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PORTLAND, FRIDAY, JULY 30, 1915.

hung over Charles Becker for the finished beef steers, hogs and morning, the former police lieutenant to ship their corn out by rail. crime exactly three years to a day send out finished meat animals. from the date of his indictment. Becker has had full advantage of the law's delays. He succeeded in halting justice longer than most men who derers of Rosenthal, paid the penalty long ago-they were executed in April, 1914. Becker was the instigator of with a moderate fortune and not restricted in obtaining the best of legal services. Hence he could journey slong the whole attenuated road of criminal court procedure,

Becker has always denied complicity in the murder, but in addition to the direct testimony of three go-beblers. Not only that, he charged that lieutenant was disappointed over lesses or lack of profits.

Rosenthal was shot down on the of human history." street in the heart of the tenderloin, a the number of the fleeing automobile every opportunity. and reported it to the police, but it various banks

trial did he go on the witness stand did Mr. Bryan sign? to tell his story. After the first trial a lengthy signed statement issued by versed himself? him has been published. In large part It has been he discouraged the plan, apparently to know where they are at attempts to shift the crime on Rose,

even were a doubt cast upon Becker's to go straight ahead? direct instigation of the crime, unquestionably he was a typical representative of the system that led to gated to protect the public he was ex- and Mr. Bryan's have without an im

The law, it may be granted, defines crime with exactness. One's unlawful deeds may lead straight to the commission of higher crimes by others and still one may escape culpability for the higher crimes in the eyes of the law. To demark in rigid legal responsibility that often exists in others as well as in the men who wield the gun would perhaps be beyond human power. But whatever might be the legal outcome if Becker's denial of direct guilt could be confirmed, the accusing finger of moral right would still point at him,

unswervingly. took the life of Herman Rosenthal. yet Becker and the system that Becker represented, regardless of his previous knowledge of their intent, nerved and urged them on, Society took the lives of the four gunmen for their crime, yet Becker and the Becker system of weary routine of affairs makes the protecting lawlessness brought them to their doom. There is no doubt of But there are some persons who Becker's direct complicity in crime. But were there such a doubt, his indirect complicity so outrages justice and society that there could be no sincere cause to deplore the possibility that the colder and more gone awry in executing him.

MALHEUR, THE CORN COUNTRY. It may astonish residents of Western Oregon to learn that Malheur a driveling novel of the Marie Corelli County is making greater strides type.

toward the goal of corn supremacy than any other county or section of stomach, is sickened by sawdust and

acres in corn this year is more than secret hearts that we are all liable to double that of last year and last do the same.

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The Maiheur and Owyhee valleys in Eastern Malheur have been called "the country's greatest alfalfa field," and the name has been falled." Now corn will more than likely replace many of the alfalfa meadows, at least temporarily, for the Malheur people are good agriculturists and believe in rotation of crops and in di-versity of interests. So Malheur will become as noted for corn as for alfalfa. That will mean that from there If the death sentence that has long will be shipped from now on finely murder of Herman Rosenthal shall be and lambs, for it is not likely that the carried out at the appointed hour this Malheur growers will find it profitable will have paid the penalty for his pay them larger returns to feed it and

Mr. Bryan resigned as Secretary of have transgressed the laws of New State because he was not in accord ordinance. They spoke in their sover York. His tools, the four actual mur- with the President's policy in the German-American crisis. member of the Cabinet," he said in his stitutional because a formality of no the crime, the "higher up," equipped unfair to you as it would be to the cause which is nearest my heartnamely, the prevention of war."

Mr. Bryan left the Cabinet because he was convinced that the course of the President was not designed to prevent war. He abandoned his post at a critical time in the negotiations with tweens there was circumstantial evi-dence that was strongly corroborative, breach in American support of the a gambler, on July 15, President. Not content with an act of MARKETING AND WOMAN'S SPHERE. 1912, published an affidavit accusing grave disloyalty to his chief, he flood-Becker, as head of the strong-arm ed the country with appeals for apsquad of city detectives, of having ac- proval of his peace-at-any-price propcepted protection money from gam- aganda, going so far as to declare of the kitchen and the dinner table Becker was a silent partner in his own (which led to his retirement) was an the market. Good marketing is as Dakota will be pestered with the comgambling-house, and that it had been example of the kind of diplomacy essential as good cookery in Mrs. raided by Becker because the police which has already "set the world at Taft's opinion, and who can dispute lation delayed and hampered until it war," with its precedents "written in her?

Yet Mr. Bryan, repudiating the poli- in these degenerate days. few feet from Broadway, the next cles of the President and giving aid morning, his murderers escaping in an and comfort to the country's enemies, automobile. The prominent location has the audacity to go about on a po- She buys articles which she never

Bryan opposes the course was entered on the blotter as a differ- President Wilson, but he signed the Good food is the prime requisite to a petition of 10 per cent of the voters ent number. Later investigations first martial note to Germany, calling good health. A family who devour seems to imply does not half so often brought out the fact that Becker had upon Germany to disayow the act of whatever the grecer chooses to send raise its head. large sums of money on deposit in sinking the Lusitania and summoning them are not likely to keep in the Becker was tried twice and both accountability. Why was that? If position on this subject can be sup-times was found guilty. At neither the President was wrong then, why ported by the best of arguments on cupidity or politics.

If he was right then, how and why cites our grave apprehensions. an interview with him was published was he wrong later, when Mr. Bryan

It consists of argument intended to Bryan's real motive in leaving the quired for one function is about the in fillal affection. Should the British explain circumstances, outside of the Cabinet was that he was and is a canconfessions of the go-betweens, which didate for President. Is it true, or is learned from Mrs. Taft and others might happen to it? It would be a indicated his guilt. His intimacy with it not true? If Mr. Bryan is not a that it is perilous to a woman's soul good plan to assemble these tombs in the gambler, Jack Rose, who gained candidate, it will be fitting for him and to her family's welfare to leave some island in mid-ocean and neutralimmunity by turning state's evidence, to silence the slander that personal her home in order to vote. Heaven ize it. Becker's work in the police depart- fateful June day when he put on his while she is away marketing. ment required a stool pigeon and that hat and coat and deserted. If he is baby may fall into the fire. The hus-Rose acted in that capacity. The real a candidate, he ought to be frank with band may come home tipsy with no partner in Rosenthal's establishment, the public, and particularly with the body to soothe and comfort him. Mrs. avers Becker, was "Big Tim" Sulli- deserving Democrats who have long Taft's advice to housewives to desert van, now dead. Sullivan, according to sat at his knee and who have been the sphere to which the Lord has Becker, became alarmed over Rosen- brought by him in touch with Presi- called them and wander off to the thal's disclosures and suggested that dent Wilson, so that some of them public market with its temptations Rosenthal be given money to leave have good political jobs, and others of and evil surroundings looks to us like hogs should draw a good family in-New York. Becker, who asserts that them hope to have. They are entitled the small end of the wedge. Once

country is practically a unit behind sum of money by Sullivan to pay to President Wilson in his firm and clear by homemaking women would relieve Rosenthal, but employed the gunmen assertion of American rights and in the strain of high prices on the famhis stand for freedom of the seas. ily budget and greatly enhance the charges also that there was bad blood Would Mr. Bryan have the American family health.

country to bury partisanship and Mrs. Taft calmly reconsiders her adunite on a common ground of oppo- vice she will perceive its dangers and brought about a peculiarly bold and United States professing a political where they belong atrocious murder. As an officer deleerting his power to protect lawbreak- portant exception railled to the flag and have held up the President's

> Where is Mr. Bryan in this monentous emergency?

hands.

SUMMER READING.

trashy. The mind, wearled by several by the people. The laws likely to be months of unbroken toil, is expected held up until November, 1316, are to find new life and vigor in the peru- listed as follows: sal of sloppy novels. This expecta-tion suffers many a disappointment. For one thing, the majority of minds do not toil severely for several months of the year, or even for one month. The mental toil which most people can lay up to their credit is extremely light and intermittent. As a contemporary remarks, what most of us need in vacation is not so much rest for the mind as stimulation. The weary routine of affairs makes the brain torpid and it needs vigorous exercise to wake up its dormant energy.

But there are some persons who For one thing, the majority of minds

really do make a steady business of thinking. For them a little mental relaxation is wholesome. But they are not likely to find it in doltish novels Trash wearles intelligent minds. exacting process of the law may have is in the habit of using his brain at all does not rest them. To a person who there is nothing more tiresome than silly picture show of the "Charlle Chaplin" species, or a vaudeville play without plot, action or character, or

Oregon. Such is the case, though the slop. The wearlest person, if his business is very new in Malheur. We brain is normal, wants some traces of doubt if, all told, ten acres were descense in his reading. He may relish a thin diet now and then, but if it is 1905. There was hardly a field of a size worth mentioning or a yield at a paying figure prior to 1910, possibly not before 1912.

Today the Malheur valleys are dot-

ted over with cornfields, some of them spiritual pride a salutary snub to learn ality in the use of the direct legislacontaining a section of land, some just what depths of duncedom our fel. live power and is not affected by any more. The aggregate number of low-men can sink to, knowing in our practical demonstration of the need

will doubtless double the present year.

Another surprise awaits those who do not know the facts. Malheur promises to be the greatest corn county ty in the country. Look at the facts: The average yield of corn per acre the country over is under thirty bushels per acre; the yield per acre in Malheur County last year averaged well up to 100 bushels per acre, some fields showing acres yielding close to 150 bushels. That is a yield almost unheard of even in the so-called corn states.

The Malheur and Owyhee valleys in Eastern Malheur have been called "the country" and only the resite prayed for is not the country of the proposed that the provided the country of the proposed the country of the country over is under thirty bushels and proposed the country over is under thirty bushels are cornected to the country over is under thirty bushels are cornected to the country over is under thirty bushels are cornected to the country over is under thirty bushels are cornected to the country over is under thirty bushels are cornected to the country over is under thirty bushels are cornected to the country over is under thirty bushels are cornected to the country over is under thirty bushels are cornected to the country over is under thirty bushels are cornected to the country over is under thirty bushels are cornected to the country over is under thirty bushels are cornected to the country over is under thirty bushels are cornected to the country over is under thirty bushels are cornected to the country over is under thirty bushels are cornected to the country over is under thirty bushels are cornected to the country over is under thirty bushels are not into the creation of the two the work done by their Legislature. Under the referendum amendment it is their privilege to express their opinion of the two the work done by their Legislature. Under the referendum the proposed to the voice for Governor at the law of the country over is under thirty bushels. It is their potion in the proposed to the two the country over is plainty

ruled as follows:

In my opinion, the relief prayed for is not within the power of the courts to grant, regardless of whether or not the consilutional and statutory steps relative to submitting the measure were compiled with and also regardless of whether the said provisions are mandatory or directory, especially so now that the election is over and the people have actually expressed themselves on the measure. By this I mean that the question here prosented is not now one for judicial inquiry. Under our constitution government is divided into three departments, each independent of the other. In this action the court is asked to usurp the functions of the executive department by sujoining the chief and other executive officers from performing what they conceive to be their duty under the constitution relative to legislation enacted by the people in their sovereign capacity. ir sovereign capacity.

Here is a broad-minded conception of the conclusive character of a vote of the people fairly acquired. There was no question in Portland as to the fairness or freedom of the election by which the people approved the jitney eign capacity and declared their will "To remain a Yet the ordinance is declared uncon-

letter of withdrawal, "would be as practical consequence was neglected. The Washington decision, however, was not rendered by the highest court in the state. Perhaps it does not represent that finer quality of wisdom which is above the ordinary understanding, and is only acquired by one who has long been cloistered among the tomes of legal lore, safe from the Germany, and advertised to the world distracting influences of a common-

> Mrs. Taft has publicly announced porations. do not end with the superintendence the household is too much neglected on referended legislative enactments.

The telephone beguiles the house wife into marketing at a distance. endangers the health of the family. the imperial government to a strict best condition physically. Mrs. Taft's the economic side, but morally it ex-

great while, but neither does she more sacred. It has been suggested that Mr. when she goes to vote. The time re- for example, where Mark Twain wept same as for the other. We have shell Jerusalem, who can may give it entrance and who can say Mr. Bryan has learned that the what will follow?

Undoubtedly marketing in person But against these There has been an appeal to the of trade. We feel sure that when

In a first trial of the referendum in North Dakota fourteen laws passed by the Legislature face a vote of the people. This is a longer referendum record for one year than Oregon can disclose and it is interesting to oberve that numerous North Dakota

1-H. H. No. 492, repealing the one-eighth mill levy for terminal elevators and appro-priating \$2000 to be used by the Bailroad Commissioners to conduct an investigation

xô to aix years.

12-8, B. No. 152, making the Board of contro, the trustees of public property, including the Capitol and the state electric rilines.
13.—H. i. No. 256, providing means where,
the regulations and the control of water
orks, light and gas plants are put under
the control and jurisdiction of a Railroad

for restrictions and safeguards that

erendum petitions always with understanding of the law assailed and of the effect of their act. In the North Dakota list are several laws that might be easily referended without abuse of privilege. They carry large appropriations, and in almost any community a large expenditure of public funds, even for a worthy purpose, will draw the opposition of at least 10 per cent of the voters. But there is something decidedly

uspicious about a referendum of a bill extending state regulation to pub-Ordinarily such a law utilities. could be referended only by employment of paid solicitors to go among the ignorant or to misrepresent the nurport of the measure.

Oregon can supply a striking instance of such a referendum. A public utilities act was held up for two years estensibly because it did not include certain principles contained in the Wisconsin law. A State Senator signed the negative argument against the bill pointing out what was termed omission in the the interests of the corporations. The argument was published in the official The voters approved the pamphlet. law, and a few years later the same Senator arose at his seat in Salem and opposed the enactment of the provision, for the omission of which he had previously opposed the law at the olis, and declared that its enactment would be in the interests of the cor-

The point is that money combined with ignorance and demagogy will bring the referendum into disrepute that the second note to Germany She should extend her activities to unless safeguards are enacted. North bination and have its important legis-The ancient and honorable art either prohibits paid circulation of characters of blood upon every page of buying groceries and provisions for petitions or arranges for an early vote

probably one-half the referendums first city. invoked action is inspired solely by selfish desire for delay in the enforce. of the crime and the apparent indif- litical mission, ostentatiously offering sees until they appear on the table, ment of laws and without honest hope ference of the police in the vicinity gave overwhelming indication that the president his ready-lip service, and if she gets second or third best or expectation that the people will gave overwhelming indication that the but stealthily throwing the hammer for her money we need not be surceime had the sanction of a higher of treachery into the wheels of prised. It saves time and effort to period between date of legislative endet the needs of the great next-door authority. Moreover, a witness caught in person, but it wastes money and is reduced to four or six months the "serious difference of opinion" which

The referendum is designed to se cure serious and honest use. Left wide open, it is often the agent of

Juliet's tomb has just had such a It cannot be denied that a woman parrow escape from Austrian bombs There is Adam's tomb.

> A contemporary opines that a fortyacre farm in Western Oregon can be made to yield \$45 net income annually. A dairy will turn the trick, but not without a sile. A prune orchard usually returns a good deal more than \$45 to the acre when it is in full bearing. A dairy combined with fruit and come from forty acres, but it requires management

by many enviable conditions, but none of their warm weather advantages is more delightful than the plenitude of between Rosenthal and Rose.

It is not likely that public opinion in New York or elsewhere has been or will be changed by Becker's long-deviced by Becker's long-deviced explanation and arguments. But against these local gains we must set off the tremendous counter claim that the wife and mother in order to make them must emerge from her sphere and come in contact, with the local make them must emerge from her sphere and come in contact, with the view of the president's shoulder and tell him sphere and come in contact, with the president's shoulder and tell him sphere and come in contact, with the president's shoulder and tell him sphere and come in contact, with the president's shoulder and tell him sphere and come in contact, with the president's shoulder and tell him sphere and come in contact, with the president's shoulder and tell him sphere and come in contact, with the president's shoulder and tell him sphere and come in contact, with the president's shoulder and tell him sphere and come in contact, with the president's shoulder and tell him sphere and come in contact, with the president's shoulder and tell him sphere and come in contact, with the president's shoulder and tell him sphere and come in contact, with the president's shoulder and tell him sphere and come in contact, with the president's shoulder and tell him sphere and come in contact, with the president's shoulder and tell him sphere and come in contact, with the president's shoulder and tell him sphere and come in contact, with the president's should be found that these comparation and always have icebergs in sight which the property in the president as always have icebergs in sight which the property is always have icebergs in sight which the property is always have icebergs in sight which the property is always have icebergs in sight which the property is always have icebergs in sight which the property is always have icebergs in sight which the property is always have icebergs in sight which the property is always have icebergs in sight w unchivalrous and demoralizing world nothing compared with an iceberg or for his goods, or pay the cash in adtwo at control.

One of the agreeable consequence the notorious exploits of gunmen in sition to a possible foreign foe; and it retract it. Marketing by telephone of the war is in evidence at our water. New York, produced graft money for has been responded to nobly by press seems to be singularly efficient ing places like Saratoga and Richfield enrichment of police officials and and public. Those newspapers of the means of keeping women in the home Springs. They are througed this seaon with visitors from Cuba and South America who usually spend the Sum mer in Europe. The ill wind that lesolates France and Belgium blows some good to us, for which we should be duly thankful.

The zones of silence which have been noticed at certain distances from the firing lines in Europe are no nov Most of the "Summer reading" offered by provident publishers for the
refreshment of vacation readers is

The laws likely to be elty. There are such zones in man; emanates. The zones of silence are of similar origin.

> Radium is cheaper, but not cheap enough to have loose around the house. A gram is worth more than

> a receptive candidate. Since residents in Lucky street ob-

ect to the name and want it changed how would "Easy" do for classiness?

Hood River Japanese climb the mountain every Sunday.

Becker's sole hope is in Governor Whitman, and it was Whitman who prosecuted him. It's a long way from New York and

Arizona, but Becker will beat the Mexneans that he is subject to regulation.

European War Primer By National Geographical Society.

On every field where the German ar are now fighting in the environs of Warsaw great battles have gone be-fore; for Warsaw has always been the chief strenghold for the defense of Poland, the industrial, commercial and financial center, as well as the physical center and the center toward which all Polish lines of communication take lines of communication take way. The greatest of European their way. conquerors have passed that way and dealth with Warsaw as one of the balf dozen most important towns on the continent. As a military problem Warsaw is conscientiously studied by the les have been better canvassed, geography of the country immediately surrounding this great city, the scene of a supreme test of strength between Teuton and Slav. is thus described:

Girdled by a formidable plan of for-tifications and by fortified towns, which build a circular line around the metropolis, Warsaw is the best-defend-ed city in Eastern Europe. Its imme-diate line of forts are thrown before It at a radius of about 18 miles from the heart of the city. In the immediate line of fortified towns beyond the Warsaw forts, varying from 25 to 40 miles in distance from the city, are Garwelin in the southeast, Grojec in the south, Skierniewice in the south west, Blonie in the west, Novo Georgievsk in the northwest, Pultusk and Segrje in the north and Praga across the Vistula to the east. The most powerful of these fortresses is Novo Geora

The country around Warsaw is a plain, low and flat, intensely cultivated, and dotted with many villages. This plain stretches away to the Prussian frontier. To the south there are hill clusters, while in the north throughout the region adjoining the confluence of the Narew and the Bug with the Vis-tula there are considerable stretches of tangled and treacherous marsh land. During the Spring and Autumn rains this region frequently suffers from dis-The floods now and astrous floods. then prove to be terribly destructive. Novo Georgievsk fortress lies upon the confluence of the Bug and Vistula, and the swamp stretches near it are part of its scheme of defense.

The Vistula cleaves through this district, through fortresses before War saw, through the heart of the metrop lis, and through fortreases toward the uman frontier, in a broad expanse of tween a quarter and a third of a mile width. Parts of the river's banks are high, and Warsaw stands over the Viatula on a steep terrace, lying be-tween 100 and 140 feet above the river. Six great trunk lines traverse the plain to Warsaw, connecting the Polish city with Petrograd, Moscow, Klev, Danzig, Berlin and Vienna, Over these railways and down the broad Vistula al n referended legislative enactments, most the whole trade of Russian Po-It is remarkable but true that in land has taken its way through the

All the country before Warsaw is an pen way of farm and factory. While he solls are not very fertile, being hiefly clay and sand deposits, large is the most modern and progressive district in Poland—progressive in its agricultural, as in its manufacture and trade. The industry of the metropolis spreads out over the city, through th neighboring villages and towns. For 20 years the Poles have turned their energies to industry with all the seriousness which they formerly dis-played in politics, and with better or-ganization. Warsaw, and the flat coun-try in which it lies, are the heart and the inspiration of Polish industry.

in which he denied complicity in the refused to sign, and left? Does Mr. who goes to market forsakes her that literary people feel a good deal murder, and within the last few days. Bryan pretend that the President re- home. She does not forsake it a of apprehension for other shrines even Echo Writer Finds Conditions Opposite Those Related by Mr. Cummings.

ECHO, Or. July 28.—(To the Editor.) Mr. Harry Cummings' letter, printed

sumer can go home after 6 P. M. and write his order to these mailorder houses and get what he wants for half the price and half the bother entalled if he buys at home. Right here we want to quote some prices taken at random from Jones Cash Store catalogue as compared with the prices of the local merchants at Echo, a town 10 miles from Heppner

go on through the catalogue, taking

Heppner depends entirely on its farming country for support, and when hind Portland is in that respect, write "mysterious woman," who attends the Mr. Cummings talks about the laboring to the Commercial Club of Ashland, Or., man of Heppner it would lead one or make a trip down there yourself, and whose presence baffles all science to believe that Heppner was situated and you will see things which will of deduction on the part of court atin a targe and extensive manufactur-ing district, instead of an exclusive farming country. We don't object to Mr. Cummings

comparing prices on goods, the prices on which he is sure of, but when he makes a general statement, such as underlined above, we to object.
A. E. GREINER.

Payment of Unmatured Mortgage.

SHERWOOD, Or., July 28.—(To the days. If money in full is refused until maturity, can the maker refuse further payment of interest? If not, what action could be taken? C. I. ection could be taken?

PORTLAND, Or., July 29 .- (To the enough to have loose around the house. A gram is worth more than a dozen high-class automobiles.

The difference between Bryan and the Japanese Minister of Justice, just resigned, is that the latter cannot be a receptive candidate.

PORTLAND, Or., July 22.—(To the Editor.)—I own a mortgage on a piece of property. Owner of property wishes to sell but prospective buyer does not want to assume incumbrance. Can I be forced to accept the full amount of mortgage before it is due? It falls due on a specified term, not "on or before" a certain time. Interest on the mortgage is delinouent. Can I forcemortgage is delinquent. Can J. R. H.

As a general rule a man may disharge a debt whenever he wants to. Saloons in the bad lands may be expressed in the mortage cannot foremake up the shortage in the residual secounts.

1—8. B. No. 194, appropriating \$60,000 to promote immigration and for creating an immigration and for creating an immigration and for creating an immigration board.

8—H. B. No. 261, providing for a board of regents to take over all the state institutions of learning.

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4—S. D. No. 261, defining the duties and the learning for a specific providing to the cannot forethe mortage cannot foret Tender of payment stops the interest. ment. Read over your mortgages and pileation.

Polite Speech in War.

London Daily News.

Kipling's poem in which he said.

"Beware my country when she grows
politic," is being quoted by soldiers returning from the front. They say there is great significance in the fact that in the trenches men are speaking qui-etly now and referring to the Ger-mans only in terms of rigid propriety.

Railroad Compinint Books.

London Mail.

Let Hon. Milt Miller see him first.

London Mail.

London Mail.

At all the Russian ralway stations complaint books are kept, and passenmedicine it reflects is Mr. Mitchell.

TIMBER TO THE WHOLE PEOPLE Writer Would Have State or Govern

ment Get Grant Land Stumpage. PORTLAND, Or., July 28 -- (To the ditor.)-At the recent conference at Reed College there was given an address by a professor of the Agricultural College at Corvallis. It was under the caption, 'The Unemployed on Logged-Off Lands." In view of the recent land grant decision it is especially interesting at this time.

We will omit the "famous midnight "esolution" and get down tacks. The state has been drawing taxes from this land; it is but natural that it wants these lands so disposed of that it will continue to have an income from them—in short to have them in the hands of settlers. But how to get them into the hands of settlers-there is the rub. If you

want people you must be able to to care of them. Why does a man take a homestead where it costs from \$100 to \$200 an acre to clear it and free from stone? The man who has money will buy a farm, and do it cheaper, and, as was brought out at that conference, do it right here within a radius of 150 miles of Portland. Now to the lands. Whether Congress

takes them back or consents to let the state have them does not after the situation. When God created the for ests and the cataracts he created them for all the people. Timber should be sold, and not be allowed to pass into private hands by a misuse of the home stead laws. The timber should bring to the Government or the state, as the case may be, all the timber is worth while the land, after being logged off revert back to the Government to be nomesteaded, if fit for agricultural pu poses: the remainder to be reforested Most of our logged-off lands have passed into the hands of speculators or are still held by lumbering companies at prohibitive prices, which the average man cannot or is unwilling to pay. By reverting back to the Govern ment this abuse could be corrected incidentally, the future settler would be saved one of the great costs of setlement-that of clearing.

What is true now of logged-off land is also true of land now being cleared. The railroad has asked for a change from the court's verdict. It requests permission to sell the timber. This should not be granted. Let it have all it is entitled to by the court's decision but no more. The best way, the simplest way and the cheapest way is for the Government, or the state, if Congress should grant permission, to ap propriate the money and pay the rail road what it is entitled to. If the state but disposes of the lands on the same terms as the Government does to homesteaders it will be money ahead and its prosperity enhanced.

Every acre in the state aside from taxation should be made to bring some return to the community, which is best accomplished by the land in the hands of the settler. For the state to take any other view is for it to be dead to its possibilities and unfaithful to its DAVID A. GLASSGOW.

OREGON HIGHWAYS WELL MARKED Auto Tourist Praises Road Condition and Is Charmed by Ashland.

ome compliments which other motorists will concede. I am sure.

We drove from North Yakima, Wash., ria Portland to the fair at San Fran-Through Washington the roads were in a very good condition, but the efficient way in which the Oregon roads were marked out, and the condition of were marked out, and the condition of the roads was so good that it brought marked comment and praise. Until we were in California we had little trouble in keeping to the Pacific High-way and the best roads. Everywhere we met the finest courtesy and good will. And we remember most pleas-

rather heavy load in the fair, but from the time we crossed the border line un-til we reached our destination we comth ifornia climate and washington. The Calsteampere very well with that of Oregon,
and the roads were not mapped out
nearly as well—a fact that we found
out after many delays.

I think we are not the only ones
to think that Portland compares very
favorably with San Francisco except
in respect to size. I have been laughed
at several times for saying the

in respect to size. I have been laughed at several times for saying this same thing, but it is true just the same. With but according to my estimate. a few exceptions the buildings in Port-land are as large; there is more traffic on the streets and it is more efficiently Portland also seems to be

In fact, taking all things together, we have a lot of nice things to say and think of the State of Oregon. But if you want to find out what a real little booster city is and how far beopen yours eyes. ELIZABETH O. HENRY.

PORTLAND, July 29 .- (To the Edltor.)—(1) A husband and wife invest in real estate and the deed to in husband's name. If he dies, leaving no will, how is the property divided and what share does the wife receive? There are no children. Is a joint deed tending this trial from the beginning. There are no children is a joint deed tending this trial from the beginning. There are no children is a joint deed tending this trial from the beginning. This death? What steps should first be taken to settle such business?

(2) A husband and wife investing as a contributor to the various fiction magazines which flood the country.

Said the "mystic" to the "other woman," they been attending this trial from the beginning. And they are always so the most graph of the country.

Replied the "other woman," I should think that would be easy. I just mortgage on real estate, without in-

mortgage on real estate, without intereat. He marries, but the mortgage
still stands, although the time of it
has expired. Is it still legal, or is the
wife's name necessary? At his death
could the wife hold this mortgage
against the property? against the property?

(2) Is a will necessary if there are capecially when there is the property amount of softness in the facial be sole helr in case of other's death TROUBLED.

is to have the estate probated. To do this it will be necessary to consult an attorney. (2) If the wife is sole heir, she in-

herits the mortgage as part of the catate. (3) The husband or wife would be sole heir in case of the other's death. A will, however, prevents much com

Editorial Writer: Not Editor. NORTHEAST HARBOR, Me., July 22. — (To the Editor.) — The Oregonian July 12 speaks of me as the editor of Life who "scouts scientific medicine." and "uses the freat power of this periodical to ridicule the experiments.

I beg to say that though I have long written the editorials in Life and have been a rather coplous contributor be-sides. I am not the editor of the paper and not responsible for its attitude wards scientific medicine. For my p I do not scout scientific medicine a never have scouted it. I don't think i infallible, but I take my chances with

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Twenty-Five Years Ago

From The Oregonian, July 20, 1800 Washington—There is no doubt the administration is doing all in its power to bring about some settlement in the Behring Sea controversy, and threatened retaliation on Canadian business will be promoted. Secretary Windom in a few days, now, will report on special privileges granted

New York—Secretary Tracy today made it plain he felt it the duty of the American officials to take some teps with the naval forces at least to protect American lives and prop-erty on the River Platte and in other parts of South and Central America where the revolutions are in progress.

Olympia-Arthur A. Putnam, of Tax United States Internal Revenue for for Western Washington, was in Olympia several days ago and he has produced some interesting facts showing the young state is surpassing Oregon in internal revenue collections.

Missoula-Marcus Daly, J. W. Hamcapitalists met here yesterday and are discussing just how much capital they will put up to support a new town in the Bitter Root Valley.

Deputy J. J. Kinney, of Astoria, re-cently chased a horsethlef into Colum-bia County. Near Mist he overtook the man, who jumped from his horse, took to the timber, and drawing a revolver, defled Mr. Kinney, but Mr. Kingey made a rush, grappled with the man before he could use the gun with and in a few minutes had him hand-

Ex-Postmaster Roby yesterday oblained a ten years' lease on the Holton House, which he will conduct as a House, which h

Little Wille Riley, who was kid-

Dave Campbell defeated Paddy Bren-nan in four rounds at Buffalo, N. Y., the other night, Professor D. V. S. Reid, for many years a public educator in Linn and Benton Counties, has removed to East Portland with his family.

T. B. Wilcox has returned and an-counces that G. W. Hunt has been successful in his effort to get his rall-road bonds taken by New York capi-

Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian of July 30, 1865. Four teams from lows, with two last, week. Having left St. loseph, Missouri, on the second day of April, theirs may be considered a quick trip across the plains. They are now "at home" in Linn County.

Mr. Henry Welch has rented the Multnomah track, two and a half miles east of the city, and will give purses for trotting and running, no-NORTH YAKIMA. Wash. July 28.—
(To the Editor.)—As a loyal Washingtonian, who but lately motored through
your state. I wish to extend to Oregon

State Fair. Soveral horses are now in training at the track, some of them for matches closed some time ago; among the number, Fly-By-Night and Live-Oak-George, to go mile heats for

> We learn that Apperson and Co's new steamboat, building above the

Died, at his residence in East Portland, on July 28, Colonel William H. Frush, aged 54 years.

An expedition will start from Leavin The Oregonian in re mail-order houses versus local dealers, appears to have all the earmarks of some mail-order house trying to get some free advertising.

Anti- Harry Cummings letter, printed in The Oregonian in re mail-order houses we spent in Ash-land. Or. Really, I think that little middle of August, to collect and herd for some while, and thus tame, and sub-land order house trying to get some free energy and hospitality. I believe that every city could profitably take a lessand of the states for mare than ten thousand buffalo. One discharged cavalrymen are preferred.

and also on the moral and religious condition of the South, and on the work of social reconstruction in the

WHAT MISTERIOUS WOMAN SAID Overheard Conversation Reveals Her

Interest in Dodge Trials PORTLAND, July 29,- (To the Edior.)-In the report of the Dodge case in The Oregonian mention is made of a "mysterious woman," who attends the

Perhaps a relution to the mystery may be lurking in a conversation over heard between the "mystic" at heard between the 'myst another good tooking young who is also an occasional a

Of course neither Judga Kavanaugh, (1) The wife would be sole heir without a joint deed. The first step to take left out of it, and modesty will prevent

Mr. Clark and Mr. Mannix from doing so, but it's just as well for the gen-eral public to be properly informed. AN INTERESTED ONLOOKER. Cost of New York Police. New York Herald. The New York police last year cost \$17,996,038,

"Imported" Loses Its

Charm

"Imported is not going to be such a big word in the future," says ex-President William Woodhead, of the

"Made at home will mean more to us of North America. Advertis-ing must be in the van of the coming movement."

This is just a glimpse forward by It means big prizes ahead for those with foresight enough to seles them. And it means this is going to be

profitable year for newspaper advertising. A hint to the wise is sufficient.