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AN EYE-OPENER,

When the Portland business men visit, the Yakima Valley next week they will without doubt be profoundly impressed by the progress and wealth of that section of the state of Washington. It is a rich and smiling coun-Its people are hospitable and It is all right to promote neighborly terms with them. The Orenow seems opportune to point out that of course! unless certain conditions are called to public attention this event is likely to be productive of little more than Oh's! and Ah's! of admiration, cordial handshakes and fond good-byes.

The truth is that the jobbers of Portland have not a look-in on the est Portland project for participation trade of much of the Yakima Valley. in Alaskan trade. It has this: Nor can they secure a share of that business by mere promotion of ac-

As the crow flies it is about 125 miles from Portland to North Yakima. As the crow flies it is about the same distance from Seattle to North Yak-Yet the shortest route by rail from Portland to North Yakima is 320 miles, while the rail distance from Seattle to North Yakima is only 163

Naturally there is not a parity of

There ought to be direct rail con-The obstacles to construc- made. tion are not nearly so great as those tervening mountain range.

If one will examine the entire length Puget Sound from the Pacific. of the North Bank railroad from will discover not a single feeder for parity of railroad rates with Astoria that road extended into territory Seattle chooses to look upon itself as or Northern Pacific, the two railroads to a definition of its geographical re-which own the North Bank. There is but one Washington feeder for that great and expensively constructed rail- port. road. It is the line to Goldendale.

From Goldendale to North Yakima it is about fifty miles in a straight line Sixty to seventy-five miles of new construction would give Portland direct rail connection with North Yakima. It is a logical extension. It is one

that would have long ago been built had the North Bank been an inde-If built it would put the Yakima Valley more than 120 agency, miles nearer Portland. It would open ments st that country to the competition Portland merchants. It would traverse a good country and it would undoubtedly put the Goldendale branch on paying basis, which now it is not is not even projected.

Since the North Bank railroad was constructed the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul has extended its system to the Coast. That railroad, young as it is, has not neglected the construction of feeders. In building them it has paid little or no attention to whether those feeders invade territory already served by another railroad or two. But the North Bank road sits contentedly among the castellated hills of the Columbia gorge and takes the crumbs the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern choose to throw it. The people of Portland, we are con-

Bank Railroad for the business it has brought to this city. But they have expected, and they have a right to expect, more of it than it has pro-

If the Portland excursionists will bear these facts in mind when looking upon the wonders of the Yakima Valley they will see the commercial folly of permitting, without protest, the occupancy of a tremendously favored railroad route for a purpose which primarily seems to be the exclusion of sionaries in a great cause.

The little coterie of old ladies of both sexes which persists in adhering delved into natural history for sustenance and unearthed the armored dinosaur as its emblem. Where, oh where, are the dinosaurs of yesteryear? they cry. Despite its heavy armor the creature has passed on. Whereupon the militarists conduct a reconnoissance into natural history and discove the dodo bird. It could not run or fly or fight and it, too, is extinct. So New York is regaled with pacifist parades headed by replicas of armored dinosaurs or with preparedness processions bearing the impotent dodobird.

About the worst thing the pacifists could have done was to open the chap. ters of natural history. The eternal strife for survival began with the dawn of animal existence and continued relentlessly through each succeeding form. As for the armored dinosaurs, were they not masters of all they surveyed until a more powerful form came to claim the feeding grounds? The armored dinosaurs made life miserable for the unarmored species. They drove their unprepared brothers into the waters for safety, while a third species maintained a precarious earthly

existence by developing fleet limbs. The armored dinosaurs survived for millions of years after their pacifist neighbors had become extinct. If these powerful brutes and their successors finally perished was it not because Nature developed a new power in the power to hurl a stone or wield

dinosaurs of Europe are fighting over tered at Porlland (Oregon) Posteffice as the feeding places while the unarmed land become the basis of inflated value of the fact that they are now unscended with the second class mall matter. In second the second class mall matter, and the feeding places while the unarmed land become the basis of inflated value of the fact that they are now unscended as the feeding places while the unarmed land become the basis of inflated value of the fact that they are now unscended as the feeding places while the unarmed land become the basis of inflated value.

WHAT ARE THEY THERE FOR?

The American troops have gone into Mexico, under explicit instructions to avoid exciting the resentment of the native population, and especially admonished to have no conflict with the Carranza troops. The pacific attitude of the President and the War Department is thus reflected in a been valid fifteen or to paragraph from an Associated Press but are so no longer. account of the fight at Parral:

Major Tompkins was still averse to fighting anything but a defensive manner against this force, since every officer who has entered Mexico with the punitive expedition has had it impressed upon him that clashes with the troops of the de facto government must be avoided.

But when the United States troops

have promoted the excursion. But it fight, and not to run. Court-martialed,

WHICH?

The esteemed Post-Intelligencer, of Seattle, is disposed to indulge in a measure of mild sarcasm over the lat-

Portland has nothing to lose except money, and everything to gain except trade, by such an enterprise, and, further, it has no commerce to lose to Scattle by reprisals.

Snugly located 125 miles up the Columbia River from the sea, the city is in a position to look the trade of the world in the eye and fondly wish for it. No plan is too ambitious, no trade too comprehensive for Pertland to wish for, or indeed try for, if it so elect. t so elect.

Like Glendower, the Portlanders can call spirits from the wasty deep; but will they come when they do call for them?

It may be said that, if Portland de freight rates. If the Portland jobber cides to risk its own money in them. During the first year of the would compete with the Seattle jobber establishment and operation of an war there was constant dread of infor Yakima trade he must quote lower Alaska steamship line, it will be Port. prices for the same quality of goods land's loss, or gain, as the case may or absorb the freight differential be, and no other's. We suspect that Even then he is handicapped by slow- until Portland makes up its mind ness of delivery incident to longer thoroughly that its salvation commercially lies within itself, no great for ward movement toward Alaska trade. nection between this city and North nor other ocean-borne traffic, will be

It is interesting also to get the Sewhich have been overcome by the attle view as to the disadvantage of Northern Pacific in connecting North a port situated 125 miles from the sea. Yakima with Puget Sound. Topo-graphically, the Yakima Valley is regards itself as an ocean port, and Portland's trade territory. Practical- not as a city snugly located 180 miles y, it is Puget Sound's, despite an in. from the sea, on a long and deep inlet, which takes its waters through

It is strange that when it comes Portland to Spokane-377 miles-he to consideration of the question of served by either the Great Northern an inland port, and when it comes

POWER OF PUBLIC OPINION.

ments supporting its side of the con- may be needed now. troversy.

This evidence that employes and employers now realize that public opinion generally directs the outcome of a labor controversy leads us to in-Yet, so far as the public knows, it quire why public opinion should not be formally made the arbiter in labor disputes, instead of being left to

formulate in haphazard way. That is the method in Canada and it successful. There neither side pledges itself or is compelled to abide by the result of the hearing. But strikes must await inquiry and effort at settlement by a commission, is a conciliator as well as judge. When one side or the other will not yield to formal findings, then public opinion ultimately brings it to time. As American employers and em-

ployes admit they need the support of public opinion, it is time the Governfident, are not ungrateful to the North | ment stepped in and gave to them in fustly measured doses.

AN OUT-DATED OBJECTION.

The principal objection to the per-petual grant of public land to waterower companies is that these compa ent practice of public service commissions involving public utilities for ratemaking purposes. It is contrary other users and not development of ratemaking purposes. It is contrary traffic. They will likely return as misgon Commission, as defined by J. P. Newell, its consulting engineer, in an article published by the Engineering

News. Two basic principles must be folto peace-at-any-price dreams has lowed in the valuation of public utilities, says Mr. Newell. These are: The "fair value" of property devoted to ublic service is the highest value that car e found for the property in any use, public

One of the "privileges granted by the public" is the right to condemn property, which the Western Waterpower Conference proposed that the Government give to power companies. That right is not a right to acquire absolute ownership; it is a right only to apply property to a public use. The and used can only be included in the ompany's investment at actual cost; unearned increment can attach

Were power companies permitted to acquire powersites and right of way over public land free of cost under existing Federal law, they would not be permitted to add anything on that account to the value of their investment as a basis for rates. The same statement is true of municipal franchises to such companies. Mr. Newell says of

all these rights:

a club. Now the brainy, predominating and commissions show a growing ten- dicting that "to enable the people to great expanses of water may not pretect them forever, are seeking to equip
themselves against the new menace on
the distant horizon.

If these predictions should be verified, the "pauper labor of Europe"
themselves against the new menace on
the distant horizon.

leasing and against perpetual right-of- sion to study out. way grants apply to a condition of affairs which no longer exists, and are therefore obsolete. They would have therefore obsolete. They would have been valid fifteen or twenty years ago,

OUR INCOMPETENT COOKS,

eting in strict accordance with their the incompetence of American house, that women do live longer than men.

ongressional Record. Why not an interstate cooking commission, a syseighteen and forty-five"

A Federal bureau and a secretary of greater need of solutionthat of getting something to cook.

PREPAREDNESS IN 1862.

In these days, when preparedness for perils from abroad has become the watchword of the Nation, it is interesting to recall the spirit with which the people turned from the Civil War to face like perils which then menaced tervention by Great Britain and France on behalf of the Confederacy, and on January 15, 1862, J. W. Johnson, Assistant Adjutant-General of Washington Territory, issued a proclamation, headed:

ternal vigilance is the price of liberty.
arms! To arms!!! To arms!!!
After announcing the danger of war with England and France, it reads: The storm is gathering! Let us then look rell to it that it does not burst upon our eads while we are unprepared!! Let us not emain quietly a! our firesides and permit he ruthless savage to be turned upon us. Yel! do we know it has ever been the policy of those nations to arouse the mercless avage, whose inhumanity is too well known o require comment.

There was no thought then of inability to withstand one foreign nation or of warning American citizens not to exercise their rights lest they offend that nation. Though the coun-By Mail to every newspaper editor ington were surrounded by hostile of the country come daily the cam- savages, they did not flinch, but, inpaign offerings of the two parties to spired by the sentiment of the last the threatened railroad strike. The paragraph we have quoted, they enpublicity bureau at Cleveland; the rebels, Indians and two foreign foes railroads have a well-organized press at the same time. The spirit of "76 Each is prolific with argu- was still alive from 1861 to 1865. It

EFFECTS OF PEACE ON BUSINESS.

One of the most remarkable developments of the trade boom growing out of the war has been the enormou increase in production of pig iron. The total for March, 1916, was sixty-one per cent above that for March, 1915 and the Iron Age estimates that, if this rate of output should continue the year will show a total of 40,000,000 Turks through ill treatment and star ons. This would be two and one-half times the production in 1901, the year which the steel trust was formed and would be six times the production of 1887, the year when most railroad mileage was constructed. As the output of the steel works is contracted far ahead, there is a good prospect that this record will be made.

In discussing the probable effect of peace on business conditions, the Financial Chronicle does not indorse James J. Hill's prediction of depres sion in our industries following the essation of war orders and continuing while Europe slowly and painfully r covers from the war. The Chronicle oresees a possibility that "the loss of nies would include in their charges an this foreign business may be made good by a greater home demand and them nothing and also on the increase that in such revival of the domestic in its value from year to year. That inquiry our railroad transportation assumption is directly contrary to pres- systems would play the most prominent part," It says:

inent part." It says:

It would not be strange if the railroads should now regain their former position through a great augmentation in their consumptive requirements of iron and steel and other products. After a long period of shrinking revenue, they have, since last September, been enjoying phenomenal expansion in revenues. Current returns are showing 20 to 23 per cent gain in gross revenue and in excess of 50 per cent gain in net revenues. This puts them in position to spend money with greater freedom and they have consequently been giving orders latterly on a more liberal scale than for a long time past. These orders will go to fill the void to be created by the withdrawal of foreign orders on the ending of the war.

By thus filling the void in demand

The values arising from privileges granted by the public for the sole purpose of serving the public cannot be made the basis of country more easily to undergo the charges against the public. By thus filling the void in demand country more easily to undergo that readjustment of commodity values which will follow the falling off in foreign purchases and the reopening of foreign supplies. Prices of metals have doubled and trebled in the last fifteen months, while chemicals have risen to four and more times their former value. These will come down but consumption of steel may be main tained at a high figure not only by railroad demand but by exports for the rebuilding of railroads, bridges and factories in Europe. Continued activity in the steel industry will react favorably on those industries which supply it with raw material and, by sustaining the consuming capacity of those who are engaged in steel-mak-

ing, on all other industries.

Nor is the opinion that peace will be followed by the dumping in this country of low-priced, competitive mer-They are giver solely for the purpose of enabling the grantee to serve the public. They cannot be used except in public service. They cannot be used except in public service and profit arising from them is purely incidental. There is a growing tendency among courts and commissions to deny any franchise value in rais regulation, except under unusual circumstances.

Chandise from Europe snared by Alex.

Ander Dana Noyes, financial editor of Scribner's. He believes that labor will not be cheap in Europe, but that the Labor party will hold the balance in the British Parliament and in dictating wages. He quotes a symposium of unusual circumstances. chandise from Europe shared by Alex. This being the practice which courts showing them to be unanimous in pre-

form of animal life continues the life- dency to follow and which many com- meet the heavy taxes imposed for war long struggle. Even now the armored missions already follow, there is no expenses, wages of labor must be dinosaurs of Europe are fighting over cause for alarm lest ffee use of public either maintained or advanced, in spite

> apital stock and bonds, going behind compete with Europe on equal terms them to the actual property repre- as to labor cost, while it will have an sented by them in order to ascertain advantage in greater use of laborthe value upon which rates should be saving machinery. This is one of many The arguments in favor of Federal would devolve upon a tariff commis

WHY WOMEN LIVE LONGER.

Dr. Albert H. Burr has set out to explain why women live longer than men, and he accomplishes his purwith one sweeping broadside di-OUR INCOMPETENT COOKS.

Senator Smoot must have received women live longer than men it is be his housekeeping bills for the past cause they do not smoke, he tells us month or else his breakfast had not and by way of laying a foundation for agreed with him when he arose in the Senate the other day to remark upon aid of United States census reports, orders, retreated before the disorderly keepers. His observations were not and belligerent Mexicans, and fired at gentle. "It is a crime," he exclaimed, into the world in a preponderance of

self-preservation, we find this:

General Funsion said tonight that while may be self-preservation, we find the self-preservation, we find this:

General Funsion said tonight that while may be self-preservation. The self-preservation is to have the products of the farm made in the sight of God, to have the products of the farm made in the self-preservation. The self-preservation is to have the products of the farm made in the self-preservation. The self-preservation, we find this:

General Funsion said tonight that while may be products of the farm made in the self-preservation. The sight of God, to have the products of the farm made in the self-preservation. The self-preservation, we find this:

General Funsion said tonight that while may be preserved in the world in a preponderance of number, there being 1076 males of five years of age to every 1000 females in the United States. This lead is maintained by a narrow margin until the highest-age groups are reached. At seventy, the women have overcome fattest in all-the world."

Legislation should follow District the handicap and are thirty-three in the ha the handicap and are thirty-three in That springs from each store and each Legislation should follow. Plainly the majority out of every 1000 of pop-nough the abuse has reached a point ulation. At the 100 mark there are Dear, dear! We wonder what ought where something must be done. It is 1576 women to every 1000 men. In Today in the ball park—the fans are in gonian would not for a moment dis-courage the enterprise of those who the soldiers are sent to Mexico to look for adjustment solely through that of thirty-five centenarians thirty look for adjustment solely through that of thirty-five centenarians thirty publication of his strictures in the were women. Were women.
With these figures as a foundation

Dr. Burr lays it all up to the physictem of Federal control or compulsory logical effects of tobacco, which is deservice in the kitchen for all able, scribed as inducing deleterious changes bodied women between the ages of in the cells and tissues of the vascular system. Thus the subtle toxin of nicotine brings on cardiovascular presentlkitchens in the Cabinet should be ity in those who are addicted to to-made a part of the plan. Make it a bacco. The fact that tobacco acts as a felony to burn the pudding or spill slow poison, requiring long years in the beans. No National problem is in which to perform its deadly work, is held as its chief danger, since warnings are not heeded by the hap-

In this the doctor is probably cor-It would perhaps be rather difficult to alarm a devotee of the fra-grant and soothing weed by warning him that he might live to be only ninety-seven instead of 100 unless he foreswore the allurements of tobacco However, the remedy suggested is not unreasonable or drastic. Dr. Burr would not legislate against tobacco but he urges that its perils be heralded broadcast and that teachers, preachers, fathers and those to whom the younger generations look for moral conduct, set the goodly example of abstinence.

One night, when George W. Peck was Governor, he was the principal speaker at a temperance rally in a On the speaker's Wisconsin town. desk was the customary glass of water. At one of his periods he raised the glass, brimming full, and discovered a fly floating on the surface. He could not flip it out, and he did the next best thing. That raised a titter that grew into a roar of applause, which Peck met in his genial way b explaining that a man from Mil He who prates of love of country and will explaining that a man from Milnot place himself in readiness, in time of
langer, to defend it, is unworthy of that
proud name we al! hear, American citizens
from the top. from the top.

If Villa is really dead, his identity should be established beyond doubt and his body should be buried deep with a great weight over it. If this try was engaged in civil war and be not done, either bogus Villas will though the weak settlements in Wash- plague Mexico for years or his grave will become a shrine to every bandit.

> With the wireless carrying bulletins between churches, the saints would that have difficulty in reviving the hermit do industry. If a modern Simeon Stylites were to roost on a column in the desert, his meditations would be disturbed by an S. O. S. call.

The dignity of the United States is disturbed by a 16-year-old Greek boy who smuggled himself into this counand he may be deported and the United States lose what in a few years would be a good citizen.

If report be true that more than a million Armenians have been killed by vation, one need have no doubt which side the Almighty is on in this war.

New York actors may attend a milltary training camp, 1000 strong. If each could be provided with the full dress regalia of a Lieutenant-General the plan could not fail.

The Germans who talk of blowing up the ships interned in the United States forget that, while the dynamiters are busy, Uncle Sam may be busy also.

To do away with warrant shaving, county employes of the lesser class will be paid twice a month, which is a good way to overcome an evil.

Portland's reputation as the bes baseball city on the Coast must be maintained today by making the record attendance of 20,001.

The only means the Greek Cabinet can find of holding its job is to ad-journ Parliament before Venizelos gets

The man whose will gives widow and divorced wife equal shares did the est he could to square the record.

Gifford Pinchot was given a medal esterday for "distinguished "services" in stirring up all kinds of trouble.

He's an old grouch of a boss who

goes to the game today and does not let the "boys" off. Umbrellas are barred at Twentyfourth and Vaughn. This is not

hoodoo year.

and forty."

A bootlegger easily is found guilty but with the man who pays rent it for bigamy?

Villareal is the new revolutionist to succeed Villa dead. Mr. Beals, you are all right, and the fans will prove it.

The first rose has bloomed and the The Evening Telegram is "fair, fat

Uncle Sam, Coroner, must first see the corpse. Poor Grandma! She dies this aft-

She'll be an old-time opening day is contemplated.

Gleams Through the Mist By Dean Collins.

THE DAY OF DAYS. Look at the throng, full of jubilan

cusses Riding on streetcars and jitneys and Who are they? What are they? Where

are they heading? the excitement a-spreading an spreading. economic results of the war which it Until the whole city seems headed one

way, And humanity flows to the ball park today.

Oh, pity the chap who must stick to his labors While all of his friends and companions and neighbors Have pulled down the roll-tops and put

on their lids And skidded away upon frolicsome skids. To join the mad mob of exuberant

screechers Who perch on the grandstand and bask on the bleachers, of The poets may burble and babble and

sing About the sweet flowrets that bloom in the Spring, But say, there was never a lovelier

office and shop And blossoms in all the available room bloom.

Doc Anderson, Deidrick and Politz and Pangle Are mixed mid the fans in tumultuous tangle; Bill Strandbourg is out with the mania

band; The voice of Ed Werlein is heard in the land: And, betting the Beavers a sure pen-

nant-taker, Looms over the others Commissioner Baker.

John Coffey is there in the ranks of the loyal: Doc Emerson's caught in the joyful turmoil;

Bob Stevens is out and Dow Walker is there; Doc Smith has forsaken his medical lair:

Judge Gatens and Berg are inviting all comers To join the mad fans such as Stubling and Sommers.

Gadzooks! I could jingle like this for a year Announcing the fans as today they ap-

pear. A-thronging the street and a-thronging the ground, And shooting and scooting and tooting

Pervading the landscape till every man In all the wide city seems out as a fan. may say at random, if fandom alone

Can sport the high nest whither - Vict'ry has flown And bring the bird back just like well trained retrievers By jove, it looks good for the hopes of

the Beavers; For it seems everybody is out and aflame To start things off right for the open ing game.

"Sir," said the courteous office boy, 'you know there is a baseball game

this afternoon, and-" "Well?" I retorted, coldly.

Well, you know my grandmotherbegan the C. O. B.
"Aha!" I snarled, sinking my talons in his throat. "You expect to put over that grandmother's funeral gag on me,

"No, sir," said he, with an upright expression. "I merely wished to tell you that grandmother went through my pockets last night and swiped my passes to the opening game, and she and grandpa refuse to give them up-But he got no further, for I had gone for the courteous office boy, who was able to put a new front on the grand-

SOLEMN THOUGHT. With Eastern hats all in array-Suppose it rains on Easter day.

THAT SHORTEST POEM CONTEST. To Editor-In reply to your invitation concerning knowledge of a shorter

Kiss: Bliss;

Matrimony;

Alimony. Hoping you will not deem it a cynical ending of the "bliss," I remain, M. D. L.

P. S .- I am not a spinster.

They searched the river's brink Till he was found, then cried, "Hooray "We've found the missing Link,"

When Glenn, in error, at a pin, Then all the solemn medic men, Consulting, said: "Let's now begin To go a-hunting through the Glenn. An altruistic furniture engineer came

up the other day and put the castors tack on our office chair.

Now it rolls so easy that we can't pected any rent and as ground was not back on our office chair. Now it rolls so easy that we can't indite a noble line on our typewriter vithout giving ourselves a shove that shoots us clear out into the telegraph

Moral: Handsome is as handsome does; or, a rolling chair and its occupant are soon started.

Penalty for Bigamy. THE DALLES, Or., April 16 .- (To the Editor.) -(1) What is the penalty for bigamy?

(2) Is it necessary for a person marrying a bigamist to take any legal steps to free themselves?

SUBSCRIBER.

(1) Imprisonment of not less than six nonths nor more than one year in the County Jall or of not less than one year nor more than four years in the Penitentiary. A fine of not less than \$200 nor more than \$1000 may be levied in some cases instead of County Jail member of the Cabinet. sentences.

marriage is automatically made null. To make a record of the fact the court will always grant an official annulment of marriage. Formal annulment should always be obtained by a party to a presumably illegal marriage if marriage to another

(2) If bigamy is proved the second

UNJUST ASSUMPTION IS TAKEN Newspaper Unjustly Construes Vote on

McLemore Resolution. VANCOUVER, Wash., April 16.—(To the Editor.)—In the Portland Journal, in the editorial, "A Crazy Leadership,

I notice the following sentence: "The 102 Republican Congressmen who voted for the McLemore resolution wanted to take no chances on war

with Germany."

Now, is it true that 102 Republican Congressmen voted for the McLemore resolution? Is it not a fast that the vote in Congress was on the tabling of the resolution? And is it not a fast that many Congressmen who voted against tabling the resolution stated that they were strongly congressed to the that they were strongly opposed to the resolution, but that they did not want to stifle debate upon it?

If these are the facts, is it just and their their than Congression.

right to say that these Congressmen voted for the resolution, when they were opposed to the resolution, but merely wanted to have a debate upon

It appears to me also that the editorial alluded to, and other editorials that have appeared in the Journal, intimate and insinuate in an extremely bitter and unjust manner that every-one who sincerely believes that this Nation should uphold its sacred rights is a blood-thirsty monster and wants to "cram war" onto their fellow citi-

As every sensible person knows, w As every sensible person knows, we do not want war any more than President Lincoln wanted war in 1861, but we do firmly insist that the rights of this Nation be maintained and the lives of its citizens be protected. We do not ask any of our citizens to waive or neglect any of their undisputed rights; we want them all to be freely exercised and maintained inviolate. exercised and maintained inviolate, now and at all times. That is what we insist upon—not one jot more, not one whit iess. We will fight all compromises on this proposition and all cowardly McLemore GLENN N. RAUCK.

LITTER ON COLUMBIA HIGHWAY People Who Mar Beauty Should Be Punished, Says Writer.

PORTLAND, April 17 .- (To the Edior.)—Can nothing be done to stop the land is really branching out. indiscriminate throwing of paper, pic nic boxes, tin cans and other litter VALLEY LOOP IS PLEASANT TRIP along the Columbia River Highway?

The conditions along the road last McMinuville Autoists Offer Good Ad-The conditions along the road last year were disgraceful. Picnic parties after occupying beautiful spots would leave behind them quantities of paper boxes, paper napkins, empty tin cans and other picnic rubbish with never a thought as to how it looked or how objectionable it was to other pleasure-seekers who had some sense of decency and refinement. and refinement,

The comments made by many of our visiting tourists were far from pleasing, and the disgraceful condition of affairs last Summer was not flattering o our civic pride,

We have invited the world to come to see our wonderful highway, and what opinion will they have of us as community when they see such eviences of vulgarity?
I have seen some of the finest drives in Europe, and along only a quarter of a mile of our highway I have noticed more rubbish than I did along

tice would stop GEORGE P. DEKUM.

ence between maximum range and ef-fective range and the danger to or an be had at hotels at any of the more fective range and the danger to or prominer, towns, such an arrangement would be to the it to use. Furthermore, individual mutual advantage of both the country guns of the same caliber vary. An effective range in a battle at sea between ships may be much shorter than able run for Eastern tourists to make, in effective range in bo fortifications. Generally speaking rified cannon will carry obout one mile portunity to motor over the Columbia to the inch of caliber up to 12 inches. Hiver Highway, but until the congested Experience in the European war indicates that guns of larger caliber may send a projectile proportionately far-would divert some of their travel to ther. Dunkirke was bombarded at a this Willamette Valley Loop it would to beg the Sporting Ed for another pass distance of 22 miles. Yet when the give others an opportunity to see the British ship Lion, carrying 13%-inch Columbia River Highway and its beautiful scenery, M'MINNVILLE AUTOMOBILE CLUE, By G. S. Wright, President. guns attacked the Blucher she waited until about eight and one-half miles distant.

Also, if the expression is "Mad

served whole. (2) "Mad as a hatter" is correct. The

term originated in England. The com-(M. D. L. is getting warm, but she still misses the shortest poem in the forceful expression to denote extreme The American invastion of Mexico one of our popular songs was "Green Grow the Leaves of the Hawthorne Tree."

> defined as "the critical moment or day.
>
> The Mexicans became familiar with point."

Ground Rent for Garage,

OSWEGO, Or., April 16.—(To the Editor.)—A lets B have ground enough into the cuphonic epithet, "Gringo," to erect a garage on, charging him now applied to all Americans. nothing, but there is no written agree-ment. After one year A sells his whole place to C, but tells him the garage is owned by B. B and C never meet till one year later, when he tries to collect

being used, such a thing was not ex-pected by B. Kindly state if rent can be

If C had knowledge of the arrangement between A and B that no charge would be made, he probably could no force collection of rent without first giving notice to B. In event judgment was given C in a legal action it

MONMOUTH, Or., April 16.—(To the Editor.)—In the Oregon Blue Book the secretary to the President is included secretary to the with the Cabinet officers. Our text book does not include the President's secretary. Would you please give us

the correct information? E. L. RUDEN. The President's secretary is not a

Enlisted Men in Army. FOSSIL, Or., April 15 .- (To the Editor.) - Kindly print in The Oregonian the number of enlisted troops in the regular Army of the United States, exregular Army of the charge clusive of the state troops, W. N. BYARS.

Approximately 80,000 actually co-

In Other Days.

Twenty-five Years Ago. From The Oregonian of April 18, 1891. Chicago, April 17.—The fight between the lady managers of the World's Fair over the secretaryship

continues. A number of ladies are anxious to see a Woman's Exchange organized and conducted in a businessiike way in this

city. It is understood that the cable rail-

The Arlington Club has secured for their new home now in course of con-struction 186,800 Japanese brick that came over on the Eclipse sometime ago,

The boat-building business in this section new looks more promising than it ever has before. No less than 28 new steamers are at the present time in course of construction at points on the Willamette and Columbia rivers.

Half a Century Ago.

From The Oregonian of April 18, 1866. Pennsylvania boasts that of the 216 state flags carried by their regiments to meet the rebels, but four were lost and those in battle

The Boston Advertiser that Mr. William Dean Howells, late United States Consul at Venice, is to assist Mr. Fields in editing the Atlantic Monthly.

The stockholders of the Southern Pacific Railroad have held a meeting at New Orleans to take measures for the early prosecution of the work. The road is proposed to be constructed from the Texas state line to El Paso, a distance of 800 miles.

Surveyor Burrage has just finished a map of McMillen's Addition to East Portland, situated on the right bank of the Willamette River on a portlon of the land claim of Jacob Wheeler, East Port-

vice to Portland Brethren. M'MINNVILLE, Or., April 16 .- (To the Editor.)—A great many people of the Willamette Valley have thus far not had an opportunity to motor over the Columbia River Highway. Sunday is about the only time that businessmen can very well absent themselves make this trip, and the reports of the congested condition or this highway on Sunday is having a tendency to dis-courage them from making this antici-

pated trip.

It has occurred to many automobile owners that this would be an opportune time to call the attention of the Portland motorists to what might be termed the "Willamette Valley Loop," termed the "Willamette Valley Loop. If they were to occasionally travel over this loop on Sundays, thus giving others an opportunity to see the Columbia Blver Highway, we believe it would be a very desirable thing to do. It is with this object in view that I wish to call your attention to the Willamette Valley Loop. It contemplates a trip through the beautiful Willamette Valley, leaving Portland and coming out Sixth street and over the Terwilliger boulevard, and over the West Side miles and miles of Europe's highways. If a few arrests were made and real punishment meted out (jail sentences, not fines), then this pernicious prac-Range of Navai Guns.

PORTLAND, April 17.—(To the Edition)—Please inform me the total distance 12, 14 and 15-inch guns will shoot, mounted on a battleship.

A READER.

It is difficult to give a specific answer to this question without creating a false impression. There is a difference between maximum range and of the common and then over the Pacific Plingham and the cover the West Side Highway through Newberg, McMinnville, and thence through the fine farming country and over the West Side Highway through Newberg, McMinnville, and thence through the fine farming country and over the West Side Highway through Newberg, McMinnville, and thence through the fine farming country and over the West Side Highway through Newberg. McMinnville, and thence through the fine farming country and over the Terwilliger boulevard, and over the West Side Highway through Newberg. McMinnville, and thence through the fine farming country and over the Pacific Planck Sixth acreet and over the West Side Highway through Newberg. McMinnville, and thence through the fine farming country and over the Pacific Planck Sixth acreet and over the West Side Highway through Newberg. McMinnville, and thence through the fine farming country and over the West Side Highway through Newberg.

This West Side who are only waiting a favorable of be slow to do so, and many are of the

Origin of "Gringo." PORTLAND, April 17.—(To the Editor.)—(1) Kindly inform me which is an inquiry as to the origin of the correct; "Will you have more potatoe?"

(2) Also, if the expression of the explanation was given or attenuated. explanation was given or attempted.

The other day I was reading in the Globe-Democrat an article by John (2) Also, if the expression is "Mad as a hadder," or "Mad as a hatter," and where did the expression originate?
(3) Also, if the expression is "In the nick of time," and where did this originate?

A READER.

(1) Either way if referring to a dish prepared of potatoes; use the plural if referring to two or more potatoes, served whole.

The other day I was reading in the Globe-Democrat an article by John Paul Dana, an American who had lived undered a number of years, and was well acquainted with the educated class of that cosmopolitan capital. He became interested in the name "Gringo" and made many inquiries as to its derivation, etc. Finally referring to two or more potatoes, handed him an old Spanish newspaper

handed him an old Spanish newspaper which purported to give the origin and etymology of the name. It would seem that at the time of still misses the shortest poem in the language. Unless it is guessed soon, we fear that we shall be obliged to tell it ourselves.—Ed Note.)

NAMES IS NAMES STILL.

In the nick of time" is simply an often-used phrase, of plain meaning when one knows that "nick" may be rary" along the Flanders battle line to-day.

"Green grow," the accented words of the song. In the evolution of time this became "Green-grow," a compound word, and finally became condensed

A plausible explanation, but whether historically or etymologically correct I am not able to say. - J. T. FORD. Adjournment of Congress. PORTLAND, April 17 .- (To the Editor.)-When does Congress

this year? CONSTANT READER. The date has not been set. The present Congress, however, will automatically expire March 4, 1917, if not sooner

PORTLAND, April 17 .- (To the Editor.—In recent years what was the largest registration in one day?

August 14, 1913; 3183 in a single day.

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