(By Carrier.)

MAKING A NEW BRITAIN.

Great Britain is at last about to take the first decisive step in adoption of ing swiftly and unerringly to this con-To those who watch develepments from without the embattled nation and who from a comparison of opposing forces see that the logic of the situation clearly drives to conin, progress may have seemed When one considers the intense of arms, the progress which has per working day.

toward the nation Premier Asquith once went on rec ord as earing:

I am hild by Lord Durby and others that \$600. I am mild by Lord Durby and others that these is some dealed amond married men who are now being asked to enlist whether their may not be called upon to serve, having enlated, or promised to enlist, walley may not be called upon to serve, having enlated, or promised to enlist, walley may not down to the hothing back and not doing their duty. Let them taskings the mornoursed of about certainly say the diligation of the married man to enlist regist not to be enlisted upon him unless and until—I hope by voluntary effort and it not by some other hotses—the unmarried men are dealt with first.

Thus the men whose bachelor state is regarded by the public as a seifish shirking of the obligation to raise and maintain a family were warned that, for the Nation, they would be taken by force, while the married men were assured that they would not be taken until after the bachelors had gone, The event has proved that the married men have come forward in full strength, while about three-fourths of the bachelors still shirk. By concentrating attention on the relatively small class of unpopular bachelors, the government has put them in the pillory of public opinion, has feduced the number of opponents to the new policy and has put upon the anti-conscriptionists the opprobrium of championing men who shirs their duty when their country is in peril. On the other hand, they have won over to conscription all the married volunteers, who will view with satisfaction the specwill view with satisfaction the specof men being forced to fight who hung back when they came for-

same events have proved telling arguments against voluntarytam.

It is not to be expected that conerription in full force will be adopted at one jump. That is not the British The pressure will be applied at first gently and at the weakent point in the opposing line, which is the shirking bachelor. In that way the objections of the Labor and Nationalist parties may be overcome. Then it will gradually be increased and extended to other parts of the line until the public becomes habituated to its exercise. Each class that is conscripted will be apt to favor conscription of the next class until the ctive residue. Finally the Nation will realize that compulsion is so near ly general that it may as well "go the le how." That is the story of nearly all radical changes of British polity, such as free trade and electoral reform, but, the first step made, the others are as inevitable as fate.

With compulsory service the British nation will adopt the principle on which the military system of prac-tically every other European nation is founded—the principle which Brooks are viewing with alarm the elabor-Adams in the Yale Review declares are plans of the worldly for speeding dividual man and woman to sacrifice its misgivings and every other large themselves for the whole community city has considered safeguards and in time of need." Mr. Adams calls restrictions in order to prevent this this "the true standard of pure democ-sentimental hour from being convertracy," for "universal service is abso- ed into a public scandal. luts equality." Already in the volunwhich are cut so deep into British sonation into a genuine democracy.

Indeed the war is remaking the mental state. British people. Its virils powers, Its nation now calls upon them to give and stagger into the new year, greet times been able to hoast that half reserved, and that reservations now their manhood has made a freewill sell at a premium of \$20 to \$40 per offering of tizelf. Britain can make seat. Food and drink extra. Ratiroads have been handed over to for in spite of everything the authorithe government, never, perhaps, to be ties may do, New Year's eve is cerreturned to their owners. The nation tain to be made the occasion of an has taken over whole industries, built orgy by those thoughtless persons who lie has urged the government on to of "Ring out the old, ring in the new. more vigorous measures, more drastic As the matter now stands, the ancien action of the same kind. The govern-rhyma should read, "Drink out the ment does not lead; it is pushed for-old, crink in the new." The people tell it what next to do and when the command becomes insistent, it does that thing. Men rubbing it in by stopping cars at mid gladly give up rights, property, life night on the excuse that owl passen-

scorn work perform menial tasks for like Portland the inebriated man at men of the lowest ranks and feel that time of night has not got the honored because those price of a ride left.

sewing—sewing in the Pertland pub-The law was a muddle, however, and lic schools—that ought to interest the when the question was raised in court sum up the case for national preand where his money goes.

land day schools supports some thirty- Highway Engineer. four (24) instructors, or supervisors

get \$30 each per month. cluding supplies, and a fair charge compulsory military service. Events for overhead, will probably reach since August, 1914, have been leadschool year.

The minimum salary in the day taxes. schools is \$110 monthly, for an average of nineteen teaching days, or is much abused by special voices more than \$5 per day. The teachers that are always for agitation and without exception are women. their experience prior to their employment in the Portland schools was The individualism of the British people, Oregonian does not know. But it wonwhich lies behind their stubborn op- ders in what other occupation, public position to all forms of compulsion or private, they would be paid a miniand most of all to compaisory bearing mum of \$110 per month or \$5 plus

months to the point of accepting that instruction in the school curriculum which it mest abhorred has been amage may perhaps be further determined built now would be profitable not trained man alone is useful in defense A revolution has been when it is known that \$2200 was once effected in the attitude of the citizen of setsspent in a single purchase sors-not all of these little tools, however being for the sewing department The last scissors requisition called for

We rather look for some busy citisen some day to draw up a bill, and submit it through the initiative, fining what shall and what shall not be taught in the public schools.

We rather look also for another bill coviding that no teacher of sewing, or instructor in any kindred branch. shall be paid more than the average in similar private employment.

BRYAN, THE PHARISEE,

After quoting an article in which the Chicago Tribune points out the if they also shirked their duty to fight absurdity of the Ford peace mission and states that now is the time for the United States to mind its business, Mr. Bryan says in the Commoner that this "represents the attitude of most of the metropolitan pa pers," and adds:

The metropolitan papers almost invariably take the side of the special interests and at this time the manufacturers of munifications are specializing in war. We are now separation as high as \$25,000,000 worth of ammunition per munth, and selling it at an anormous postit. It is to the postuntary advantage of these interests to keep the war money into the postuntary advantage of these interests to keep the war money into a money possible, and it is to be

This, coming from the man who degraded the high office of Secretary o State to earn money as a vaudeville orator on the Chautauqua circuit; the of conscription is thus made perfect.

One after another the objections have been falsified by collecting large fees for delivering political height of pharisaical hypocrisy. In his self-righteous satisfaction he appropriates to himself and his like all the Though it purports to be an impartial virtues and can find only base motives for those who hold other opin- on the students' attitude toward pear which are giving up lives by the million and money by the billion when he places of militarism. Patriotism is called the war causeless. Those nations believe the cause in which they fight is worth the huge sacrifice they the fact that those Europeans who Mr nake, and they do not flinch. Bryan drew back, deserted his chief ened and are now furiously fight and tried to divide his fellow-coun- ing for nationalism in opposing armies trymen when an international crisis required firmness with a show of force from Stanley M. Arndt, of the Uni

> In face of this contrast it is the dent camps are the same as universal height of audacity for such a man to conscription" by saying that Presiinsuit the independent newspapers of dent Wilson and ex-Presidents Taft the United States by suggesting that and Roosevelt "would be bitterly op their discussion of the Ford farce is posed to universal conscription," prompted by desire to prolong the though "heartily in favor of the mili-slaughter for the profit of munition tary camps." He replied to an asmanufacturers. Let him look to the sertion that the camps would spread beam in his own eye.

> > THE ANNUAL QUGY.

Righteous people the country over "the obligation of the in- the departing year. Portland has had

Time was when Americans sat ou luts equality." Already in the volun-teer army commudeship in arms be-the old year at watch meetings taught "naturally leads one to the lear army commudeship in arms be-the old year at watch meetings conclusion" that "the very opposite tween aristocrat and workingman is Solemn contemplation and prayer breaking down the lines of caste were the order of the evening. The is taught, that treaties are not sacred. passing of another milestone in the ner is international law the bearer of If universal service be applied brief course of years allotted to man as in France, without respect for class was the occasion for seriousness. Selfdivisions or for wealth, it will go far-ther than any other means to mold the sober plans for better conduct in the

devution to duty, its readiness to wacri-fice self had been weakened and old year and begin the new one in glossed over by the leixurely case of this wise, but the number who seize the rich and well-born. From land-upon the occasion for a wild species ed aristocrat and manufacturer down of orgy is simply appalling. They sit of students' camps as "men of strong to laborer, thought had been centered the old year out in some cafe or grill, feeling of race and National prejudice on self and on class, on what the na- their minds too befuddled by chamtion should do for the citizen. The pagne for serious thought. They reel vision," Mr. Aradt said: both their substance and their lives ing the era with popping corks, ri-fur it. They have already made a bald song and strident hiccoughs. It splendid response. Other nations is reported frim New York that every might but no others have in modern seat in every Broadway cafe has been

The people have cheer- Portland will be rid of such spe fully submitted to degrees of com- tacles shortly. It is regrettable that ulsien never before deemed possible. snother such exhibition must be seen, factories, sequestered profits, have seized upon this wild American set saide union rules, restricted press
freedom, established monopolies of
sugar and meat and fixed prices at
tailed. Far from objecting, the publie has urged the government on to

The traction company at Spokane i

for the nation; women trained to gers are all drunks. In a moral city

Yet there are a few facts about have charge of the state road work. taxpayer, who is always wondering by a private contractor, a decision paredness in a few simple axioms. why taxes constantly mount higher was reached, and now the Supreme Court interprets the law to be that been proved by the war not to pro-The sewing department in the Port- the State Engineer is also the State tect a nation.

teachers how to teach), and they and efficiency; but it will be re- those interests can be promoted by draw from \$110 to \$160 each per called that a programme of consoli- war. dation of various departments, de-There are thirteen sewing instruc- vised in the interest of the taxpayers. PORTLAND, THURSDAY, DEC. 10, 1913, tors in the night schools, and they was defeated, and only the confused et \$10 each per month.

The payrolf alone in this departpassed. The general ruction raised is inadequately prepared invites atmen in November, 1915, was in ex- over the consolidation movement is tack, and can win, if at all, only at cess of \$4600. The total expense, in- directly responsible for the lamentable outcome of a laudable purpose on the pared. overhead, will probably reach part of the legislative majority to do amples something to simplify the administra-

Yet somehow the Legislature, which What never for any sane action which will ower taxes, succeeded in reducing appropriations. Can any other branch of government, state, county or city (Portland), show as much?

VESSELS TO CARRY LUMBER,

Were the American shipping laws such as to justify the belief that ships only during but after the war, many more lumber vessels like those of the McCormick yard at St. Helens would be building in American yards on the Pacific Coast. There is a strong de-mand for lumber abroad, and the chief obstacle to our supplying it is the lack of vessels at reasonable, or any, terms,

Under rational laws we should be doing in the United States, by private enterprise, that which British Columes to do with government The Parliament of that province ald. is to be asked to authorize a bond issue for the building of thirty Delsel lumber schooners, each having a capacity of 2,000,000 feet, which are to be turned over to the lumber manufacturers. The latter are to assume the bonds and pay for the schooners as bonds fall due. By this means the province expects to increase its lumber exports from 60,000,000 to 200,-000,000 feet yearly.

We do not propose any such scheme to provide vessels for the American lumber trade; on the contrary, we have condemned the similar scheme of the Wilson Administration to pro vide vessels for our general foreign trade. We do urge, however, that in vestors should be invited shipbuilding and operating field by repeal of those provisions of our ship-ping laws which add to the cost of doing business under the American flag without benefit to any American. With a fair chance, American enterprise needs and asks no subsidy, nor Government building of ships,

A PACIFIST'S SLY INSINUATIONS.

A fair sample of pacifist methods of spreading their propaganda against National defense is the letter of K. G. Karsten, president of the Collegiate Anti-Militarism League, on the sub inquiry into the effect of these camps ions. This man insulted the nations and war, the letter is actually a velled decried as Nationalism and internationalism is extolled, notwithstanding once cherished that dream have awak-

The letter drew a stinging reply

and a united front towards a nation versity of California. He answered which knows no law except force. an insinuation that "voluntary stuenthusiasm for military life by quot ing the President's opinion they would "disseminate sound in-formation" and would give " a considerable amount of practical military instruction." They were not intended to spread knowledge of The Hague. ternational arbitration and kindred subjects, but that was no reason to condemn them, for no one would pect those subjects to be taught there. Mr. Arndt said that Mr. Karsten's allusion to these subjects as not being any sanctity." He continued:

was the occasion for seriousness. Selfreproach for past shortcomings and
soher plans for better conduct in the
year at hand made up the common
mental state.

There are hundreds of thousands of
good people who continue to end the
old year and begin the new one in
this wise, but the number who seize

In reply to a reference to advocates rather than men of international

vision," Mr. Arndt said:

Do you think for an instant that you can thind men, real men, who have no race and national prejudire? A person cannot change his grandrather, as Dr. Kallen states; his nationalistic spirit is within him and cannot be destroyed. A man without a country must be a sorry sight. We are Americans in this country—at least I presume you do not carry your nationalism to its lugical conclusion of repudiating Americanism in favor of internationalism; yet when the war broke out, the German-American was a rabid partisan of the "Vaterland," the Franch-American was as strained; in favor of the allies. The fundamental cause of this war was nationalism. Why is it that the sight of the Stars and Stripes size the blood of every American on foreign shoreer. Nationalism is one of the strongest traits the human perican on foreign shores? Nationalism one of the strongest traits the human imat has.

Replying to an insinuation that military training makes men less auxious "to maintain friendly relations with other countries," Mr. Arndt said: other countries, air, arout said.
When the average man insures his life, is he anxious for death? When the average man insures his property, is he more anxious for first When the average man propare dimest in a milliary camp, is he more insules for war? The answer to all three questions to the same. I want peace, I desire peace as already as you, but in case I am needed to defend my mether and sixty and country, I want to be prepared.

Referring to the league's motto:

"Above all nations is humanity," Mr. Arndt said it would be better to renight has not got the member that "above all, nations are human." He continued:

themselves honored because those men have been wounded in the empire's cause.

Britain is thus being made over by the war.

Britain is thus being made over by the war.

Scissors.

The public is not greatly concerned about the issue as to whether Mr. Lewis or Mr. Cantine is State Highway commission in agreement was reached between him agreement was reached between him agreement was reached between him are super-human and perfect. International issues on the premise that all nations are super-human and perfect. International ism is an ideal, for must recognize facts and the state Highway Commission in and the State Highway Commission in the weather, or any other of the things just now occupying the public mind. Yet there are a few facts about the state road work.

Nations do not respect treaties The intent of the Legislature of when they consider treaties contrary (not teachers, for it is their business 1915 was to consolidate the two de- to their selfish interests and they do to show the grade and high school partments, in the interest of economy not preserve peace when they believe

> A nation that is not prepared for war is in danger of destruction by another nation of the above type much greater cost than if it were pre-Britain and Russia are ex-

A nation that is prepared for war, tion of state affairs, and to reduce but devoted to peace, can maintain Switzerland and Holland are examples.

Preparation for defense must be made before, not after, war begins. Wars come suddenly, are fought and won rapidly and employ intricate apparatus that requires much time to make and much practice to use. Hence preparation after war begins is

The man who does not undergo training is of no more value when war comes than one-tenth of a man, The of his country.

Preparation is not militarism, Militarism consists in the spirit in which preparation is made, not in the preparation itself. The aim of militarism ploiting "Pollyanna" Mr. Price lapsed is forcible aggression; the aim of into this: peaceful preparation is armed defense.

renders arming for defense necessary tarism is abandoned can defense been apointed commander-in-chief of safely be abandoned.

vaded, their homes destroyed, their perfectly obvious. families slain, brutally maltreated or scattered

The Portland Journal, which spares to opportunity to revile the Legislature and attack the state administrapreme Court decisions are the Jourrinside information," a "tip," a "back-stairs handout" about the impending action of the Supreme Court. But in this instance the Journal kept its secret knowledge all to itself-until now. It was safer.

Is it not significant that the Ford plate a return to the United States. peace party was coldly received by the Norwegians and Danes, who are mostly pro-ally, while they were warmly welcomed by the Swedes, who are

breakfast; but think of the people in kind of a meal,

vould postpone a decision to the Greek States wants. There have been too first midnight matinee given in Portmany postponements of the Lusitania land under the Orpheum management.

The Nebraska primary ballot will name to go on is that of Henry D. midnight matines will not be over until Estabrook, who was reared in the 1:30 in the morning, but theater folk state and went East to acquire fame. have the advantage of being able to

It is not that St. Louis hotelkeepers

distrust Democrats that they insist on Reiter's party. two on the books. Retail grocers who object to others

The Oregon hen does not appear brass pots would vanish from the face discouraged with eggs selling around of the earth. 30 cents at a time they usually bring

half a dollar. Thomas Mott Osborne is learning that the way of the uplifter is hard when he comes in conflict with the

politician. Kemp is sorry, no doubt. He must have been when he mailed the letter. Serrow is mostly an afterthought of

When Sweden gives the allies a dose of their own medicine by detaining mall, how they do protest

The recrudescence of Brownell will be a Clackamas thriller in the Spring.

Not yet cold enough to turn off the water, but the plumber is watchfully waiting. Every punster is entitled to one

gationists. Lake County with its saltpetre vould be a good site for munition

whack at the new head of the irri-

When the mercury touches freezing soint, it is in order to "holler" for

To call it a watch service tomorrow night is fit and proper for an officer. The boy who got a sled Christmas encouraged to hope for snow.

killer will live.

connected up.

Stars and Starmakers By Leone Cass Baer,

BY LEONE CASS BAER. UST read where the original Uncle Tom is dead. But Little Eva is still hopping blithely around between the Old Ladies' Home and some chorus

Ethel Clifton and Brenda Fowler, who have already established themselves with vaudeville fans as worthy writers of one-act plays, are making their first New York appearance at the From Mr. Arndt's letter we can Colonial Theater this week. Among their numerous writings are "The Decision of Governor Locke," played by Treaties and devotion to peace have Claude Gillingwater, lately at the Orpheum: "The Coward," with Lillian Kingsbury, and others. They will present "The Saint and the Sinner," unique and powerfully dramatic playlet written by Miss Clifton.

And now there's a new slang expres-As if the English language didn't contain enough. Jules Eckert Goodman's dramatization of "Treasure Island" has brought out the expression, It isn't really slang, either, but good, unadulterated Robert Louis Stevenson

It will be recalled by everybody who inn, was himself in constant fear of being tipped the black spot. As he explains to little Jim Hawkins, this black spot "Is a summons, matey-about the worst disgrace than can come to a pirate captain-it means he must step down-that he's gone-done for-sometimes it means worse than that, too."

Broadway has waited a long while for a byword to take the place of George M. Cohan's world-renowned "twenty-three." It now has one in "the black spot."

Cathrine Countiss' husband, E. D. Price, is cutting up again in Ren Wolf's column in the Morning Telegraph, During a pause in his serious work of ex-

"Every humorous paragrapher The existence of militarist nations America is going to spring this one as to national existence. Not until mili- beat them to it. Sir Douglas Haig has the British forces on the western front. The truth of these axioms will ap- Do you get that? The American ark of peal to those who desire the preser- peace is sleshing along in the general vation of the United States as a Na- direction of Holland. Now if perchance They will not come home to they should come together, what would those who regard patriotism as nar-row prejudice until their country is in-of Haig and Hague, of course. It is

Irene Oshler, who played several newspaper drama entitled "In Cold ernment found its way into the hands Thomas T. Hoyne, has been a Chicago Treasurer (a majority of the State newspaper reporter for 15 years. He belligerent was thereby given. Presi-Highway Commission) with the boast is a brother of Maclay Hoyne, the Chi-dent Grant stopped the traffic. Efforts that it had advised them fully about cago State's Attorney. The play will highway law, and implies that it be given to the public about the middle this Government have been made by of January, and after two or three belligerents in the present conflict but cision. Ah, yes. Forecasts of Su-weeks on the road will go into Chicago have been forestalled by Government for a run.

Through her attorneys, Isadora Duncan, the dancer, is offering her American creditors a settlement of 20 cents on the dollar to cover the debt claims against her in this country. Miss Duncan does not, according to letters sent out by the aforesaid attorneys, contem-

Carl Reiter, manager of the Orpheum is going to see the old year out and the new year in as host of a strictly all-Orpheum party. Immediately after the midnight matince at the Orpheum to Some people think it a hardship morrow all the artists will assemble on in the cold and eat a hot the stage, where Mein Host Reiter will have prepared for them a feast of cofthe war zones who get up on a cold fee and whatnot. The stagehands, ush morning without the prospect of any ers, Frank McGettigan, the impressionistic press agent, the boxoffice generalissimes and other employes of the Arbitration of the Ancona case front of the house also will be guesta. Mr. Reiter's banquet, aside from its ilends, which is not what the United New Year association, is in honor of the This year Orpheum acts will be seen only at Orpheum's own midnight mat-"I don't know when my party be a comprehensive affair. The latest will break up," said Mr. Reiter, "as the sleep late."

The man who can pick ripe rasp-berries at this time is welcome to eat them. Pripe sausages and hotcakes headline act, "Suspicious of Hubby," headline act, "Suspicious of Hubby," who is thought by some to be a "dead ringer" for President Wilson, will respond to one of the main toasts at Mr.

If we followed the golden rule at Christmas to "Give unto others as we would that they should give unto us," cutting the price of flour will get all the lace-trimmed coat hangers, little sympathy from people who confor hatpins and whisk brooms, tomato pin cushions and air forms in hanging

> Edward C. Woodruff says that acount of an experimenter who has revived oysters and shown them to be janitor does it with human beings, turning them out alive in the Spring after keeping them in a freezing condition all Winter.

> > Reply to Mr. Cline.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 26 .- (To the Editor.)-If Mr. Cline, through erudite and scientific investigation, is prepared to present to us natural evolution in a new light, we will be pleased to accord to him respectful attention. The only theory regarding the subject which attracts the learned has been in vogue some 50 years. It is therefore in order that it should be superseded by new thought. Tis only the new, the most recent, which appeals to us today. Bergson's thoughts are our ideal, whilst treatises on alchemy and astrology have been consigned to the furnace years ago J. HAROLD.

Tile for Silos

SALEM, Or., Dec. 27.—(To the Editor.)—In answer to the letter of W December 24, I would like to state that the Salem Tile & Mercantile Company, of Salem, Or., make a hollow tile for the special purpose of the special purpose of building CARL J. O'NEIL

> Her Husband's Tenderness. Life

BRITAIN'S PECULIAR OPTIMISM Figures on Submarine Warfare Don't

Tell Whole Story, Snya Writer. REEDVILLE, Or., Dec. 27 .- (To the Editor.)-The thing to be admired and yet has a very suspicious tinge of sadness about it is the brave optimism of our British cousins as reflected in the allied press of America. Bravely they tell us-and yet between the lines we read that which makes us sad-that the submarine warfare is a failure They told us the same story last Sumner, yet somehow each month takes an increasing toll of allied shipping to the bottom of the sea.

Strange now to observe the way

Winston Churchill, one time Lord of

the Admiralty, who is now in the trenches, explains the effects on the British navy of the loss of so many of their battleships. The impression he creates is that the vessels were rust-ing away and their loss did not weaken the navy, etc. It is this optimism that must be admired. Yet how extremely uncomfortable this constant dipping away of "old fron" must be to the British heart which is used to more spectacular display on the part of the grand fleet that rules the seven seas. They produce figures to show how light, comparatively, has been the submarine toll on merchant ships. They don't dwell long upon the possible value of the cargoes of those 508 sunk-en freighters. They don't care to draw it out in cold figures of dollars and remembers his "Treasure Island" that cents, rather do they tell us of the Bill Bones, the pirate, who tyrannized great amount of shipping which estable inmates of the Admiral Benbow must know is ruled by Great Britain. If Great Britain were all but wiped off from the map the fact that she still held on would be highly magnified and he work of her destroyer made to hivel up like a burnt boot. However, will repeat we can't help but admire he spirit of optimism which prevail in their quarters, even beholding the slump noticeable in the price of the allied loan bonds, and the increasing scarcity of ships and the soaring freight rates. We notice, too, that England, like

Germany, is going more in the farm business. Verily 'tis even as Lloyd George said some time ago, "the po-tato-bread spirit of Germany is something terrible for us to consider.' Hence, gradually as the situation forces the grim truth upon her Great Britain

is learning at the eleventh hour val-uable lessons from her foe, Germany. We, as exporters of arms and am-munition to the allies, are co-partners n Europe's blood carnival. By doing original," he writes, "and I want to this we earn the everlasting enmity of a people with whom we have always been at peace, and I will add, that we don't by any means increase the love and regard of a nation, which some-times feels or acts as though she feels that we owe her an apology for win-ning our independence from her. Did to put a line of steamers between this not Grant declare an embargo on arms ind ammunition during the O. E. FRANK.

Grant did not declare an embargo on trade by private manufacturers of arms will consist of Indian club swinging, and ammunition. During his adminweeks with the Baker Players last sea- istration, however, certain discarded son, is to play the leading role in a military equipment owned by the Gov-Type," now in rehearsals. The author, of French agents and the color of American National assistance to one to acquire discarded arms owned by agents. In other words the present Adninistration is following the policy.

FIGURES ON SOCIALISMS GROWTH Writer Cites Election Results to Show

PORTLAND, Dec. 28.—(To the Editor.)—Because of the good character of Harry Cummings, whom I have known industrious habits and good citizenship, I am venturing a reply to his recent.

I then have to wait 28 days before I may order again? My idea was that each period of 28 days was figured from January 1, and that if I had my allotment on January 25, I could on January 20 send another order for the period ending Jan. 25, I am venturing a reply to his recent letter of misinformation relative to my usefulness as a citizen and his general own use?

3. Will a person be allowed to make wine in excess of two quarts for their own use? INQUIRER. There are

present system. He has labored for years only to find at the end of his prime that he has worked for another

talk of denying others the same rights they assume to take to themselves. Free speech, not free license, is the giory of American citizenship. The law provides punishment for treasonable and libelous offenses and to talk of "suppression" without prosecution is resorting to martial law and denying an exception in cases where the liquor resorting to martial law and denying an exception in cases where the liquor civil law and liberty. would be for sacramental uses.

Socialism, when I ask him for his ob-jections he begins railing at some soapme does not seem to know what that means. His lack of information is exposed when he says Socialists and Anarchists are similar, when every informed person knows that their differences are as wide apart as the poles; one believing in all government and one believing in all government and the other believing in no government. It is true that "every mother's son of them" (Socialists) will intelligently struction for patrolmen."? If so may fight for their principles; not with gun anyone not belonging to the police deand sword, but with reason and wis-dom of understanding. Mr. Cummings does not care to meet them on this

There is none. George W

through which he is a sufferer.
Some information on the decline of
Socialism taken from The Oregonian:
The nominees for Governor (this being the lightest vote of all nominees) for street, New York City, or from Civil the past four Gubernatorial elections, Service, Yeon building, Portland. alive after keeping them in a freezing state six weeks, is nothing new. Almost any janitor can give him cards about 5000; in 1908 more than 3000 votes were cast; in 1904 and spades on that trick. Only the 1912 more than 14,000 votes were cast. Added to this the industrial department measure, a clean-cut state Socialist measure, initiated by the Socialist party, received about 58,000 votes, while some 20,000 more voters did not vote for or against it, but did Socialism" I guess the party is no quite dead. C. W. BARZEE.

"Manlla Itch" and Its Cure ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 28.—(To the Editor.)—Will you please state in th columns of your valuable paper a cure, if there is any, for what they call Mania itch. There are numerous cases of this malady in this city and the doctors I saw do not seem to be able to find anything that will step the itch-ing. J. H. LARSON.

"Mantia itch" is, according to Dr. M. B. Marcellus, City Health Officer, someimes known as prevalent in the Philippines during and after the Spanish-American War, It is not definitely described as a separate skin affection. Dr. Marcellus says it is usually an aggravated or virulent form of impetigo contagiosa, or, sometimes a severe attack of scabbies is designated by this term. If the disease you mention is so-called "Manila itch" it s characterized by ulcerations which eadily form crusts and make angry Kemp's victim may die, but her what I said." "Er-what makes you with best effect was the white precipiting will live.

The fool and his crime are soon lars, and you smiled and said, Yes, of the skin. Such treatment soon effectively. In Other Days

Half a Century Ago.

From The Oregonian of December 30, 1855, Washington, Dec. 21.—Orders have en issued for the discharge of nearly all volunteer medical officers first of January. Only about 50 are to be retained.

Don Augustine de Iturbide, the oldest on of the first Emperor of Mexico, is low in New York City. He has been offered rank and emoluments by Maximillian but has declined them.

By private dispatch received yesterday at the house of Richards & Mo-Craken we are informed that the steamship Sierra Nevada would leave San Francisco today for this city.

The Southern States, jointly, severally and every other way, owe debts England to the amount of \$128,000.0 spon which no interest has been paid

The Weekly Oregonian is published this morning. It contains the latest telegraphic news from the East and California—a selection of the best aricles appearing in The Daily Oregosian—full and reliable news from the nines and the most copious commer-ial information published by any paper in the state.

Twenty-Five Years Ago.

From The Oregonian of December 30, 1890, Paris, Dec. 29.—The death of Octave Feuillet, the well-known novelist and dramatist is announced

London, Dec. 29 .- The colebration of

Gladstone's \$1st birthday was a gala nearly all turned out to congratulate their beloved and distinguished neigh-The Oregon State Board of Horticul-

ture began its annual session at the office of Secretary Allen at 1 o'clock yesterday. There were present J. R. Cardwell, president; Ethan W. Allen, secretary; J. A. Varney, inspector of fruit pests; H. E. Dosch, J. D. Whitman and James Hendershott

Civil Engineer McNaught, sent from London to Oregon to inspect the pro-posed line of the Astoria and South-coast Railroad, in the interests, of English capitalists asked for funds to build the railroad, has co mpleted his labors and is now at the Portland.

There will be a special meeting of he Chamber of Commerce this evening for the purpose of considering several matters of vital interest to the community. One matter is the pro-posal of Frank Upton, of Kobe, Japan, ort and China and Japan

The New Year's eve entertainment at the Casino opera-house, to be given by 50 pupils of Miss Jeanne Blodgett, artistic posturings, foll exercises, tab-leaux and pantomimic action, scene from "Pygmallon and Galates," and nany other interesting features

QUART" BOTTLES ARE QUARTS Standard Beer Receptueles Accepted

and Time Succession Counts. PORTLAND, Dec. 28 .- (To the Edior.)—Will you please give me infor-mation regarding the following ques-

1. Has it been definitely whether I may receive 24 full quarts of beer, or 24 bottles of the size new in use, and which hold about fourfifths quart?

2. Suppose I send an order on January 14, 1916, for my sllowunce, will I then have to wait 28 days before I

1. The authorities will look like him who can profit by the information contained in this letter.

Mr. Cummings is a victim of the present system. He has labored for present system. He has labored for precognize the fifth shortage. 2. The law says: "It shall be un-

who took his hard earnings by the system's profit game.

It is astonishing how some people carrier or common carriers more than

As to Mr. Cummings' knowledge of would be for sacramental uses. 3. You would not be allowed to manufacture any fermented liquor even ox argument thinking he is attacking for your own use. The law specifically Socialism. When ask him if he has states that you would be allowed to read any reliable works on economics he does not seem to know what that mon carriers" a certain amount, but

Instruction for Patrolmen.

There is none, George W. Caldwell, plane. They are fully content to abide their time at the ballot box for social could furnish any information about evolution to relieve society of that necessary police qualifications might be secured from publications of the Civil Service Chronicle, 23 Duane

> Origin of a Phrase. PORTLAND, Dec. 27.—(To the Editor.)—What is the origin of the expression: The embarrassment of ciches'?

At the Multnomah Public Library are two volumes written by Christy, entitled "Proverbs, Maxims wote on other measures. Speaking and writing more than any other indi-vidual who worked as an "exponent of given as a French proverb, is: "Riches given as a French proverb, is: "Riches and Phrases." In which the quotation, given as a French proverb, is: "Riches and Phrases." The books is not have their embarrassments." The books are dated 1888, and are published by G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York City.

PERRYDALE, Or., Dec. 24.—(To the Editor.)—Who is the "poet laureate of Oregon"? Is there a "poet laureate of the United States," or has Oregon a "poet laureate." __ JOE JENNINGS.

There is no such office in the United States as "poet laureate." In Great Britain a poet laureate is appointed by

What You Ask For

You don't ask for a breakfast food or a soap-you ask for a particular brand.

You know or believe that brand is just what you want. You are sure its quality will be the same one day as another. And so along in your shopping you purchase the goods you know-in preference to buying generali-

And the up-to-date weman keeps posted on the new and better things by reading the advertising in a good newspaper like The Oregonian.