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THE LAND GRANT CONFERENCE.

The complexity of the land grant problem and the importance to Oregon of its early and proper solution interested in the acquisition by actual settlers of all the lands suitable for sound business judgment countenance the disposal of chantable timber after the manner that prevailed in the early days of stacked the cards. Valuable wealth need not must not be, destroyed to redu the timbered land to cultivation. Nor is acquisition of the timber for a song by those who first apply compatible with the settlement and cultivation that are so strongly desired.

It has been suggested by more than one person, and it is openly advo-cated by some newspapers, that the one person, and it is openly poor man should not be deprived of the chance the early settlers of Oregon had to make a stake out of the timber on the quarter section of land which he will convert into a home. If past experience gave hope that the entryman would actually devote the profits derived from the timber to the improvement of his land there could objection to the proposal. But all know that unless there is some rigid restriction devised much of the land so disposed of originally would soon fall into the hands of timber speculators, and the state would be no better off than it was during the period when the railroad company withheld the land from sale

The Oregonian will not herein urge upon the conference a detailed plan to submit to Congress for disposal of the grant. It is meet only that genprinciples which should guide the conference be suggested. The ward "conference" implies that there are certain unsettled problems to be solved, and that men are called together for that purpose. But it is clear and plain above all that every tement of the lands should be fered; that the timber wealth should not be wastefully sacrificed, and that on the other hand, every effort of which the conference and the state are capable should be put forward to prevent the permanent reservation of the prospect is that material additions will be made to the emergancy and income taxes, but the sum needed to meet special expenditures for defense and to make good two deficit will be at least \$350.

will carry the burden of supporting not only itself but will carry the additional burdens imposed by the existence of 60 per cent within forest reserves, Indian reservations and the unappropriated public domain. nearly half a million dollars in taxes annually. If reduced to settlement it would pay many millions. Unless it is opened to settlement and taxaprivate ownership, would at once pay ter which does not concern party, he new ones it is opened to settlement and taxation the difficulties which now preissue would provide whatever sum
thousand of the best quality. We have
went early private acquirement of the
was then lacking, but the total could
no corps of aviators, no pilots or priated public domain in will not be lessened.

The one item of reclamation, and passage of a tariff bill. there are several others, illustrates point. The best development of land now lying barren in Eastern Oregon is dependent upon irriga-The stage has virtually been reached when reclamation projects is that of being able to say: "I told must halt or cease to be a considera- you so." For ten years he has fought must halt or cease to be a considera-tion unless there be state aid of some must halt or cease to be a consideration unless there be state aid of some it, predicting its disastrous results; The men who handle the Army and now he sees his prediction fulfilled. The last American ship was driven the development of that portion of its development of the prediction of the predic area most susceptible to speedy cultivation and crop production cannot extend proper financial aid to that portion wherein nature needs the as- ing by Congressmen to their fears of active list of the Navy on August sistance of man's ingenuity. The time Western Oregon should do something practicable and generous for Eastern Oregon, not only for Eastern Overen's sake, but for its own. But it can do nothing if robbed of its birthright, a general way these are th

things to which the conference will or should give emphasis. It is recalled that more than eight years have empsed since the Legislature memoralized Congress to take steps to relieve Oregon from the land grant incubus. Oregon prayed Congress to enforce the terms of the grant. Con-That answer was a lawsuit. lawsuit has been prosecuted from court to court through the weary years, and today we are back pracwhere we started. preme Court of the United States. after all this effort and watchful waiting, has told Congress in effect that the remedy lies in Congress hands, not in the jurisdiction of the

Once more Oregon must appeal to engress for relief. This time the Congress for relief. lies in a conference such as Governor Withveombe has summoned to Salem. The conference should be able to prepare a resolution more definite than a simple prayer for re-lief from the weight of land reserva-It should be able to make known what Oregon considers just and reasonable. Experiment or ex-Nor should a plan be proposed, if it can be avoided, which would pro-mote further litigation with the rullroad company. And by this time, it is tive, Mr. Humphrey says:
reasonable to suppose, the railroad
The president of the Seamen

best read to ultimate profit from the grant. Certainly it is Oregon's,

STACKED CARDS.

In commenting on the new jitney ordinance the Portland News a news. which has heretofore supported Dalyism, says:

Commissioner Daiy, however, points out that this is the mildest restrictive ordinance yet adopted in this country in regulation of the litneys. It is known that until the last hour it was not expected that Mayer Albee would vote for the Daiy ordinance; if he had not, the deadlock would have continued and no regulation would have been in force because it required a unanimous vote to pass the ordinance with an emergency clause.

clause.

The corporation interests did not want the Daly ordinance; apparently these interests decided that it was best to get some regulation than none, and the vote was unanimous sherily subsequent thereafter. In private conversation yesterday, when no change in the deadlock was anticipated, Mr. Daly said, "I am not sure that the jitneys need any regulation anyway."

But though Commissioner Daly is probably the goat and was the victim of a last-hour clever move, still the fact remains that organized labor will blame him for whatever happens to the jitneys.

White is a rice way of coving that

Which is a nice way of saying that Mr. Daly knew the public (or was it the corporations?) wanted fitney egulation and that the labor leaders fld not; that he tried to make good are so great that the conference to oppose any and all jitney regulation.

be held in Salem September 16 at the We are somewhat doubtful whether be held in Salem September 16 at the call of the Governor will be the most notable gathering, with the exception of the forthcoming water power conference, of perhaps a decade. Primarily, we take it the september 16 at the common and all jitthey regulation.

We are somewhat doubtful whether counter and of uncertainty as to what additional obstacles may be placed in their path. This fear is expressed in the term: "Lack of confidence."

Other industries than lumber enjoy prosperity but it is appears on the evening following the appears on the evening following the declaration by another contemporary that under commission government settlers of all the lands suitable for agriculture within the more than 2,000,000 acres of the grant. But sound business judgment cannot the dispersal of the grant cannot cannot be dispersal of the grant cannot to commission government on the same day that Commissioner Daly

> FUNDS FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE. the treasury is running behind therefore fears to move, though it ac \$70,000,000 to \$80,000,000 a year.

This fact will not prevent the Prezident from going ahead with his National defense programme, nor ness are far formers to move though it accumulates in unprecedented volume and is eager to be at work.

No doubt the laws relating to business are far formers.

Canal bonds remain unsold, which can lawfully be put on the market without further legislation, but the

n the manner described without im posing a burden which will cause Issue of short-term notes ships. rouble.

Oregon will not be lessened.

The Government land now open to homestend entry in Oregon lies largely in the eastern part of the largely in the castern part of the measure, it would be a greater measure, it would be a greater with the largely in the fortunes of Eastern measure, it would be a greater with the largely in the fortunes of Eastern measure, it would be a greater with the effort to supply the rest is slow and imadequate.

Mr. Lodge declared this question

The sole satisfaction which Rephis fight against the seamen's law For ten years he has fought

This is the fruit of cowardly yieldof his predecessor, Mr. Taft, who dis-

The bill sails under false colors. It purports to free the American sailor from imprisonment for desertion, but ot an American sailor has been imprisoned for descrition in a quarter of a century. Of the members of the as the term Sailors' Union, whom it was designed proposals. to benefit, not 5 per cent were born in the United States and not 10 per cent have been naturalized. The law was designed to benefit foreign sea-

The bill pretends to increase safety at sea, but its spensors objected to any requirement that able-bodied eamen be trained and qualified to handle a lifeboat. They insisted that any man who had served a certain time on deck at sea or on the Great Lakes be held qualified, though he night fiever have handled an oar have done anything but scrub decks and polish brass. They cared nothing for safety at sea, but cared only to give employment to certain men.
A provision on which Andrew
Furuseth insisted most strenuously is the one requiring the collector of cus-toms to detain a ship when an American citizen files an affidavit that the law has not been compiled with

Such an affidavit might be made as to any detail of the law and, if th charge were dismissed, another might continue the tle-up. As to the mo

There is small hope of wise ship ping legislation from Congress when of the sea was made by the United it can be imposed upon by men of States in the Bering Sea arbitration in arrowly selfish motives and can be in 1893. The decision was against the intimidated to pass a measure so United States, pernicious in its effects as the sea- Sovereignty ien's law

TOO MUCH MEDICINE.

In discussing the causes of depression in the lumber industry The Oregonian omitted one cause-lack of onfidence. This feeling arises from conditions existing not only in the lumber industry but in all other in-dustries. Those conditions have been brought about by continual change in laws affecting business and by threats of further changes. The legis-lative and administrative acts adverse to the lumber industry which we have already detailed are only typical with both rides by fathering an ordinance which he thought would not pass. Obviously the open way to play the labor leaders' game was to some obstacles which they would en-

prosperity, but it is due to an ab-normal, highly artificial cause, which may in any month cease to operate namely, the war. For the time being the war has obscured the effects of Inck of confidence, but they are still working in the reluctance of business men to branch out and of investors to undertake new enterprises. Peace would no sooner remove the artificial stimulus which the war has given to President Wilson is reported to lack of confidence would become ap-have definitely decided to push his parent. The foreign competition to plans for National defense and it is which the Administration has ex-

should it. As soon as Secretaries is a limit to the amount of surgery Garrison and Daniels have made their tracommendations, the Cabinet will respite. It is time for our Democratic thresh them over. The President doctors to consider whether some of

He arraigned Mr. Daniels for lack of frankness, a quality with which he justly credited Secretary Garrison and he proved the charge out of Mr. Daniels' own mouth. He quoted the Secretary as saying the Navy "is read o meet any emergency," "We do lack certain ships saying: Mr. Lodge pointed out that obviously both statements cannot be true, for if we lack certain ships, the Navy can not be ready for any emergency.

The Senator went on to disprov the further statement that "every atempt is being made to correct that to be has been suggested as preferable to none have even been authorized. We bonds. nappropriated public domain. The ind grant itself, if restored fully to be materially reduced by rigid econ- mechanicians. We have not enough

not to be one of party, for both parties in Congress are to blame, but he justly arraigned Mr. Daniels for lack of frankness. The Secretary is so con-business until asked by Great Britain, firmed a politician that he cannot and Great Britain is firm in saying resentative Humphrey derived from shake off the habit of defending himself when he should be stirring up the people to drive Congress to make good deficiencies he knows to exist. hit a target eight miles distant, what The men who handle the Army and wouldn't they do to a hostile battle-Minnesota was sold and Japan is now Mr. Daniels will go to fool the people is shown by the fact that the subma-rine F-4 was still retained on the demiasogues and lobbyists. Some of those who voted for the bill secret-ity hoped that Fresident Wilson would Mr. Daniels will only tell the people veto it, but Mr. Wilson lacked either the truth, they will not blame him the courage or the clear mental vision for the delinquencies of others, and they will help to secure the means of making good those delinquencies.

PREEDOM OF THE SEAS.

The Oregonian is asked by a sub scriber to define freedom of the seas. as the term is used in tentative peace proposals. The principle has seen a gradual development. The Romans regarded the sea as open to all, but n the middle ages maritime powers laimed sovereignty over those porions adjacent to their own territory awrence in his "Principles of International Law" says:

Thus Venice claimed the Adriatic, Denmark and Sweden declared that they held the Baltin in joint sovereignty, and England asserted a claim to dominion over the seas which surrounded her shores from Stadland in Norway to Cape Pinisters in Spain and even as far as the coast of America, and the unknown regions of the North. Denmark put in a counter claim to the Arctic seas and expecially to a large zone around Icoland.

These claims imposed an obligation o police the seas against pirates, who were then numerous, and did not carry the right to exclude vessels of other nations, though tolls were often evied for putting down piracy and loenses to fish were given for money. But after the discovery of America Spain claimed the whole Pacific Ocean and tried to exclude vessels of other nations, and Portugal claimed he Indian Ocean and the route tround the Cape of Good Hope. reasonable to suppose, the railroad The president of the Seamens' Union was Other nations ignored these claims company realizes that the opening of willing to surreader all other previsions, and Queen Elizabeth, of England,

told the Spanish Ambassador that no people could acquire a title to the ocean, but its use was common to all The old claims were gradually mod-ified until territorial waters were re-duced to the guifs and marginal waters, but for more than 100 years after Great Britain had ceased to exercise sovereignty over neighboring waters she claimed the right to a salute to her flag. The last attempt to enforce sovereignty over a part of the sea was made by the United

Sovereignty over narrow seas con tinued much longer. For 500 years Denmark collected tolls from ships passing through the Sound, the Great Belt and the Little Belt, on the theory that they were necessary to maintain lighthouses and buoys. The claim was abandoned by treaty and other nations, including the United States pald Denmark paid Denmark compensation. The only exception to the freedom of nar-row seas now is the Dardanelles and Bosphorus, over which the Turkish right to restrict navigation is recog-

nized by special treaties. The principle of freedom of the sea was invaded by Britain during the war with Napoleon. The right to search neutral vessels for contraband was recognized by the United States, but Britain claimed and exercised also the right to search American vessels for British seamen and to impress them into the British navy This dispute led to the war of 1812, but the Treaty of Ghent, which closed the war, was silent on that point After peace was restored in Europe in 1815 Britain abandoned the prac-tice of impressing seamen. Lawrence says:

The claim of right has never been formally abandoned by the British government, but modern English writers regard it as independent and it is not likely to be re-

Another most point regarding freeom of the seas concerned the maxim stimulus which the war has given business than the full effects of ad-business than the full effects of ad-verse legislation and of consequent goods, even though non-contraband, were subject to seizure when found plans for National defense and it is estimated that appropriations of posed us would be intensified by the \$500,000,000 for Army and Navy combined will be needed to carry them out. That is double the usual amount and to rebuild industries which now at an and will be required at a time when a stagnate. Capital knows this, and covers enemy's goods with the ex-ception of contraband of war." The freedom of the seas was thus

finally established. Any interruptions at the present time are due to the hostilities between Great Britain and Germany. The latter has violated international law by laying unthresh them over. The President the remedies they have already amount they have already amo Democratic leaders. The programme having been agreed on, the next thing will be to find the money.

There is the rub. The treasury already shows a deficit and the deficit will be larger by \$35,000,000 a year when sugar goes on the free list May 1, 1016. The emergency tax law expires December 31 and will doubtless be extended, but that fell short of expectations and did not fill the gap. In excess of \$200,000,000 of Panama in excess of \$200,000,000 of Panama

The bottle that holds a "quart of anybeer cannot contain a quart of anything else. The bottle filled by the
brewer holds five-eighths of the albrewer holds five-eighths of the albrewer holds five-eighths of the alleged quantity of the beverage; the balance in the hilarious feeling that

It is all very well for Mr. Roberts to propose polygamy in Europe, but would the men want more than one wife, or would several women want a husband on shares?

It is enough to make a fellow wish to be cremated and have his ashes scattered to learn of the elaborate situation" us to the lack of certain scattered to learn of the elaborate ships. We lack battle cruisers, but funeral ceremony and interment of a parrot at San Rafael, Cal.

If Japanese troops should turn up on the eastern battlefront against Germany the German poets would revise their "Hymns of Hate" to fit the

There is a revival of old times a pete in the wet test and other rivales dear to the heart of the voluntee firemen.

If the United States could only dis over which Mexican faction is raiding across the horder we should know Wilson will not butt into the peace

she is not ready for peace. If the gunners at Fort Stevens car

The Quiniaults have just picked up \$72,000 velvet on salmon, ought to pay for a number of cars.

Oswald Garrison Villard is the kind of German-American whose heart is on the right side of the hyphen,

The National Republican plan of apportionment eliminates some of the egotiable colored delegates.

When in trouble, even the Czar ha to turn from the nobility of blood to the nobility of brains.

Polygamy in Europe, following the ar, needs a better prophet than Brigham H. Roberts.

The rain god has been kind to the hoppickers, but the clouds foretell

Mosier pears are going to the fair, ut wait until they see the Mosier

This is one day when the Park streets are not parked with cars. Have the fitney men got a proper Marks, the lawyer?"

Put Vancouver on your list of dutes.

This is a holiday of strenuous rest. Go somewhere today,

"It's a Long Way to Tipperary." MILLWOOD, Or., Sept. 4.—(To the Editor.)—In the song, "It's a Long Way to Tipperary," is Aster Square not mentioned? Everyone here sings it "Lester Square." Which is right? N. R. Leicester Square is correct.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

The State Board of Horticulture has notified several orchardists in Jackson County that they must clear their tress of insect pests within 15 days, or the trees will be cut down and burned at the expense of the owner.

The Swedish-Americans will celebrate the 252d anniversary of the landing of their forefathers in America. The meeting will be held at the Tabernacle, cor-ner Tenth and Morrison streets, at 2 o'clock P. M., Sunday, September 7. The ministers of the different churches will address the audience

Manager Koehler, of the Southern Pacific, has been up as far as Eugene on the East Side road, accompanied by Chief Eugineer De Sherer.

Washington, Sept. 5.—The Department of State has a telegram from Consul Adamson, of Panama, saying the strike of the railroad laborers was practically ended.

Salonica, Sept. 5.—One-fourth of the city is in ruins. The British and Greek consulates, the Greek hospitals and schools and the Turkish mosque are all destroyed. Twenty thousand persons have been made homeless.

Madrid, Sept. 5.—Cholera is decreas-ing in the provinces, but is slightly in-creasing in the City of Valencia.

Chicago, Sept. 5.—The American Pow-der Company was incorporated at Springfield, Ill., yesterday. It is learned today that it is to be a trust which will close up a number of small works in the country

Bethlehem, Pa., Sept. 4.—Rev. Henry Romminger, of East Portland Or., had a novel experience here recently, when he officiated at the marriage of his own mother, for which purpose he came overland from Oregon.

MILITIA FOR PATROL OF FORESTS. Writer Suggests National Guard Could

Best Protect Timber Wealth. MONMOUTH, Or., Sept. 4 .- (To the Editor.)-In conversation with a gentleman recently regarding forest fires, this suggestion was offered and it seems to me to have value: Use men of the National Guard for all fire pa-

trol service, including trails, etc.
The arguments: They carry a certain respect which belongs to the Army, and many who would defy or ignore a civil officer would respect these men; they hold office not by appointment but by enlistment, hence have no friends to reward nor enemies to punish; again, they are the state's men by their calling and so recognized. ng and so recognized; again, it would urnish good, ample, wholesome, useful

The plan would probably require reorganization of the National Guard, as the enlisted men give only incidental service to the state, and must look to private employment for a livelihood.

Sour Milk Alds Dentists Paris dentists have found that sour ilk will cure certain diseases of the mouth and gums heretofore difficult to overcome

Pacific Northwest Fair Dates

Land Products Show-Portland, October Redmond, October 27-28.

Washington. Washington.

Clarke—Vancouver, September 6-11,
Mason—Sheiton, September 7-11.
Hartwest—Ritaville, September 5-10.
Roundup—Waterville, September 5-11.
Roundup—Garfield, September 9-11.
Grape Carnival—Kennewick, Septem

-18.
Local—Mabton, September 15-15.
Clailam—Port Angeles, September 15-15.
Douglas—Watervills, September 21-24.
Snehomish—Snohomish, September 21-25.
Touchet Valley—Dayton, September 21-25.
Cowlitz—Woodland, September 21-25.
Itarvest—Palouse, September 27-25.
Skagit — Burlington, September 27-0ctoy, 2.

Western Washington-Puyallup, Septem-er 28-October 2. Lincoln-Davenport, September 29-Octo-Pair and Stock Show-Resalla, September

Whitman—Colfax, October 4-9.
Local Fair—Wilbur, October 5-9.
Local Fair—Oskville, October 7-10.
Pend d'Orelile—Iona, October 13-16.
Milchitat—White Salmon, October 21-23.
Corn and Hog Show—Prosser, Octobe-23.

Stock Show—Valley, October 21-22, Stock Show—Colville, October 26-29, Stock Show—Colville, October 26-29, Western National Bairy Show—Scattle Jovember 8-13, Apple Show—Spokane, National Columnia

Idaho.

8-25.
Latah—Moscow, September 21-25.
Minidoka—Rupert, September 23-30.
Custer—Challis, September 23-October 1,
Lemhi-Salmen, October 25.
Merse Show—Grangeville, Nevember 28.

Show-Lewiston, November 29-De State.

Oregon-Salem, September 27-October 2, Washington - North Yakima, Septemb Montana-Holans, September 27-October 1.

Oregon.
Haker-Baker, September 3-11.
Lino-Scio, September 8-10.
Columbia-St. Helions, Soptember 3-10.
East Clackamas — Estacada, Septem

10. School Fair—Riddie, September 10. Ches Myrile Point, September 2-11. Jackson—Medford, September 3-11. Jackson—Medford, September 1-11. Mulinomati—Gresham, September 15-17. Morrow—Hopner, September 15-17. Morrow—Hopner, September 16-18. Stock Show—Hood River, September 17-18. Stock Show—Hood River, September 17-18. School and Grange Fair—Creavell, September 18. Wheeler—Fossil, September 20. 70.

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Wheeler—Fossil, September 20-22.
School Fair—McMinnville, September 21-24.
Cisckamas—Canby, September 20-22.
Wallows—Enterprise, September 20-22.
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Polk—Dailas, September 21-24.
Gilliam—Candon, September 21-25.
Lane—Engene, September 21-25.
Lane—Engene, September 22-25.
Lacal Fair—Holly, September 24-25.
School Fair—Huttaville, September 22Grant—John Day, September 23-October 2
Wasso—The Dailes, September 25-October 2
Crook—Princville, October 6-9.
Washington—Forest Grove, October 6-8.
Horse and Mule Show—Pendleton, October 9-8.
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Local Pair—Laidlaw, October 12. Local Pair—Sistera October 14-18. Grange Fair—Scholls, October 15-1 Industrial—Albany, October 14-16.

HAY'S OPINION OF ROOSEVELT Intimate View Is Revealed by His Let-

ters and Diary. An interesting light is thrown on the Administration of Theodore Roosevelt and on his relations with politicians and members of his Cabinet by the letters and diary of John Hay, which are ap-

and diary of John Hay, which are appearing in Harper's Magazine.

A letter to Boosevelt, dated September 29, 1897, when Hay was Ambassador to Britain, tells of his having "read a lot of abuse of my country from all sorts of papers," and says: "I really believe these people are our equals in vituperation." The letter continues: vituperation." The letter continues. It is a curious fact that while no Englishman, not a madman, wants to fight us, and no American, not an idiot, wants to fight England, there is never a civil word printed about England in America, and rarely a civil word about us printed in England. Whether this ill-will is all historical, or partly prophetical, I cannot say. I implore my friends at Washington not to be too nasty in their talk about John Bull; for every idle word of theirs I get barged about the lot till I am all colors of the rainbow.

On February 7, 1899, while Roose-

On February 7, 1899, while Roosevelt was Governor of New York, he wrote to Hay congratulating the latter "on bringing to so successful an end so great a work . . . during the most important year this republic has seen since Lincoln died," apparently referring to the diplomatic work growing out of the Spanish war. He then said:

Madria, Sept. 5.—Cholera is decreasing in the provinces, but is elightly increasing in the City of Valencia.

The splendid cast which Al Hayman and Daniel Frohman are to give to "The Prince and the Pauper" at the Marquam Grand next week, including Elsie Leslie, bas already aroused unusual interest in the coming production of Mark Twain's story.

Chicago, Sept. 5.—Cholera is decreasing the wishes of the party the state is the better, and the party the state is the better, and the party the state is the better.

Hay wrote confidentially on June 15, 900, to his friend, Henry White, at

London:

Teddy has been here; have you heard of it? It was more fun than a goat. He came down with a sember resolution throw on his strennous brow to let McKinley and Hanna know once for all that he would no be Vice-President, and found to his stupe faction that nobody in Washington exceptaction that nobody in Washington exceptation of the country o

eased in his mind, but considerably bruised in his amour propre.

When the assassination of McKinley made Roosevelt President, Hay wrote to Roosevelt, amid grief for the dead President and for his own son, congratulating him "not only on the opening of an official career which I know will be glorious, but upon the vast opportunity for useful work which Heabefore you," and continuing:

With your worth, your ability, your health

before you," and continuing:

With your youth, your ability, your health
and strength, the courage God has given
you to do right, there are no bounds to the
good you can accomplish for your country
and the name you will leave in its annais.

My official life is at an end—my natural
life will not be long extended; and so, in
the dawn of what I am sure will be a great
and splendid future, I venture to give you
the heartfelt benediction of the past.

The diary gives some intimate glimpses of Roosevelt. One paragraph describes him as annoyed and somewhat sharmed by the situation in New York and as seeing "a good many York and as seeing "a good lions in the path," but Hay says: I told him of the far greater beasts that appeared to some people, as in Lincoln's way, which turned out to be only bob-causafter all.

At a Cabinet meeting Roosevelt talked of his lessons in jiu jitsu from a Japanese wrestler, who says the muscles of his throat are so powerfully developed by training that it is impossible for any ordinary man to strangle him.

possible for any ordinary man to strangle him.

This extract gives an idea of what the Colonel really thinks of bimself:
May S.—The President was reading Emerson's "Days" and same to the wonderful closing line. "I, teo late, under her solemn fillet saw the scerm." I said, "I fancy you do not know what that means." "Oh, do I not? Perhaps the greatest men do not, but I in my soul know I am but the average man, and that only marvelous good fortune has brought me where I am."

Hay is very severe on the Colonel's curious French," which was brought turious Prench," which was brought nto service at a luncheon to Yves Juyot "with great energy and perfect ase." Says Hay:

but he had not the least difficulty himself understood, and one subhimself understood, and one subject did not worry him more than another. On October 23, 1304, the President came in badly bunged about the head and face," his horse having fallen with

him, and Hay remarks: It did not occur to me till after he had gone that I had come so near a fatal ele-vation to a short term of the Presidency. Roosevelt always spoke of his re-election as uncertain, and compared "Lincoin's great trials with what he

"Lincoin's great trials with what he calls his little ones."

Hay wrote on November 3 that the President's fall from his horse might have been very serious and remarked:

I am thankful to have escaped a four menths' troubled term of the Presidency. Strange that twice I have come so hideously near it—ones at Lenox and now with a hole-in-a-bridge. The President will of course outlive me, but he will not live to be old.

Hay was told by J. B. Bishop of a

be old.

Hay was told by J. B. Bishop of a "coast supports a claim to an exch "tumultuous" dinner at the White House and of John Morley's "speechless amazement." The grave British states
German, meaning "land behind." man said afterwards.

The two things in America which seem to me most extraordinary are Niagara Palls and President Roosevelt.

Hay, on November 20, 1984, made some suggestions as to changes and omissions in the President's message, which the two went over together,

Hay and Root dined at the White

Hay and Root dined at the White House to talk over Santo Domingo one day, and the President dictated a short message to the Senate. Of this proceeding Hay says:

It was a curious sight. I have often seen it, and it never ceases to surprise me. He storms up and down the room, dictating in a loud and oratorical tone, often stopping, recasting a sentence, striking out and filling in, hospitable to every suggestion, not in the least disturbed by interruption, holding on stoutly to his purpose, and producing finally out of these most unpromising conditions a clear and logical statement, which he could not improve with solitude and leistiff at his command.

Hay wrote to Roosevelt on March 3,

Hay wrote to Roosevelt on March 3 hay wrote is toosever on March a 1205, enclosing a ring in which was hair cut from the head of Lincoln the night of the assassination, and saying Please wear it tomorrow; you are one of the men who meet thoroughly understand and appreciate Lincoln. One of the last letters to Roosevelt

I need not say that when you think a hange would be, for any roason, advisable, shall so. I don't say willingly, but, as frowning says, "Go dispiritedly, glad to finish."

My association with you has been nito-gether delightful, and if there is to be any space left me for memory, I shall al-ways remamber it with pleasure and grati-tude. European Rivers' Horsepower. The rivers of Europe are estimated be capable of supplying 46,000,000-orsepower, Russia's share being 12,-

One of the new farm tractors is fea-tured by a gasoline motor running in-side a large wheel, which it moves over the ground.

Half a Century Ago

General McDowell has furnished cor-espondence that passed between the American Consul at Victoria and the belontal authorities relative to the less of the steamer Brother Jonathan and the activity of the warship Shenandonh the activity of the warship Shenandon's among American whalemen and other American shipping in the Arctic seas. Allen Francis, United States Consul at Victoria, addressed a letter to A. E. Kennedy, Governor of Vancouver Island, asking that the depresations of Her Majesty's ships of war on American commerce he stopped. The Governor's letters in reply show he is making every effort to notify the war fleet of the withdrawal of helligerent rights.

in New Jersey the admirers of slav-ory and the opponents of freedom have at least the bad merit of being consistently wrong. It matters not hem that every other Northern toes for the abolition of slavery; snore the fact that the South, wi almost unanimous voice, repudiates the abborred system which has caused all her woe.

John Reischer, of Portland, and Miss Katle Dertte, formerly of New Haven, Conn., were married September 4 by Judge P. A. Marquam,

Theodore Wygant, secretary, has an-nounced that the Oregon Steam Navi-gation Company has declared a divi-dend payable September 9.

Mrs. Charles Burchard baked and donated two splendid cakes for the colla-tion Saturday night of the Washington Guards at the Armory. The New York papers say that 25,000

The New York papers say that 25,000 additional troops have been put on the way to Sheridan within the last few days. This concentration of troops on the Mexican frontier may possibly signify something. The remains of Miss Mary Berry, niece of Mrs. S. N. Arrigoni, who was lost by the wreck of the Brother Jonsthan, July 30, reached this city by the steamer Sierra Nevada, Priday, and were interred in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Messrs. A. Cahn & Co. and A. G. Brad-ford yesterday were fully established in their new stores on Pront at the corner of Pine street.

General Coffin has started his omnibus line to the White House, leaving every evening at 6 o'clock and returning the same night.

As to City Manager.

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PORTLAND, Sept. 5.—(To the Editor.)—(1) Is General Goethals a German? (2) Has Mr. Benson a right to invite anyone he pleases to help himself to a princely income from our nearly bankrupt city? If so, why cannot any one of us do the same? Is it any wonder we are pluadered by our Commissioners? Will we be any better off with one who is given unlimited authority?

TANPAYER.

(1) General Goethals was born in Brooklyn, N. Y.
(2) Mr. Benson's invitation was en-

tirely informal. To change to the man-agerial system would require a vote of the people; they would thereafter elect a new commission, which would select the manager.

(3) It would depend wholly on the integrity and business capacity of the manager and the willingness of the commission and the people to support his judgment. In the opinion of The Oregonian good municipal government is more dependent on the character of the officials chosen than on the system. The superiority of one form of city government over another lies in the government over another lies in the be obtained under it. The managerial system offers a freedom of selection of the chief official not existent under the present commission form. Under the latter the voters must make their se-The Cabinet having congratulated Roosevelt on his sermon at Valley Porge the preceding Sunday, which was entirely impromptu, Hay quotes competition for jobs, but seeks out its

manager. Durant, Crown Princess and Hinterland PORTLAND, Sept. 5.—(To the Editor)—(1) For the benefit of the many who believe the execution of Theodore Durant, of San Francisco, convicted of the murder of two girls, naver took place and that another masked man was hanged in his place, will you kindly give space to the opinion of The Organizary on the subject?

Crown Princess of Germany? there a divorce between her and the Crewn Prince this past year?
(3) What is the meaning of the term "hinterland"? Why is the term used and from what does it spring? INQUIRER.

2. The wife of the Crown Prince was the Duchess Cecile, of Mecklenburg-

Schwerin, one of the federated German states. They are not divorced. 2. Hinterland is the region lying behind the coast district. The term is used especially with reference to the "doctrine of the hinterland," sometimes advanced, that occupation of the coast supports a claim to an exclusive right to occupy, from time to time the

Population of Medford, FORT STEILACOOM, Wash, Sept. 4.—(To the Editor.)—Please Inform me what the population of the City of Medford, Or. is at the present time, or omissions in the President's message, which the two went over together, as near as you can. I mean the population inside the city or town limits proper. A friend and myself have a better on the population. He bet that it was brighted and arbitrary character.

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The 1810 census places the populathort tion of Medford at \$340. The Oregon almanac for 1215, published by the Oregon State Immigration Commission. estimates the population of Medford

> Beston Transcript.
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> Mrs. Newedd How did you like my ake, dear* It is called marble cake. cake, dear? It is called marble cak Newedd (trying to break a piece). An excellent name fer it, certainly. A Bas, Actors, Judge.
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> Froducer—The comedians seemed was life.
> Critic—You're too severe! Twenty ears would be enough.

Well Named.

lun't it exasperating to go shor ping and find the stores you visit are "just out" of the articles you

"Just Out"

Perhaps this difficulty would be olved if you would read the adver-ising first.

The store news published from ing to day in this newspaper gives you an idea of the establishments that are well stocked. It shows specifically what each one is featuring and how each is prepared to serve you.

A little reading in advance ma minimize the "just out" nuisance.