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### UNGUARDED SECRETS.

Espionage is a polite refinement of modern international relationship which will fail to appeal with any perament. Yet along with the programme of preparedness must come a system of spies if America would render effective the measures for National defense which are now being An enemy in possession of all our military and naval secrets is best advantage. He knows our greatst weaknesses and just how to take the greatest advantage of them.

An able discussion of spy systems of Europe and our lack of any such service was presented lately before a patriotic body by John B. Stanchfield, an eminent New York lawyer, who has made a study of espionage. While Mr. Stanchfield dealt mainly with the need of legislation against he called attention to a Nafullest consideration at the present sas. session of Congress. It need not be said that it is too late now to protect our present military and naval se crets. Every foreign country that might become embroiled with the

of selecting a new coat of armor, its terialized with startling vividness lateflaws should be kept under official ly, to disturb otherwise placid and cover. Plans and specifications of well-satisfied Republican imaginations, warships, distributions of land forces, it is not at all the fault of this paper. location and extent of military and that the spy in America need do no ex-President, but solely with a view more than read the Congressional to his availability. There are Repub-In fact the Congressional mitted to defeat that end. Record leaves nothing to the spy's imagination.

American mind has been taking no didacy-will laxity, moreover, provides a new and will also get whatever he may deserve. fruitful field of endeavor for foreign If the result shall be the nomination striking at us from within should their paign of 1912 in 1916. country ever decide upon striking us Without them mobilization is if he should be, what then? A carefully ornext to impossible. ganized system of internal enemies tional aspiration for the assertion of might paralyze our lines of rail and a vigorous and self-respecting Amer-wire communication. Provided with icanism, so that America may again information as to the hour war would take its place in the sun, will find occur, it would prove an easy matter adequate expression. them to strike the first blow Bridges blown up, railway lines crippled, wires cut in hundreds of ces, wireless stations wrecked, munition plants assaulted, America would receive a serious blow from within.

Obviously mere laws will not serve to end this menace, no matter how stringent the laws may be. The spy is a bold creature who is willing to pay the penalties, even with his life, of successfully prosecuting his mission He will continue at work no matter what laws are enacted. Therefore the necessity of a system of counterespionage—a system of spies to spy upon the spies. The cleverest secret service talent in the country should be enlisted in the American service of in formation and their sole duty should consist in ferreting out the spies who are on duty in the United States at all times. An abundance of work will be found for such a service in keeping suspicious foreigners under surveillance and observing civilian employes of the big Governmental departments who are frequently placed in position to obtain valuable data on National

As for gathering data concerning the forces of other nations the importance of such a service cannot be emphasized too strongly. Men assigned to such duty would find their task a more difficult one, for the reason that place where valor against evil may European governments already maintain highly developed systems of espienage for protecting their secrets as well as for ferreting out the secrets kind would long ago have adjusted of other countries. Nevertheless there themselves. The single taxers would much valuable information they might obtain. Terrain maps and drawings of fortifications would be of no value to us, since it is improbable that an American invasion of foreign soil will be undertaken. All our needs are defensive in character. But information as to the state of popular mind, the extent, scope and distribution of naval and military units and stores and the course of diplomatic adjustments should be kept under careful obser

It is recorded that the German se cret service goes to the extent of reif he is indolent and inefficient, the offer certain attractions for attack that portion goes for clothes or what makes

manders, might not present. Now that sitles. and brushing the cobwebs of neglec from the agencies of National secur- dues, contributions to church ity, such refinements as modern espionage should be fully considered.

FAT AND CONTENTED. A letter to the New York Times set forth what purports to be the Kansas view of preparedness, in the follow

ing: preparedness programme in the state of Kansas. A list of Kansas organizations that have gone on record against the so-called preparedness plan within a few weeks or mo the includes the Kansas State Teach-Association, in a convention of 600 Kansas State Grange, with 24,000 mei; the Kansas State Farmers' Union 21,000 members; the Kansas State Farmers' Union 21,000 members; the Kansas State Mutual Insurance Association of Labor, with 30,000 members; the Kansas Asion of Machinists, with 7200 mei; more than 100 churches, 450 fraters with 100 mei; more than 100 churches, 450 fraters with 100 mei; more than 100 churches, 450 fraters ers, more than 100 churches, 450 fraternal ganizations and forty women's clubs, Most of us who live where it is realize lat the Kansus spirit, as Kansus knows, still exists; it still dares to do its own inking. thinking.
If the President should really need them, 100,000 Kansans, not unacquainted with the manual of arms, would answer his call within forty-eight hours.

The Kansas idea is evidently that there is no excuse for getting ready to fight, but in case of trouble call on 100,000 Kansans who know how to degree of force to the American tem-perament. Yet along with the pro-with the manual of arms." Can it be possible that Kansas is opposed to any tore preparedness because Kansas feels prepared?

There is a strange contrariness about Kansas. Once it was militant and un-afraid; now it is fat and contented. wants is to be let alone. Pos doubly armed. He knows when, sibly its geographical situation in the where and how to strike to the very heart of America-1500 miles from heart of America—1500 miles from the Atlantic, 1500 miles from the Pae moved for awhile down to the

Mexican border. Kansas once proudly sought to live ("through difficulties to the stars"). But now Kansas is ready to adopt a new slogan-"We don't care what haptional necessity of the first importance pens, so it doesn't happen to us." quest, Physical perfection is the cand one which should be given the Prosperity has done too much for Kan-

### IF ROOSEVELT. WHAT?

The discovery made by a suspicious correspondent that The Oregonian has United States is fully informed. Our a leaning toward Colonel Roosevelt as in stature. coast countries have been mapped, our the Republican candidate for Presi-Army scanned and our Navy checked dent may or may not call for explicit able that well organized bureaus in to our sturdy Republican friend that continental Europe have nearly as The Oregonian has sought, by whatin our own bureaus and departments at Washington. Possibly more.

But now that we are on the point the nomination of a candidate who any individual who is able to meet the specifications is in demand as a model at a good salary.

But now that we are on the point of the Roosevelt apparition has ma-

nual production of these materials of Justice Hughes and has not ex- with red stripes. Military and naval secrets of velt just as there are Republicans who before Congress. Opinions of high which may well be avoided? The naval officers on the best manner and great desideratum now is a reunited method of invading the United States party and a united people. It is fairly are aired freely and fully. The num- in sight and no issue over a candidate, ber of shells and reserve rifles is present or prospective, should be per-

But The Oregonian looks for the notice of his insidious activities. Our there; and that every other candidate spies. They may concern themselves of Colonel Roosevelt, The Oregonian with the development of a system for will not seek to fight over the cam-

There is said to be an active Roo from without. In the first few weeks velt boom throughout the East and fuge in order to cast a shadow. No. of a sudden war the railroads and Middle West. There is a growing the telegraph, telephone and wireless opinion that he may be nominated systems are of the very first import- The Oregonian does not share it. But

The laudable and instinctive Na-

# A WET AND DRY EXCHANGE. The proposition comes from the

Byron (Cal.) Times to exchange California "drys" for Oregon and Washington "wets." The suggestion rubs The suggestion rubs something like this:

California is wet and is likely to remain wet. Many property owners, siness and professional men are dissatisfied with the situation. Oregon and Washington are dry. Numerous property owners, business and professional men, it is assumed, can not here attain their desired degree of physical comfort under the legal limitations upon imports of intoxicants. All that is necessary is to bring the California dissatisfied in touch with the dissatisfied of Oregon and Washington. They trade places and property and everybody is made happy.

It is a grand idea, but it has its limitations. California, wedded to wine manufacture and bibulous pleasures, would doubtless be glad to rid itself of its more active reformers. wise, we should consider their trade for some of our pickled citizens more than a fair exchange. But the real, simon-pure reformer is not happy un less he is chasing the devil up the road. The thought will intrude that their elysium must not be a locality where all is good and pure, but a every day be proved, else they will

forever be unhappy souls. Otherwise the controversies of manthemselves. The single taxers would all be in Saskatchewan or Yucatan, the Sunday-observance promoters in Boston, the medical freedomites in the South Sea Islands and the initiative and referendum would have retired

permanently behind the door. In short, the scheme reads well, but analyzed there is nothing in it to encourage excursion rates on the rail-

# COLLEGE GIRLS AND AMUSEMENT.

oung college women are given to excording the personal habits of all army travagant amusements, Miss Ada Comand naval officers of foreign powers, stock, dean of Smith College, has com-If a certain officer is given to drink, piled data showing just how much est value. The sector of a defense line reports. She fails to classify this class a possibility by selecting him to dest value, the sector of a defense line reports. She fails to classify this class a possibility by selecting him to destinate the sector of a defense line reports. She fails to classify this class a possibility by selecting him to destinate the sector of a defense line reports. She fails to classify this class a possibility by selecting him to destinate the sector of a defense line reports. She fails to classify this class a possibility by selecting him to destinate the sector of a defense line reports. She fails to classify this class a possibility by selecting him to destinate the sector of a defense line reports. She fails to classify this class a possibility by selecting him to destinate the sector of a defense line reports. She fails to classify this class a possibility by selecting him to destinate the sector of a defense line reports. She fails to classify this class a possibility by selecting him to destinate the sector of a defense line reports.

she includes in this list payment of duct the Nation's affairs. ent goes for books and stationery.

A rare spectacle, indeed, that of an hand. to the theater unescorted, or at her own expense. Nor does she buy her lown bonbons and trinkets.

It may be assumed that the college exercises wise restrictions and that studies are not neglected in pursuit of pleasures and social galeties. It may be that the young men in the vicinity of Smith's College are stingy and spend little for theater tickets and chocolate drops. But Dean Comstock's data do not indicate this to be the fact any more than they prove what she sets out to prove.

PERFECT MEN. the Atlantic, 1500 miles from the Pacific and 750 miles from the Gulf of
Mexico—contributes to its feeling of
ease and security. One might almost
wish that the whole of Kansas could
whereabouts news of importance
awaits him, for he is being sought with
great earnestness by the National Aswish that the whole of Kansas could
who know him speak of his "strong of Merchant Tailors, Percapable of the will make known his in opposing bosses and as a Cabinet
member in counseling anti-trust legislation and prosecutions proves the contrary. He is called cold, though men
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laid up with rheumatism and she had
faith in the pills.

Last Summer someone persuaded her
trary. He is called cold, though men
trary are true.
Some not so hadly decayed were gilled. sociation of Merchant Tailors. Perfection in those attributes of temperament and character which might go up to its motto-ad astra per aspera into the making of an ideal male specimen is not what the association seeks. No one, not even Diogenes, would set out on such a foolhardy quest. Physical perfection is the qualnodern Apollos use up athletic club stationery in making response it might well to observe the plans and specifications of the perfect "thirty-eight"

He must stand five feet ten inches No more, no less. He must weigh within a few ounces of 150 pounds. His chest must show a eat by boat. It is entirely prob- reply. It ought to have been obvious circumference of thirty-eight inches, his waist thirty-four inches, his hips forty inches. This is the perfect male much information concerning our de-ever influence it had, to encourage as seen by the tailors' association, and fensive limitations as may be found the nomination of a candidate who any individual who is able to meet

ture as that should be set down as the perfect male-even in the eyes of a tailoring association, the same band of cutting-room dictators that would The Oregonian will repeat that it deck our young manhood out in laven. naval stores, data relating to the an- has rather hoped for the nomination der vests and wine-colored trousers Would such a man nual production of these materials of Justice Hughes and has not ex-and other National secrets should be pected nor desired the present political be able to stand before a stiff gust of Gatens in which and other National secrets should be pected nor desired the present political be able to stand before a stiff gust of Gatens in which and other National secrets should be pected nor desired the present political be able to stand before a stiff gust of Gatens in which maintained as secrets and not pub-recrudescence of Theodore Roosevelt. wind? Chest thirty-eight and the lished broadcast. It has been said This is said without prejudice to the man standing nearly six feet in the waist these days and at the same time seen such men, but always in the age the highest importance are frequently will not vote for Mr. Root. Why fashion-plate section of some popular brought out of the flies and published should the party split upon a rock magazine. The fact that they are rare before Congress. Opinions of high which may well be avoided? The in real life is indicated by the difficulties experienced in filling the order for a model.

We are glad they are rare. can physical standards have fallen far short of that happier day when we were a more vigorous people. Too Chicago convention to settle the ques- many men have a circumference at So the spy's lot is an easy one in tion as to the candidate. It will hope the waist out of all proportion to America. He does not need to work that the merits of the Roosevelt can-chest and hips. Physical rehabilitation under cover, since the provincial didacy—if there is a Roosevelt can- is a necessity that may be forced upon But when it is, fancy having such a model of physical perfection before us as that put out by the National association! Six-foot giants of bulging muscles and heaving chests put aside in favor of elongated, spindle-bodied specimens that must resort to subterus by any mere tailoring association The specifications are not the dimensions of a perfect man, but of a per-

# ROOT AS A POSSIBILITY.

The indictment against the Wilson Administration could not have been more forcibly put than it was by ex-Senator Root in his speech to the New York Republican convention. It gains force from the calm, temperate langnage in which it is phrased. The counts in the indictment are undeniable by any man who with an open mind has followed the course of events during the last few years. such a man it is patent that the Administration has not provided for backing its diplomacy with force and that therefore its diplomacy wins no respect in a world which has made the supreme appeal to force; that the Administration has made threats and has failed to make them good, has thereby failed to assert our National rights and has forfeited the respect of the world; that therein the Administration has failed to interpret the spirit

of American democracy. The truths enunciated by Mr. Roc form the basis of the platform which the convention adopted. In contrast with the Wilson failures, it offers complete preparedness, economic, industrial and financial as well as military: insistence on the principles of international law; protection of Amerlcan rights in Mexico and everywhere abroad; fulfillment of our trust in the Philippines; establishment of a tariff commission and restoration of the merchant marine.

issues of the coming campaign, not-withstanding President Wilson's eleventh-hour conversion to some of them. The place which Mr. Root occupies as their spokesman brings him once more to the front as a fit leader in the struggle for their endorsement by the people and as a fit man to put them in practice. His distinguished public services in the Cabinet and in the Senate in combating invisible government and in contending for same progress have fastened upon him, as the man for President in an almost unprecedented crisis, the attention of multi-He holds a foremost place in tudes. the esteem of thoughtful Republicans, In order to refute charges that notwithstanding his repeated denials that he desires the Presidency, his reputed coldness, his former employment as an attorney for corporations piled data showing just how much connection with the split in 1912 and money the young women of her school his advanced age. Though unwilling Kalser's agents probably recognize the facts before they are noted at home. It is easily seen that this information fifth and the facts before they are noted at home. It is easily seen that this information for the facts before they are noted at home. It is easily seen that this information for the facts before they are noted at home. It is easily seen that this information for the facts are noted at home. It is easily seen that this information for the facts are noted at home. It is easily seen that this information for the facts are noted at home. It is easily seen that this information for the facts are noted age. Though unwilling to tie its hands by endorsing him when it is for the facts before they are noted at home. It is easily seen that this information for the facts before they are noted at home. It is easily seen that this information for the facts before they are noted at home. It is easily seen that this information for the facts before they are noted at home. It is easily seen that this information for the facts before they are noted at home. It is easily seen that this information for the facts before they are noted at home. It is easily seen that this information for the facts before they are noted at home. It is easily seen that this information for the facts are noted at home. It is easily seen that this information for the facts are noted at home. It is easily seen that this information for the facts are noted at home. It is not the facts are noted at home. It is not the facts are noted at home. It is not the facts are not the facts a a possibility by selecting him to de-

other sectors, under more able com- up the whole list of femining neces- the merits of Mr. Root can doubt that in the coming campaign,

But she-finds after a careful he would safely and wisely steer the the United States has gone into the check that 8.2 per cent is all that is business of bolstering up its defenses devoted to luxuries and pleasure, and ing which the next President will condues, contributions to church and proved that abundantly. As Secretary charity, A fraction more than 4 per of War he reorganized the Army, pacified the Philippines, prepared With these figures before her, Dean Cuba for independence, directed our Comstock draws the deduction that part in suppression of the Boxer reroung college women are very simple bellion and in the subsequent settle-and retiring in their tastes and habits ment with China, and he prepared the and hence are far removed from the Government's case for acquisition of category of social butterfiles in which our insular possessions when its consome would place them. But the good stitutionality was disputed. As Sec dean's figures would be far more con-retary of State he conducted diffi-vincing if they included the sums ex-cult negotiations with Japan, successpended by the young beaux of the fully resisted the impudent claims of Massachusetts school community for Colombia and made a tour of South theater tickets, flowers, bonbons, taxi America which did much to draw theater tickets, flowers, bonbons, taxi. America which did much to draw hire in attending dancing parties and closer the bonds of friendship between the various other items of tribute the Latin and Anglo-Saxon nations in levied upon the susceptible male. A mere summary of what a woman among the ablest of constructive spends for amusement gives little or statesmen and of critics. As a political no index of the amount of time she leader he has stood for genuine popdevotes to amusement. It is all too ular rule against bossism on the one likely that someone else foots the bills. hand and demagogy on the other Colonel Roosevelt, who quaryoung college woman going reled with him in 1912, had said of him:

He is the greatest man who has appeared in the public life of any country, in any osition, on either side of the ocean, in my

Lord Bryce described him as the

ability, character and experient to be President during the critical times before us, there is a prevalent feeling that he could not be electand for several trusts; this fact is held to have fixed in his mind an immov-Where is the perfect man to be able bias, though his subsequent course who know him speak of his "strong emotional nature." He is termed re actionary, though he has opposed reaction and has merely refused to accept as progressive anything which was offered under that label. He is held to be unavailable because his nomination would revive the antagdenies his capacity to head the Government, but many shake their heads and say he cannot get the votes necessary to elect him. The thinking and unprejudiced say he is one among the few who are equipped for the office, but they fear an adverse verdict from

or less infelicity handled by Judge Gatens in which the former co-respondent became the second wife, who in turn named a second co-respondent. air. Walst thirty-four. Who has a The judge acted nicely in throwing the mess out of court, for its only solution Record in order to keep himself fully licans who will not vote for Mr. Roose. is able to patronize a tailor? We have lies in the primitive code of the stone

If children are a hostage to fortune, that Idaho family would need a milllon of them to keep straight. Probably nowhere in the country can be found a similar case of parents and three sons in the penitentiary and five young children being cared for by the state until the parents are released.

data being available as to her disposition and batting average as a house keeper. Man, indeed, is a moth.

The millions to be spent by the Southern Pacific for equipment to handle Coast traffic would indicate faith in good times coming, for rallsuch standards cannot be forced upon ways do not spend money on dreams.

> They have a different way in Omaha where a streetcar knocked an auto truck off the Missouri River bridge yesterday, sixty feet to the ground, Trolley cars here are really tame.

The dismissed midshipman at An instructor is said to be an all-around He never will be an "officer and gentleman," however. Greece knows where to bank when

she sends her \$75,000,000 to the United States. Ferdy and Sophie are not taking chances on going over the hill to the poorhouse. Any old bottom in the Atlantic now brings a good price. The Dunholme, toma which sold for \$30,000 after a fire a eat?"

years ago, has changed owners for \$850,000. A wife may sue for divorce when her husband drops angleworms on her, but what can an old maid aunt do when a small boy drops tadpoles down

her neck? Dye products have increased 3000 per cent in price. A submarine with a cargo of dyestuffs should net money enough to carry on the war for some

Somebody would stampede the British cruisers in the Atlantic by telling of Germans about to sail from the Canaries as commerce destroyers.

It may be done, but a union of Ore-These are distinctive Republican gon's or any other state's cattlemen, principles which will remain leading horseraisers and woolgrowers sounds too dovey-dovey to be true.

> It has been made clear by the open ing guns that the Republican hosts will attack the Democracy in the vicinity of its spineless diplomacy

Bills carrying millions in harbor and

river improvements have been drafted. The pork-barrel scramble is about to Have they looked in the club cel-

lar for the Chicago chef, alleged poisoner and bum kettle-cleaner? The allies have renewed their pledges to Belgium. Yet that country

has never wanted for pledges.

Preparedness will be the vital issue also loves cherries.

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

Questions pertinent to hygiene, sanitation of prevention of disease, if matters of gen und prevention of disease, if matters of gen-ind prevention of disease, if matters of gen-tral interest, will be answered in this col-tum. Where space will not permit or the subject is not suitable, letter will be per-sonally answered, subject to proper limita-tions and where stamped, addressed on-clope is inclosed. Dr. Evans will not make liagnosis or prescribe for individual dis-sease. Requests for such service cannet be ds or prescribe for individual dis-Requests for such service cannot be

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Case 1. A working girl was subject to rheumatism. A number of years ago she had an attack of inflammatory rhoumatism which kept her in bed for several months. Fortunately, her parents were able to take care of her. Her father was a factory worker with a fair-sized family, and when the girl

Some Cases of Rheumatism.

out to make her own way. Her rheumatism troubled her a good deal. Remembering her former experience with it, she was always in fear that she would have another prolonged attack and would have to go to the county hospital. She heard of some county hospital. She heard of some pills that were good for rheumatism. greatest man who had ever held the office of Secretary of State.

Though it is generally agreed that Mr. Root is admirably equipped by ability, character and experience to be President during the critical times before us, there is a previous terms of the result of the picture shows, but the fear of another spell of rheumatism haunted her and she had some pain all the time, so the result of the picture shows, but the fear of another spell of rheumatism haunted her and she had some pain all the time, so times before us, there is a previties before us, there is a previties provided in the could not be elect.

He was attorney for Boss Tweed for several trusts; this fact is held for several trusts; this fact is held save fixed in his mind an immovibias, though his subsequent course bias, though his subsequent course or mosting bosses and as a Cabinet lead on with rheumatism and she had she had some pain all the time, so she spent \$1 a week for the rheumatism medicine. Her medicine seemed to have such a hold on her and she seemed so willing to deny herself that she might have it that friends accused her of taking dope. This she neither affirmed nor denied. She did not want to be

> All of her teeth were cleaned. Her gums were treated. When her mouth was put in order her rheumatism stopped. She has had no pain in her cleaned for a company to the company of the compa was put in order her rheumatish stopped. She has had no pain in her joints for several months. She quit buying the rheumatism medicine last Fail. She has saved nearly enough pill money to pay for her dental work.

but they fear an adverse verdict from the unthinking and prejudiced.

Because this is the situation, it may be unwise for the Republican party to nominate Mr. Root for President and it conclusion that the spells of fever and

A surgeon found that she had gall-stones. He operated on her gall blad-der, finding gallstones with a suppur-acting gall bladder. The operation cured ating gall bl her rheumatism.

# Straining the Eye.

A. C. writes: "1. When a person of 40 years of age badly strains one eye, does this eye ever get right again— that is, can this person ever get so he read much? 2; Can you tell me nething that will strengthen the eye an read much after one gets the correct glasses?
"3. If one has astigmatism, and gets glasses fitted to suit the sight, but does not correct astigmatism, what ef-fect does this have on the eye? 4. Does it damage the eye to wear glasses of

REPLY A Philadelphia young woman who rivals Venus de Milo has many proposals of marriage. And without any labeled to remain unarred for allowed to remain unarred for

the injury and how long the injury has been allowed to remain uncared for.

2. Proper glasses are all that is needed unless there is a diseased condition. This, of course, means that proper treatment should be had in order to overcome whatever disease you have.

3. Straining continues.

4. Not in every case. You should stop experimenting and go to a first-class oculist. He will thoroughly examine your eyes. If you need glasses he will fit you, One's eyes are too precious and important to be experimented with.

napolls who started in to whip his late fort? 2. If so, what is the remedy?

Let Talkers Contribute.

PORTLAND, Feb. 17.—(To the Editor.)—A new appreciation of St. Paul's admonition. "Let the woman learn in silence," came to the writer while sitting in the gallery of the White Temple during the past few days, for it is difficult to follow a speaker while an intermittent conversation is being carried on near you. It came to mind again during Dr. Young's instructive lecture on Alaska Wednesday evening that if every woman were fined \$1 for each unnecessary remark during that seen to he will be accomplished.

We talk in season and out of season, and the women are not the only sullty once. We attend church presumably to worship God, and talk until service begins and offtimes during the service. Sometimes a pastor will cenverse with a visitor during the choir numbers, and then rise to compliment them upon the beautiful service rendered, or completion.

It is all in these generates, which in the control of the death of the completion. Its wonderful latent resources, salubrious eligator of the parts in the proposition of the parts of the control of the completion. Its wonderful latent resources, salubrious eligator during the choir numbers, and then rise to compliment them upon the beautiful service rendered, or completion.

It has been and Cherk Exposition in the work administration of Commerce banques the control of Commerce banques and the rise and not worked to criticate the views that they were intended to criticate the charts they were intended to criticate the charts that they were intended to criticate the charts the charts they were intended to criticate the cha

and then rise to compliment them upon the beautiful scrvice rendered, or come late to the young people's meeting and enter into conversation while the young

enter into conversation wante the young president frantically tries to hold the audience.

No one means to be unkind, but we certainly are inconsiderate of the rights of others, and it is good to see, as we recently have done, a man brave enough to openly rebuke a thoughtless mark of the preserved. MARY G. HEDLEY.

Robin Is Thief.

The British national debt approaches \$11,000,000,000, which means "consols" for centuries.

The Bulgarians are getting their full share of heavenly manna from allied aircraft.

Robin Is Thief.

HEPPNER, Or., Feb. 16.—(To the Editor.)—Speaking of robins, I was amused when I read of the kind lady who left a few cherries on the trees for them. If she lived in Eastern Oregon she'd be fortunate if they left a few on the trees for her.

I love the birds, but write me, also, as "One who loves his fellow man" and sill I shake and tremble at the mere also. But scientists all tell me—(Is there truth in South Manual Constitution of the constitution of

HOW MANY IN THE IDEAL FAMILY? Mother Names Right Number of Children as Four or Five.

PORTLAND, Feb. 17 .- To the Editor.)-I have been reading the letters on birth control and feel compelled to answer the one who has dared to sign himself "A Christian," I cannot comprehend how; man can be so absolute-ly devoid of human kindness. I thank God for the sake of women that there are very few men so selfish and har-row-minded as the ones who signed themselves "A Father," "Father Black" and "A Christian." Most men these and "A Christian." Most men these days are broad-minded and kind-heart-cef. They are good and loving huabands and fathers. They do not wish their wives to go through unnecessary pain to bear more children than can possibly be cared for, It is quality, not quan-

tity, we want.
When father and mother bring into the world four or five healthy, happy children the home life will be happy and cheerful; the mother will have time to go out frequently and receive company and also read and keep up with the world's events and be a comgot over her rheumatism she started panion to the husband and children. Life is a pleasure under those condi-

tions. may cause in the future, it is well worth while just to hold them in my arms and know that I have the highest and most exalted postion known to women—that of mother. But do you think I want eight or ten more? Certainly not.

The average woman of today has not the time nor strength to bear 10, or 12, or 16 children. There is no woman who would willingly do so if she could help it. Life is as sweet to her as anyone. Many a woman has given up her health and her life to bear numher health and her life to bear num-berless children for such men as "A Christian" and those men, to cover up their own degraded passions, will put on a cloak of religion and say God wills it, when God has nothing to do with it. God gave us the wonderful power to bring children into the world, power to bring children into the world, may be interested in the enclosed copy and he expected us to use it wisely and of the London Daily Mirror. Notice with common sense, and not drown it the advertisement from the Neue Frile in sensuality. We mothers are giad to research to the birth to a decent number of chil-table of exports. They speak for themgive birth to a decent number of chil-dren uncomplainingly, but when it comes to dozens we draw the line. when it selves.

buying the rheumatism medicine last Fail. She has saved nearly enough pill money to pay for her dental work.

Case 2. A woman 58 years of age was suffering from a chronic, slowly progressive incurable disease. From time to time she would have peculiar spells lasting a few days. During these spells lasting a few days. During these spells she had a little fever and her mind was cloudy.

It was noted that she had an advanced case of pyorrhea. Her gums were soft, and pus nozed from the tooth

will be understood.

residents.

In those same remarks, which in the one respect were so unfortunately misunderstood, I attempted to place Portland in a more favorable light before our residents. In this connection I want to say that your city could keep within the bounds of propriety and work along the lines of conservative promotion by adopting a policy which will get the trade from this territory. We have half as great a population as Alaska, the trade of which distant land your city is so covetous. residents. your city is so covetous.
CHARLES HALL.

regon she'd be fortunate if they left
few on the trees for her.

I love the birds, but write me, also,
"One who loves his fellow man" and
so loves cherries,

said the huge daganty explant. The
bigger than a house,
sight of a mouse.
But scientists all tell me—(Is there truth in
what they say?)—
what they say?) worst mice are often only lions in That our worst the way."

## In Other Days

Twenty-five Years Ago. Lawle Willing, daughter of Edward & today at I o'clock to John Jacob Astor.

Washington, Feb. 15,-General Schofield today received a caldegram from the Count of Paris expressing grief 45 the death of General Shorman.

B. J. Bretherton, curator of the Ores gon Alpine Club, has returned from Salem, where he exhibited a collection of curies and natural specimens during the Grand Army fair.

W. G. Steel has gone to San Frandays on business.

Noel H. Jacks returned from Spokans Palls yesterday, where he went to de-liver the anniversary address for the Young Men's Christian Association of that city.

A friend who called to see Councilman Gerdes yesterday found him in a semi-copsoious condition, unable to recognize anylody. The nurse takes a hopeful view or his case, says ha rested well and there is a fair show for his recovery,

The Prince of Wales has presented to John Hare a silver anufflox for lits recent performance at Sandringham. Such a gift is not to be specied at.

### BRITISH BLOCKADE IS ILLEGAL Scizures on Suspirion Are Not Excused by Evidence of Evasion.

WILBUR, Or., Feb. 15 .- (To the Edia tor.)—In your leading article, "Free-dom of the Seas," February II, you write: "It (Britain) forbids neutrals to Notice

The advertisement referred to, as

Provisions from Holland, Cocoa in bar-rets and time, chocolate, potato-flour, "Plock" sansage, helf sall pigs, butter, cof-fee, tex, excelles, eigers, oranges, lemons, ratsins, figs, carbide, matches, etc. are supplied at oriess that cannot be beaten .-- Heari

We never doubted that which this advertisement proves, that merchants Because this is the situation, it may be unwise for the Republican party to nominate Mr. Root for President and it may be impossible to elect him. The party doubtless has other men who can wisely and safely lead the Nation through these turbulent times. Yet it is a sad commentary on popular rule is a sad commentary on popular rule that at such a time the people must or will deny themselves the services of or will deny themselves the services of such a man for reasons entirely dissuch a man for reasons in neutral countries import much mer-Surely the great Reputs of the United as find a standardbearer whose self uous voyage as applied by the United espect and fidelity to his party are States during the Civil War. The respect and fidelity to his party are greater than personal ambition—one whose record is free from taint—to lead it to victory, Charles H. Betts, editor of the Lyons, N. Y., Republican, December 22, 1915, in his letter to the New York World expresses my sentiments much better than I can when he in part, says: ments much better than I can when he, in part, says:

It is evident that Roosevelt is still obsessed a claim the idea that he can yet become a Cansar or a Napoleon. He will never forgive the National convention of 1908 for nominating Taft instead of stampeding for himself. He will never forgive the Republican convention of 1912 for compelling himself as it was able to do so, to keep higher to the American people not to become a candidate or accept another nomination." He will never forgive the American people for electing Woodrow Wilson President of the United States instead or electing himself on a platform of party treason. He will never forgive wilson for being President inhough it was his party treason that elected him. He will never forgive the Kaiser for becoming the leading figure in the Maiser for becoming the will never forgive the Kaiser for becoming the will never forgive the Kaiser for becoming the Wall never forgive the Kaiser for becoming the will never forgive the Kaiser for becoming the can yet be will never forgive the Kaiser for becoming the can yet be will never forgive the Kaiser for becoming th

Portland in 1905 for \$7000 and now

trade by advertising in this news

Show the newspaper advertised goods in your windows. Back them As a rule, advertised moods under a standard name are of better quality than the nondescript kind, because the manufacturer of the former is striving to build a reputa-

When you put your own name on a brand of goods you are pretty certain as to the quality—are you

The manufacturer has more at stake than you have.
The reason the public favors advertised goods is that it has come to know that advertised brands are usually the best.