and your mounted policemen fitted with straw helmets and given a chance to live a little happier than they are do-ing today? INO. V. D. LANDEN. ing today?

> > Lesson in Appropriations. Judge.

"You have had seven appropriations for that river," complained the chair-man of the committee. "What does it drain, anyhow?" "The treasury," answered Congressman Graball.

# The Week Enders

This is the play time of the autosobilist and the week enders. Little runs out of town keep the body refreshed for the day by day

This transitory season is one in which many small needs reveal themselves. These must be supplied quickly

and surely. ant guide under such circum-stances. Newspaper advertising is a pleas-

Sometimes the newspaper adver-tizement and the telephone wil

solve your whole problem.