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(By Carrier.)

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SELECTION OF IMMIGRANTS.

Once more the House has adopted in nineteen years, the average in the statements appears on its streets. preceding seven having been 192 for to 72 against, while in the Senate the average of five record votes has been have persisted in passing this measure unless it was supported by public opinion, yet President Wilson vetoed the Burnett bill containing the literacy test in January, 1915, on the plea that it was not wanted by the American people. If the President should veto should vote on the veto as it has voted on the bill, it would override the veto.

The literacy test is sound policy because it is the simplest means of reducing the volume of immigration to numbers which are readily assimilated and because it would exclude a class which is assimilated slowly and with difficulty, if at all. Under normal conditions it would exclude about 25 per cent of those who would otherwise immigrate. The total for 1914 having about 200,000 in that year.

The most desirable immigrants, from the standpoint of those who desire to see out population recruited from nations akin in institutions and of a high standard of education close to our own, come from the Teutonic and Keltic races of Northern and Western Europe, which contributed social, educational, athletic and respect to the same easy fashion the impetuous young Crown Prince is given command of great armies and intrusted to our own, come from the Teutonic and Keltic races of Northern and Western Europe, which contributed social, educational, athletic and respect to the same easy fashion the impetuous young Crown Prince is given command of great armies and intrusted to the same easy fashion the impetuous young Crown Prince is given command of great armies and intrusted to the same easy fashion the impetuous young Crown Prince is given command of great armies and intrusted to the same easy fashion the impetuous young Crown Prince is given command of great armies and intrusted to the same easy fashion the impetuous young Crown Prince is given command of great armies and intrusted to the same easy fashion the impetuous young Crown Prince is given command of great armies and intrusted to the same easy fashion the impetuous young Crown Prince is given command of great armies and intrusted to the same easy fashion the impetuous young Crown Prince is given command of great armies and intrusted to the same easy fashion the impetuous young Crown Prince is given command of great armies and intrusted to the same easy fashion the impetuous young Crown Prince is given command of great armies and intrusted to the same easy fashion the impetuous young Crown Prince is given command of great armies and intrusted to the same easy fashion the impetuous young Crown Prince is given command to the same easy fashion the impetuous young Crown Prince is given command to the same easy fashion the impetuous young Crown Prince is given command to the same easy fashion the impetuous young Crown Prince is given command to the same easy fashion the impetuous young Crown Prince is given command to the same easy fashion the impetuous young Cr less desirable class from this stand-point come from the Slavic and Iberic the Y. M. C. A. is but little more than yet favored personages are often decopoint come from the Slavic and Identify races of Southern and Eastern Europe.
which sent 68.4 per cent of the 1914
along the line of religious effort sometimes the crack of a distant rifle. Such practical. The bearing of the literacy test body, or group of somebodies, is trying tices are in weird contrast to German these two classes is shown by the to perform for themselves and for man military efficiency. The system to perform for themselves and inexcusis one having some degree of similar practical and the contrast to ruption of steamship traffle from Russin and Southern Europe, the percentage of Siav and Iberle immigrants decreased to 39.7, while that of Teutons and Kelts rose to 48.4. Promptly the percentage of illiterates decreased

Illiterate immigrants come chiefly "monarchist, semi - feudalistic, the Unpopular Review expresses it, whose economy is of the modern industrial type and whose government is fundamentally democratic." The latter class has become more completely Americanized, economically beckward nations," as the Unpopular Review expresses it, while literate immigrants come chieffor a far lower proportion of it than of the former has returned to Europe permanently after "making a stake" in the gymnasium every week. In a Colonel, nevertheless, may provide the hospital and the permanently after "making a stake" in the gymnasium every week. In a Colonel, nevertheless, may provide this country. People who come to the basement alone, 750 meals are this country to make money with served every day. No one who has which to become small capitalists in not seen it can have any conception their native land have no more inest in the United States and its in- the Y. M. C. A. building is, stitutions than the Hindoo coolies who go under contract to work in the Rand the Y. M. C. A. membership. It has work and real achievement.

the literacy test is that of a large lous that every eligible individual the Kaiser by the pleasure of Allah, employer of labor "that lillterate la- within its reach be taken in and cared may use his baton as a swagger stick borers make far better diggers than for. The campaign merits conspicuous immigrants of higher standard, because they have done nothing else and is so deeply involved in the Y. M. C. A. lack the nerve to branch off in other work that it would be nothing short channels." Such men, who do business through interpreters, padrones and bankers, doubtless are tractable serfs, but they are also easy prey for perpetrators of naturalization and election frauds, for unscrupulous labor leaders and anarchists. By not branching out they prove their lack of a dis-tinctive American characteristic, which has contributed much to the greatness

of this country.

The time has gone by when the United States should be a haven for the oppressed with gates wide open The problems with which we have had to cope in recent years have been rendered more difficult by the presence of a great, alien, ignorant, unassimilated and unassimilable mass. We in this country are striving to bulld up the greatest and most efficient democracy in the world. Success demands good material; with such material as has been mentioned our task would become extremely arduous and we might fail. The very thought of fallure should not be en-That we may not fall we should limit and select the raw material to be used. We can most readily do so by adopting the literacy test.

HOUSING THE RURAL TEACHER.

Bearing some of the aspects of Rip and moldy apparel, a report on rural schoolteachers has just been issued by the Federal Bureau of Education. The surprising discovery is made by the Bureau that the problem of housing country teachers is a serious one, ter with a great deal of zest and enout some new and hitherto unexpected soft spot in the country's educational system or lack of system.

somewhat grizzly conclusion is reached that better living conditions must be provided for rural pedagogues if the country schools are to progress. Oregon recognized this necessity years "teacher's cottage" plan, which is precisely the remedy now advocated by the Federal experts. However, their magnitude of the problem, if for noth, They list some 200,000 rural school districts in the country. These show a pupil population of 16,000,000. The count includes children of school age in country districts and in communities of 2500 and less. Teachers are compelled to board with families living in the district, and frequently

comfort and quiet for his out-of-school work he finds, all too often, both these necessities denied him by the nature of his quarters in a humble country cottage. Often the teacher must live Entered at Portland (Oregon) Postoffics as second-class matter.

Subscription Hates—Invariably in advance: room, dining-room, kitchen and bedroom in one compartment. This is true especially of the more backward

Yet what locality needs an able and active teacher more sorely than this same backward community? When communities, in considering their school needs, can be brought to recognize the necessity of providing ade-quate living accommodations for the teachers, when they come to see that the ability of the teacher is quite as important as the architecture and ap- put unspoken words into others' pointments of school buildings, then, and not until then, will a more effective rural school system become practicable.

A FREAK OF DISLOYALTY. The bandit Villa was given five days start efore an American crossed the Rin Grands—fiven a start that a jackpubbit wouldn't ave overcome. If this handleap wasn't esign, then it was inefficiency. The Courier links it was design. So does The Oregolan.—Benton County Courier.

thinks. by an overwhelming majority the a patriotic and sensible community assign his new rank to a proper place literacy test for immigrants. This is like Corvallis must feel deep chagrin in his long list of titles. As soon as

given to this generation often to come in contact with its hideous form. The, \$2 to 19. Congress would surely not Oregonian confesses that it is interested in the mere observation of this Field Marshal's baten is the goal of Corvallis phenomenon, for it is quite rare in its munifestation of a perverse and nasty spirit toward the American Government, the American Army and the American people. For illustra-

President Wilson gives it out that the very purpose of invading Mexico is to get Villa, and yet we all laurh at the way they are going after him. They don't hope to catch him—they hope to provoke war.

There are many people who fear that the project of capturing Villa is more or less quixotic; but none other than the Corvallis irreconcilable has had the temerity to say that the President and all-others concerned in the Mexican venture are in a foul conspiracy to promote war. What sort spicuous figures of work of mind is it that conceives thought held the coveted baton. been 1,218,480, it would have shut out 80 base and is willing to ascribe to others motives so wicked?

BETTER MEN.

Now a campaign is on to increase gold mines or the British Guiana been carried forward during several while the great military minds of Gerplantations have in the affairs of those days by organized companies of zeal- many give their lives and best efforts The most forcible argument against tion is doing, and who are deeply anx- Sultan, ruler of Turkey and ally of

A PUBLIC SHAME.

belittle by falsification the flax in- and discussion, but such discussion dustry established at the penitentiary founded on ignorance and misinforma-have now received three rebuffs from tion, as is given it by a contempodisinterested experts.

Sir Francis Webster, a linen manu- leads to misunderstanding. facturer of Scotland, visited the flax it put up a \$10,000 bond guaranteeing again passed the Ferris bill and a correct reproduction.

published a statement written by Sir contemporary terms the Shields bill are changing owners in this section. Francis, and voluntarily offered, in a substitute for the Ferris bill. which his former praise of the enterwith the following words:

A few days later Governor Withycombe received a letter from James McColl, of the James Livingston Flax Van Winkle with his grizzled beard Company, Yaie, Mich. This letter was published in The Oregonian December 22. It contains the following:

I recently received from an unknown source a number of clippings from Oregon papers bearing on the flax industry in your state and criticising the management se-

sistant in fiber investigations of the nothing. This would include the teased Federal Department of Agriculture, land and the water. and attempted its solution by the acher's cottage" plan, which is premany plan, which is prefrom Mr. Miles' letter:

the condition of affairs, and this is indeed I was pleased to note, however, that for the most part the newspapers in your locality quoted me correctly regarding the progress of the flax work now being under-taken by the state of Oregon.

Here is a remarkable record, beginning with a titled Englishman's polite rebuke and ending with the vigorous cally it does not. All the criticisms of condemnation of an American scientific the power companies on those bills ist. Certainly when that which may could be met without removing the become a great industry is in the making it is entitled to the support of all publications regardless of their poli- last September. Those objections are tics. That there is in Oregon a news- directed against Federal usurpation of paper which for no fathomable reason other than political will unjustly condemn and attempt to retard a worthy enterprise, and in so doing will mouths, is indeed a shame and misfortune.

THE SULTAN'S NEW SWAGGER STICK. The Sultan of Turkey has been made a Field Marshal in the German army. This in accordance with the Kaiser's wishes. The proper official imperial Turkish majesty the proper The Oregonian feels quite able to baton and trappings of the exalted state on its own account what it grade. No doubt the Suitan is highly thinks. It thinks, for example, that complimented. Likely enough he will Fifty years ago the copperhead type was common. But it has not been riven to this generation often to the eighth record vote in the House whenever a newspaper expressing such the Turkish keeper of records has en-

That the honor is a high one need not be mentioned. Possession of a the brightest military minds of Germany. There are scores of great men in Germany, one suspects, who would be willing to die the next day if they could wield a Field Marshal's baton : few hours. A few of Germany's mos brilliant men have achieved that disfinction after giving a lifetime of valnable and intelligent service. Von Hindenburg, dictator of the German usked, fortunes in the east, has been honored with a baton. Von Mackensen, dashng and competent leader of great genius of the first magnitude, and the elder Von Moltke, one of the conspicuous figures of world history, have

Yet this badge of military genius and achievement is passed out to a fat, sleek Sultan who probably could not draw a saber according to regula tions if his life depended upon it. The Young Men's Christian Asso- the same easy fashion the impetuous body, or group of somebodies, is trying to perform for themselves and for others. What a grievous and inexcusable error!

How many know that the Y. M. C. A. makes no distinction of creed or race, and that its chief and only aim is to make better men—better physis to make better men—better physis to make better men—better physis is to men the conference of allied agents in the conference of allied content themselves with empty honor.

titled incompetents and direct their gain the empty honors and the hum bler men gain the satisfaction of real ous men who know what the organiza- struggling for that exalted goal, the

THE BLUNDERS OF IGNORANCE,

the palace to the harem and back.

Public understanding of the waterpower controversy is highly desirable in the public interest. The public can Efforts of the Portland Journal to get to understand it only by study rary, is worse than none, for it only

The House passed two bills at the plant in December and was quoted by last session of Congress-the Adam-The Oregonian as having praised the son bill providing for development of work and processes adopted. The water power on navigable streams and next day the Journal published a pur- the Ferris bill providing for use of are any Bull Moose. ported interview with Sir Francis in Government land in connection with which the latter was said to have de- water power on the public domain. clared his statements had been exag- The Senate at the present session has gerated and that he would not make passed the Shields bill as a substitute another unless the newspaper seeking for the Adamson bill. The House has stitute introduced by Senator Myers is The following day The Oregonian before the Senate. Yet our learned

which his former praise of the enter-prise was confirmed and which closed thus blundering about the elementary facts as to pending bills, the news-I would congratulate Governor Withycombe paper in question would blunder as to on his enterprise and Mr. Cady and his assistants on the skill with which they have tackled the problem. The Shields bill does not "seek to bring tackled the problem. about promotion and development with a view to realizing all there is in it for the promoters, investors and operators and without regard for the interests of the greatest number or the public interests." All four of the bills in question provide for public regulation of rates in such manner that power companies would earn no profit on that which cost them nothing country teachers is a serious one, about which something must be done. The elippings were rather amusing to read and it is evident the writer is not very well ing. Under the Shields and Myers and it is evident the writer is not very well into the sound and it is evident the proper manner of handling flax. Possibly some of the criticism on their actual investment and, in case single for political effect. No doubt some the Government bought in their plant, would only receive fair value for their there always will be. Now Frank C. Miles, scientific as-For that for which they

takes the Journal to task for misquot- The points in controversy are not ing him in an interview and also in whether the water powers shall be an editorial after Mr. Miles had m- handed over to corporations for use in specied the flax industry at Salem. making exorbitant profits, for under Sis regret is profound that this should none of the bills could they receive have occurred "just at the time when more than regulative bodies, state or from Mr. Miles' letter:

I found the flax situation at Salem very encouraging. The criticism that was brought to my attention while I was in your state was based almost wholly on what people had "heard," and in many instances the persons with whom I talked were much surprised when I told them the conditions as I saw them at the prison. They had evidently been misinformed, and, on the whole, those who were inclined to be critical appeared pleased to hear that conditions were not as they had evidently been misinformed, and, or the Perris and Adamson bills, conditions were not as they had evidently been misinformed, and to require the states, and to requisite operations of power companies know they will be regulated operations at they will be regulated whether they like it or not will be required by the Perris and Adamson bills, because Western "kickern" would have of course, such items in the press as the land, to collect rent based on the valu the accommodations are very poor.

Of course, such items in the press as the control of course, such items in the press as the course,

them only to go to their several state A deliberate attempt is being made

by advocates of Federal leasing and ontrol to keep alive the impres that opposition to the Ferris and Adamson bills emanates entirely from the power companies. Most emphatiobjections of the Western states, as expressed at the Portland conference state authority and against Federal Fly Pest on Trains. exaction of revenue from water which

has been instructed to deliver to his right conclusion. But such discussion

No man should have even the opportunity to make the excuse for a blunder which costs acores of lives that he has not had enough sleep. as is alleged in the case of the towerman, he has been kept awake by a sick wife, he should be set aside as unfit for duty. No man whose errors may cost many lives should be permitted to work unless all his faculties

slight inconveniences. The man who falls is always filled with explanations of how it happened, and somearmies, has fallen just short of that thing is always to blame except his exalted rank. Von der Goltz, military own unpreparedness.

> Ernest Schuler may have been comsteamship Matoppe, or he may be a German so obsessed with zeal to help the fatherland that he is crazy. Because he pulled off the affair too soon, the latter premise is more like it.

gifts of aeroplanes from patriotic concerns. Nor are funds available for purchase of planes. The workings of departmental red tape are beyond the

money, but all have the same ending The in the courts. It is only in fiction that centenary of Lewis and Clark, also celebrate the opening of Portland's

while strolling leisurely each day from

Those young Britons who married to escape a call to arms now find themselves subject to military duty. ever, they are better equipped for war

Cows in Tacoma and Pierce County must wear lights fore and aft afte dark, or more motorcyclists will break their necks, as one did the other night in collision.

There are more Socialists than Bull Moose on the registration books so far. The surprising thing is that there

And here the Rose Festival plans are being made. Before we know it Christmas shopping will be in our

ness, judging by the way newspapers Demands of the trainmen for the eight-hour day will make things inter-

There must be money in the busi-

If only Pershing can keep Villa moving south" long enough he may

drown him in the Canal. The break with Germany is said

to be dangerously near. Quick, Wat-

an inland metropolis. "Coast air patrol" is the name of a ew defense plan. Probably a very so I never could see what fun mother appropriate name.

fix them up. The Innes couple must go to Georgia, despite their fears of "good night!

What! Another "rupture" with Germany! How many does that

When Schoolmaster Frank Daves alls the roll, all answer "Present."

O.-W. R. & N. improvements mean work for many hands at good pay. But with the Verdun issue unsettled

perhaps Germany will not insist. Get out the creel and rod. The day s almost here.

If you carry an umbrella you are a

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

Questions pertinent to hygiene, sanitation of prevention of disease, if matters of general interest, will be answered in this column. Where space will not permit or that the column of the column of

San Francisco young men who failed at a civil service examination charge that the taking of moving pictures that the taking of moving pictures made them nervous. The questions asked, too, probably caused some slight inconveniences. The man who cars prior to their departure from Colon. The first observed entered the train at New Prijoles station; a larger number at the meeting place near Darlen, where the train had to wait some few minutes for the one coming from the opposite direction, and others dissioned to blow up the British teamship Matoppe, or he may be a different so obsessed with zeal to below the state of th

ber of stops and length of time of such stops."

In this country cars pick up and transport mosquitoes. To prevent this the Pullman Company screens its cars. That the measure is not an entire suc-

departmental red tape are beyond the ken of normal understanding.

Carransa has been asked to hasten his decision as to when we may begin using the Mexican railway for trans-

Child Has Pellouis.

If the attempts to make diamonds are successful, lots of money tied up in jewelry will go into the banks. Who would want a brilliant when something just as good could be made to order?

New ways are continually being deviced by the successful of the successful of

New ways are continually being devised to separate people from their money, but all have the same ending in the courts. It is only in fiction that the Wallingfords succeed.

A FABLE REVISED.

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The second day in bed blotches appeared on her back and on her legs, the sizes varying from one inch to three inches in diameter, tooking like of a contest of strength 'twixt the slight swelling after a mosquito bite, wind and the sun.

See me prove I'm the stronger." It

hours. She has had these blotches now for four days, with pains in her joints new postoffice? Or at least the laying of the cornerstone.

Assistant Secretary of the Navy Hoosevelt urges that we have the second Navy in the world. Why not make it second to none. It isn't as if we couldn't afford it.

To four days, with pains in her joints and light fever at nights. When I told the doctor about these blotches he did the wind got to work and he blsw hard and strong.

Assistant Secretary of the Navy but treated her for rheumatism and the hard and strong and with closer, the man trudged along.

With the wind blowing hard and the sun making scoff, "Mr. Wind, give it up. Now watch me take it off."

Then the sun showered down on the late of the control the wind got to work and he blsw hard and strong and individual falls to keep his promises.

A few years ago a distinguished man, in public life of his own created the wind blowing hard and the sun making scoff.

"Mr. Wind, make yon traveler take of the wind got to work and he blsw hard and strong his fellow men res from school so far on the advice of the doctor and following his rules for dies for her, I don't know what else I should do and ask you to please advise me."

REPLY. Tour physician was right. The probability that she has pellosis, a form of cruption bigh sometimes comes in rheumatism. Geter over this attack with rheumatism mediano. Then see about having her tensils

She will do better if she cats no sweets of any sort and not much fat. She will thrive on meat, vegetables fruits (not very sweet), bread, cereal without supar, skimmed milk, buttermilk, cheese, cottage cheese, but no cream, whole milk or butter. Do not give her desserts,

Book on Calories.

Reader writes: "1. Where could I get a book telling about calories? 2. Wouldn't it be all right if a person left vinegar and spices out of their food?
3. Is pepper a spice? 4. My baby boy will be a year old in April. The doctor old me to give him mostly milk for s liet all next Summer on account of Summer complaint. Do you think this is right?"

REPLY.

REPLY.

1. One good one is Lust's "Fundamental Basis of Nutrition": another is Conley's "Nutrition and Diet."

2. Yes.

3. In a certain sense, yes.

4. Mostly milk is all right. In addition to milk he should have fruit juice, potato, butter, gravy, some meat, some vegetables, bread and cereals.

THE GARDEN SONG.

When I was a girl and was living at

with weeds And one never could 'tend to the numerous needs of a garden

Raking and hoeing and digging around tions.

praise
Of a garden.
Every onion and carrot, potate and To me is a friend whom I daily do meet
In the garden.
And each weed I encounter is some deadly foe
That I must hew down with my trusty
old hoe
In the garden.
No longer I think of the ache in my

bones
Whenever I carry a cartload of stones
From the garden.
But I find it a pleasure and through
the green rows Each morning you'll find me out trail-ing a hose Round the garden.

I'm as proud as a queen of the fruits of my toil And I'm never so glad as when stirring the soil In the garden.

\_ADELAIDE M'NAMARA NEUVILLE.

DANGER IN SHORT LUNCH HOUR Ex-Salesman Tells of Indigestion Caused by Bolting Food.

PORTLAND, March 30 .- (To the Editor.)-For the benefit of the "Welfare Commission Conference" now in session I wish to state from personal experience my opinion of the lunch hour question, now and where stamped, addressed enloye is inclosed. Dr. Evans will not make ago I worked in one of the large despective for individual discussion. Twelve years ago I worked in one of the large despective for such service cannot be swerted.

(Copyright, 1918, by Dr. W. A. Evans (Copyright, 1918, by arrangement with Chicago bune.)

(Copyright, 1918, by arrangement with Chicago bune.) I can honestly say that to this day I feel the effects of this short lunch

exaction of revenue from water which every judicial decision from the foundation of the republic has heid to be sonville, Fla, to Chicago on the under state jurisdiction except as to navigation and, in the case of water on public land, has held to be state property.

By all means let the people discuss water power. On adoption of the right policy largely depends the prosperity of the West, and the greatest at the conclusion. But such discussion as that by our contemporary merely confuses the public with misinformation and misunderstanding.

The justification of legal restrictions on railroad employes hours of service is such wrecks as that at Amherst, O. No man should have even the opportunity to make the excuse for rains.

Ply Pest on Trains.

A GENTELMAN traveling from Jackbour of the chicago on the Chicago on the Chicago on the Chicago on the Correct of this short lunch hour landstain in the way of impaired health.

A GENTELMAN traveling from Jackbour of the Chicago on the Seminole Limited early in March killed and the case of having a clear to minute from the time you leave to the store until you return. This is shoutheastern Alabama, making brief in your time you go downstairs and wath your hands, put on your cont and wath your hands, put on your cont and wath your hands, put on your contain wath your hands, put on your contain wath your hands, put on your contain wath your hands in your time you go downstairs and wath your hands, put on your contain wath your hands, put on your contain wath your hands and the your boarding-house, some sit gones the walk to your boarding-house, some sit gones and wath your and wath your and wath your and the store until your time you go downstairs and the store un

with snow. The car had brought the files from the southwest.

Another gentleman tells me of having killed several hundred flies in a compartment of a Northwestern sleeper coming from Denver across Nebraska. This, however, was a Summertime experience, and, besides, the car was near the diner.

The authorities of the Canal Zone have made a very careful study of the fly and mosquito question. Annual report for 1915 says: "A source of mosquito influx has been found to be the rallroad trains and streetcars. During the month of December an examination was made of the incoming passenger stitution before beginning to hand out free libraries to the public he would be a considerably bigger man today. Here we have a spectacle of wealthy stors owners arguing before the commission hat they cannot afford to return the 5 minutes filched from their employes' unch hour several years ago. Apparent ly the longer the day the better the

> NOTHING TO SELL OR GIVE AWAY coming Federal Government Owns No Water Powers to Dispose Of.

MURRAY, Idaho, March 28 .- (To the Editor.) - Miners and prospectors note with some mild concern that several with some mild concern that several Western newspapers have given space to an article by Gifford Pinchot entitled "Control of Water Power," which article shrills forth the walling "voice of one crying in the wilderness" for State Printer, W. A. McPherson, of the control of the control of the crying in the wilderness of the control of

heip.
Owing to its heartly welcome absence in the West for some time past.
We really had hoped that wretched whining voice was welcomely dead and buried! So we proceed to bury it once more.
That ghoulish, uncanny, grussome

That ghoulish, uncanny, gruesome voice screams from the dark of Milford "I write to ask for your help to de-the location of shade and ornamental feat the most serious attack on our trees in the streets of Portland.

public resources,"
"The Shields bill now before the Senate gives to the power interests without compensation the use of water The Shields bill now before the Senate gives to the power interests without compensation the use of water power on navigable streams. County company of Oregon Intantry, is on his way to Willamette, Or., to visit his old home. Lieutenant Balch, of Captain Waters' company, has been with supposed uncanny power of supernatural ineight now flames out again in its old familiar style when in the flesh, and just as of ye olden limes now seeks to pull the wool over the eyes of the people with a broadgauged all-uncomprehensive falsehood.

The federal Government owns no Federal Government owns no

own the waters of the tree they be-navigable or unnavigable — they be-long to the states. The United States Government own-The United States Government own-Crampton.

has none to sell and none to give away. CHESTER T. KENNAN.

man his hot beams,
And they heated the cloak and they pierced through its seams
Till the cloak was pulled off and cast

Army and Navy Appropriations.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 28.—(To the Editor.)—(1). How much money was used for all purposes of the Navy of the United States, including any money spent for building ships or any improvements in 1915? (2). How much money was used for the Army of the United States in the year 1915?

(2). What was the Congressional appropriation for Navy and Army?

JAY VEE WANLESS.

are made for the fiscal year beginning July 1, and Government accounts are Prineville will put itself on the railroad map, all it needs to become an inland metropolis.

I though the worst nuisance a person could own could own could own could own the fiscal year. The Navy appropriation for the fiscal year 1915 was \$144,868.

Was a garden.

I though the worst nuisance a person could own could own for the fiscal year 1915 was \$144,868.

Office at Roseburg, Or., I had but one opening where we allowed the appliant of the property of the fiscal rather than the calculation of the fiscal rather than the calcul maintenance and everything.

(2). The appropriations for the Army were \$191,019,212 for the regular establishment, \$997,899 for the Military Academy, and \$5,627,700 for fortifica-

The Americans are welcome to use Carranza's double lines of rust if they haughty young days,

For now I speak never a word but in the expenditures, as none of the funds were turned back. More Language of Postage Stamps,

More Language of Postage Stamps.
PORTLAND, March 20.—(To the Edftor.)—In a letter to The Oregonian
published Wednesday, E. June explains
how to be foolish with postage stamps,
when you have nothing else to do, by
putting George Washington on his
head if you're in love, or on his left
ear ir you have the mumps, and so on,
But Mr. June forgot to finish the list
of the "language of postage stamps."
Allow me:

Allow me:

To stick the stamp on without sufficient saliva means: "How dry I am."

To stick it on obliquely means: "I was brought up in a barn and leave the door open wherever I enter."

To place it beyond the confines of the envelope so that half hangs over into space: "I am a hanger-on."

To put none on at all, means: "Beware, I am broke."

And to put on more than accessary, means: "I am not broke, but ought to be; beware just the same."

to be; beware just the same." E. JULY.

In Other Days.

Twenty-Five Years Ago. From The Oregonian March 31, 1891. Washington.—Tom Carter's appointment as Commissioner of the Land Office, just made by the President, seems to be generally approved here. Cols ex-Congressman from Montana.

On the grounds that they fraudulently made the entries of Rob-ert L. Dooling and Martin J. Conroy, for timber land in the Vancouver,

vited the public to the opening tonight of the new three-story Albina Hotel, at Goldsmith and Wood streets. L. L. McArthur will be one of the principal speakers at the opening of the fine new St. Helens Hall building

J. H. Steffens, proprietor, has in

this afternoon. Miller Brothers' speciacle, "Kanjan-ka," will be seen at the Marquam Grand Monday evening. Ravel, the fa-

mous clown, will be in the company, An agreeable party was held last Saturday night at the home of Thomas Jones, in East Portland. The occasion was an auspleious one for the Welsh people, a large number attending.

Half a Century Ago. From The Oregonian March 21, 1866. The New York Bakery, No. 9 North Front street, announces that ateam has been applied to its cracker machinery and that the first steam bakery in Oregon is now operating,

The union state ticket is as follows:

An ordinance passed the Council March 21 regulating and providing for

Captain A. W. Waters, of the Linn

The Federal Government owns no water power, nor waters from which power can be created.

The Federal Government does not own the waters of the rivers—other water by the rivers—other water by the companying by the companying by the play this evening, which will be a repetition of "Mazeppa," with the wild "untamed" steed trained by Mr.

THREE BROKEN PROMISES CITED. Political Pledges Recalled That Have

Had Pate of Treaties. NEWBERG, Or., March 30 .- (To the Among all the fables of Aesop is one of a contest of strength 'twixt the wind and the sun.

"See me prove I'm the stronger." It was the sun spoke.

"Mr. Wind, make you traveler take off his closk."

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conclusively showing the sun had the day.

And thus has the story come down

through the years.

Proving gentleness greater than force
II — It appears.

Now one story is good till another is told.

Suppose that the job, in that contest of light of lig

the promises his party commissioned him to keep?
Would it not be wisdom on the part of the people to hold men in public life to a strict adherence to their promises made to the public? According to the ethics of Colonel Roosevelt are not these three men qualified to be presidents of the Ananias Club?
W. O. BINNS.

Consideration for Land Applicants what was the Congressional NEWPORT, Or., March 28.—(To the Editor.)—I notice in The Oregonian that 26 settlers are lined up at Portland Army and Navy appropriations ing of lands in what was formerly Silotz Indian Reservation, and that some of them had been in line for a

cants to line up. Noting the hard-ship to applicants I inaugurated the anip to applicants I mangurated the number system and as each applicant came in I gave him a number, and then allowed each to file in order of his number, thus cutting out the hardship

ons.

(3). These appropriations represent days and nights.

I could find no law on the subject. but no complaint was ever made and no contest ever filed and the depart-ment made no objections and the setllers were well pleased,

Office Furniture

A business man spends more of his waking hours in his office than any-where else on earth. He should have it attractive, not nly for the effect on customers, but for his own comfort.

business is sometimes marked

ip or marked down by its settings and surroundings.

The advertising columns of The Oregonian frequently contain sug-gestions as to the best means of furnishing an office. And they are the directory of the ert stores selling this class of mer-

chandise.