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THE SHAME OF "CHRISTIAN" EUROPE. While the eyes of the world are on the battlefields of Europe, a crime is being committed in Asia which at any other time would sions. have called forth a cry of execration from all civilized mankind. The Turkish government has deliberately set to work to exterminate the Armentan race. Any who survive will survive not as Armenians, but as Turks, forced to adopt the Moslem faith in order to save their lives. They are mostly women and girls, taken into the harems of their captors.

This is no local outburst of bloodhist and fanaticism: it is general from the Russian border throughout Asia Minor and as far south as Syria The dead number hundreds of thou sands and the total swells daily Many are massacred in the cities and Many more die by the roadvillages. side of exhaustion, of starvation, or of the brutalities inflicted on them. Still more die of famine in the desert mitted to halt in a place which could be cultivated, they have neither seed nor tools nor money to buy them. According to James Bryce the massacred now number \$00,000 and the jist

is still growing. Reports from many eye-witnesses have been collected by the Committee on Armenian Atrocities. This committee composed of Americans whose name sufficient warrant for the fullest credence, vouches for the sources of its information as "unquestioned as to the veracity, integrity and authority of the writers," but in most cases care not publish names, even of cities, lest the writers "suffer irreparable harm."

The trouble began with the collection of soldiers in the middle of May Many wealthy Armenians bought exemption and many more service in other ways, so that there were more Armenians than Turks left in some cities. "This made the gov ernment suspicious and fearful," says one writer, and "the discovery of Armenian plots against the government added to this feeling." About twenty leading men of the Armenian political parties were imprisoned, search for arms began, torture and the bastinado extorted confessions that a large num ber of arms were in the hands of Ar-These arms had been brought in with the permission of the government after the constitution was proclaimed and were for self-de only. acted under the following order:

The commanders of the army, of inde-pendent army corps and of divisions may, in case of military necessity, and in case they suspect esplonage or treason, send away, either singly or in mass, the inhabitants of villages or towns and install them in other places.

This order was given the broader interpretation, according to Turkish custom. The younger men were gathered up first, marched away and massacred by wholesale. The old men, leave their homes on such short notice that women were compelled to leave road barefoot and half clad, leaving children behind. In many cases they were not permitted to carry anything or to sell anything. In others they sold goods to the Turks at one-tenth of their value. The police stole valugbles from abandoned houses and the Turkish mob took the rest. Many were obliged to leave food and bedding in the streets. Men were bound together with ropes or chains, and women with little children in their arms were driven along under the whip like cattle." Women became so exhausted that they left their children beside the road and many died. In some places the government neither led the exiles nor permitted the inhabitants to feed them. In others a scanty supply of bread was given them.

When a crowd of exiles reached the country, it was set upon by armed men and older boys, committed unspeakable outrages on the comelier as slaves or worse. Criminals by thousands were released to murder the people. The gendarmes worked will with the women. Men by happened. Others were landed on boats and shot or thrown into the rivers. When women and old men ecame too weak to travel, they were bayoneted from behind and thrown into the rivers, where the bodies floated down to the sea or lodged in shallows and putrefled.

Conversion to Islamism was the only escape offered. One writer says: board bugs got the worth of their During this reign of terror notice was given that escape was easy; that any one who accepted Islam would be allowed to remain safely at home. The offices of the lawyers who recorded applications were crowded with people petitioning to become Mohammedans. Many did it for the sake of their women and children, feeling that it would be a matter of only a few weeks before relief would come. Even those who offered to accept Islam were sent away.

Thousands were driven into the steppes of Mesopotamia, thousands more into the desert along the Euphrates, and one woman who thus suffered writes:

The worst and most unimaginable horrors is were reserved for us at the banks of the Euphrates and in the Erzingian piain. The mulliated bodies of women, girls and little children made everybody shudder. The bandsmen were doing all sorts of awful deeds to the women and girls that were with us, whose cries went up to heaven. At the Euphrates, the bandsmen and gendarmes throw into the river all the remaining children under fifteen years old. Those that could swim were shot down as they struggled in the water.

Many exiles gathered at Der-el-Zar a great city in the wilderness, six days' journey from Aleppo, "ragged, filthy, hungry and sick." An eye-An eyewitness thus describes their feeding-

uman beings.

The responsibility for this huge crime rests primarily on Turkey. A few more capitales will become crime measure of a justified and necessary additional character," but almost all of so-called officers. Christian Europe must share the responsibility. In 1853, Christian Russia attempted to deliver the Christian diery, of which little mention is made Armenians and to bring them under in the Administration plan. her less brutal tyranny, but Christian Britain, Christian France and Christian Sardinia (now included in Italy) went to Turkey's aid and thwarted Russia. Again in 1878 Russia would have wrested Armenia from Turkey, but Mr. Bryan up in the air, tions again forbade it. The Christian war as the consequence of a firm among themselves and enacting scenes of arms clearly outlined in the backwhich in some respects rival those of ground. Even had any of Turkish barbarity.

extermination. alousies, Armenia would long since have been a free country, or at least war can prevent war only at the cost its people would have been moderately secure in their lives and possesfirst stone at Turkey or at her accomplice, Germany. All are accessories before the fact.

### LOOKING FORWARD

The venerable State of Massachusetts clings to the political convention. in form, if not in its entire substance as our unenlightened and nonprogressive fathers had it; for it meets merely to declare the party faith by :doption of a platform and to ratify the primary omination

The Republican platform of Massahusetts is regarded by many as the opening gun for the 1915 campaign, for it is a liberalized, expressive, and non-reactionary document, calculated to disarm the Progressives and to to which they are driven, without prove that the Republican world de food, clothes or shelter. If permove. For example, take this plank: move. For example, take this plank:

We favor the further extension and development of opportunity for vocational,
teclinical and general education and training; healthful housing and fire protection;
reasonable hours and conditions of labor;
especially in those industries continuously
operating for twenty-four howar; the creatien of labor exchanges and the development of such industrial organisations as
will tend to minimize unemployment and to
distribute its effects when unavoidable own
those entire industrial field. We call to the
attention of the Logislature the subject of
social insurance and the consideration and
investigation of some system which will
protect the home life against the luzaris
of sickness, irregular employment and eid

sickness, irregular employment and old But we do not believe in offering public aid as a substitute for industry and fru-

We don't find anything there about the initiative and referendum, to be sure, or the recall of judicial decisions. But it seems to be fairly ad-vanced progressive doctrine.

The Progressive party in Massachusetts has fallen to pieces; but the rem-nants seem to have found lodgment in the Republican organization and to have leavened the whole lump.

### SOMEBODY ELSE'S MONEY.

Our generous Mayor puts the man above the dollar-not only men, but women and children-and is disposed to give the other City Commissioners, as well as himself, everything asked for. At least one other Commissioner catch it. has the same benevolent ideas about The local authorities the needs of all the city departments, including his own, while Commissioner Raker has to be shown. Commissioner Daly and Commissioner Bigelow, too, are skeptical about the merit of many proposed expenditures.

and so far have done well nificant and instructive feature about the budget discussion is after all not the failures of the respective items, but the striking illustration it gives women and children were ordered to of the new method of city government. Under the old system-the historic system, fundamental in Nation, state clothes in the washtubs and take the and city-the executive and legislative functions are separated.

Here the executive officers of the city meet as a legislative body and pass on the merits of their respective recommendations, making the appropriations for their own departments Under the old system, the dapartment heads made their estimates and asked for certain appropriations; and another body-the Council, or the

Legislature-passed on them But now we have thought it wise to invest the officer who expends the money with the power to appropriate Moreover, it is somebody else's

# NOW FOR THE POST-MORTEMS.

it is like women-or some womenonsartin. dopester will tell you exactly what is ing their subtle antidote of fresh regoing to happen; but it never doesvillagers or Kurds, who murdered the going to happen; but it never doeswomen and girls or carried them off series would last seven games; but it was over in five. The mighty Alex-He won once, through good fortune, the hundreds were marched out of and not by the prowess of his good few mont the cities and massacred, only an occasional one escaping to tell what had invincible bat, was going to knock the but he struck out six times.

of them in one game by minor starsand there was great pitching and brilliant fielding. The games were all her place beside the obscure young

money. The crowds divide and "root" or "pull" for one team or the other, Just failing health. During the second year why your ardent fan should shout of President Tyler's Administratio himself into near-apoplexy for Boston or Philadelphia no man knoweth; but The second Winter thereafter Presi so it is. It wouldn't be baseball if dent Tyler met Miss Gardiner, an atthe crowd did not care who won. The tractive and accomplished girl, game's the thing to be sure, but what was at once a belle of the capital and would the game amount to without a social favorite. Friendship quickly packed grandstands and uproarious ripened into love and a few month

We have often wondered who are ball games day in and have money to buy tickets and time to spend during that part of the day when most men are busy with their own concerns. But perhaps the ques- Presidency unaided and alone, and in tion just now is impertinent. season is over, the championship has gone to the best team, and the sport-

post-mortems.

Defense plans to cost \$400,000,000 have been approved by the President, to Cleveland's law associate, the fact but whether Congress will permit such a depletion of the pork barrel remains | their winsome daughter into the White to be seen. Some astute Congressman may raise the point that adding a few I watched them one time when their food may raise the point that adding a few Jefferson and Jackson are Presidents seems to be was brought. Wild animals could not be thousand officers and men at fancy whose romances have been recorded in the first use.

regiments in the Army will leave that diminutive organization in the same old category of a National police force. additional bevy of field and general undefended. The principal need is encouragement of a better eitigen

## EVENTS DISCREDIT BRYAN.

President Wilson's success in the negotiations with Germany has left It has hristian Britain backed by other na- proved the falsity of his predictions of of Europe are now fighting stand with the possibility of a clash It has proved that Mr. Wilson judged wisely when he assumed them the will they are too preoc- that Germany would draw back when cupied to save the Armenians from confronted with such a possibility. There was never a more positive The massacres in Armenia are a blot demonstration of the truth that readinot only on Turkey but on all Eu-rope. But for Europe's intrigues and out sacrifice of National rights, while a fixed determination not to make of National humiliation.

Mr. Bryan's presence at the State Neither Britain, nor France Department was the greatest menace nor Italy is in a position to cast the to the peaceful relations between this country and Germany. It was so cause so long as he remained there Germany was encouraged by his peace-at-any-price sentiments to try the patience of this Nation to the limit. There was danger that Germany might pass that limit and might produce a situation from which there tiful Martha Skelton, Jefferson was would be no escape except war. The American people might in that case have driven the President, by force of its indignation, to dismiss Mr. Bryan and send an ultimatum to Germany to which there could be no an

swer but a refusal. As a statesman who can evolve a policy whereby this Nation can pre serve peace with honor, Mr. Bryan has been thoroughly discredited. His influence in combating the President's National defense proposals la proportionately diminished. He will no do rally a certain number of ultrapacifists and pro-Germans in Congress against those proposals, but his best chance of effective opposition lies in welling on the cost of defense mean ures and in cunning appeals to Congressmen's greed for spails which expenditure on defense would leave unsatisfied.

Whether Mr. Bryan will carry his advocacy of pacifism and his opposition to National defense into the next contest for the Democratic Presidential nomination is a subject of interesting speculation. He is credited with sincere personal friendship for Mr. Wilson, which might restrain him from opposing the latter's renomination, though he could not advocate it without sacrificing his devotion to the single-term theory. But his influence has been seriously diminished by his career as Secretary of State, and particularly by its ending. People still crowd to his lectures, but many go rather to be entertained and to see a celebrity, as they go to Niagara Falls, than as political followers. Most significant of the falling away of his adherents is the new enthusiasm of his once faithful lieutenant, Secretary Daniels, for National defense. latter, as a shrewd politician, saw which way the wind of public sentiment was blowing and set his sails to

## PRESIDENTIAL ROMANCES.

Cupid performed no particularly new feat when he stole into the White House and acored a dead center on the endless conquests of diplomats and fragments minor officials he has been wont to by and play for bigger game Relatives of Presidents have been frequent targets of the sharp little love darts, and wedding bells have run through the halls of the White House with nearly every generation. In fact, driving the shafts of romance straight to the heart of the President appears to have been quite as simple a matter on several occasions as hitting an ortarget. That Cupid's score among Presidents has not been much higher is due, no doubt, to the fact that he had singled out most of them before they arose to that exalted post.

There are several points of rather striking similarity in Woodrow Wilson's latest romance and that of John Tyler, who married for the secand time while President. In common with Mr. Wilson, Tyler lost the wife of long years spent in struggling for success after he had achieved his life goal. For many months he was oppressed by a heavy heart and gloomy The chief merit of baseball is that soul, finding no consolation except in the exacting work of his exalted office scientific Then the mystic darts of Cupid, carryor hardly ever. Our old friend Christy and revived the sober President of the Mathewson said that the late world's United States of the year 1813 in precisely the same way that the miracle was wrought in 1915. Between ander was expected to win more than death of the first Mrs. Tyler and the once for Philadelphia; but he did not. advent of the new first lady, a period of about two years elapsed, or only a few months more than in the modern

Tyler's first marriage occurred when cover off the ball, or several of them; as a mere boy he led his love of but he struck out six times. Yet home runs were made-three Letitia Christian, daughter of a distinguished Virginian, and a young woman of rare charm and beauty, took exceedingly close-all of them but one man and helped him bravely through affording a margin of a single run- the long battle that carried him to the and the spectators and the bulletin fore rank of men of his day. It was not until victory had been won and the White House was their abode that she lagged in the struggle through she succumbed to a stroke of paralysis later the President, quite unsuspected by his closest friends, slipped away to the men and boys that patronize the New York and was wedded to Miss Gardiner in the Church of the Ascension.

Grover Cleveland's romance is still fresh in memory. He attained the spite of a broken heart, if we may believe reports of that day. of "The Honorable Peter Stirling" is ing world is at peace, except for the currently believed to reflect Cleveland's own romances. But whether it is true that he wooed and lost the charming lady who gave her affections remains that many years later he led job by killing himself. House to become his bride. Madison, Jefferson and Jackson are Presidents

werse. They rushed upon the guards who carried the food and the guards beat them back with clubs, litting hard enough to back with clubs, litting hard enough to back with clubs, litting hard enough to back with clubs. It was a special back with them sometimes. To watch them one could hardly believe that these people were regiments in the Army will leave that son's affair of the heart came to a will Accept Better or Worse.

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They rushed upon the guards who carried the guards beat them increase the expense but not the despite the days of their ascent to the White House, Jack-will Accept Better or Worse. their ascent to the White House, Jack-son's affair of the heart came to a tragic end in the very hour of his triumph, Mrs. Jackson passing beyord, victim of gossip, we are told.

> cast languishing eyes upon a Mrs. But we will remain quite Lewis Robards in the Kentucky boarding-house where he sojourne ong before visions of the Presidency had entered his brain. Robards sus pected that the affections of his wife were being diverted from their normal channel and made so much of a stir that Jackson moved his place of resi-The husband's jealousy did dence. not abate itself, and Jackson on hearing of remarks made by the irate spouse, lost control of his fiery temper and advised Robards that repatition of his comments would lead to an operation for removal of Robards' ears. Cowed by the powerful and tempestuous Jackson, Robards finally sought in the divorce court, consolation whereupon Jackson wedded the grass only to find two years later that Robards had not completed the divorce; whereupon a second ceremony was performed. It was when General Jackson was a candidate that aide, he might be able to lay aside \$75 the tale was circulated by his enemies, suffered from heart weakness, was proverbial clam. such that she succumbed. Jackson did not remarry.

Cupid has not always been successful in his White House operations, and there is no prettier story of fidelity to ever unresponsive to feminine graces Eighteen hundred dollars a year! after the woman who had shared his There are bankers who, with their families, live on less. "N. L." in Tuesday's down by the Grim Reaper. Inconsol-able in her death, he found no later surcease in the charms of another. surcease in the charms of another. She was his one and only love and the somberness of her loss never left the master of the White House during his long tenure. His heart, with its treasured memories of one who had been called hence, remained locked to intruders until the end, although through the years he was President.

Suppose, after marriage, he should lose his job and be unable to duplicate it; what then? The poor farm, want, misery, extinction? No. If they were not love with each other; if they were suited as young or older married people should be, they would begin at the lowest rung of the ladder and climb, climb up, higher and higher together. I would not want to marry a woman who might want me because I might intruders puntil the end, although through the years he was President, we may believe that many glanced with longing eyes upon the unyielding combination

The Miss Friday who wedded on the 13th may reasonably expect a long and happy life. People who aren't subject to superstitious fears must be invested with that normal courage and sense which makes for succe and felicity. It is the person forever haunted by the shadows of fear who gets the least out of life and who is first to seize upon the threads of discord and weave them into a haunting fabric of grief. Superstitious awa reveals a weakness although it may not be a serious one. If the facts were known marriages held in the face of current superstition may be the most successful ones,

An embargo has been put on gun powder to stop slaughter in Northern Mexico, so reports have it. But that will not end the chaos. So long as the Greasers have knives and hemp the lawless spilling of human blood will continue. Establishment of a stable government is the one hope of a state south of the Rio Grande, and we see no prospects of that in the latest Gringo solution of Mexican difficulties

English women are being urged to marry crippled and maimed soldiers. Naturally the response isn't very heavy. The hero is an idel of the fair sex so long as he remains intact, but when his fine physique has been shat-President of the United States. This tered by shell and punctured by shot, staid old institution appears to have the glamour disappears. The average

In the latest Zeppelin raid on London a mistake appears to have been The raiders killed a British made. Of course, the usual number soldier. of women and innocent bystanders were slaughtered, but the striking down of a combatant is crue! and unusual.

There is still a chance that as the result of the New Haven directors' trial, some trust magnates may go to jail, but it is a slim one. It is a long. long way through the mazes of the law to a jail-door and many lose their way:

A man may put one over the police

by keeping them off when they do not have a warrant, but if ever they catch him out late he'll ride the wagon. Since the Mayor of Indianapolis was acquitted of election frauds Tom

A change of the moon might kill the If the allies continue shipping gold, the United States may have all the world's gold and other nations may have no money except shinplasters.

The Council has declared the East Side grade crossing to be dangerous. Linked to a pretty country girl along the narrow lane. People who have to cross the tracks declared the same thing long ago.

Peace propagandists will attempt to have the neutral nations end the war. The neutral nations have their hands full remaining neutral.

Would Booth have been murdered if his murderers had had the vision of a noose before their eyes? It is doubtful.

It would be easier for the Germans

to start epidemics in London and kill more than by use of Zeppelins. The series lasted too quick for Pat Moran's plans; just so the hare and tortoise and dog and rabbit.

The revolution microbe has at last strayed across the southern boundary of Mexico into Guatemala, A hold-up man shows nerve in rob-

bing a lawyer, but perhaps once he was a defendant and lost, Having been given its monthly vote

of confidence, the French Cabinet will now return to its duties. Generally the man who kills his

The economy ax up at the City Hall

divorced wife does a great deal better

Will Accept Better or Worse, PORTLAND. Oct. 14.—(To t Editor.)—Several letters have a peared in The Oregonian of late touc the ing the matter of matrimony on stated incomes varying from \$90 to \$150 per month. One timid, uninitiated young man truthfully recites his fear of taking to himself a bride on a salary of \$150 a month. He is afraid of financial rule were shamefacedness and discountered. The flery Jackson, it appears, had cial ruin, sees shamefacedness and dis

grace on the splendid income of \$1800

a year. In the name of common horse sens have we reached such a height of in-credulity on the ladder of human affairs? Does the young man not know that thousands of families of six or more persons are living well on less than two-thirds of the figure of which he is afraid? Does he not know that there are other thousands of families getting on quite comfortably even on \$50 per month? Has the young swain not yet learned that more families are disrupted, broken up, ruined on an indisrupted, broken up, ruined on an in-come of \$1800 than on \$1000 per year? Now, if the good-intentioned but mis-guided young fellow will cease looking for a "June bride" and rather, search out a young woman as a life partner, monthly from the \$1800 a year.

some might class as a poor man; but let it be said here and now that the woman who might become my partner, companion, inspiration, would do so be she, like-minded with myself the memory of a life partner than the touching romance of Thomas Jefferson. The bride of his young manhood was the accomplished and beautiful Martha Skelton. Jefferson was

be before us, be hiteen hundred dollars illes, live on less. "N. L.," in Tuesday's Oregonian, has well said that the \$150 couple should not get married at all. Suppose, after marriage, he should lose who might want me because I might

automobile; rather, I would seek a wife-companion, who wanted me for ac, just me. Question: Have we passed the age of such marriages? If so, we had better hastily retrace our steps and then, then we shall have cheated the divorce courts and routed the divorce

A SINGLE MAN.

### HIGH PRIESTESS OF EQUALITY Duniway Ranks With Susan B

Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton. PENDLETON, Or., Oct. 12 .- (To the Editor.)-Will you grant me the privilege of your columns to pay a tribute to the memory of Abigail Scott Duniway, whose name, like that of her dis-tinguished brother, Harvey W. Scott, is so closely interwoven in the web of woof of Oregon history that the joint story of their lives might well be the story of the statehood of the common-wealth? story of wealth?

. In these days, when equal suffrage has become popular and when politi-cians find it politic to advocate it, there is danger of forgetting that this woman for years stood almost alone in ad-vocacy of the reform, which in the last analysis is common justice. Just as truly as Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony are enthroned as priestesses of equality upon the Atlantic, Mrs. Duniway has carned the honor upon the Pacific. No other name can rival hers in the field where for 50 years she labored, and where she was happily permitted to witness the triumph of her cause.

It took courage to be a suffragist in the 160s. No weakling could have

in the '60s. No weakling could have confronted the rough, keen humor of the campaigners who opposed the movemerit of many proposed expenditures, staid old institution appears to have the glamour disappears. The average woman, we very much fear, would making up a city budget is a most little love god. When wearied by prefer a whole poltroon to a hero in which she sowed perhaps were slow in fragments. germinating, but they never died. The debt due her from the womanhood of Oregon may never be paid.

STEPHEN A. LOWELL.

# THE WORM RAIL FENCE. Among your boyhood memories, ye desert-pated men, There's one almost forgotten mayhap

comes to you again You see it in zigzaggy shape strung out on every hand. Like arteries webbed through the farms, back in the sunrise land.
Its rails were often decked with moss
and matted o'er with vines,
No engineering skill was used in run-

ning out its lines; It threaded through the growing fields and through the forests dense, That relic of olden days, the wormrall fence.

Along its old time-seasoned rails the squirrels used to run. And after them the country boy and Towser and the gun Until they'd reach the old home trees, the waiting safety goals. To laugh at their pursuers from their Taggart is howling for a speedy trial.

within the corners of the fence the wild blackberries grew. And jaybirds through the tangled vines with saucy language flew.

And garter snakes were often seen in striped evidence.

Coiled in the sheltering grass along the worm-rail fence.

In your imagination don't you some times stroll again Can you recall the loving words you poured into her ear. The pressure of her clinging arm, her laugh so sweet and clear?
And how the birds would chirp at you from out the bushes dense
Along the lane 'twas bordered by the worm-rall fence.

The champions and near champs are not coming to the Coast. That is well. 'The days will be too chilly for ball.

You ask what brings to memory this thing of olden time.

What leads us in a tuneful fit to sing of it in rhyme?

The answer may create a smile, but candor bids us say The subject came to mind in a quite unromantic way.
Upon a street last eve we met a man
of family. Who'd overestimated his highball capacity.
And as he rubberiegged along toward his residence
He walked like he was laying out a

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# -JAMES BARTON ADAMS.

# Value of Violin.

SANDY, Or., Oct. 12 .- (To the Edi-SANDY, Or., Oct. 12.—(To the Editor.)—I have a very fine-toned violin, with the name "Offenbach" printed on the back and the words, "Antonius Stradivarius — Ceremonefis, Faciebat Anno, 1716," printed inside the violin. I would like to know if such an instrument has any special value. Thanking you, SUBSCRIBER.

Thousands of cheap violins bear the inscription mentioned. Only an expert gives it unusual value.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 14 .- (To the Edi tor.)—I noticed in published state-ments regarding the presecution of Mr. R. D. Fontana, manager of the Mr. R. D. Fontana, manager of the Oregon Packing Company, for work-ing women in violation of the Indus-trial Welfare Commission's ruling. that Welfare Commission's ruling, that Mr. Dey, attorney for the defendant, in making his plea of guilty, claimed the company had been harassed to the point of desperation by the State Labor Commissioner and others, and that this would necessitate the moving of the plant out of the state.

state. I can say that, as far as I know, every case against the Oregon Packing Company has been brought into court by the State Labor Commissioner and his deputies, and no one else should be blamed for the prosecutions. The Industrial Welfare Commissioners are responsible for making the control of the control of

whether they are right or wrong. The Commissioners hold their office by virtue of legislative enactment under appointment by the Governor; they are here at all times to answer for themselves and to make such rulings as they may see fit under authority granted them. If there is any danger of driving, by their rulings, factories of driving, by their rulings, factories out of the state, the matter should be placed before them. It is up to

be placed before them. It is up to those who are interested, if they con-sider the Commission's rulings wrons, to place the matter before it; if there to place the matter before it; if there is anything wrong, the remedy is in that Commiss regard to my harassing these

people, I can answer that best by call-ing your attention to the court records, where you will find that in every case brought against this company for working females beyond the limit, except in one case, the manager either pleaded guilty or was found guilty. The exceptional case was one tried before a jury in Judge Dayton's District Court. In this case there was no question about the violation of the law; they admitted that; but the atterney, Mr. Dey, made the plea before the jury that the last Legislature had, by its action in giving the Industrial by its action in giving the Industrial by its action in giving the Industrial Welfare Commission authority to grant emergency relief, virtually instructed the Industrial Welfare Commission to give the necessary relief in emergencies such as occur when more fruit comes in than can be handled within the legal limit; also in his pleading he be the possessor of a fine home and an the legal limit; also in his pleading he stated that such relief had been promised by at least one of the Commissioners at the time the bill giving the authority was before the Legislature. This relief, he claimed, was mandatory on the Comprission, but

that it failed to comply with the same. The jury seemed to take the same view of the matter regardless of the admission of violating the ruling and found the defendant not guilty.

In those cases brought since that time against Mr. Fontana, and passed on by the grand jury brigging in an on by the grand jury, bringing in an indictment against him, he had an opportunity to vindicate himself by plea of not guilty, and thereby placing his case before 12 citizens, the vote of each one being necessary to find him guilty and proclaim that he had not

been unnecessarily barassed.
O. P. HOFF,
State Labor Commissioner.

### YOUNG LOVE HAPPY IN RESULTS. Normal Instinct Prompts Happier Unions Than Calm Reasoning.

PORTLAND, Oct. 14 .- (To the Editor.)-Your editorial on "Reason Versus Instinct," guotes the creed to prove the creed, in asserting that "the most dangerous thing we have to guard against is that instinct which impels very young persons into matrimonial handed Mr. Baker. ventures. The happy union is

the one that has been reasoned out." Nothing is easier than to advocate Nothing is easier than to advocate extremes. Observation extending over nearly 50 years, during which time something like 1000 marriages have been solemnized, lead me to the conclusion that young people under the operation of normal instinct make far happier unions than those of older per-sons who deal ordinarily in balancing, calculating marriage. The latter are the ones that furnish the courts most of their burdensome divorce bust

Fremature and childish marriages do occur, but not in sufficient numbers to make them "the most dangerous thing." and where they do take piace, parental care, or the lack of it, is usually responsible. However, abnormal cases of children getting married do not compare in the aggregate with the unhappy results of the commercial transactions where the tragedles are.

Young people, without practice in such matters, are endowed by instinct with ability to carry out arrangements necessary for their own well being in love making and marriage. Otherwise civilization would be impossible. As the physical system develops, structure Fremature and childish marriages d

the physical system develops, structure and function, guided by instinct, supplement and co-ordinate with each other, the whole commending themselves to reason, which indicates with safety the best course to be pursued. The best things the average human being ever does are done under instinctive impulse; though this it is samitted required. pulse: though this, it is admitted, a quires safeguarding. C. E. CLINE.

# Tribute to Mrs. Duniway.

SEATTLE, Wash. Oct. 13.—(To the Editor.)—Death, even though it be expected, always comes with a shock. When the one who passes was dear in life, then is the shock greatest. The death of Mrs. Abigail Scott Dun-iway has shocked all Oregon, for she was loved as no other woman of the state has been loved. Hunt the wide When all the world was rosy-hued and life a golden dream,
And every heartbeat seemed to speak of happiness supreme?

world over, and nowhere will you find a more noble woman—a woman who lived for her family and labored for the betterment of mankind. the betterment of mankind.

It has been my great privilege to have seen her in her home. Ever since her son, Willis, said. "This is my friend," have I likened the dear, kind soul to my own sainted mother.

"Is such mothers as she that have

made this great free country what it is. A look into her kindly eyes made you recall the day when your arms clung about your dear old mother's neck and you looked up into eyes which beamed with naught but love.

It being a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, I do pray the Omnipotent One that he may have her soul in his holy keeping.

M. J. ROCHE.

Military Drill in Colleges. MONMOUTH, Or., Oct. 12.— (To the Editor.)—Please advise me if military training is compulsory in the university of any state. If so, what states? F. EBBESEN.

State educational institutions which

have accepted the terms of the Morrill land grant act must give instruction in military tactics. There are 49 colleges and universities in all, or one institution in each state and one in Hawaii. In Oregon it is the Agricultural College at Corvallis. In addition, at the University of Washington, University of Iowa and Virginia Military Institute, student drill is compulsory insofar as the faculty may determine. Each of the latter three states also has a land-grant college. The names of land-grant colleges can be obtained from the United States Bureau of Eduseems to be getting all nicked up in could tell whether the instrument's tone cation's manual, usually obtainable a public libraries.

### European War Primer By National Geographical Society.

Westende, the little Belgian coast own where the long German line in he west flanks upon the North Sea, has frequently been under bombardment by English gunboats during the last several weeks. The small resort, figuring so often in the press dispatches, is described as follows:

While the first-line German trenches run through Nieuport, a couple of miles beyond Westende, the latter town has been subjected to innumerable attacks from the sca, as a base immediately behind the trenches. Two lines of coastal railway from Ostend, one built alone the seasons. long the seashore and the other paraland his deputies, and no one else should be blamed for the prosecutions. The Industrial Welfare Commissioners are responsible for making the rulings, but I am responsible for the Allies' country as a trunkline. Durenforcement of the same. I can faithfully promise that as far as it is within my power, every ruling laid down by this Cemmission will, during by administration, be enforced, even if it drives every factory out of the state. In doing my duty in this matter, it is not for me to question the rulings, whether they are right or wrong. The lines open as ways for the transport of supplies to the front.

The stretch of North Sea coast, from Ostend to French Dunkirk, is dotted thick with Summer resorts, which have enjoyed a wide international popular-Along the electric ralway Ostend are Mariakerke Baths, Middle-kerke Baths, Westende Baths, Lom-Westende Baths, Lombartzyde Baths and Nieuport Baths, and the way to Westende is little more then seven miles. The baths at West-ende vied with Ostend in the matters of wealth and importance of their guests, for this little knot of modern villas back from the seashore was one of the most fashionable resorts along coast.

broad field of hill-high sand The ines begins just below Westende, and weeps down the coast far behind the of the allies. These Belgian les have become known every and piles have where for the frightful carnage which has taken place among them, same field of dunes, which outhwest to the French frontier, was fought, in 1809, the Battle of the Punes, when each sand hillock between West-ende and Lombartzyde was crimsoned with the blood of dead and dying, bitter, merciless fighting along this strip today is but a few miles south-west of the old battlefield.

#### IT IS HARD WORK AT SMALL PAY Writer Says Clamdiggers Earned Only \$15 Each in Best Month.

OCEAN PARK, Wash., Oct. 12 .- (To the Editor.)-I wish to corroborate the letter of C. F. Myers in which he plainly says there is no money to be earned at digging clams. Last month the experienced diggers here earned an average of \$15 each. With the possible exception of April and May, September is supposed to be the season's best month

There will be weeks at a time when the high surf will absolutely protect the clams; again, on the best of days, an east wind will come and the clams avoid the cold by disappearing to a great depth. If you seek an experience similar to that offered these poor devils -1 refer to the diggers-put on a pair of hip boots and get a shovel, a bucket and a lantern, then go out on the pave-ment and stamp with all your might for five hours. Prospective diggers for five hours. Prospective diggers should imagine that they are on the beach, and that the stamping is neces-sary as the jar causes the claim holes to show. Sounds gloomy does it not? Well, the six diggers who returned last night with half a box between them are not exultant. If the two inexperienced men that Baker sent here got \$4 each for the box they together dug on their first at-tempt, I am afraid they were paid for the bull con they apparently have

Now if you are in danger of starving come and clam, because truly you can manage to earn your livelihood, CLAMDIGGER

# THE PUNCH.

Tell me thy recipe, Author, whose book I see Bringing prosperity, Outselling all. What is the magic rule Taught thee in life's hard school, So sure that sage or fool

May fame forestall? This is the method I Find makes the dollars fly Into my strongbox high Voila, the hunch! inanity, Playored with vanity Mixed with profamity This has the punch."
-MARIE CRAIG LE GALL.

Claudiggers Often Idle. OCEAN PARK, Wash., Oct. 12 .- (To the Editor.)—I am very glad we have one man who understands the question of clam-digging, and is not afraid to or clam-digging, and is not alraid to speak the truth, regardless of whom he may place in the wrong.

When I read of the fabulous wages diggers were making and, being a resi-dent of the seashore and knowing there are days and days when the dig-gers do not earn enough to pay for their salt, it seemed a pity to allow this

misrepresentation to go abroad and en-tice poor men to spend their last cent to reach the "land of gold." to reach the "land of gold."
This little burg is overrun with strangers today, and every train brings new victims. Times are hard enough at best. Why fool the peer man?
Thanks to C. T. Meyers, of McMinnville, for speaking the truth.

CONSTANT READER.

German Soil in Hands of Enemy. PORTLAND, Oct. 14 -- (To the Editor.)
-- (1) Do the allies occupy German territory on the west front? If so, where? (2) Do Americans lose their citizenship by remaining in a foreign country a length of time? READER.

1. The French occupy about 200 square miles of German territory in Alsace. Otherwise, Germany and Austria now face no actual invasion. 2. No, but they may surrender it voluntarily.

Poem Is Wanted.

PORTLAND, Oct. 14.—(To the Editor.)—Can anyone inform me where I can find the poem entitled "Fifty Years Ago," the first line: "A song for the early times out West," etc. I believe it was in Wilson's Fourth or Fifth It cannot be found in Library

### The Short Road to Market

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