The spirit answers by pre-

Scrooge awakens from these rending

Scrooge or fail to despise the Scrooge

faith and hope and its message

peace, charity and good will. It would

be a profitable thing for humanity if

everyone would read "A Christmas

New York health authorities have

decided to permit the sale of horse-flesh. Those who claim to know say

that horseflesh is both palatable and

nourishing. Abroad it is used exten-

sively. But for sentimental reasons,

if no other. Americans have as little

that of the dog-another cherished

morsel of foreign parts. However, the

this food becomes popular, a low price

may be expected, especially since the

is hardly to be feared. Popularizing

horse meat in America is going to

Austria, like Germany, is now try-

mg to save her face by an oral sur-

render made by her Ambassador in-

stead of a written surrender, which

Their country gets into a position

which seems to afford only the al-

but they find an escape without doing

contains nothing but warm atmos-

Illinois' Attorney-General favors

resecuting the dector who let that

leformed infant die rather than per-

foctors are to be given the right of

ife and death over their charges, at

east it must not be left to individual

discretion. Such a drastic step must

be taken by recognized procedure and

the passing of sentence, should in-

fanticide come to be established as

legal in such cases, must be invested in an established body.

form a simple operation. Vigorous

presecution is the proper course

The other country's diplomat

A diplomat is first cousin to

would be an unmistakable dish

crow.

either.

a juggier.

a very slow, if not impossible

horse is not so valuable as was

ste for the meat of the horse as for

that was?

What a contrast

The Oregonian

PORTLAND, OREGON. Entered at Portland, Gregon, Pos-(By Mail. (By Mail)
Individed, one year
Individed, six months.
Instrumed, three months.
Included, one months.
Funday, one year
Sunday, three months.
Funday, three months.
Funday, one months. CBy

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had, double raise.

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PORTLAND, PRIDAY, DEC. 14, 1913. AFTER JANUARY L. 1916. During these anxious and moving days before prohibition, the public discovers a situation in Oregon somewhat as follows:

Saloons are preparing to retire from Bustness. A minor fraction announce that they will confinue as soft-drink emporiums and refreshment stands.

Wholesale liquor houses advertise that they will dispose of their stocks, while some of them will reopen as malf-order houses in San Francisco. Citizens are storing away in private

One brewery-and perhaps morebe preparing to manufacture a nearhear, containing less than one-half of one per cent alcohol.

Peace officers and prosecuting atterneys are getting ready to enforce

Private clubs are selling their supplies, and will not undertake to main

Rental agencies say that rents have not been lowered in downtown dis-tricts, and that there is fair inquiry ington.

as a resort for workingmen.

quarte of spiritu four quarts of beer permitted under

the man-of-the-street, searching for July 23, 1914) in the following terms: light, warmth, comfort and companmahip, may be cared for?

Mause, in discussing the renewal of

e rule. Ren- want, etc., etc. during the preceding nine months un-der the Underwood law. But the Commerce Department's report for October shows that the value of imports in that month actually increased ore than \$11,000,000 as compared with October, 1914, and \$16,000,000 as compared with October, 1912. More than 70 per cent of these imports entered duty free, and the responsibility of the Underwood tariff for the decrease in revenue is clearly truceable by this fact and by the character of the ds imported. That tariff generally admits duty free raw materials and articles which have undergone only slight processes of manufacture, but imposes substantial duties on highlymanufactured products, By withdraws ing skilled labor from European factories the war has reduced our imports of manufactured goods, which may diety while the Underwood free that has vastly increased imports of crute materials on which little labor has been expended.

figures prove this. A bulletin giving exports and imports for October and for ten months ending October shows that in that month imports of crude materials, crude foodstuffs and food animals increased more than \$23,-860.000, while imports of partly or tured goods decreased about \$12,500,000. This tendency to increase imports of duty-free goods and to decrease imports of dutiable goods is progressive, for it is only furing August, September and Octo her that the total of all classes has abown an increase, yet the ten months show an increase in crude materials of over \$20,000,000 and a decrease in manufactured goods

of over \$124,000,000. Some defenders of the Underwood tariff may centend that the early menths of the war do not afford a fair comparison, but, beginning with March, each month of 1915 records an increase of imports over the correspending month of 1917, a time neace when the Payne-Aldrich tariff was in operation. The only exception was September, which month in 1913

Had the Underwood tariff impos duties on raw materials, smaller quantities would have been imported, but they would have yielded revenue. The great quantities of wool imported from Australia, of shingles from British Columbia, would have been reduced and head of the State Department it will be found in the latest Daniels plan that which came in. The Underwood of promotion by selection in the Navy, tariff plays directly into the hands of Special ability should be recognized. the belligerent nations, for it encour-seconding to the altruistic Daniels, alages imports of those commodities though he admits that promotion by sing it in such abundance. which they can best produce under selection must be surrounded by safewar conditions and which pay no duty, guards to insure advancement of those while it imposes duties on the commo. who are specially qualified for higher dities their production of which is di- commissions.

turiff, which only aggravated in war not be. the decrease of revenue which it had As a theory the Daniels plan sounds

caused in peace, and on Democratic extravagance, which in the Sixty-third taxes. Republicans did right in showing that the needed revenue could be raised by levying duties on the comsisting them to compete with foreign crais to that policy makes continuance the emergency taxes necessary, ity for those taxes; they should bear go together in the service. Suppose laughed at him but his own heart dverse Republican vote in Congress.

NO HALF-WAY STATION. Grover Cleveland was a President of the United States who saw clearly and spoke plainly. During his two Administrations there was no war, though there was a violent diplomatic sion with Great Britain; but the President understood perfectly that the United States could not hope to lay a great part in the world's affairs without an adequate Navy, or without the spirit and ability to force the National will. Collier's Weekly calls attention to a single expression of Grover Cleveland, which puts the whole case in a nutshell, to

The nation that cannot realet aggression a constantly exposed to ft. Its foreign edity to discountry weak, and its negotiations are conducted with disadvantage because it is not in condition to anforce terms inteled by its sense of right and justice.

Throdere Roosevelt has a word for big and flabby Nation-a Nation without patriotism or unity or power considerable quantities of He says such a Nation is "Chinafied," There is no half-way ground be tween complete disarmament and adenate preparedness. If the country is not going to get ready to give an count of itself against any foe, why fight at all? To that extent the pacifists have the best of the argument

HIS MIGHTY PEN. While the President is blissfully tain locker systems or otherwise to playing golf with his beautiful bride dispense liquors under any kind of and enjoying to full all the delights of a full-ogbed honeymoon—a felicity which none of course begrudge him—

There was a note to Austria-Hun-One large saloon - and perhaps gary on December 6, widely advertised athers-announces it will keep open as an ultimatum to that frightened a resort for workingmen.

The salounless citizen who feels that as well as the first word of America he must have his toddy, or his beer, on the deplorable Ancona affair, There or his wine, is informing himself as was severe talk of the "inhumane" to where and how to get the two and "barbarous" aspects of the affair, ous liquors or twenty- and a vigorous denunciation of the beer permitted under "wanton slaughter of men, women and children." It was a firm and bold All these things are obvious to any definition of the American attitude. shierver. But has any one seen a con- It seemed to be the right position to certed and intelligent movement by take toward a government which in the workers for prohibition who were 1914 had delivered to a neighboring so vociferously anxious before the last nation the most amazing ultimatum election about the habitue of the sa- in all history, described by its own loon to provide a substitute where Foreign Minister (dispatch to Rome We are compelled to make these demand as a result of the facts so far disclosed in the florajevo investigation.

FIX THE RESPONSIBILITY.

The Democrats in both Senate and to the senat for the scorptance of our females in the line line is the scorptance of the senate and to the senat forbian delays.

A bland reply is made by Austriathe emergency tax law, made the war Hungary, evasive, dilatory, conciliatthe scapegoat for all the evil effects ing and polite, but not indicative of Underwood tariff. They are surrender or submission. Now we raigned as unpatriotic those Republi- send another note, a sort of post-ulticans who attribute the deficit to its matum, less flerve and more uncer-true cause and who declare that a tain than the first, and deeply tender bug! Old Scrooge's hardened nature higher tariff, not internal taxes, is the of the Austro-Hungarian sensibilities.

No matter what happens, or what ting the fiscal year ending June 29, threatens, the country may be sure should be make idle people merry? greatness. \$55,899,099 less in propertion than literary outgiving from Washington.

A good example of the right kind of strangely vacant and lonely. Government help to business is furnished by the United States Bureau of That bureau aims to discover Milhes. improved processes and show them to the individuals engaged in the industries concerned. It does not attempt to apply the discoveries by going into usiness in competition with the private investor. It does the same class of work for the mining industry as the Agricultural Department does for the farmer.

But Government officials are often ot content merely to investigate and experiment for the benefit of others. They become so impressed with their own superior knowledge that they wish the Government to back them in going nto business-that is, to establish an industry with public money but with these experts in charge. They say in trod by Marley's ghost. "Just give us a chance and we'll show you how to run a telegraph or telephone line, a steamship line or Christmas-past. a rural credit bank."

perts, for have they not the entire these Government experts have chosen, sweetheart because she is poor while for they do not desire a competitor backed by the Treasury of the United States and under no necessity to make husband and children on Christmas a profit

Government to co-operate with them in building up industry and commerce. President Wilson chides them for conmanagement of their business, nor Bureau of Mines; they readily obey enti-trust laws. Beyond that they ask othing of Congress except repeal of immediately preceded enactment of law which destroy instead of helping the Underwood law, when imports business. That is not much to ask, suddenly swelled by nearly \$24,000,- and it is no cause for rebuke.

PROMOTION BY SELECTION. If any fresh evidence is needed that Daniels has no more business at the tions for a right merry Christmas. head of the Navy Department than "Tiny Tim." Here old Screen William Jennings Bryan had at the meets the little crippled tad A carefully - selected board of high-ranking officers, for ex-

very well. But Navy officers are hu-shows him to his bier. There are no man, even after attaining high rank— mourners. Has no one emotion in his Congress spent \$210,000,000 more than in some instances. They are subject death? The spirit answers by pre-Congress. When the Democrats pro- individual junior officers. Some of debtors who feels emotion—that of posed to continue internal emergency them are even susceptible to influence, hope of finding more sympathy in even though the process be subcon- Scrooge's successor. Suppose some officer had won his own end with that of Tiny Tim the confidence and admiration of sev- who is mourned with a tragic sorrow modities which now pour in duty eral members of a board of "selectres. Such duties would also stimufree. Such duties would also stimu- tion." Suppose, too, the Secretary of dreams, the spell of them upon him. late activity in our industries by as- the Navy should be predisposed in the Dormant good wells up within him. same direction. Pernicious Navy poli- He greets acquaintances cheerily. He Only objection of Demo- ties would thus gain its foothold. An. sends Crachit a big turkey and raises other point: Highly efficient officers his salary. Having seen the true are not always men of pleasing per-meaning of life he emerges from that Then the Democrats should not ask sonality. It has been said, in fact, hard old shell of his and fairly the Republicans to share responsibil- that popularity and efficiency rarely in good deeds and kindliness. People It alone. That is the meaning of the the efficient man had trodden on the laughing now and that is enough.

tes of a member of the Board? He has heard and heeded the cheery it must also be borns in mind that voices that brighten life's dismal spots ome officers are able to carry a dazziling brilliance on their coat sleeves. They are superficial. They get opportunity to show themselves off to good But there are a hundred and one advantage and make the most of delightful little details that you must It. Scores of Naval officers would get from the story itself. It has been not resort to such methods. They said that no carol has ever so stirred the to the line and let the matter of promotion take care of itself in in its romantic design, yet it gets right the course of seniority. That is the into the heart with its cheery voice of mly same system. High entrance examinations and high promotion examinations serve to maintain the standards. Ferhaps the best men do not always get the high posts, but at Carol" just before Christmas, nat all have the same opportunity Charlatanry does not win over merit. Adopt the Duniels plan and the mon ster of political intrigue for pro will infest the Nation's first defense

A CHRISTMAS CAROL.

Scrooge, to be sure, was a carica Yet he was drawn with fidelity Dickens took all the mean, grasping scraping, clutching, covetous old sinners he had ever known and cor trated them into one dour, acrid char-Then he turned the melting acter. rays of the true Christmas spirit upor his, steely nature and softened old Scrooge, bitter, wizened, old Scrooge, into a real human being capable of sharing human fors and sorrows.

It is well to get out Dickens' "A juvenate the spirit, rehabilitate the better nature, catch anew the infectious benevolence and kindliness which have been written into those magic pages. It will clear the soul of any bwebs of selfishness which may have been woven by the spiders of neglect. It will put a new relish into this tenderest of eves now hard upon

Are you a Scrooge? Of course not But have you not acquired some of his characteristics quite unawares? Has not a little coldness or hardness grown into your nature and blunted our sensibilities to the finer things f Christmas? It is Christmas eve in Dickens' story. Scrooge sits in his little office watching his clerk copy letters in a little room beyond. room is cold because it is a cold night, but colder because of Scrooge's frigid The cold within frozen his features, nipped his nose, shriveled, his cheek and stiffened his

No wind more bitter than he The sort of man people turn from. None greated him on the street. Beggars left him alone. Children did not speak to him. Even the blind men's dogs pulled their masters away at And the graspoge's approach. ing, money-seeking old ruscal was so hardened that he liked it all just that Merry Christmas! His dead sis-Barren soil this for the seeds of

melancholy old home. feels an uncanny presence. He strives the Administration which offers a proto laugh his fears away but carefully gramme devised by amateurs instead locks the doors and sits down before the fire. A ringing of bells, a dragging of chains, an apparition. It is the ghost of his deceased partner, Marley, grasping old Marley. He drags a tong chain made up of cash boxes, keys, padlocks, ledgers, deeds and purses. The ghost confides. He made this chain for himself through his actions in life. He never walked beyond his ounting house when he was in flesh and now he is forced to do what he should have done then-travel far and wide among his fellow men. But Scrooge has a chance, a hope of escaping similar treatment hereafter. Three spirits will come, one each night to help Scrooge shun the horrible path

The spirits appear one after the other. The first is the spirit of It takes him The capital required is the least of the pleasant hours gone by. All is the troubles of these exuberant ex- happiness. Strange emotion for scenes of boyhood days. He revels in Scrooge's wizened soul. He sees other taxing and bond-issuing power of the Christmases of his youth. Deeds of Government at their disposal? Men forgotten days are marshalled in review. He sees himself giving up his he is getting on in the world. he sees her happily married with her eve. Old emotions are stirred, Scroop But when business men ask the fairly groans in misery and begs the

spirit to leave him in peace. Then the second spirit, the spirit of thoughly running to Washington for the visitation. He says he has learned help. The kind of help they want is something from the first spirit. There not Government money nor Federal are symptoms of a thaw in the ley do-Christmas-present. Scrooge welcomes management of their business, not competition of a Government-aided more and goes eagerly out into the matitution. They welcome such help world of men observing that they have as the Government gives through the been transformed by the Christman spirit into cheerful, happy beings. All are making preparations for the wondrous day to come. Finally they laws which are purely obstructive bring up at the home of Scroop's Such are the absurd clauses of our clark. The clark Crichts was follows. clerk. The clerk, Crachit, gets fifteen navigation laws and of the seamen's "hob" a week. The wife wears an law which destroy instead of helping old dress, bravely trimmed with new ribbon. The children are illy dressed. Ripe settings for misery. Yet happiness thrives. The children are happy, Crachit is happy, the wife is happy and they are busy with their prepara-

serves to thaw old Scrooge's heart to be found in the latest Daniels plan blood-heat again. Pathetic Tiny Tim; yet happy, cheerful, patient, loyable Tiny Tim. With nothing to bring him this magical contentment yet possesleaves here solicitous for Tiny Tim. Unwonted sentiments for his barren nature, yet strangely keen. The spirit leads him to other happy scenes and brings to his ears the biting remarks Republicans would not have dene ample. By consulting efficiency re-their duty had they emitted to place ports they would be able to determine gardly old wretch that he is. But it responsibility for the deficit where it with mathematical precision just who remains for the third spirit to show belongs on the Democratic deficit should be advanced and who should to Scrooge the Scrooge that other peo. soften? ple know.

The spirit of Christmas-yet-to-come !

The Christmas number of the Seattle Argus is with us again, wel

bug! Old Scrooge's hardened nature ever. It is a model of high-class recoiled at the mere words. "What typography and Hiustration. The pres-We are careful to have it known that right have you to be merry-you're ent number is filled with beautiful The causes of the deficit are re- we meant every word we said in ulti- poor enough?" Two men enter seek- photo-engravings of ideal camping said customs revenue under the matum No. 1, but of course we are ing contributions for charity. What? spots on the islands of Puget Sound, Underwood law and increased ex- willing to explain more fully what we Are there no prisons? Are there no of Washington's splendid roads and of workhouses? Scrooge does not make scenes in Scattle, interspersed with himself merry at Christmas, why articles by men who know Scattle's

The resignation of Henry A. Wise Nothing but meanness Wood from the Naval Consulting could blossom here. He goes to the Board presages a stormy controversy It seems between the men who created public Scrooge opinion in favor of preparedness and of trained men.

London reports that 2,524,460 Ger mans have been lost. Surprising how London knows all about the German war secrets. By the way, what has become of the German craving for peace which London was telling us about some weeks ago?

doesn't know. He did not think about the did it altitude if the would, and I tell him most subconsciously. Christmas, five how that through such utterances as he days later, found him ill with diphhas been making of late, Socialism will theria, full of antitoxin, his children soon become obsolete in Oregon.

The Greek Premier displays a fine orn for the allies now that they have failed at the Dardanelles, and he reveals a new chapter of their diplomatic blundering What has become of the old-fash-

loned mother who saved the grease from the goose to anoint the chil-There are poor folk and poor folk

a-plenty; but the poorest tonight are people without a baby and a tree for him. ___

Having settled the baseball war, the

agnates might now mediate in Europe.

How some men find their homes these early evenings is a wonder. The mailman must work tomorrow,

for the people must be served. This is the eleventh-hour and

thirtieth-minute day to help the Muts. The most alarming thing about the Kaiser's ailment is its name.

Tom and Jerry are arranging for the obsequies tomorrow. If your Christmas package is not on time, be patient.

Hang up the baby's stocking and get started right.

Keep the mouth shut in the fog and fool pneumonia. The dollar is bigger to the receiver than the giver.

not done it.

Christmas. Is some child liable to be for-

Turkey or goose? Decide quickly, can waste it,

How to Keep Well By Dr. W. A. Evans.

Questions pertinent to hygiene, sanitation and prevention of disease, if matters of general interest, will be answered in this column. Where space will not permit or the subject is not suitable, letters will be personally answered, subject to proper limitations and where a stamped, addressed entwione is inclosed. Dr. Evans will not make diagnosis or prescribe for individual diseases. Requests for such service cannot be answered.

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Defective Child Studies

District Superintendent Allison, the Chicago schools, thinks we have been too sweeping in our classifica-tion of below-normal children. In con-sequence we do injustice to many chil-dren. For one thing, we brand them with an adjective of which some of the He has heard and heeded the cheery Who can fail to glory in this new children and a great many of the adults know some part of the meaning. It harms the child with himself to know the significance of his tag. It takes

In the second place the treatment given is not best for that subnormal, although it is proper for the group.

Primarily, every child two years behind the grade proper for his age should be examined. He is retarded. should be examined. He is retarded. The question is why is he retarded? It may be because he is a recently arrived foreigner and started late in his It may be that the cause is or a physical defect, or it a mental or a physical defect, or it may be bad environment, or something

Unless the reason for the retardation is plain, the mentality of the child should be tested by the Binet-Simon test or some similar test. Professor Allison insists that the finding of that test should not be accepted as final. It is to be regarded as evidence. To it the evidence of teachers and of home visitors is to be added and on

the three items decision as to the clasidea that piety has declined in the
sification of the child and its physical,
mental, and social treatment is to be
based. In this opinion he agrees with
Professor Holmes, of Pennsylvania Colment, of Individual thought and critithe three items decision as to the clas-sification of the child and its physical, high price of beef may serve at this time to give horseflesh a start. Until case before its gas-driven competitor entered the field. But price-soaring

defective—the noneducable, This group includes the morens, the idiots, and imbeciles. While Professor Allison does includes the morons, the idiots, and im-beciles. While Professor Allison does not treat of this group since in theory in the Chicago system these are in in-stitutions, we must not accept the statement that they are noneducable or nontrainable too literally.

An 11-year moron must not stop training at a nine-year development. Professor Goddard goes so far as to advocate special work for morons and other pigher grades of feeble-minded-the pigher grades of feeble-minded-the heart throbs of humanity to be the sand training the subjects for that An 11-year moron must not stop Diplomats are "ingenious as Mark Twain would say. other pigher grades of feeble-minded- the heart throbs of humanity ness and training the subjects for that entombed in denominationalism. ternative between surrender and fight,

work.

In the Chicago tests 8 per cent of the liappy for the future of Christianity. In the Chicago tests 8 per cent of the denominational bigotry and egotism are being eliminated and the tendency per cent were on a border line between of the times is to measure up to its this group and the group above. Dr. Kohn of the Bridewell thinks that this this group and the group above. Dr. demands. The youth are watching the group and the group above. Dr. Kehn, of the Bridewell, thinks that this much interest the development of berder line group should be carefully Christian unity and purpose among the studied and treated, each according to churches. The future of the church was never brighter than at the present was never brighter than at the present Christian sentiment among the thinks he holds in his hand all he asked, but discovers that his hand

> and his environment. Professor Allison makes the follow ng classifications:

Backward children because of un kindly mental gifts, able to become mental gifts, able to become will take to training in handicraft

Slowly developing children-natural Variants, retarded because of un-

equal or one-sided development of interests or powers.
Retardates, because of physical defects or illness or other removable

Of the 1265 children examined 28 per ent were retardates, 13 per cent variants, 19 per cent slow developing, 21 per cent backward, as above, and 19 per cent defective or border line. In per cent backward, as above, and 15 per cent defective or border line. In his judgment those above the border lines cases and some of the border lines should be cared for in special rooms under special teachers, but in close touch with other school children. The less they are tagged the better. less they are tagged the better.

An engineer narrates the following for the guidance of Christmas shoppers: He spent last Christmas in bed sick with diphtheria. His children were in quarantine. This was how it came saw a small boy blow a wooden whis-tle, lay it down and go on. A minute later he picked up the same whistle and thoughtlessly blew it. Why, he doesn't know. He did not think about quarantined away from bim,

Hives.

E. M. P. contributes the following:
"Flives and litching of the skin may
be caused by eating too much fish or
raspberries and biackberries. The remedy that is used by Swedes, who cat a
great deal of fish, is cream of tartar
in water. Many families keep a
pitcher of this for the children to
drink when thirsty.

Foem of Civil war.

BINGEN, Wash, Dec. 20,—(To the
Editor.)—Referring to an article on
the editorial page of December 7, entitled "Singers in Conflict of 1860," I
following poem, clipped from a Wisconsin paper in 1860.

It was written by Frank B. Williams,
a private in Company G. Stuart's Enspiecer Regiment. In explanation of one

soap on the affected parts."

Don't Get the Habit,

Skirts next year will come near aping the primitive if they clear the ground twelve inches.

M. W. F., of Ohio, writes: "People in whom I am interested advocate the taking of a small quantity of asafoetida daily as a mild laxative. They maintain that it has worked to their advantage for years without any bad representations are strained to catch each sound. I hear the leaves about me shed, and the aprings bubbling through the ground.

The Countersign.

Alas' the weary hours pass slow. The night is very dark and shift, and in the marches far below. I hear the bearded white-peor-will; is careed an appearance of the night is very dark and shift, and in the marches far below. I hear the bearded white-peor-will; is careed an appearance of the night is very dark and shift, and in the marches far below. I hear the bearded white-peor-will; is careed an appearance of the night is very dark and shift, and in the marches far below. I hear the bearded white-peor-will; is careed an appearance of the night is very dark and shift, and in the marches far below. I hear the bearded white-peor-will; is careed an appearance of the night is very dark and in the marches far below. I hear the bearded white-peor-will; is careed an appearance of the night is very dark and shift. And in the marches far below. I hear the bearded white-peor-will; is careed an appearance of the night is very dark and shift. And in the marches far below. I hear the bearded white-peor-will; is careed an appearance of the night is very dark and shift. And in the marches far below. I hear the bearded white-peor-will; is careed an appearance of the night is very dark and shift. And in the marches far below. I hear the bearded white-peor-will; is careed an appearance of the night is very dark and shift. And in the marches far below. I hear the bearded white-peor-will; is careed an appearance of the night is very dark and the night is very dark and the night is very dark and in the same and the night is very dark and the night is very dark and the night is very d

Sione in the Kidney.

P. A. T., of Boaton, writes: "Will you please inform me whether a stone in the kidney and another stone in the ureter leading from that kidney is productive of serious results or infection to the sound kidney? Would you advise an operation?"

NEPLY.

Operations for the removal of stones from the kidney and ureter are serious At best such an operation is the lesser of evils. There is moderate danger of involvement of the stances stone in the kidney and infection following it is limited to ape kidney.

Lost Lamb Calls.

William Hodells, as the distance of soldiers far and mear. With ready piece I wait and watch, Until my eyes familiar grown, Derect each harmless earthen notch. And turn guerrilla into stone. And then smild the lonely gloom, And then amild the lonely gloom.

My slient me deglatoring in the watch in the sone time that mid then amild the lonely gloom.

And then amild the lonely gloom.

My slient me deglatoring and watch, Until my eyes familiar grown, Derect each harmless earthen notch. And turn guerrilla into stone.

And then amild the lonely gloom.

My slient may be seathen notch.

And turn guerrilla into stone.

And then amild the lonely gloom.

My slient marches i rosume.

And then amild the lonely gloom.

And then amild the lonely gloom.

My slient marches i rosume.

And then amild the lonely gloom.

And thin the solid of cheatout frees.

My slient marches i rosume.

And think the death parches earthen notch.

And think the death parches.

My slient marches i rosume.

And then amild the lonely gloom.

And think the death land watch.

Until my eyes familiar, grown.

Lessel Late lonely gloom.

And then amild the lonely gloom.

And then amild the lonely gloom.

And think the death land watch.

Until my eyes familiar, grown.

And then amild the lonely gloom.

And think the death land turn trees.

And think the death land then amild the lonely gl

William Howells, at a dinner in Boston, said of modern American letters:

The average popular novel shows on the novelist's part an ignorance of his trade which reminds me of a New Eng-

Be up and doing this day before brisk smile."

"Postoffice right across the street, Mr. Lamb, said the clerk, with a naive, brisk smile."

are anxious to save time, so they ator Sorghum.

STANDARDS OF PIETY CHANGED Denominational Affiliations No Longer

Measurement of Christianity. NEWBERG, Or., Dec. 22.—(To the Editor.)—Are statistics furnished by the Watchman of nearly a century ago and editorially commented upon by The Oregonian, as to colleges and piety, a safe barometer to follow as an indication of piety among the students of our achools of today? Mildly speaking, we think not. Any attempt to base a comparison upon conditions that obtained in the religious world in that generation would be misleading and away from the facts of today; apply the test that met the applicant for the tests that met the applicant consideration at the hands of the de-nominational leaders of the Christian religion in that generation to the recognized membership of the church oday and how many would pass

muster?

The piety of that day so recognized and this are two widely differentiated quantities. Any one who has given the subject attention would be convinced that plety then was gauged largely by loyalty to the demands of the church in which he or she was a recognized member. Denominational prejudice characterized the plety of that day in no small way. We are dealing with quite another question when we attempt to consider the plety of today based upon the demands of denom national standards. Are the young men and young women of this generation less respectful to the claims of Christianity? I think not. Rather I am Presbyterian Sunday school were: Miss persuaded by reliable information that Hattie Versteeg, Clinton Stone, Lillie Carsten, Flora Wray and Scottie Snellthere is a deep-rooted regard in the hearts of the young men and women of this day for the claims of Christianity, a reverence for the things an source that direct the way to a nob manhood and womanhood. But whi But while this is a fact, the tendency is away from denominational restrictions of a bygone age and more in keeping with reedom of thought and action in thing: religious, which is often mistaken by the church as an indication of indif-ference, if not of implety. Hence the

lege, and with Professor Sidis, of Har-vard.

A certain percentage will fall into
Professor Allison's sixth group—the
defective—the noneducable. This group
includes the morens, the idiots, and imbactless. While Professor Allison does not be expected
includes the morens and imbactless. While Professor Allison does the street of the denominational
bactless. While Professor Allison does the street of the denominational
bactless. theology and sectarian sentiments of our forefathers should characterize and dominate the religious sentiments of this generation to the same extent that it did in 1832. Any attempt to color the ideals of this generation with denominational restrictions not in har The Binet-Simon test is the best sin-gle test for these border line cases, but it will mislead if not supplemented by study of the sociology of the individual and his environment.

And Christian sentiment among the young people never more widespread. Will the church wake up to the full measure of its responsibility? BICHMOND MOORE.

> DISCOVERY AS TO SOCIALISM All Willing to Fight Government, but Not For It, Says Writer. HEPPNER, Or, Dec. 21 .- (To the Ed)

tor.)—So many ill-advised letters have appeared in The Oregonian that I feel that I will be allowed space for the following. All letters that are mis-bilevous or injurious to the public good thould be suppressed. Socialism is the biggest fraud ever perpetrated upon a people, and I believe the most injurious in effect. Socialists assert that each laboring man in the United States creates \$2400 of wealth each year and upon this declaration they undertake to prove to each laboring man that he

I wish to call your readers' attention to another most astounding discovery. have never talked with a Socialia who was willing to take up arms in defense of our Government, but every mother's son of them declares his will

ingness to take up arms against our Government. There is very little difference in a HARRY CUMMINGS.

Poem of Civil War.

drink when thirsty.

"For ringworm—Three applications of surgical soap, which is made with bichloride of mercury. Rub the wet state that white rags are frequently scattered along the sentinel's post on a dark night to mark his beat CONSTANT READER,

The Countersign.

suits. In the objection to asafoetida that which applies to the regular taking of any 'dope?' If injurious, what is the peculiar effect?'

It is had judgment to habitually take any medicine. There is no special objection to asafoetida. I speak from the medical, not the applies of soldiers far and near.

Along the beaten path I pace.
Where white rags mark my sentry's track. In formless shrubs I seem to trace.
The formar's form, with beading back; I think I see him crosching low—
I stop and list—I step and peer.
Until the neighboring hillocks grow To groups of soldiers far and near.

trade which reminds me of a New England clerk.

"In a New England village I entered the main street department-store one afternoon and said to the clerk at the book-counter:

"Let me have place.

Makers of Slio Brick.

LAUREL, Or., Dec. 22.—(To the Editor.)—Please advise me of the names of manufacturers of hollow brick or hollow tile made for the special purpose of building slios.

W. N. H.

Henry Ford surely wishes he had Charles Lamb.' The me have, please, the letters of Fulton building. Pittsburg, makes a charles Lamb.' specialty of this material and will send

Facts and Conclusions.

Washington (D. C.) Star.
"What are the (acts on which you'se your conclusion?" "I haven" You may have observed that many hunted up the facts yet," replied Sen-"It is hard enough to think up the conclusions,"

In Other Days

Twenty-five Years Ago. From The Oregonian December 24, 1890. Washington, Dec. 23.—The commis sion chosen to locate the drydock on the Pacific Coast has selected Port Orchard on Puget Sound.

Kilkenny, Dec. 23,-The official reult of the election yesterday to fill the vacancy in the House of Co. shows that Hennessy, nominee of the anti-Parnellites is elected. His ma-Jority is 1146,

H. W. McNeill has formally severed his connections with the Oregon Im-provement Company,

It is estimated 5000 will attend the Mardi Gras grand mask ball and car-nival tonight at the Exposition build-

J. H. Turner, the well-known Demoeratic politician of Pendleton, was at the Perkins yesterday. He is very san-guine for the outlook of his party in Umatilia and adjoining counties.

Mrs. Louise Humphrey-Smith, of San Francisco, has arrived in Portland to give readings under the auspices of the adles of the Unitarian Church.

SEVERE BLOW TO EVOLUTIONISTS Writer Grows Sarcastic Over Lesson Drawn From Cayuse Ponles.

PORTLAND, Dec. 25 .- (To the Edior.)-Things are in a bad way for organic evolution, when C. E. Cline arises to announce that he no longer accepts it. The reasons he gives for rejecting this scientific principle are so convinc-ing—being based on Cayuse ponies and the nature of the domesticated the nature of the domesticated hog-that scientific bodies are sure to make demands on Mr. Clina and give him a place of honor on their programmes. I have no doubt the American Associa-tion for the Advancement of Science and the British organization ame name would estem it a favor if he Portland gentleman would consent o address them and enlarge on his emonstration of the utter falsity of the evolutionary doctrine. cannot very well refuse these scientific honors, and thus at one stroke he will have established himself as an author-ity among biologists and have brought

additional fame to this city as an in-tellectual and scientific center. True, he may encounter some oppo-sition. He might meet Frofessor W. E. Castle, of Tarvard University, for in-stance, at one of these gatherings, who might be inclined to take issue with him. Professor Castle delivered an ad-dress in New York City on November 15 before the National Academy of Sciences on the fundamental quest Selection or Mutation the More tant Agency in Evolution?" Pr Castle's conclusions are based on experimental inbreeding, covering years and including over 16.9 mals under his direct observation and control. He inclines very strongly, I am sorry to say, to the opinion that position it had in Darwin's estima-

But Professor Castle is evidently a mere laboratory worker who in his un-regenerate state of being allows himolf to be altogether too much enced by facts carefully observed and tabulated. An eloquent and positive An eloquent and positive statement of the winkedness of the evolutionary principle ought to put him quickly out of court and settle the

will ARD T. CARMACK, 255 Nineteenth street North.

CHRISTMAS DREAMS.

They came tonight, oh hear them All there upon the stair!
I hear their dear, sweet whispers
They search for Santa there.

The stockings here shall han s in the old glad Christmas shall hang, When happy voices rang.

Threnghout the old dear homestead, Where toys were scattered far They come tonight, those loved ones Thro' heavenly gates ajar.

Ah! yes, they come, the children, They're there upon the stair. There's smiling little Harry And blue-eyed Nell so fair. Oh! hear their glad, sweet laughter,

There's romping little Ben, nd there so near beside him Is sweet-fuced baby Jen

Oh! they have come from heaven To wish us Christmas Joy. As in sweet drams I see them Each darling girl and boy.

The way for them is starry, Nor does it seem so long Whence wafts tonight the gladness Of angels Christmas song. -JUNE M'MILLAN ORDWAY.

Oh, mothers in homes that are happy, Where Christmas comes laden with

Where the kiddles are dreaming already Of the happlest day in the year.
As you gather your darlings around And tell them the "story of old." Remember the homes that are dreary!

Remember the hearts that are cold! And thanking the love that has dow-

ered you,
With all that is dearest and best.
Give freely, that from your abundance
Some bare little life may be blessed! go where the stockings hang

Where Christmas is naught but a name. And give for the love of the Christ-Twas for such as these that he came. ELIZABETH MILLER.

George's Daly Stuff.

George's Daily Still.

Say, mister editor, if a you pleze.

I wish you mak boys prints thiese.

You see, me think me make mistak
Lest time me vota big George Bake.

Me use to think George goods fell.

But why he jump on Dock Marcell?

Dock fix my fam when he get sig

For eating toe mooch no good pig.

Spose he do fire same would Bee-man.

Why for should George he carem dam?

Me think whole bunch play goods luck Me think whole bunch play goods luck Two, three, four years just play penuck, We tax-pay men no like be rob, Plent ducks like Parrish huntin job. But me no write thiese for Dock's sak; Me start to tell bout big George Bake. If George don't stop thiese Daly stuff Of callin names and runnin bluff He find heeself some day, you know. As little-high as is Big-low. ONE LONG FEL

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