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THROUGH TO THE SEA

through road-a practicable vehicleshighway for all ordinary from the great Inland Empire to the Pacific Ocean has been the dream of far-seeing men for more than a cen-One hundred and ten years ago. Lewis and Clark claimed a conpay roll. titient from its native wilds and dedi-

cated it to civilization, they paddled down the Columbia in cances. For fifty or more years there was no other of travel. Then came along the old Barlow road-a rough way to the necessity of transfer to boats at The Dalles and the passage the Cascades. Then there were steamboats and a crude transfer at the ageades; and finally there was a rail- ed and determined purpose to cut oad from Portland on the south bank Within ten

of the great Columbia. years another railroad has been constructed from Portland along the north bank, and a little longer ago spurious efficiency under the direction railroad connection from Portland to of five bran-new Commissioners, who Astoria and Seaside was established.

But in all this long time no first-class wagon road has been built from class wagon road has been along the nat-The Dulles to the ocean along the natural river route-not until now. men are pushing through a broad and durable highway from Portland up the interior; and today the great Lower Columbia River Highway be officially opened. It is not done with ex-carts, or muletrains, or farm-wagons, or any of the devices of locomotion and carriage ed by our sturdy forebears, but by the most modern of land vehicles-the A brigade of cars is to from Portland and adjacent towns. saring messages of felicitation and neighborliness to the thriving cities

counties of the Lower Columbia. Some months ago, other excursions usually flows to this country must sent from Portland to help along the have an appreciable effect on the labor novement for good roads in Columbia and Clatsop countles. Now the effort, due to the enterprise and foresight of as the war lasts. Already a short-the people of those counties, is about age is experienced in the Eastern coal to be consummated. It is an occasion mines. for congratulation all around.

CONFERENCE FREE AND OPEN.

The insinuation that the forthcom ing conference of Western states water-power legislation is committed advance to any particular policy and that opportunity will be denied those bly reduced and there will be who disapprove that policy to seek the much work of reconstruction to their views is without jusdoption of tification. free and open.

best evidence of that fact is the to send delegates, without regard to a body which they cannot control and the character of which will command SAD EXPERIENCE.

ect that a discussion is to be held by

There has lately been

The vast army of inspectors is still

The superfluous

on the job, so thick that they step on

one another's toes. The superfluous quarterly bills for flat-rate water pay-

ers are still made out by the thousands.

The entangling and complicated maze

of red tape is strangling every healthy

symptom of a movement toward direct

and leakage, and nowhere a concert-

If the people of Portland two years

ago had understood that they were to

pay far more, rather than less, for a

among them would have been elected

FLOW OF IMMIGRATION STOPS.

584.575. In 1914-15 the excess

500,000 a year less than usual as long

England \$7 per cent.

market.

high wages

Everywhere there are waste

action.

down.

To say that the loud cry for greater this prosperity much beyond earlied calculations foretoid, the conclusion of onomy in municipal affairs is a call for the city to go to "pigsty stand-ards" is both offensive and senseless. peace will cause a collapse in war business. While this business pays business. While this business high profits it has diverted many Yet that is in effect what the Portland from their normal lines and Evening Journal charges. It is true enough that large numbers of worthy tories has involved them in heavy expense citizens have cut and trimmed their in adapting plants to the making personal and domestic expenses, and a product the demand for which is so temporary that the capital expended are not living in pigstys, nor will they They need to live there. have been

must be recouped out of profits in order to avoid final loss. prudent and saving and they have stopped waste, and they-or some of When the Nation is laying the founthem-have got off the automobile hasis and have gone back to the dations of permanent prosperity so firmly in other respects, it is to be regretted that this weak spot should be permitted to enter into the strucstreetcars. They are living comfortably, cheaply and respectably, and are far-very far-from any mythical ture of business. The inevitable collapse of war stocks will cause serious

If there is another institution oss to many investors who have been Portland, or in Oregon, that has not put on the brakes in the past year, it deluded by manipulation, and the winners in this game are not of a type has succeeded admirably in keeping its to invest the winnings in productive affairs from the public-another insti-tution than the government of Port-

enterprise. Those manufacturers who reach out for the trade of Latin America and who adapt their plants to sup-ply that trade will build up a pera feeble ffort in that direction, but it has not gone far. We have high expectations manent prosperity such as can never be derived by those which obtain of Commissioner Baker, and, we think, he understands that a real economy is war contracts. The same statement is far to be preferred to a paper effitrue of those bankers who finance ciency. Yet he faces a huge task, for the burdened taxpayer is still called normal foreign trade and who market securities which will create a market upon to meet the immense municipal for American goods.

MAKING A START.

It is gratifying to note that President Wilson has undertaken a serious study of the subject of National defense with the end in view of making Congress for certain increases in our hitting power, though the extent and precise character of the recommenda-

tions are not yet disclosed. will reach the broadest possible clusion and launch a military policy worthy of a great and wealthy power, which, after having run to idealism, suddenly awakens to find it-

self all but defenseless in a militant The flow of immigration to the world which seems altogether unwi United States has been almost stopped ing to accept American peace ideals. world which seems altogether unwillby the war. In the fiscal year 1913-14 However, it must not be that the United States will legislate immigration exceeded emigration by itself into an effective military policy at one stroke. Adequate defensive only about 50,000. The largest de-crease is 80 per cent in Italian immi-The largest decrease is 80 per cent in Italian immi-gration, due to the calling of men to quiring time and careful development. What President Wilson and the next the colors in preparation for war. The decrease from Russia and Austria-Hungary is only about 50 per cent, an immense force, can serve as nothing more than a first step. Necessar-ily this first step should be taken in

from Ireland 40 per cent, and from a direction leading to an ultimate goal The return to Europe of many thousand workers to fight and the cutting Intelligent beginning and persistent progress may serve to put us in readi-ness without the disaster of learning our lesson in the paths of invading off of the supply of new labor which armies. The supply will be at least

GERMAN PURPOSE UNCHANGED. There is a disposition in some quarters to regard the modification of Ger-

With the growth of industrial activity this shortage will be increas man submarine warfare as a tacit ingly felt and may open an epoch of concession of American demands. In

There is little ground to expect at support of this view are cited the adncrease of immigration to anything mission that the Nebraskan was atapproaching former totals after the war. The male population of all the acked by mistake, the removal of the Leelanaw's crew before that ship was belligerent countries will be so terrisunk and the opportunity given to crews of other ships to escape before torpedoes or shells were fired. It is do that Europe will have employment for suggested that, Germany having thus The conference is to be all its men and will have no surplus abandoned the practice of murdering for emigration. The time may have

American seamen and passengers, set when the United States must for the Lusitania massacro invitation to all the water-power states depend on its own natural increase of may be permitted to hang fire until population for its supply of labor and the war is ended, and then may be the political complexion of their ad- for its development. Thus the war reached in the same manner as the ministration or to the policy which may settle the much-vexed question of Alabama claims were settled .

price, and, in the case of Bethlehem of the State Engineer under the con-Steel common, a rise to nine times last year's price is beyond all reason. The sources of prosperity behind the war stocks are purely artificial and temporary. Though Russian reverses trol of the Highway Commis If Mr. Lewis will now forget tech nicalities and work in harmony the Commission, the good roads cause will be advanced and he will lose

temporary. Though Russian reverses may, by prolonging the war, continue nothing in public estimation. earlier BUYERS' WEEK

It can be set down in large letter that the third annual Buyers' week in Portland is a pronounced success. does not merely that a golden stream is pouring into the cash boxes of wholesalers and jobbers. That would be a narrow view. To think that a balance can be struck Saturday night next and the success of the week told by the total sales made is far from the standard which may be called

Portland merchants wish to come interested in a permanent way in the affairs of their customers, and want their customers to becom manently interested in Portland and Portland people, particularly in those with whom they are dealing. These relations should be of a social, finan-cial and general business nature, the foundation for future business deal-ings or an enlargement of the structure heretofore founded.

cit rooms that high, any travent the siding. An ordinance to prevent the running at large of horses and cattle within the city limits during certain hours at certain "periods of the year was read a third time and passed. It will take effect from and after its apand the The getting of business keeping of business by wholesalers is not what it was in the years agone. When a buyer came to town then it was supposed the town should be prac. proval by the Mayor. tically turned over to him. As a rule he did not bring his wife with him, for of the of the P. T. Company at the win

he knew when he left home that he would be "too busy" to look after her. He was kept pretty busy in seeing the sights, his leaders and entertainers

being ready and willing to go to every reasonable. often unreasonable, expense to entertain him. This entertainment took in a wide scope of the commendations to the next session of town, a very wide scope, and probably sometimes resulted in headaches, perhaps heartaches.

We have learned a better way, safer way and a saner way. This week The subject is one demanding the Portland is treating the buyers as President's immediate and closest at-friends and fellow-citizens. We are ention, and the hope will prevail that attempting to give them keen enjoyment of a civilized kind. We are endeavoring to make them friends of ourselves and our families. We are striving to have the women buyers and the wives of the men buyers so handsomely treated that they will all return to their homes with a good taste in the mouths and words of praise for the Portland people on their lips.

We are looking ahead. Having faith station will go to Oregon northern territories. in the future of Portland we wish so to treat Portland visitors as to imbue them with that same faith. This not to be the last Buyers' week. It is to be a yearly event. It will broaden Congress do, even if they provide for and lengthen and strengthen year after year, because it is laid on high grounds Necessar- and in the pursuit of a worthy purpose.

> That early morning bank robbery at Cedar Rapids, Ia., a week ago, devel-ops into simple defalcation by confession of the "victim." a teller who was spending more than he earned These flukes happen only often enough to call attention to the good work being done by thousands of right young men who are handling other people's money.

There would not be so many boy thieves if there were not so many "fences," and the best way to remedy evil is to make the punishment the of the second-hand man who buys the plunder so severe he cannot afford to continue. It is better to save the boys than to continue case-hardened junkmen in evil ways.

The latest alleged German peace terms include control of Belgium, big slice of France and all of Poland and the Baltic provinces. It is a wonder they do not include Ireland, but the extreme courtesy toward Great Britain prevents.

FUTURE OF PROHIBITION PARTY Half a Century Ago

Liquor Question Will Cease to Be Chief Plank Once Traffic Is Abolished. PORTLAND, Aug. 11 .- (To the Edi-

om The Gregonian of August 12, Editorial-It was announced From The Gregonian of August 12, 1885. Editorial—It was announced some time ago that the vessels which were chosen to lay the telegraphic cable between the coasts of Ireland and Newfoundiand would sail on their er-rand about the middle of July. We have no news from the East of a later date than that appointed for the work to begin, if the weather proved PPo-pitious and no accident befeil the ex-pedition. Europe and America have for some days been in telegraphic com-munication with each other. We can hardly doubt that the cable was suc-cessfully laid. timents expressed.

Perhaps you will pardon me if I make a few brief remarks in answer to

A prospector who arrived at The Dalles on Wednesday last reports the discovery of new and rich diggings on the north side of the Columbia. He says the mines are the same that Na-than Olney has been looking for all Summer and that they will pay big. With a mortar and pestle \$20 a day is easy work. This is in the quarts claims. There are also indications of placer disgings that pay well. today's article. I agree with you in your statement that pronounced pubyour statement that pronounced par-lic sentiment is necessary for success-ful law enforcement, but I do not think anyone will deny that sentiment, not only in Oregon but in our whole Nation and throughout the world, is now in favor of prohibition. I also agree that it is not necessary to organize a speit is not necessary to organize a spe-cial political party against theft or murder, but I unhesitatingly claim that if a "traffic" in either thievery or murder ever attains such proportions that its leaders control politics and corrupt our elections as the liquor traf-fic now does it would underschild. The regular weekly meeting of the Common Council was held at the Coun-cil rooms last night, Mayor Falling prefic now does, it would undoubtedly be necessary to organize a political party to defeat them. In other words, thisving and murdering are not in polics; the liquor traffic is. In the second plank of the first plat-

The basin to be formed by the works of the P. T. Company at the Wilform ever adopted by the Republican party I find the words, "That as our Republican fathers, when they had abolished slavery in all our National tion of freight over the better transporta-tion of freight over the portage at that place will connect the boats to within 50 feet of each other, but there will be an incline of 54 feet to obtain the height from the lower boat to the up-per. It is calculated that, by Novem-ber 1, boats can enter and discharge for the st the head in landing. territory, ordained that no per-shall be deprived of life, libe or property without due process person liberty law, it becomes our duty to maintain provisions of the Constitution by positive legislation prohibit-Constitution these ing its existence or extension there-in." And in the third plank, "It is both the right and imperative duty of Congress to prohibit in the territories 1763. In 1793 the English forces under 1763. In 1793 the English forces under For three months past the losses by fire and marine disasters have been more than double the amount for 10 years previous to those directly inter-

Years previous to those directly inter-seted at home. The loss of the Indus-try, the great fire at Idaho City, at The Dalles, the wreck of the Brother Jonathan and, latterly, the fire at Walla Walla amount to at least \$1.849.-669. Austin, Nev.—Ten wagons passed through town this morning from the arduous journey across the plains. This party left the Missouri River on the Sth of May and had neither sickness nor trouble from the Indians. They confirm the statement of previous arri vals that the bulk of this year's immi-write with the transmission of the state of the state of the statement of previous arri while the bulk of this year's immi-write with the statement of previous arri was the statement of previous arri slavery. I have yet to meet any poli-tician or historian bold enough to claim that slavery could have been abolished the by any other means than through a by any other means than through political party (in this case the Re-publican) declaring against it and forming a medium through which the abolitionists could exercise the franand

First Assistant Postmaster-General in place of Clarkson. There is now no man of prominence in the Postoffice Department west of Clinchmati. In go-ing West there is a suggestion of mak-ing a long jump and among those most prominently mentioned is Judge E. H. Calkins, of Tacoma, Wash. However, I agree that the prohibition more so that the tariff question has been used for years by the dominant A dispatch from New Orleans, signed y Theodore Peterson, president of the tymple Club, of that city, says: "At

A dispatch from New Orleans, signed by Theodore Peterson, president of the Olympic Club, of that city, says: "At a meeting of the directors of the Olympic Club a resolution was passed to offer a purse of \$4500, \$4000 to the winner, \$500 to the loser, for a glow contest between Bob Fitzsinmons, of New Zealand, middleweight champion of Australia, and Jack Dempsey. of Brooklyn, N. Y. according to Police Gazette rules, for the middleweight championship of the world." "The City Park is beginning to loom up in great shape." said a prominent Portlander yesterday, "and in a few wass more Portland will have a park to be proud of. Considerable work has been done in the past year. A great deal more money should be spent in its improvement, but the fact of the mat-

European War Primer By National Geographical Society.

Đ UNKIRK, one of the most bitterly contested points of the world war, which has continued to be a first interest on the western battle line ever since the fall of Antwerp, is the ourth seaport of France, has been an important stronghold from the days when it was fortified by Baldwin III, Count of Flanders, in the 10th century. and, due to its peculiarly value, it has been the storm many European troubles, changing masters as the strife for the continent-al Channel coast ran in favor of first one and then the other. The Kings of France disputed the possession of the Flanders town with the Counts lo Conde captured Dunkirk in 1646 for his master, Louis XIV, and the Spaniards took the place again in 1652. Austria

held it. The Frenchman, the Anglo-Saxon, the Dutchman and the German included the dune country in which Dunkirk lay among their prominent aspirations. The commercial and military value of Antwerp and Rotterdam was then unguessed. Dunkirk was geographpolitically commercially and I. a commercial prot ically. central, a commercial promise and a naval advantage to the power holding t. In 1658, Marshall Turenne beat the Spaniards here, and with him fought \$000 of Cromwell's Ironsides. The Bat-tle of the Dunes was almost as red and violent as are the relentless struggles now going on amid the gray wastes and sandy ridges.

The port was ceded to England, and the English strengthened it and built a citadel here. Louis XIV purchased it for France from the impoverished it for France from the impoverished Charles II, paying about \$1,000,000. In the struggles which followed between France and England, Dunkirk became the center of a war of privateers on English trade, working such significant damage upon the Island Kingdom that the English insisted upon the destruc-tion of the harbor and fortilications as part of the terms of the Peace of Utrecht in 1713. The English repeated the Duke of York laid a determined but unsuccessful siege to the port.

Dunkirk is a fortress of the first class, and it is a central point in a complex net of fortresses. Calais, Gravelines, Bergues and Bourbourg form a triangle of strongholds, with form a transfe of strategies, whose fronts protect the coast and the approach from Belgium. A chain of forts stretches east from Dunkirk to cover the movements of a defending army. These forts are surrounded and crossed These forts are surrounded and crossed by an intricate system of canals and water surfaces, and to strengthen them the whole surrounding country can be inundated. The water detenses make this line all but impregnable. With all the dune country awash, and dominated by powerful batteries, the port of Dun-kirk offers a difficult military problem. The port is situated in the depart-ment of Nord, 155 miles north of Paris and 28 miles northeast of Calais. It is 53 miles northeast of Calais. It is

However, I agree that the prohibition of the liquor traffic, once it is suc-cessfully handled Nationally, will be only a temporary political issue. On account of its prominence with us, many people imagine that the Prohibi-tion party has no other live issue. It is well known and becoming increasingly more so that the tariff question has been used for years by the dominant notonous. The city before the war had well-to-do population of \$8.000. harbor is highly improved, const The consisting of a number of inner basins and great floating docks in the roadstead, where the largest ships are handled.

Bunkirk contested third place upo the French list of ports hotly with Bordeaux. Its excellent canal and railway connections linked it with the nanufacturing centers of Belgium and Northern France. The coal lands of Nord and Pas-de-Calais, the rich agri-cultural districts of Flanders and cultural Artois, and the humming factory towns of Lille, Roubaix, Valencleunes, tieres and Tourcoing poured the to be proud of. Considerable work has been done in the past year. A great torial in your columns recently rec-ommending this action. In addition to our party's logical improvement, but file fact of the mat-ter is the city is too economical. Money cannot be spent to better advantage than in beautifying a park, and if Portland follows the example of older tities are with a store of the store

MORE PUBLICITY FOR SCHOOLS

Children Are Most Important Farm Crop, but Papers Neglect Them.

PORTLAND, Aug. 11 .- (To the Edi-

tor.)-It is a hopeful sign to see so many good editorials on school affairs

taking up the discussion, as on the subject of school examinations. The

questions that particularly need treatment in this way, however, are those that must be decided by the patrons and not by the teacher, and especially

The Oregonian, and to see others

Twenty-Five Years Ago

freights at the basin landing.

From The Oregonian of August 12, 1890, The Administration is now looking for a bright Western man to be made First Assistant Postmaster-General in hise.

and

they might favor. Montana is to be represented by its Democratic Gover-nor and its two Democratic Senators; Idaho, Washington, Nevada and Wyoby Democratic Governors or by delegates appointed by them or oth. California is to be represented provement in domestic trade, combined by its Progressive Governor or his delegates, who are believed to be in- cial position and with the prospect of clined towards Secretary Lane's policy, still further trade improvement in The Democratic Governors mentioned the next year, no doubt justify a may also be presumed to have a lean- material rise in value of stocks, but ing toward that policy if they can a warning has already gone up against find it consistent with the interests of the present fever of speculation in

their states. When all shades of opinion and all parties are thus to be represented and shares in the last week of July, com have the opportunity to secure adop- pared with 3,639,985 in the same week tion of their views, no man has a right a year ago. The figures contain evidence of ar

to impugn the independence of the The conference in advance. It will be free tificial caused investigations by the state and and open and will be truly representative of the water-power states. In those respects it will be unlike the conserva-tion conventions which have pretended to voice public opinion. Those conven-by Congress. Manipulation has made Wall Street synonymous in public estimation with all that is evil in speculation, and has caused that indiscriminate condemnation of big business which has confounded the ns were invaded in force by Govern. ment employes, who voiced the opintons of the men to whom they owed good with the bad and had an in jurious effect on business in general their jobs and who were unconsciously Profuse promises of reform have been blased by a desire to hold and magnify their positions. The states have an in- broken, and so staunch a defender of disputable right to confer on a subject has been moved to say: of such vital interest to themselves.

No attempt is to be made to force upon the conference any particular pol. While the Oregon Legislature, in calling the conference, laid down certain principles which, in its opinion, should form the basis of water-power legislation, it did not attempt to commit the conference in advance to those principles. The purpose of the confernce is to consider what legislation is advisable to bring about development water power and to safeguard the rights and interests of the states. Necessity for the conference has arisen the fact that certain theorists have been dictating Government policy for years and have held up develop ment in order to enforce the embodiment of their theories in legislation procured the theorists have ssage of the Ferris bill by the House. hat bill deals with property in whiel

the states have a major interest, yet the men who drew and pushed it through the House did so without any

do preferred. American Can. American Locom Ballwin Locom consultation with the states and against the opposition of many of Representatives in Congress. othichem Steel do preferred. rucible Steel. do preferred. istilliers Securit The hold-up is similar in character to that of a mossback farmer, who seeks to extort from a railroad an exorbitant payment for right of way. The case is ew York Air Brake. Indebaker Corporation Festinghouse Electric. ne for joint action by the two parties interested-the states owning the wa ter and the Government owning

-and the conference is designed to set forth the state's proposals.

the purpose of determining how far the enormous dealings in the stocks The conference being free to recom mend any policy it deems best, it is the enormous dealings in the stocks impossible to define beforehand what which have been whirled up with that policy will be. Of certain facts such great celerity consist of normal, we can feel assured. It will act with legitimate transactions, and how far a far more intimate knowledge of the they are wholly manipulative in charject and with far more regard for acter"; to "ferret out the persons en the rights of the states than the men gaged in these nefarious schemes

me of whom are evidently finanhave blocked development and are now attempting to dictate leg .. cially powerful"; and to eliminate who are now attempting to dictate leg-island to entitle profession in itself. There is a plan would start development. The attacks on the Exchange." There is doubtless good cause for met are signs of the alarm feit by theorists and bureaucrats at the pros-stocks, but a doubling and trabling of gincer, but as a deputy in the office gon's.

immigration without legislation.

SPECULATION IN WAR STOCK

manipulation such as

carrying Americans, and she gives no varning of attack. One of her sub-The decided improvement in American foreign trade and lesser with the strengthening of our finan her way westward, and therefore carrying no war munitions. When the latter attack was made the last American note to Germany was about to be dispatched.

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Germany has not changed her Wall Street. This fever was evi-denced by transactions in 5,385,866 ose to sink at sight any Cunard liner, whether it carries Americans or not, contraband or not. So long as Gernany continues to defend the sinking

of the Lusitania, so long as the head such acts in future, the security of ment.

NO CAUSE TO SQUABBLE.

The new law consolidating the of fices of State Highway Engineer and Wall Street as the Financial Chronicle State Engineer is a muddle. There is

no question about that. It makes the It is not uncommon to find the share transactions in any given stock for a single day aggregating one-half the share capital and even more in special cases. This, of course, is unnatural and illegitimate. If there were confident investment buying, or even confident speculative huying, the ag stogate of transactions might reach heavy totals on any given day, but the movement would hardly keep up to the same volume day after day. And yet that is now the record. It needs no great powers of dis-cerment to perceive from a study of the official Stock Exchange sheet that powerful cliques are using the facilities of the Ex-change with the deliberate purpose of bring-ing about a tremendous advance in prices. It is not uncommon to fin State Engineer the highway engineer and confers upon him the powers, du ties and work previously performe that official. But it also authorizes the chairman of the State Highway commission (the Governor) to apthe State Engineer, this deputy to be Bull is a good payer. versed in scientific road constru The State Highway Commission is au thorized to prescribe his duties. The statute thus presents an appar

ent conflict of authority, but, even so it ought to be possible to conduct the Speculation has been confined to small group of stocks common! engineering work on the state hightermed war stocks, because the com ways in harmony. We fancy that if panies they represent have received the State Engineer had been author large European war contracts. The following table prepared by Brad-streets shows the tremendous pace at ized to appoint the deputy who should act as highway engineer and to prewhich they have been advanced:

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scribe his duties, the State Engineer would have chosen someone in whom he had confidence and the State Engl neer would thereafter have been highway engineer only in respect to title and formality.

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1097980 199798 199798 19979 19970 10 But in accordance with the law th Governor has appointed the deputy and the Commission has prescribed his duties. Mr. Cantine's competency has not been questioned. It is per-fectly safe to trust him to go ahead with the work. Even if it were no

safe, any mistakes he might make would not cause criticism of Mr. Lewis, the State Engineer, but of Mr The Chronicle advises the Stock Ex-"for Cantine and the Highway Commission While the wording of the statute is

contradictory, its intent is obvious to everyone who followed the proceed ings of the last Legislature. The desire was to consolidate two engineeromy in the matter of maintaining office forces and records. It is recog-

nized that highway engineering is profession in itself. There is a High-way Commission responsible for

Germany has not abandoned the What is the use of Britain's declarpractice of attacking passenger ships

ng materials for ammunition contraband? Germany can find a substitute other attempted to torpedo and then shelled the Cunarder Orduna while on her way westward, and there way westward, and there way and shoot it at the allies for anything on earth. When every-

Washington airmen soaring over British Columbia are in danger of being brought down by accident by the vigilant Canucks who fear invasion. They would better come this way where any kind of bird is made well

of the German government does not ter of insect pests up there. To be distinctly disavow all such unlawful afflicted with cockroaches and bedacts and pledge himself to permit no bugs is cruel and inhuman punish-

American rights at sea is subject to the changing strategy of the German Admiralty, the head of which has re-peatedly expressed opposition to any mitigation of submarine war. A regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held last evening. Mr. Oliphant introduced a resolution ask-ing that the Columbia River Highway runs both ways from Portland. It

takes one either to the Cascade Mountains or to the ocean.

Ex-Senator Burton does not propose Meaning of Term and How It Can B have his tender little boom injure Applied Against Germany. ASTORIA, Or., Aug. 5 .- (To the Ediin the eyes of labor by associating with the heads of the National Manu-

facturers' Association. Mr. Burton a cautious man. Another consignment of British

ASTORIA, Or., Aug. 8.—(10 the Edi-tor.)—Being a constant reader of your valuable paper. I would like you to ex-plain the meaning of the phrase "Strict accountability," used in your editorial under the heading, "Our Case Founded on Law." How could the United States hold either side to a strictsaccount-ability? _____INTERESTED. gold, only \$52,000,000 this time, is on commission (the Governor) to ap-the way from Halifax to strengthen boint one chief deputy in the office of British credits in New York. John The term "strict accountability"

neans liability to render an account being answerable or responsible for The British at Hooge showed what anything. In our dispute with Ger they can do when they have ammunimany the United States might demand tion. Their guns gave the munitionthe payment of a certain sum of money workers a hint to keep busy. and the performance of certain acts of

reparation by a certain day. In the As to whether Germany violated the event of failure to comply the United States might selze German property treaty of 1828 by sinking the Frye, the United States and Germany agre sufficient to satisfy both the money disagree

claim and to pay a penalty for the in-dignity put upon the United States, to-gether with the cost of our own op-About 200,000 bushels of Orego wheat went to the bottom in the war erations. Were that possible in praczone yesterday, torpedoed by Gertice, the United States might occupy As it was paid for and a big mans some German port or territory and colerop is at hand, we should worry. lect the claim from its revenue. This

has been done by great powers against At the rate at which Russia is aban small nations without causing war, but doning cities the government will soon If the United States were to attempt it take to the woods.

against Germany the result would certainly be war. If the United States The chief criticism of the movi did not choose to adopt either means of ensors is that they are too censoricollection, it might hold open its money ous.

Europe profited by our extremity during the Civil War. Now it is our turn, half a century later.

Maxim's device to counteract effect of deadly gases in the trenches is in other words, by war.

just another kind of perfumery.

Funston sees nothing slarming in border reports and Funston has good

eyes. The pathfinders start early thi

morning for the oceanside.

This is Eastern weather-not Ore curred,

cities she will not retain such a firm hold on the purse strings of the treas-ury when it comes to park improve-ment."

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evening to record their sorrow that John Boyle O'Reilly was not spared to posed entirely of planks previously clared for by the Prohibition party. return from patriotic exile on the day of his country's freedom.

clared for by the Prohibition party. It seems to me that once the prohi-bition question is settled there are lin-ble to be at least as many live issues remaining in platform as the Republic-an party has had to keep it before the people since Lincoln's day. Let me conclude by again thanking you for your courtesy and assuring you that these remarks of mine have not been indicted in any captious spirit, but come. The kangaroo court at the top of the Courthouse must act on the mat-ter of insect pests up there. To be afflicted with cockroaches and bedcompleted the triangulation as far as Government Island.

A regular meeting of the Chamber

WHAT IS STRICT ACCOUNTABILITY?

that these remarks of mine nave not been indicted in any captious spirit, but rather with the desire fully to enlight-en the dry voters who naturally look to my committee for leadership in these OREGON PROHIBITION STATE COM-

MITTEE, By J. Sanger Fox, Executive Sec.

those in regard to rural schools. If one-eighth of the material on school and neighborhood improvement that is given to the teachers through educa-tional journals, institutes and normal schools, could be given to the peoplo directly through the daily and asti-As we understood Mr. Fox the other day, he was arguing in effect that prohibition could not be made effective without the election of Prohibition cultural papers, many of the things we are still struggling for would have party officials to enforce the law. Mr. are still strugging for would have been accomplished long ago. It is not enough to say that the teachers should bring these subjects before the people in Parent-Teachers' meetings. The teachers need all the help thy can get, as so many of them are young insynarienced, and utterly Fox is reminded that abolition of slavery is effective under the adminis-

tration of the party that opposed abolition. The Oregonian sees no more reason for a Prohibition political party are young, inexperienced, and utterly unused to getting questions before the public, and Mr. Churchill himself says that all educational reform must start from the inexperience. Oregon today than it sees for an abolition party in Alabama.

curing the license. He must take oath that neither has been divorced within the past six months and that they are not nearer than second cousins and that there is no other legal impediment to the marriage and that neither is an habitual criminal. Two witnesses are necessary to the the past six months and that they are

Two witnesses are necessary to the marriage ceremony, though they do not have to know those being married. The

person performing the ceremony usually will furnish witnesses to the marriage.

Seattle Directory. PORTLAND, Aug. 11.-(To the Ed-itor.)-Is there a Seattle city directory in Portland? I would like to look up an address if possible.

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claim for adjustment at The Hague. But an affront to national honor is

Washington Marriage Laws.PORTLAND, Aug. 11.—(To the Edition.)—Kindly print the marriage laws.if the State of Washington. This information has been searched for in the City Library, but of no avail. Is it necessary to have a witness to obtain license and how many witnesses are required at the marriage?We keep saying that the boys and girls are the most important crop that a page devoted to cows and their pens, and so on through every branch of farm activity, except that the page devoted to the child and his school information on hog cholera, shes, and state inspection of dairies and herds, bit is slient on adenoids. Cross-lights and medical inspection of schools. It seems to me that here is a wonderful

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seems to me that here is a wonderful chance for both the farm papers and the educational leaders to do a great

for the improvement of the schools of Gregon. J. W. SMITH.

Going Over the House

We are nearing the season when we go over the house with critical eye.

Furniture must be repaired, per haps a new rug bought, or new cur tains provided.

A little touch here or there gives a room new brightness, and adds sweetness to the word home.

Judicious choosing will help both in satisfaction and purse.

And judicious choosing means buying with knowledge, which again suggests the help the advertising

Drowning Not at Sunset Beach. SUNSET BEACH, Or., Aug. 10 .- (To e Editor.)-I would appreciate it if the Editor.)—I would appreciate it in you would correct the statement that Miss Margaret Platt was drowned at Sunset Beach. While she and her friends were guests near here, the party was spending the day at Del Rey Beach, three miles south of here, and it was there that the accident oc-

ABIGAIL FRANKEL

only by ample apology and voluntary reparation, or, failing that, by the

not arbitrable and can be wiped out

physical chastisement of the offender,