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THE BRITISH BLOCKADE.

By upholding the right of neutrals to freedom or the seas in opposition both to the British blockade and to German submarines President Wilson has strengthened the American position, for he has demonstrated his impartiality in dealing with belligerent violation of neutral rights. has deprived both Germany and Britain of cause for complaint that he favors either. The greater urgency of his demands on Germany is due to no leaning toward her enemies, but to the fact that Germany destroys American lives as well as American property. while Britain takes American prop-erty alone. The principles of international law involved in both cases are the same, but in the case of Germany the higher principles of humanity are That fact justifies the emphasis which he has placed on his protests to Germany.

Britain, like Germany, claims the and to substitute a law she has herself made to meet the necessities of plebicite was not born earlier. Germany's plea is that she has a new weapon-the submarine -which cannot be used if international law stands unchanged. Britain retorts that Germany's action justifies use of another new weapon-the longrange blockade-which is also unto international law. The States replies to both belligerants that new weapons and devices have the privilege. can be used only so far as their use The United States, as a sovereign power, can recognize that law alone, not apply. The people have voted down the law set up for the occasion by single tax. Of course land owners who

fectively blockade all German ports ple have merely ruled that those can and does blockade commerce with German North Sea ports and with prived of that right. through Dutch, Belgium, Danish and Norwegian ports on the have can close the Skagerrack to commerce, hence ships passing from Baltic ports them. of the Scandinavian countries to Baltic ports of Germany are not subjecto seizure under the law which Mr.

Germany on a large scale with American goods. There is an active agitacontraband list, as it is extensively used in making ammunition. If that were done, cotton imports to ndinavia in transit to Germany could be selzed without a blockade. Scandinavian countries deny that their increased imports from the United States are destined for Germany, They maintain that they are buying from this country goods to replace those which they ordinarily obtain from Germany. Britain hesitates to antagonize the cotton interests of the United States by declaring cotton contraband, but seeks to prevent its importation to Germany by limiting imports to the Scandinavian countries to the quantity which they consume in normal

Britain defends her blockade agains American imports to Germany through Scandinavia by citing the precedents established by the United States in the Civil War. Our Supreme Court then down the rule of continuous voyage as applying to goods shipped from England to Nassau in the Banamas on their way to blockaded Confederate ports. Such goods were held to be subject to confiscation be cause their port of ultimate destination was blockaded. Britain then refused to be bound by that principle, but now quotes it in support of her action. From the American standpoint it could be applied to North Sea ports, where the blockade is effective, but not to Baltic ports, for vessels can cross the Baltic Sea freely between

Scandinavian and German ports.
While strenuously maintaining the legality of her action, Britain betrays naciousness that her position is legally weak, for she does not exercise the full rights granted by the law of blockade. Were the blockade effective against all German ports, she could confiscate all ships and cargoes go ing to and from those ports, either In fact, she confiscates only those sells for the benefit of the owner, non-contraband goods and releases the ships which carry them. She buys War, but eight years later the alles are to human energy. But the aids pretense of a blockade. She buys, or tion or two, cepts. She permits Norway and Sweimport enough cotton for normal demestic needs and she permits she was raised to the front rank ened. Holland to carry on her commerce among European powers by the wars draw also to be prompted by knowledge that her action is not legally dewible, and by fear that, when all There is no sign of quenched fire in claims growing out of the war come that nation. before an international court for adju-

thereby not only saves our rights for future settlement, but fortifies himself in dealing with Germany by leav-

this Nation with partiality. He can the more firmly insist that Germany yield to his demand, since he is equally firm in his attitude toward her enemies.

HISTORY REPEATING ITSELF.

A reader sends to The Oregonian a marked copy of the New York Tribune, which has reproduced, as pertinent to the present times, the cluding page of volume II, Macaulay's "History of England." It is a description of the conditions which surroundled to the enthronement of William and Mary. It is:

and Mary. It is:

All around us the world is convulsed by the agonies of great nations. Governments which lately seemed likely to stand during ages have been on a sudden shaken and overthrown. The proudest capitals of Western Europe have streamed with blood. All evil passions, the thirst of gain and the thirst of rengeance, the antipathy of class to class, the antipathy of race to race, have broken loose from the control of divine and human laws. Fear and anxiety have clouded the faces and depressed the hearit of millions. Trade has been suspended and industry paralyzed. The rich have become poorer. Decirines hostile to all aciences, to all arits, to all industry, to all domestic charities, decirines which, if carried into effect would in 20 years unde all that 20 centuries have done for mankind, and would make the fairest provinces of France and Germany as savage as Cource and Falszonia, have been arowed from the tribune and defended by the sword. Europe has been threatened with subjugation by barbarians compared with subjugation by barbarians of the people have with deep sorrow owned that interests more precious than any political privileges were in jeopardy, and that it might be necessary to sacrifice even liberty in order to save civilization.

There is nothing new under the sun,

KNOTHOLE LOGICIANS.

Mayor Albre very intelligently insists that in the recent vote on meters the people did not take a position against permitting those who want meters to have them, and his infinence was properly thrown in favor of supplying meters to those who ask for them. supplying meters to those who ask for them Mr. Dieck took the same view. —Partland

It is an interpretation of the vote in numerous other instances to the right to set aside international law as And it is really too bad, now that we it existed at the opening of the war look back on troublesome days of yore, plutrocrat, no matter how rich he that this cheerful conception of a may be.

There were the long years when the woman suffragists were seeking as the best security for peace, Mr. the ballot and were denied it by the voters. In none of the defeats that occurred prior to the 1912 victory, alas, was there a single one to "intelligently insist" that the people did not take a position against permitting those women who wanted to vote to

But there are other issues to which to the law of all nations, this broad and learned view of the sanctity of the people's will may yet any other nation, belligerent or not do not wish to have their improve-Britain has been slow to apply the ments and personal property taxed term "blockade" to her embargo on should not be denied the exemption. As German commerce, for she cannot ef- to prohibition, unquestionably the peoas the law of blockade requires. She don't want to sell or manufacture intoxicants shall be the only ones de-

Mr. Albee, Mr. Dieck and Mr. Daly missed their calling. They North Sea. Hence she can lawfully should have been Philadelphia lawsize all vessels carrying goods through yers. There are some plausible subthese neutral ports to and from Ger- terfuges for every legal and moral obmany. But she cannot blockade Ger-man Baltic ports except so far as she pay high prices for the services of timation those rich men only are plu-

NOT DUE TO POLITICIANS.

west, while behind Kovno, and between the language of the conquerors have adopted the language of the conquered and the language of The New York Evening Post, comthe United States as proof that the litical influences are one explanation nor in capitalizing a reputation as a Scandinavian countries are supplying of the reorganization" of the reclamademagogue for the establishment of a tion branch of the Interior Depart- personal organ.

ment. why Mr. Newell, after years of service as chief engineer and director of almost invariably disagreed with Mr. the reclamation service, has been re- Bryan on public questions, and that tired, but so far as the Post intimates fact has strengthened its confidence that Western political influences have in the soundness of its views. advanced an unworthy end, it is sadly As to whether The Oregonian have had precious little to say for know it best can judge best. Cerlong years about the conduct of the tainly the plutocrats have not been reclamation service. from Oregon, for example, have had legislation, the direct primary, popu-almost nothing to say. Oregon has lar election of senators, currency rebeen sadly mistreated and overlooked, form, railroad regulation and the in

the future has anything better in store, The probable reason of Director Newell's retirement is not "Western ecessity of a change. The extraordinary engineering miscalculations of the Government's agents and the well. nigh hopeless financial muddle of the whole service may or may not be traceable to Mr. Newell, but it was inevitable that he be held responsible. If there was a Government project to put through on the basis of the original Washington estimates, and completed to the satisfaction of the Government and the settlers, The Oregon-

ian would like to know where it is. Now Congress has taken from the Interior Department the disposal of the reclamation funds, and the Secretary of the Interior will no longe make any arbitrary money apportionments. We are to have appropria tions made for reclamation just as for rivers and harbors. It will be interesting now to see whether our Sena tors and Representatives have any "pull" with Congress. They have had only a weak one with the bureaucrata

Facts of history do not bear out Dr. G. Stanley Hall's belief that war directly or by way of neutral ports. quenches the fire of the human race. fact, she confiscates only those True, after a long, exhaustive war a lips and cargoes which would be for- nation usually rests from fighting, but feited by capture, even were there no the fire flares up again in a genera-

ships which carry them. She buys War, but eight years later she was all cotton cargoes which she inter- fighting Poland and twenty-seven years later she drove the Swedes from Pomerania. A century after that war nhindered on condition that no for- of Frederick the Great. She has grown eign imports cross the frontier into in strength at every point until she These measures may be now heads a great empire, which is legigned to mollify neutrals, but they among the first in commerce, science art and industry and now, with her allies, combats two-thirds of Europe.

Great Britain and her allies calls for ty years, but the succeeding century forcible action by the United States, has been a period of intellectual and Wilson does well to maintain to virile progress for both nations. Inthe full in diplomatic correspondence dustry, science and art have thriven, cur rights as a neutral Nation. He armies have upheld the best traditions

ng that country no opening to charge ferior to those which fought for and gainst Napol

There would be more truth in the saving that the fires of truly virile naions are unquenchable and that they burn the brighter for the strife which In seems to exhaust them in flame. such times as these it is natural for minds of a certain mold to presage the degeneration of the human race through war's destruction, but a new race generation arises excelling the old, as was proved by the Eglinton tournament. British noblemen of 1839 found the armor worn by their feudal an-cestors too small for their more staled the English Revolution (1689) and wart forms. So may we hope that the men and women of 2015 will excel those of 1915 in brain, physique and moral stature,

A PATRIOT AND BRYAN,

Ex-President Taft telegraphs to the New York World that the latest note to Germany "succinctly, forcibly and finally presents the just attitude of the United States, and President Wilson will have and should have the approval of the American people in

A noble sentiment from a whole some and patriotic American. There is nothing of guile or deceit or of subterranean statecraft about Mr. Taft. He is no whited sepulcher. He does not offer a smiling exterior of faireather agreement with the President's war-time policies, and yet deal oul blows of secret opposition by striving to incite the American peoin- striving to include them.

No one has seen from William Jen-nings Bryan, who falsely pretends to be helping the President toward the roal of peace, a word or a syllable approving the third Wilson letter to

MR. BRYAN ONCE MORE.

In Mr. Bryan's estimation every peace policy is a jingo. Every peris a plutrocrat. Conversely, every of the people that might be applied person who approves his peace pollcy is a peace advocate, though war be turing industry in the arts of peace great gratification of the minority. its legal outcome. No person who that has not suffered by the derange approves his economic theories is a ment of world affairs.

In his sweeping denunciation of all

Bryan classes together as jingoes both those who would make the Nation sate against attack by adequate Na-tional defense and those who would provoke war by foreign adventure or by fighting over every international life, converts to the back-to-the-land difficulty. Advocates of a stronger gospel will be more noted for their difficulty. Army and Navy may yield nothing to Mr. Bryan and his adherents in their abhorrence of war. They disagree with him by regarding his peace stalwart Democrats as Secretary Gar- put to her, namely: rison and Speaker Champ Clark and the great majority of the Democratic n

who fail to see eye to eye with him on economic questions, Mr. Bryan displays his innate pharisaism. He and his like embody all the virtues, and men who are adept at discovering tocrats who oppose him. If a man applauds him, that man is no plutocrat, however rich he may be and however his wealth may have been

Mr. Bryan has unwittingly paid It has never been publicly explained high compliment to The Oregonian

As to whether The Oregonian serves mistaken. Western political influences the people of Mammon, those who The Senators highly pleased by its support of direct and there is no present prospect that come tax, nor by its opposition to an excessive tariff, ship subsidies and trusts. Those serve the people best who discriminate between the truth political influences," but imperative and the fallacies of men who, with loud professions of devotion to the public interests, strive to lead the people 'nto disastrous error.

NOW THE GASOLINE HORSE.

One of the important elements in the mounting cost of living is the cityward movement of the people. In the last census decade the increase of land in farms the country over was only 4.8 per cent, while in 25 of the states there was an actual decrease Theodore H. Price, writing in the Outlook, predicts that if the tendencies which these figures disclose continue for the next twenty years the economic situation will become intolerable. The hope lies in making the farm more attractive.

There is great virtue in carrying social attractions to the rural communities; solution of marketing problems would add to the attractiveness of farm life. These may be provided, but there are still the long hours of arduous toil which, in spite of agriculture's superior independence, drive youth in countless numbers to the easier life of the towns and cities.

The age of machinery exists every-where except on the farm. True the owner of great acres finds that his needs have been fairly well supplied by inventive genius, and in the last half century invention of harvesting some work the farmer may now ridinstead of walk, but his hours of labor have not been materially short-Incidentally machinery draw the water, separate the milk from the cream and aid his wife in butter making, but to perform his larger tasks the general farmer of moderate resources must work from sunup till sundown.

Since the perfection of the gas en-gine there has been a potential demand for a farm tractor that would claims growing out of the court for adju-before an international court for adju-been expected to quench the fires of be within the means of the order dication, she will be mulcted in heavy been expected to quench the fires of farmer. The farm tractors on the both France and Britain, both of market are costly implements and not serve more than one purpose and still of economic value on the small farm They are ponderous machines, primarily designed to plow, disc harrow on large ranches or broad estates. Machines of more general util-

They are not adapted to the cultivating process or the hauling of produce to market. They, too, are

costly and ponderous.

In the substitution of gasoline pow er for animal traction on the ordinary farm Mr. Price sees the solvent by which the farmers' difficulties will be resolved and the movement from the land stayed. The small, practical tractor has been developed, he be lieves. Imagine a little gasoline wagon that will pull a plow cutting an eight-inch furrow through a heavy rank, unbroken field, pull a twentyfour-disc harrow weighted to cut the ground about four inches, draw multiple cultivators through the young corn at four miles an hour or haul four

tons of produce to town. Given such a tractor at a cost of \$200—a machine that could do the work of four horses-and the farmer will have a convenience that represents a smaller investment than team of draft animals and takes away materially from his early and late chores. It is such a machine that Henry Ford has now perfected. Ford has discarded the theory that a tractor must have weight, Naturally it was necessary to discard that theory to get down to a low cost. Weight requires greater power and greater power means higher initial cost and greater expense of opera-Grip plus a maximum of powtion. er used not in operating the tractor, but in doing the tractor's work, was the ideal sought. It is like the story of the cat chased up a tree by a dog. "The cat," said Mr. Ford, "didn't have eight; she had traction."

The substitution of the gasoline orse for the living flesh on the farm ought not to be an idle dream. The gas engine has revolutionized highway transportation. Whereas, like the present-day weight tractor, the first were for the convenience person who does not approve his of the wealthy, the automobile has now developed into a universal necesson who opposes his economic policy sity procurable in all grades and at all prices. Automobile produc tion is the one conspicuous manufac-

The farmer is the auto manufac turer's best customer. He is not timid in the face of mechanical mysteries. who do not regard his peace treaties He was quite ready to discard the team and buckboard for the swifter gaspropelled vehicle. The small tractor will not be looked upon by him as an impractical toy. The automobile has prefared him for it. When it has mitigated the hardship of agricultural works than for their talk.

Were the United States to permit specific compliance with its demands treatles as a worthless bulwark to hang fire or to remain subject to against nations which look upon the will of German naval officials, this treaties as scraps of paper and by Nation would justly be held to have regarding war as a less evil than na- relaxed its determination to exact a tional humiliation. They include such direct answer to the questions we have

Whether Germany approves the Lusitania the great majority of the Democratic party as well as the great body of the Republican party.

In stigmatizing as plutrocrats those massacre. Whether Germany will make reparation for that massacre. Whether Germany will give assurances that no more such murders of Americans will be committed.

Until those questions are answered in the manner we have demanded, our dispute with Germany will remain unsettled, and we shall still hold her guilty of a crime for which she has not atoned and which she is ready to repeat.

The attempt to expurgate French and English words from the German acquired. To him there is nothing language reduces to an absurdity in-

by denouncing it. The Oregonian has Southern Oregon fishermen from the

Conversation must halt in Norway,

skepticism if it were not made at a time when she needs the help of the caused by the demands of the present generation of Russians for a home in-

May, when the war was to begin.

Britain may be financially able to fight the war to a finish, but her wealth will be more effective when converted into guns and shells.

The jute trade may be brisk, but abolition of capital punishment in some states gives warning of depression in the hemp trade.

It was time that Russia gave France and Britain a hint to lay aside their tatting and do some fighting. The bear can't do it all.

body rests under the old sod, in the 'patriots' corner.' Alarmists will see another recruiting case in the big sugar plantation in

Hawaii just bought by a Japanese

company.

Suppose, when two lawyers seem e anxious to fight, the judge should step down and let them, would they

Might as well drop a few more of the Northwestern League and enlarge the "Coast Defenders" next year. Dr. Hoxamer may have been born

in the United States, but he is not an American at heart. If your ancestor was transported, take a look at the ship that carried

him over.

Easy, Villa, easy. The American Government will not go there. Russia must fight alone. The al lies seem to be in a deadlock.

Some of these osteopaths do not look so bony as might be expected.

European War Primer By National Geographical Society.

ern corner of Russian Poland, the thrown back this way by the reinforced Germans upon their fortresses
of Osowiec, Kolno and Ostrolenka.
The ground in the north of the government has been fought over a number of times, and just recently have
the Germans swept over the first line
of defenses toward the southwest and
the southeast. A description of this
interesting battle amphitheater foilows:

country merchant's pocket when I can
keep it in my own, in spite of the dividends of the mail-order houses.

I am not sure Mr. Cummings got a
\$3.50 pair of shoes for \$1.85. But from
my own experience I know if he had
paid \$2.50 for them at home, he could
have sent and got two pairs like it
away from home, almost. He would
have gotten a \$1.85 pair for \$2.50. Some
difference? I can get a pair of shoes
here for \$3.50 which will last two

The government of Lomzha is one The government of Lomzha is one land I can get a shoe which will last terday. He said last nig of the dreariest regions in Russian the whole school year. When will the fire was about out. He had drummer and the merchant realize ing eight and a half days. Poland. Extensive marshes spread over much of its area, particularly following the banks of the Narew River, as it winds its way southwest toward its confluence with the Vistula, north of Warsaw. The Bug forms the southern boundary of the government, and is one of the last obstacles to a march on Warsaw from the north. In parts of its course, the banks of the Bug are worn in deep terraces, and, likewise, the bed of the Narew is cut so deep in parts as to give the country a hilly appearance. Clayey, wire-grass tufted swamps fill in much of the monotonous picture of this region with dingy rust and brown.

Just to the north of the government lies the Masuren Lake region of East Prussia. The same stinging, moist

russia. The same stinging, moist old, the same leaden skies, and the on a \$30 order for groceries by ordering from Portland, comparing with same hot, breathless Summers hang ing from Portland, comparing over the Polish district as those found in East Prussia. The Winters here are saved enough to pay for the money-the bitter Winters of the Russian order, freight and hauling, and had the bitter Winters of the Russian plain, where the snow crystals snap and crack like powdered ice under runners or the tread of heavy boots. The cold and northern storms set in about the middle of November.

The government is primarily agri-It has an area of 4666 ultural. square miles, much of which is taken up by grain, fiber, potato and stock farms. The chief crops are rye, oats, wheat barley, buckwheat, peas, pota-toes, flax and hemp. The potato crop is used, in part, for the manufacture of alcohol. This is carried on in nu-merous distilleries within the govern-ment. The flax and hemp find their disposition in home featories in the disposition in home factories, in the factories of Lodz, and in export. Geese—probably, the distinctive product of Russian Poland, and one which. in the past, has taken a valiant part in supplying the German Empire with its untold tons of gooseflesh and its acres of goose-feathered bedding—are found in countless white and grayish-white herds throughout Lomaha. Bee-keeping is also a profitable part of Lomzha farming.

The country in the Lomzha government is mostly flat, monotonous or slightly undulated, except in stretches in the north and southwest. Except for river crossings and forest belts, it is open for the passage of troops. Its roads, as are all roads in Poland and in Russia, are very bad. In the east of the government and stretching away

Prussia, to Vilna runs through Kovno, great cost, and all kinds and conditions and, at its terminus, joins the trunk- of insignia altered—the whole not imsince it is unsafe for anybody to line between Warsaw and Petrograd, mention the subject which is upper- which the Germans are endeavoring to Even if Howard Spaulding has only a dower right in his wife's estate, he will be able to live without work. A half or third of \$30,000,000 is not to be despised.

Eussia's promise of autónomy to Poland would be received with less skepticism if it were not made at a time when she received with less.

Class and has been considerably strengthened in recent years. Its main defense consists of a girdle of juice differs in degree only, not in kind. With our foreign relations in such a delicate state, has he not already caused domestic disturbance enough?

The case of Mr. Bryan and his grape juice differs in degree only, not in kind. With our foreign relations in such a delicate state, has he not already caused domestic disturbance enough?

Even if Howard Spaulding has only a town in an arc with a radius of about 2½ miles. The work of the river junction is an important feature of the city's strength. Here, it is guarded by three forts in the direction of Vilna, one of which commands the Vilna bridge. The fortress is 55 miles from the East Prussian border.

Even if Howard Spaulding has only at the case of Mr. Bryan and his grape juice differs in degree only, not in kind. With our foreign relations in such a delicate state, has he not already caused domestic disturbance enough?

AT FIFTY.

Her smile was sweet, her hair was skepticism if it were not made at a time when she need to the river junction is an arc with a radius of about 2½ miles.

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Poles.

It would be just like the Kaiser to push things both ways, suggesting to Kitchner that it is a long time since important metal industries, and has I knew somewhat the life of care large factories producing nails, wire. That dimmed her eye and grayed her barbed wire and machines. It has hair, also developed a large commission business, and was an important entrepot of timber, cereals, flax, flour, spirits, fish, coal and building stone products of trade between Western Russia and Prussia. It has a population of about And then I thought of daughter fair, 75,000. Kovno was founded in the lith century, and, between 1384 and share, 1398, it was a possession of the Teutonic Knights.

And then I thought of daughter fair, and knew the love they both wou share, 1398, it was a possession of the Teutonic Knights.

Suez Canal Traffic. Edinburgh Scotsman

The Sues canal traffic for 1914 dre not suffer the diminution that might have been expected as a result of the war. In 1913 a total of 5085 vessels The years when we were fifty. war. In 1913 a total of 5085 vessels passed through the canal; in 1914 the number was 4802. Of these vessels the vast majority were British; other nations in 1914 were represented in this order: German. Dutch, French, Austrian, Italian, Japanese, Russian, Danish, Greek, Swedish, Norwegian, Spanish, Turkish, Siamese, American, Per-O'Donovan Rossa had an elegant funeral and that is some comfort, His

Houston (Texas) Post. "Want a job, eh?" "Yes, sir; I am looking for a place where there is plenty of work." "I am sorry, but there would not be enough work here "Yes, sir; I an

Satisfaction of Applicant.

Louisville Courier-Journal.

"You see," said the country editor,
"I have printed your poem." "Thank
you," responded the poet. "I suppose I shall receive remuneration according to your usual tariff." "Tariff? My

to keep you busy an hour a day." That's plenty of work for me, sir."

to your usual tariff." "Tariff?] good man, poetry is on the free list." Discharge of a Chauffeur,

Chuggerton-How's your chauffeur? Twelve inches of deficiency and a mighty hot month in which to make it up.

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Enquiry of a Suitor.

Boston Transcript. Her Father—You've been calling or daughter for some time, young Why don't you come down to ness? Suitor-Very well! How business? much are you going to leave her?

OWN POCKET PLACE FOR DOLLAR Home Merchant No Right to Coin That

Can Be Saved by Trading Elsewhere. CLATSKANIE, Or., Aug. 1 .- (To the Editor.)-I am interested in the comwhere the right wing of Field Marshal munications of Harry Cummings and on Hindenburg's army began its bat- F. W. Rowland. I did not know that tles for Warsaw and the way beyond Mr. Cummings' kind are legion, but am the Bug, the battle tide has ebbed and glad to hear it. But I differ with Mr. flowed in decisive waves since the war's outbreak. From this northeast-

contrary.

I am one of those individuals who deep into East Prussia, and they were country merchant's pocket when I can

this difference? I can get a pair of shoes fol-here for \$3.50 which will last two months, for a lad. I can get as good in Portland for \$1.95. For \$3.50 in Port-

10 cents to put in his other pocket.
Mr. Cummings' "shrewd ability"
comes from knowledge. And if the
mail-order houses continue sending out catalogues there will be more people with that same "ability." Haste the day when it will be an honor to the ommunity for a man to keep in his own pocket the dollar the storekeeper

Will the small-town merchant go to the wall? Do you think I care if the merchant has to dig for a living as some of us do? If so, you have annk" coming. MRS. W. F. SCHNEIDER. "think

FICKLE! NO. MERELY SENSIBLE Bryan Knows a Good Thing to Drink When He Finds It

New York Tribune, Of course a man has a right to commenced its complete farmer on every ranch. But when from long association he has become identified in the public mind with one thing or another of this sort he is really under some obligation to remain constant to early choice. Otherhe is really under some obligation to remain constant to early choice. Otherwise the anguish caused cartoonists and headling writers and the utter havoc wrought in the popular vocabuhavec wrought in the popular vocabu-lary hopelessly outweigh the slight ad-vantage to him in convenience or com-

It stands at the confluence of the Niemen and the Villya Rivers, east of Central East Prussia. Petrograd lies 550 miles by railroad to the northwest, while behind Kovno, and between this fortrens and Petrograd, the Russian plain is strewn as thickly with akes as fallow. western chain of frontier strongholds. Some few months before the Euro-It stands at the confluence of the Nie-pean war broke out last year, it was out regard to origin.

Kovno, Grodno and Lemberg lie nearly in the same line, north and south, and Kovno forms the northern termination of the line of the Bug. to which ty-four-inch trout, weighing over eleven pounds, has been caught in Southern Oregon fishermen from the wide world will make the pilgrimage.

Kovno, Grodno and Lemberg lie nearly in the same line, north and south, and finally persuaded the aged monarch to forget his mad fancy, but not until it had been explained to him that all the coins would have to be restamped, and new plates made for all the stamps and church.

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And knew the love they both would

Whose work in life was well begun, And wished that I were fifty. If we could like this woman dear,

If we could see, through good work done.

Our lives prolonged in maid and son, Dear God, we'd all be fifty. HORACE WILLIAM MACNEAL. Germany's Naval Power.

PORTLAND, Aug. 2.—(To the Editor.)—To settle a bet, will you kindly tell me which has the greatest number of superdreadnoughts, building and built, the United States or Germany

READER

It is impossible to give a definite an wer, as a distinction between dreadnoughts and superdreadnoughts is not ommonly made in naval intelligence. Moreover, Germany Is more or less secretive as to size, speed and armament of her largest battleships and every possible cloak of secreey has been thrown over her naval building

and the number?

since the outbreak of the war. Classifying dreadnoughts as battleships having a main battery of guns 11 inches or more in caliber, Germany, on July 1, 1914, had 13 dreadnoughts built and seven building; the United States,

Glass Causes \$800 Blaze. New York Sun.

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A house was nearly burned down in New York recently because some one had left a magnifying glass leaning against a wicker sewing basket. The glass caught the rays of the noon sun, focused them on the inflammable material in the basket, a blaze followed, and before the fireman put it out \$300 terms and before the fireman put it out \$300 terms. damage had resulted.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

From The Oregonian, August 3, 1800 From The Gregorian, August 3, 1840.
Cresson Springs, Pa., Aug. 2.—President Harrison's sojourn at Cresson during the greater part of the months of August and September is now a fixed fact. The Presidential household will leave Cape May cottage about the 12th inst., and take up their residence for the Summer in their beautiful mountain home, Parke cot-tage, and the President himself, it is expected, will follow within a week.

The steamer State of California at rived from San Francisco at 3:30 o'clock last evening.

Citizens of Salem freely contributed fruit of all kinds with which to feast the Mystic Shriners as they passed through that city last evening.

Chief Morgan withdrew all the fire apparatus, except the reserve engine, from the North Pacific mill yesterday. He said last night that the fire was about out. He had been fight-

Rev. D. O. Ghormley, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, is taking a month's vacation, and his pulpit is being filled by Rev. Mr. Day.

City Attorney J. V. Beach and wife are at Turner's Station, on the South-ern Pacific.

others have made application to the Controller of the Currency to have au-thorized the organization of the Na-tional Bank of Medford, Or., with a capital stock of \$50,000. The bank will take the place of the present Bank of Medford, of which Mr. Vawter is man-ager, and is expected to be in operation on the new basis about October 1.

Mr. H. B. Litt, who is now in Paris, sends to The Oregonian the daily papers of that city containing accounts of the celebration there of the anniversary of the fall of the Bastile, which are

Mrs. Lyman Abbott, wife of the successor to Henry Ward Beeche become one of the editors of the Ladles Home Journal on September 1, next.

Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian of August 3, 1865. It is said that Messrs. Moore and Fogus have actually effected a sale of their mining interests in Owyhee to a

The California Farmer, the oldest agricultural paper on this Coast, has commenced its 24th volume. It is a complete farmer's guide, and should be

The Missouri constitution excludes

roads, as are all roads in Poland and in Russia, are very bad. In the east of the government and stretching away to the fortress of Osowiec in the government of Grodno are heavy forest tracts. There are no rail communications in the government, except that with the main line between Warsaw, Grondo and Vilna.

Kovno, the key to the railway system of northwestern Russia, behind which the Germans are endeavoring to strike the great interior lines, is the central fortress in the Russian northwestern chain of trouties in the Russian northwestern chain of treaties and the Russian northwestern chain of treaties are some findle and the constitution of the same material, in all probability 100 cords, at the foot of Yamhill street, which at the foot of Yamhill street, which sides from the widespread mental readjustment which such fickleness on his part threatens, the Loganberry is by no means as well known a fruit as the grape and it has the Loganberry is by no means as well known a fruit as the grape and it has the Loganberry is by no means as well known a fruit as the grape and it has the Loganberry of State return from the Willamette and Columbia rivers.

The steamer Webfoot was yesterday discharging a cargo of aider bark, and a scow which she had in tow lay alongside with a load of the same material, in all probability 100 cords, at the foot of Yamhill street, which at the foot of Yamhill street, whi The steamer Webfoot was yesterday

I'm a soul born today Of Life's slow cosmic play, Eons long, long ago, I fought, struggled and climbed With the brute round me twined; Vaguely yearning, I dreamed Of the sweet joy that gleamed In my dawning ego.
Then blazed the psychic flame—
Lo, this thinking I came!

This marvelous mind, whence?
This longing soul, and hence?
At either end the veil— The mystery deepens— The mind's keenest weapons, Searching as a star's light When piercing deepest night, Can find no hidden trail; Why the brave-soul despair? The sweet ideal is there.

In youth's golden morning, Ere manhood's ripe dawning, The ideal came to me; Oh, how it shined and twined, And so tenderly climbed Into this soul of mine, Like a flowering vine 'Mongst the leaves of a tree; Through my soul's gates ajar Shines this sweet day-dream star.

The songs and visions dear Of prophet, psalmist, seer. The dreams that filled with light The poet's heart of fire; Tunes from Apollo's lyre, The wisdom of sages, Coming down the ages,
Are my own free birthright;
Mine to drink of my fill, To enjoy, if I will.

'Tis the ideal gleaming That sets the soul dreaming So sweetly in the night; Though Summer friends betray, And plighted love fades away, Riches elyde and laugh, And Fate pricks with his gaff, While Hope turns off the light; Still the sweet ideal wiles, And the singing heart smiles.

Why fear ye doubting hearts, Why the trembling soul starts? he Eternal knows best: I but came up through Time, This thinking soul of mine Cannot stay here alway; Mayhap supernal day Will be mine, or sweet rest:

He doeth all things well-The curtain drops, farewell! -J. T. Ford

"Speed Up"

The "Speed-Up" message has gone out in many lines of industry, Orders are coming in. Business is getting better.

This will be an active Fall season. Sales will be larger and failures less frequent, The signs all say, "Push for Busi-

The man who lags is going to INVITE PEOPLE TO BUY YOUR

GOODS. ADVERTISE

ness Now."