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record of achievement which reaches back to the outbreak of the Civil War. His successes shine the brighter by contrast with the failures of his opponents.

JUST AN OCCUPANT. It was pointed out by The Oregonian the other day that North Yakima is naturally in Portland's trade zone, but that the city is not doing any commercial intercourse by the roundabout character of the rail route between the two.

A branch railroad connecting the North Bank road with North Yakima is feasible. It would shorten the distance between Portland and North Yakima by 120 miles, or more. It is reasonable to suppose that a competent railroad, situated as is the North Bank, would long ago have built the connection. But 50 per cent of the stock of the North Bank is owned by the Northern Pacific and the Northern Pacific is in agreement with the arrangement whereby it gets North Yakima business for its own railroad leading to Puget Sound.

A striking contrast may be obtained by comparing the building programs of other railroad systems. Willapa Harbor and Grays Harbor were served by the Northern Pacific. At the time the Milwaukee was constructed. But that did not prevent the independent Northern Pacific from building its own branches to the same territory.

The Milwaukee also built a branch from Cedar Falls to Everett, where it competes for business with the Great Northern. It operates a ferry line between Bellevue and Seattle in competition with the rail services of both Great Northern and Northern Pacific. It has built several branches in Eastern Washington and has others under way for construction work.

however, that would have convicted it of the crime of allowing practice. If proposition No. 2, the measure to save the wine industry under a prohibitory law, had been put into the form of an initiative statute instead of constitutional amendment, the radical prohibitionist would have had no reason for not voting for both. No matter how large the affirmative vote cast for the statutory enactment, the constitutional amendment—proposition No. 1—would prevail if it received a bare majority. No would that be the danger of legislative tinkering with the statutory enactment pending the taking effect two years later of the amendment, for it is one of the wonders of the California system that the Legislature may not repeal or amend a law enacted by the people.

CHEERLESS HOSPITAL ARCHITECTURE. It is recorded that over Virchow's hospital in the German capital there is an admonition not to forget the man when treating the patient. This might be set down as the text of a pamphlet issued by a New York architect who urges a more cheerful atmosphere for American hospitals. He sees in the present hospital architecture a depressing in its monotony. Such is the picture that the writer draws and it will awaken familiar, if not startling, memories among those who have been confined in such a "workshop" of the surgeons and nurses.

PROHIBITION IN CALIFORNIA. The California voter this year is to have the choice of two prohibitory amendments with, of course, the privilege of defeating both. Both come from the same source. Proposition No. 1 would give California a prohibitory law like Arizona's. It would be absolute. Mail orders for liquors to be used in the home in quantities, such as are permitted in Oregon, Washington and Colorado, would be denied the Californian.

Count von Bernstorff seems to be up against it. If he claims Von Igel's papers as official, he will implicate his government in the latter's plots. If he repudiates them, they will prove valuable ammunition to his enemy and may be the means of his ultimate conviction. In such a predicament what can a poor diplomat do?

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Russian troops have probably been sent to France as much for the moral effect of their presence as for their value at the front. The sixty-day continuous fighting around Verdun must have been a sore trial to French morale and a strain on their reserves. Practical evidence of Russian sympathy is likely to hearten up the sentimental French. The Russian movement is a clear evidence of pooling of allied resources in the interests of close co-operation. Russia supplies men, Britain provides ships to carry them, and France will provide arms. Germany is thus given a hint that Russia has men to spare and that the allies are pulling together.

There are approximately 24,000 automobiles in use in Oregon this year in the Spring, and they do not all belong to the larger cities. One show at Forest Grove reports sales of twenty-one popular cars in a week and a White Salmon five have bought cheaper vehicles. Thus it goes. Any weekly paper, picked at random, will show that people are investing in the means of rapid travel. It takes less time in little less time than required to get up and harness the team. One sale in a neighborhood makes the rest easy for the dealer, and in many cases where the head of the family is different the wife is decidedly not.

More watchful waiting in Mexico, but now it is in the heart of the country with prospective enemies all around and with a thin line of communication to the base of operations are no longer only in revolving chairs at Washington; they are soldiers with arms in their hands, with a heart for a fight and with freedom to rebel at a tick. That is more dangerous but far more satisfactory to the waiters.

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Under that charter the company was organized for business on July 30, 1851, a full report appearing in The Oregonian, August 5, 1851. In the same issue was a notice by the stockholders calling for the payment to the secretary of 10 per cent of all subscriptions made prior to June 1, 1851, as signed by Thomas Carter, Z. C. Norton, A. J. Hembree, J. W. Chambers and William M. King, directors, were adopted for 100,000 feet of three-inch plank and for clearing and grading two miles. On September 29 the amount was made up. The first plank was laid on September 27, and the contractor, Stephen Coffin, announced that one mile of the road had been graded by the plan of the company. On October 2, a detailed account appeared in the Oregon Weekly Times, descriptive of the celebration on September 29.

THE WILD ROSE'S LAMENT. Down the floral ages, O rose, thou hast bloomed, And by soft winds gloomed; O' my Oregonian plains, My petals have shed Their delicious fragrance From my heart's deep red; And in each glad May-June, My coquetish wiles, Flushed the landscape crimson With blushes and smiles.

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NO POLITICAL TAGS IN CHURCH. Pastor Requests That He Classify His Sermons. ST. HELENS, Or., April 20.—(To the Editor.)—The great bugaboo of our Americanism is public opinion. It stalks the hopes of all aspirants to favorable recognition in "hall and hearth" and menaces with impending death those who would banish the banisher.

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In Other Days. Twenty-five Years Ago. From The Oregonian April 22, 1891. Cincinnati—The praises of Blaine were shouted loudly and long at the Republican League convention. President's name was not so noticeably honored and Cole, of Indiana, showed anger at what he considered a slight to his own name.

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Easter From Many Angles
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Easter Sunday naturally turns the newspaper reader's thoughts to the story of the resurrection and its related subjects. The Oregonian tomorrow will give it proportionate attention. The front cover page will bear an allegorical picture combining the message of Easter Sunday and the glad tidings of the presence of Spring. It will be printed in colors.