# The Oregonian

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Government, the state, the railroad company and the people accept it. Or perhaps it is inaccurate to say

they have found a solution. They never find a solution for anything, though they have been prescribing remedie during a great many years for every known public ill. The patient is not enly not cured, but he is plainly grow-Atturney-General Gregory makes the

flat suggestion that an effort at compromise with the railroad company owner of the land grant, be made. The eught to busis of negotiation, he thinks, is the excess above \$2.50 per scre (the lawful maximum) the company has rehigh transon, for it will be recalled by diligent readers of The Oregonian that the same appraisal of a perplexing situation has been repeatedly made in these columns and that the public autherities have been urged to reach, if mible, an adjustment with the owner of the grant

to go, is the cry of the fixery.

But the railroad company will not is a deplorable fact. be overlooked. It is counsel of folly and the whole meddling gang, includ-

Pacific (Oregon & California) owns was dramatic and thrilling; but it took it must have occurred to us that the land grant, and the Supreme Court sixty odd days, and it need never be same criticis invariably reaped a she came across the plains as a bride. kinds of local levies, initiative measurement of the couple settled near what is used calling for bond issues, etc., nor solden harvest by pandering to our and the couple settled near what is used calling for bond issues, etc., nor solden harvest by pandering to our and the couple settled near what is used calling for bond issues, etc., nor solden harvest by pandering to our and the couple settled near what is used calling for bond issues, etc., nor solden harvest by pandering to our and the couple settled near what is used calling for bond issues, etc., nor solden harvest by pandering to our and the couple settled near what is solden harvest by pandering to our and the couple settled near what is solden harvest by pandering to our and the couple settled near what is solden harvest by pandering to our and the couple settled near what is solden harvest by pandering to our and the couple settled near what is solden harvest by pandering to our and the couple settled near what is solden harvest by pandering to our and the couple settled near what is not a solden harvest by pandering to our and the couple settled near what is not a solden harvest by pandering to our and the couple settled near what is not a solden harvest by pandering to our and the couple settled near what is not a solden harvest by pandering to our and the couple settled near what is not a solden harvest by pandering to our and the couple settled near what is not a solden harvest by pandering to our and the couple settled near what is not a solden harvest by pandering to our and the couple settled near what is not a solden harvest by the solden time is selling. Attorney-General Gregory evidently intends to deal with a situation as it is, and not the agitators and demagagues and fixers want it to be, and pretend it is there is not a single dreadnought on

# TAKING RELIGION TO COURT,

fulr example of the difficulties encountered in attempting to make generally outgrown ideas on religious oh. knees with offers of millions to preservance of Sunday conform to modern vent capture and destruction. conditions of life. In spite of the bill's religious inspiration for the measure is hardly to be mistaken. Confinuous employment in Oregon is the exception, rather than the rule. There is not enough of it to justify alarm as to the general welfare of the people.

that the bill was intended to catch swellen fuel bill, they can find some sics. Germany and Austria naturally some particular class, say non-union fired streetcar men who of their own has temperature 28 to 50 degrees be- and manifest no enthusiasm for week, but the safer assumption is that frosts have been followed by destruct- artists of the modern Russian school. the main intent of the bill is to en- ive floods which have taken many Americans, however, place no restricforce upon as large a proportion of lives. Floods prevail throughout the tions of a national character. They the people as possible as their day of Southwest and also threaten the Mid- want the best, regardless of the source rest the particular day which Dr. die West and have caused afflictions Tufts' religion says shall be the one compared with which we enjoy com-

farmer, under the bill's provisions, provide for extremes, not for averages, we must look to European composers not ordinarily employ men at at having on Sunday when the safety deep enough and strong enough to slightest degree.

Of the crop is threatened by storm, Still withstand another such a flood as But with these great fields open to there is nothing in the bill to prevent that which tore all before it in the us during formative days, who can less that Great Britain will propose do not, as yet, include babies, but that an oversealous peace officer's taking Otay Valley. an oversealous peace officer's taking Otay Vailey. him into custody. The dear farmer under the beneficence of the bill, may rest assured that if he can prove that his crop was really in danger the courts will release him. But does the farmer care to suffer the pangs of arrest and the annoyance of trial, even though he knows he will be ac-

guitted in the end? The same condition would cor the fish canner or fruit canner, if the perishable raw product that reached his plant were not disposed of by midnight Saturday. In the same class is put the Jew and the Adventist. Either, if arrested for keeping his place of Without in any sense disparaging of the common people he rejected as husiness open on Sunday, may secure the work done by Governor Stanford, vulgar or common. Besides, the taste acquitfal by proving that he observes for it is always a good omen to see for music is certain to broaden. How some day other than Sunday as his wealthy men embark in any business else may a widespread love of music his religious day of rest. Thus does safely be said that, if the new owners that appreciation of the best music is the bill only partially recognize the and managers carry out their project a National trait already. The audiment, but there is no means at their in the great cause of humanity than other large centers in forming this disposal short of trial to secure them- did the former. selves against molestation by officers

sees a store open on Sunday how can years. It is therefore a good omen to cept by the processes of nature. Jew or Gentile, Adventist or Presby- take this forward step, terian? If he observes a fish cannery in operation on Sunday how can he possibly know whether the operation is necessary to save stock on hand or whether the men employed have been given twenty-four hours' rest on an-

a.es the bill? As a matter of fact, custom has

American illusion that somehow we will without ample preparedness meet editions of some of these vicious magany emergency. Let us quote the azines are enormous. A certain news- Ford — with the consoling assurance President of the United States in a dealer remarked more than a month that Mr. Ford successful in what he speech at Cleveland, January 29, 1916; And the Navy of the United States: You have been taid that it is the second to have been taid that it is the second to strength in the world. I am serry to say that experts do not agree with those who tell you that. Rechaning by its actual strength I believe it to be one of the most efficient navies in the world but its strength ranks fourth, not assend. You must recket with the fact that it is necessary that that with the fact that it is necessary that that strength is in the world. But it is possible for us to do to brine the Navy up to an adequate standard of strength and efficiency.

The Devandent recently in his own.

The President presents in his own clear-cut phrase the things The Ore- watchful parents. This dangerous gonian has been saying about the Navy. It is no jingo clamor, but it is the serious utterance of an informed statesman.

### A NAVAL BASE AT ASTORIA.

The project for a Naval base for th But the astounding counsel has been Pacific Coast at Astoria is not only given to ignore the owner-nay, the timely, but it is patriotic. The almost demand has been set up that the utter helplessness of the states of the wner he sent about his business. He West, in case any threatened invasion is sutified to \$2.50 per acre, and no from a foreign power should material more: let him be paid that, and told ine, is not the mere expression of an alarmed or uninformed agitation. It long hair and critical temperaments,

and recklessness to urge it. It is the closed. It may be recalled by persons real art we are as a people. We have thing the Puters, and the Laffertys, of good memory that an argument for grown so used to their strictures as to construction of the Canal was that it accept them without very much quesing the politicians and newspapers who small double the potential efficiency tion. Some of the heavy music they profess to detest them, want more than anyone else.

The politicians and newspapers who would double the potential efficiency tion. Some of the heavy music they have attempted to inflict upon us we have repulsed. A widespread prefer-The swkward fact, which cannot be to the other. The famous trip of the ight and gay must be to the other. The famous trip of the light and gay must be migration of that year. Notable among tenned, stands out that the Southern battleship Oregon around the horn acknowledged. But, had we reflected, them is Maria Sweek, whose remains was dramatic and thrilling; but it took it must have occurred to us that these

It has not been repeated, either way, America to the Pacific; for just now European composers. chance for any quick-sighted enemy conductor of the Philadelphia Sym- by the friends of three-score years. to drive our ships from the seas, cap- phony Orchestra, has to say concern ture all American Islands and bring ing America and Americ the cities of the shore line to their terview published by the

Astoria is doing a good work in taking the leadership in the demand for piness and safety of the public, the a naval base. It will be a good thing, clusion that we are a musical people no doubt, for Astoria, but it is a needful enterprise for the entire country.

NOT PREPARED FOR THE WORST. As the people of Oregon and Washington contemplate the white land- the best works of their own composers It might, it is true, be presumed scape, the frozen water pipe and the

severely because, with the optimism this phase of the subject one must see outly gave up in despair the enumera- characteristic of a land which boasts that if we had developed our mus tion of all employments and condi- of its sunshine, it was ill prepared for accomplishments to a point where we tions which should bring exemption extremes. Confident in its climate, it were composers rather than receivers from the penalties of the act. Certain plants semi-tropic fruit trees which and interpreters this might be alto works of necessity are hated wherein for two years in succession were struck gether different. If America's spirit the employe must be "allowed" twen-by killing frosts. Bridges, dams, cul-had crystallized in a national music other continent. ty-four hours' continuous rest within verts and sewers are built to carry off and had fused great national each consecutive seven days. But it a normal rainstorm, though the oldest posers it must be assumed that our is recognized that there are necessary inhabitant could tell of sudden deluges enthusiasm for them would know no necessity is a defense in court. The worst flood ever known, for one must no great composers of our own that fine or imprisonment if he employs men guide and will rebuild wide enough, after all, we are not interested to the cannot help itself.

# REHABILITATING A STOCK FARM.

The great Palo Alto stock farm, ortablished by the late Leland Stanford time and flimsy airs. In fact, he takes demanding continuously for twenty some forty years ago, and for years an amazing view of this. There is no known as the most famous horse-breeding farm of this or perhaps any tends. It is a mistake to set music not as the breeding place of horses, or vigorous. It may be lacking in Pure-bred cattle will now become the inspiration or harmony or in permaoutput of Pale Alto, and it is said the nent beauty, but it serves its purpose-new concern will endeavor to make the This is true democracy. Music written place as famous for its strains of cattle for the selected few cannot rightfully

day of worship and that he actually that gives employment to many men be developed? keeps his place of business closed on and that elevates any industry, it may fact that there is more than one reli-with as lofty ideas as Governor Stan-ences he has seen accept the highest gious creed. The Jew and the Ad- ford carried out his at Palo Alto, standards and he has communicated ventist may escape fine or imprison- the present efforts will count for more with the conductors of orchestras in

Myron H. Tichener, a famous cattle well developed and our interpretative of the law who are not acquainted breeder of New York State, will have sense is developing. Conservatories at charge of the new plant. As a matter of fact all the exemp- Pleischacker, a capitalist of San Fran- well as excellent schools in many tions from rigid enforcement of Sun-cisco, will be the principal backer. So other large cities, are rapidly spread day closing — except amusements, there will be brains and capital in ing the ability to play and play well, which are not mentioned — are put command of the new enterprise, and As for the creative power that, of upon that basis, but several of the it ought to become a pronounced sucamployments specifically enumerated cess from the very first. Many of the be instructed in the technique of com-

#### TAINTED TALES.

The New York Society for the Suppression of Vice has withdrawn its main forces for the time being from White the offensive operations on other day of the week, as required by slavery, sale of narcotics and other ommon evils to direct their energies upon the poisoned literature which is pretty well regulated the weekly rest being put out wholesale to contaminate world of music. That is the failure to

As a matter of fact, custom has been seed assection most of the path of the pa says the society's latest report. age that he could not supply the de-

Parents have been warned for years, the reporters. Hear her: censorship than that provided viper in our literature should be trampled upon before its progeny multiply and spread their virus broadcast in the rising generations. Until legal to hibitions are established it devolves apon parents to redouble their vigi-

#### MUSICAL AMERICANS.

Artists - or shall we call them rtistes?-who come here from the music centers of Europe with their

Craftsman. This young European, after a protracted period wherein he has had an opportunity to scrutinize our musical soul, comes to the cor ment. He says at the outset that our love of good music is general and that we have a democracy in our tastes which is not enjoyed by Europeans. French audiences, he has found, want with an intermingling of German class consolation in the news that Montana are satisfied with their own masters

Of course the kindly Mr. Strokowski does not conclude from this that we have more highly cultivated tastes Southern California suffered more Despite his encouraging comment on

richer achievement than Europe, once may come. we have developed to the creative stage? Mr. Strokowski is not shocked when he views our propensity for ragis to be re-established, but down as vulgar because it is lively art, and all else that pleases the ears Without in any sense disparaging of the common people be rejected as

However, Mr. Strokowski assures u Herbert Boston, New York and Baltimore, as

as within the defense plea of works of best citizens of both California and position so they will produce credit- ECONOMY SITUATION IS VIEWED. ROBIN LAZY AND DESTRUCTIVE necessity exist as a matter of common knowledge. Street rallway transportation is one. An officer of the law when he sees a street ar running on Sunday knows that it is a street ar. But if he custom seems a stored ones on Sunday knows can be seen a stored ones on Sunday knows as the stored ones on Sunday knows as the stored ones on Sunday knows as the stored ones on Sunday knows can be stored ones on Sunday knows as the stored ones on Sunday knows can be stored ones on Sunday knows as the stored ones he know whether the proprietor is see Mr. Fleischacker and his associates reasonable to believe that this fire will "Do You Want Economy?" which I had nian, I wish to add my opinion of the he fanned into the white heat of genius by the growing musical spirit of the country. How else was genius born n other lands? We may look for ndividuals anon, in whom the musical spirit of the land has been crystallized and who will express the American soul in immortal harmonies and mel-

odies. Mr. Strokowski calls attention to one great oversight in the foreign

Our own Miss De Graff is due home from her junket-paid for by Henry that Mr. Ford succeeded in what he set out to do. So the soldlers were "out of the trenches by Christmas" But she is angry-oh, so angry-with

The public his been greatly misinformed by garbled and twisted reports of the doings on board the ship. Few accurate reports nere made of the conferences and it is not suprising when a great many newspaper correspondents were carousing all night and were not in a condition to see or less anything right. It is a mystery to me why edifors sent men to cover such a trip who, I do not believe, could report securately the activities in their own home town.

The naughty reporters must have isquoted Miss De Graff, who is credited with the following astonishing ad venture:

I assisted in earing for one woman of our sirty, who was prohibited by her physises from taking any fresh sir. This was apprising and unbellevable and we cheated not opened the porthole and she got well. Ir. Ford had no one to care for him, us wife was not with him and there was a one to make him refuse to obey the

It is surprising and unbelievable indeed; but not more surprising and unbelievable that Miss De Graff, a Just now the Panama Canal is lacking in any finer appreciation of teacher of young children, should boast We have of cheating a doctor by secretlyopenly-siding in disobedience of his

That there are more deaths of pioneers of 1852 is due to the large im-migration of that year. Notable among deprayed tastes and that their pre- now Tualatin, and on the donation since the great Roosevelt fleet of bat-tieships came steaming around South the best compositions of recognized until death. She raised children who are a credit to their blood and to the Therefore we need not healtate in state. Her life of \$2 years was a usthe Pacific Ocean. Not one. What a accepting what Leopold Strokowski, ful one and she will not be forgotten

> Friends of the Colonel's say he is cinte this like a member of the willing to put aside personal ambition in the interest of party harmony. If he had shown that loyal spirit four serve at least one term as County would be far but.

policy.

No wonder the little town of Gate-To be on the list way is disturbed. of "habitual drunkards" is distressrelition generally work seven days a low zero and that in California killing French composers or for the great ing, although if a man is such in a small town everybody knows it, any Two important events are scheduled

for this week in Portland-emergence

of the groundhog tomorrow and eclipse

of the sun next day. A little clear

weather would be a welcome third. How much closer it comes to us when 100 of our fellow Americans are drowned in California than when

Again it may be said that Zeppelin raiders who kill women and children Bryan will get what he wants at

having on Sunday, but he may escape probably take the present flood as a mere detail of nationality in which, the nomination, and the opposition The schemes of taxation of luxur-

> Of course Mr. Bryan demands rec ognition. That is what he has been

The snowfall of the month was 33 inches and some fellows have it packed solid on their sidewalks.

The latest programme of the Japanese invasion is a thriller, and such it was meant to be, The most forlorn creature is the

family cat, hotfooting it over the snow and not a dog in sight. It is all very well to joke about the

Is your neighbor suffering, yet to proud to tell of it? There is a way to help him.

which is held in the hand of old Jack he urge us."

Frost An revoir, old Janus! You put it

Anybody can forecast these days,

there appeared an editorial entitled hoped might bring forth a reply from some able correspondent, but as none seems to be forthcoming, and as a second article along the same line has since appeared, I beg leave to make a

the county affairs to such an extent that the county couris now have control of very little, except the poor, and roads and bridges.

The taxpayers of Benton County no doubt found that out when they examined their budget. But there was one thing they found no record of in the Courthouse of Benton County, that is, the number of demands made on the County Court to finance different schemes, and the number of these projects turned down. If the County Courts are to be charged up with all moneys paid out, then they should at least be given credit for what they have saved by sitting on the lid. At this point it might be well to mention the fact that in Linn County the salling of the county officers is about the noily item in tax matters which hasn't increased in the last 40 years. As a whole, the salaries of these officials have increased, I should think, but little if any in that length of time.

There can be no question that the tax burden has been growing at a rapid the county of item in tax matters which hasn't increased, I should think, but little if any in that length of time.

There can be no question that the tax burden has been growing at a rapid the reverse with the reverse with their on anything that takes so much effort. Therefore he hops along the ground in your chicken-yard to pick up all the angleworms that your bick up all the angleworms that your chicken-yard to pick up all the angleworms that your chicken-yard to pick up all the angleworms that your chicken-yard to pick up all the angleworms that your chicken-yard to pick up all the angleworm that your chicken-yard to pick up all the angleworm that y ax burden has been growing at a rap rate in Oregon during the last few season, when years. This fact was concealed from to his heart's us for a time as the Assessors were then throwing millions of dollars on the assessment rolls of the state. As the assessment rolls of the state. At they have no longer these hidden re-sources of wealth to draw from, we will henceforth feel the growth of the

I am glad that The Oregonian has started a campaign this early for retrenchment, as the discussion of the subject is bound to give the people a better understanding of the question. The newspapers of the state can accomplish much in this direction. What we need is a campaign of education instead of a campaign of exploitation. We should be made to know the real causes that have led up to the present high faxes. plaining about. Real tax reform must originate with the people themselves. They must learn to curb their desires. They must not cast their vote for all their county courts for expensive road projects, and expect a decrease in ish the The Legislature, as has been shown,

Commissioner, hence I am not much in favor of the proposal to abolish that office. Before we make much headway at retrenchment the people as a whole must learn to live within their mans, then the same feeling will gradually permeate all tax-levying furious French enslaught on the German trenches. Killing of women and children is short-sighted military policy.

Commissioner, hence I am not much in favor of the proposal to abolish that office. Before we make much headway at retrenchment the people as a whole must learn to live within their mans, then the same feeling will gradually permeate all tax-levying bodies. Then and not until then will the right kind of a wife to help take care of it; but not if she gads the streets and spends her time looking into the show windows, or in the picture. The authority for these figures is streets and spends her time looking into the show windows, or in the picture. dances we used to attend. "After the Ball Was Over" the musician usually passed around the hat for his pay. We all remember the fellow who would dance all night like a trooper and then raise the roof when asked to throw in raise the roof when asked to throw in the wrong which he hath done, and to pay the fiddler. Let us all bear in mind that the Assessor soon will be passing the hat again and we have all been dancing more or less. So let us cheerfully contribute our full share of the burden, which is the initial step in writer by reform.

Writer Declares Auduben Society Is

D. B. M'KNIGHT, County Judge.

#### PEACE PASSAGES ARE QUOTED. Bible Authority of "Prepareducas" Assailed by Writer.

M'MINNVILLE, Or., Jan. 30 .- (To the

Editor.)—Few would disagree

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Morrison in believing in preparedness as a measure of National safety. But to assert that Christ and the New Teetament support preparedness is to assert something that is not true. In addition to the well-known passages.

"Do violence to no man," "He that the third has about for the Oregon juncoes or taketh up the sword shall perish by the control of the oregon juncoes or all skan robins enjoying a they were railing for railing," we have Christ's own example of non-resistance, although he had a great defense, "Twelve Legions of Angeis," had he cared to rather shy when they first came, but When California rebuilds, it will accepting what is best regardless of a St. Louis—that is, anything less than though ac had a great defense, "Twelve

> our swords into plough shares." Ter-tullian, A. D. 200, says: "You inquire whether a believer may enter the mil-itary service and to whether soldiers are to be permitted into the faith, even the rank and file and the subaltern of ficers, who are not required to take part in sacrifices or in capital punishments. There is no agreement between the Divine and human sacrament, the standard of Christ, and the standard of the Devil, the camp of light and the camp of darkness. How will the Chris-tian man war without the sword which plumber, but in the emergency he is the Lord has taken away. In disarm ing Peter he unbeited every soldier."
> Origon, A. D. 239, says: "We no longer take up the sword against any nation, nor do we learn war any more. We have become for the sake of Jesus the children of peace. By our prayers Business is straining at the leash take no part in his wars, even though

Another Daniel Webster. Washington (D. C.) Star.

"Seth Smiggles says you are another ticed a flock of a thousand horned baniel Webster." "Yee," replied Sena- larks seeking such seeds as were above tor Sorghum, sourly, "Seth is always the snow, Let everyone try and save comparing me with somebody who is

Meanest Thing That Wears Feathers,

in Opinion of Farmer. BROWNSVILLE Or., Jan. 20 .- (To tor.)-In The Oregonian of January 18 the Editor.)-Observing Bird Lover's omments on the robin in The Orego in the form of a bird, the meanest and date

since appeared, I beg
few comments.
We are told in the first article that
a discussion at a taxpayers' meeting in
Corvallis developed the fact that withtolder the first article that
two cherry trees we seldom got a ripe
therry. This year they not only ate
up all the cherries, but devoured the
in a period of "Il years the taxes conin a period of "Il years the t Corvallis developed the fact that which is a period of "11 years the taxes contributed to support county government increased seven-fold." Benton alaya berries. The latter were so prolific that we got a few and the logans whow the tax burden has increased show how the tax burden has increased show how the state.

Robin's Spring song gets on my nerves, too, for it reminds me that he is glad that he has lived till another

season, when he may rob and plunder ONE WHO DOES NOT LOVE A ROBIN

### LARGE FAMILY AND ALL REALTHY No Doctor or Servant Ever Attended

causes that have led up to the present grew to be men and women, a strong high taxes, which we are now com-plaining about. Real tax reform must prominent positions right now. In my day, 60 years ago, there was no such thing as murdering children by destroying the seed, as there is these days. How can we come out the ommands of God? In Genesis, 1:28, God commands u.

to be fruitful and multiply and replen-ish the earth. But the woman of to-day—that is, the great majority of them—care but little about God or his as one might be led to infer from read-

nothings the mothers are bringing into the world these days. As. Dr. Brougher said in the White Temple. "There was been established under governmental a time when the parents governed the sanction, reduction in the death rate home, but now the children govern it."

And the mother is to blame largely for has been enormous.

into the show windows, or in the pic-ture shows. But what is the use of talking? The old world will continue the Neo-Malthusian League of Holland, to roll on until the master comes to take vengeance on the murderers, and 'he that doeth wrong shall receive for he wrong which he bath done,

## Writer Declares Audubon Society Is Doing Great Work.

PORTLAND, Jan. 31 .- (To the tor.)—The snow has covered all the seeds and insects and the birds are without food, so we should all provide feeding places for the birds.

We have two window-shelves which are visited by the following birds: Chickadees. Oregon juncoes, towhees,

Legions of Angels," had he cared to use it.

Truly this was for a purpose, and so it is with God's servants to this day as it is declared in the Revelation, "Herein is the patience and faith of the saints" that they do not resist, trusting in God, who says, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay." It will be interesting to your readers to hear the views of early century Christian writers on this subject. Justin Martyn, A. D. 148, quoting Micah, 19:2, says "We who were once full of war and mutual slaughter have everyone throughout the whole earth changed our swords into plough shares." Ter
"Mamile E. Campbelli." but now they are very brave and do not seem to be afraid of us. We are designed and to be afraid of us. We are designed to seem to be afraid of us. We are designed to seem to be afraid of us. We are designed to seem to be afraid of us. We are designed and to be used to have them visit our shelves, as they are our prettiest Winter birds. The boys and giris who are members of the Multnomah Audubon Association are doing good work feeding the birds. Brysne Hays, a 6-year-old member, has had his Winter shelf up two months and the birds always find a good meal set out ready for them.

I think that the Multnomah Station of saving a great many birds' lives of entrance to the Army or Navy academies that might be held in the near future.

Write to your Representative in Con-MAMIE E. CAMPBELL.

# PORTLAND, Jan. 31.—(To the Editor.)—The situation as regards the birds of this country, upland game

birds, songsters and other small birds, is very serious and daily growing more so. Thousands have already perished and if the present weather continues in a short time our bird population will have just about been annihilated.

have just about been annihilated.

Many do not appreciate the value of our birds. if one will watch the song sparrows and bluebirds hunting insects under the eaves of our houses, and other birds devouring seeds of such weeds as protrude above the snow, they will appreciate what our birds mean to us.

I wish to appeal to everyone I know and to any others to try and save even a pair of birds. This must not be negliceted. It is very very vital. The bobwhite qualis, which for several years have been increasing inrgel; and our song birds, warbiers and approws are song birds, warblers and spacross especially endanged. Yesterday ficed a flock of a thousand b

THOS, G. FARRELL,

### In Other Days

Twenty-five Years Ago.

From The Oregonian of February 1, 1901, M. Eiffel, whose tower has made his name widely known, is running for les-islative office in the Department of the "ote d'or as a working man's candi-

Mrs. Clara Badgley, who has been for six years past the official court re-porter of Terra Haute, Ind. has formed a partnership with Miss Holmes, of the Holmes Business College for the purpose of conducting a first-class stenographic office.

Mrs. O. Clay, who lives at the corner of Eleventh and Market streets, sent to this office a large and handsome crocus, also a small twig of a Japanese quince which bears a number of welleveloped scarlet blossoms.

A general court-martial with Colonel Woodhull, M. D., as president, and Lieu-tenant Martin, Fourteenth Infantry, as judge advocate, will begin its sessions at Vancouver next Tuesday.

The next attraction in the star course at the Tabernacle will be Miss Olaf Krarer, the little Eskimo. She will give a graphic account of life in the frozen North.

Governor Pennoyer is enjoying quite a Presidential boom at present. So far as ability is concerned, the Governor is all right, but the great state of New York will see that the nomination will never get this far West.—Yambill Ledger.

Rev. H. V. Rominger, pastor of the First Congregational Church, has cured the loan of a real mummy from a gentleman in New York, The mummy was sent from that city out here by express, the charges being \$50

#### Half a Century Ago.

From The Oregonian of February 1, 1866, The value of imports received at Vic toria from Portland for the year 1865 is \$181,160.

The regular weekly meeting of the common Council was held last evening, Mayor Failing presiding. lowing members were present; more, Lownsdale, McCraken, Sch. Strowbridge, Thompson and Wathins.

New York, Jan. 27 .- William Evaris has begun preparation for the trial of Jefferson Davis, having been retained as Government counsel with a fee of \$100,000. He is overhauling the records of treason trials since the days of the

Denver, Jan. 27 .- The Colorado Territorial Legislature has granted liberal charters to Ben Holladay. One is for a road through Middle Park, shorten-ing the distance to San Francisco 200 miles, and the other is for Holladay's nail and express company.

San Francisco, Jan. 31,—The crew of the clipper ship White Swallow, which arrived from New York on Monday, are under arrest on the charge of mutiny ommitted on the high seas. Washington, Jan. 28.—The Commis-sioner of the General Land Office has transmitted to the Governor of Califor-

nia two patents, embracing nearly 25,000 acres of land, settled by parties in virtue of state warrants. A letter dated Clear Creek, Colo., Dec.

I. says: "There are vigilantes here. Hank Buckner and four others were hung a few nights since." BIRTH CONTROL FIGURES GIVEN Writer Sets Forth Moral and Physical

Aspects. PORTLAND, Jan. 31 .- (To the Editor.)-Admitting the general validity of your editorial remarks on birth control, may I add that the issues involved

is the most important factor in controlling tax matters after the people themselves. Almost every act it passes pride of countenance will not seek pride of countenance will not seek after God; God is not in all his county funds, and no one can appreciately funds, and no one can appreciately funds. (Psalm, x:4). terdam, where clinics for women have been established under governmental sanction, reduction in the death rate

est standing and a pioneer worker in who gives it as her opinion that a large factor accounting for this great conservation of infant life is the more intelligent and unremitting care that mothers are enabled to give their little ones when not overburdened with

child-bearing.
Dr. Jacobs is further of the opinion that at least two years, often prefer-ably three, should clapse between pregnancies. Consideration for the health of many women absolutely de mands this.

Viewed purely as a question of phys-

ical health and not as a theoretical moral problem, this demand cannot be met in the vast majority of cases with-out resorting to artificial methods of avoiding pregnancy - methods that should at the same time be physiolog-

is should at the same time to be payed as ically harmless.

I submit that this argument for birth control, based on the idea of conserving the health of the mothers of the race, is at least as convincing as the excellent one you advance that a woman who has no maternal instinct, in the interests of racial welfare, should not have a child forced upon her, either

in the interests of racial welfare, should not have a child forced upon her, either out of marriage or in it.

Incidentally, speaking of unfruitful marriages, how would it be possible to distinguish those couples who are guilty of the pernicious practice of deliberate avoidance of the duty of fecundity from other cases where nature has imposed a har and the blessing of children is withheld by the will of God?

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