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PORTLAND, TUESDAY, MAY 30, 1916.

JAMES J. HILL, KING OF PIONEERS. 18, the entire country to the north rado Southern, of which he perity of which hung the success of

The fifteen years he devoted to that works had he lived on.
and to the fuel business gave him opportunity to acquire a thorough unique among railroad chieftains. Northern Rallroad.

ing aided by the stream of settlers, forts, he lent a hand to any who Dakota to the Missouri, then across he built. Montana to Great Fulls and finally to the Pacific at Seattle. Fortune fa. vored him in the beginning of the final extension, for it was undertaken when the development of Washington had taken a great spurt and the of the Baring failure in 1890.

Then came the times which tried operation in June, 1893, the very month the panic began. Though the road paralleled the Northern Pacific, it ran through a very sparsely settled country, and the panic checked the try yielded little besides such raw products as grain, cattle, wool and westward and most of the cars were hauled eastward empty. Two concutive crop failures in the intermountain country diminished traffic earlier roads from the Missouri to the gotten. Pacific, he had no subsidy of either land or cash from the Government The road must depend on its own slender resources to escape the bankruptcy which was engulfing all its competitors.

Mr. Hill met the emergency with characteristic energy and determination. He went over the road, cutting expenses ruthlessly. He discharged every man with whom he could possidispense. He drove his officials and lashed them with his tongue for spending a dollar needlessly. wages to the bone and early in 1894 gram over his own wires, which were The citizens of St. Paul called or arbitrate! He held out for several cessation of traffic was greater than that which would result from withdrawing the wage reduction, and he

Still he economized at every point. Seattle was demanding fulfillment of a promise to build a palatial depot; he stood the city off. A division superintendent's office was an old caboose which had been used as a boarding-car in construction times. again happen. One story goes that on one of his retrenchment trips a superintendent saved a section gang from discharge

not only paid interest on the bonds of the entire system through the harrowing four years from 1893 to 1897 but paid the usual dividends. While the Pacific extension was being built. to bet a doubter that within three ars he would drive the Northern Pacific into receivership and buy concame and in 1896 Mr. Hill and J. P.

Morgan secured control The greatness of Mr. Hill as a build,

balance the movement of capital?

But he was great also as a financier.

Every dollar of capitalization in his roads represented a dollar of value, and the never-falling interest payhim always to raise more money for thimbleriggers. further extensions and for new his later purchases and extensions.

One would suppose that the terrible 'our years' struggle he made in the '90s would have cooled his ardor for new ventures and for ploneering, but it was but the beginning of his great achievement. Having reached the In the person of James J. Hill death Pacific, he made the Great Northern's has removed the greatest power in rival its second track, extended north-the development of the Northwest east to Chicago with the Burlington When he arrived at St. Paul a boy of and south to the Gulf with the Coloand west of that city was a wilder- control. The optimism of the pioneer ness, dotted at rare intervals with was strong in him to the last. He had small settlements. In the subse- an instinctive aversion to seeing good quent growth of the states beginning routes unoccupied and great stretches with Minnesota and extending west-ward to the Pacific, also of Manitoba. North Bank road along the Columbia he has been the principal moving River, both to capture the traffic of He was famous chiefly as a that harbor, in which he had unbuilder and operator of railroads, but he was great also as a farmer and a steamboat man, and he remained in Mountains. When John F. Stevens steamboat man, and he remained in Mountains. When John F. Stevens the front rank among farmers and laid before him the opportunities of ater-carriers to the day of his death. Central Oregon, he seized upon them He threw his great energy and genius and built the Oregon Trunk, entering into every undertaking for the up-building of the country on the pros-man for the Deschutes canyon. He bought the Oregon Electric and extended it and bought the United Rail-He was a living example of the way to feed the rich traffic of the truth that a youth of hard work and Willamette Valley into his main lines. poverty is almost a necessary preparation for a career such as his, for the death of his father sent him forth to earn his living at the age of 14. He began his connection with transthrough the period of construction whether he is capable of the greater portation four years later and he laid which now seems about to open. His faith in the future of Oregon was deep the foundation of his fortune in the faith in the future of Oregon was deep vasion. In the answers to such a question of the foundation of his fortune in the faith in the future of Oregon was deep vasion. In the answers to such a question of the faith in the future of Oregon was deep vasion. In the answers to such a question of the faith in the future of Oregon was deep vasion. the foundation of his fortune in the latti in the lattire of oregon by his vasion. In the answers to such a question repose the security of the Na-

wiedge of the agricultural and remained at the head of his road from mineral resources of the Northwest the beginning until his voluntary re-and of all the facts about transporta-tirement, a period of forty years, and tion. Thus he became equipped for he handed over the reins to his son, the Republican National Convention East are making clothes for soldiers, his great lifework—construction and while the Vanderbilts, Goulds and for Colonel Roosevelt, reminds the It need only make the goods for which establishment of the Great other chiefs lost their power. He stampeders that for twenty-four years That road is an evidence of what business genius can accomplish when inspired by imagination. It has developed from the bankrupt little St. Paul & Pacific road, running from St. Paul & Pacific road, running from St. Paul into the Red River Valley, which and urged that policy while others of his class were opposing it. He not only poured riches into the pockets of learned the traffic-producing possibilities of that valley and he extended train of his advance thousands who in 1900 William McKinley the producing the rest and for its learner to the pockets of his associates, but he brought in the train of his advance thousands who in 1900 William McKinley to the pockets of his associates as the product of his advance thousands who in 1900 William McKinley to the pockets of his associates as the product of his advance thousands who in 1900 William McKinley to the product of his advance thousands who the road and for its length as far as made prosperous homes with his aid, nominated on the first ballot.

Winning he provided many feeders, not only general but personal. Hav- In 1994 Theodore Roosevelt was He made good with the investors, be- ing achieved success by his own efnom he in turn aided with low rates, willing to help themselves. Without nated on the first ballot. blooded stock and good seed, and thus him many a space on the map of the he was enabled to raise capital for an West would have been blank, and his nominated on the first ballot. extension westward through North best monument is the empire which

THE GREAT SACRIFICE.

Fifty-one years ago the American battlefield, by wounds and by disease. first ballot. event so momentous and tragic though remote from the lives and minds of the present generation, is yet present in the constant love of and

preserved and restored. made by the men who shouldered their ing to be enrolled among the mothers who stayed behind and kept who infest Congress. still farther. Unlike the builders of the home fires burning, are not for-

> indeed. The country was in peril, and joined by Taggart of Indiana. The they were not "too proud to fight." country has not heretofore looked Nor did they think that they should upon Taggart as an enemy of graft let their "erring brothers depart in He is a shrewd and observing politi-peace." Nor were they deceived into cian, and, if he has no higher motive, the false belief that a "house divided it may be set down as fact that Tag-against itself" could stand. Nor did gart has noticed the direction in they falter when the great patriot who which the anti-pork-barrel wind was President showed them that the blowing.
> hour had struck for the "irresistible" It is freely predicted that this is He cut they in doubt about the way to act barrel statesman-unless he happen so that "government of the people, for to be as keen and bold as Taggart-

three weeks he could not send a tele- that many lives lost in 1861-1865 were an outright defeat. needlessly wasted. It was the inevitaused by the strikers to conduct their ble and inexcusable penalty of unpre-Public opinion was against paredness. Four long years of terrible have been so well cared for in prese war might have been averted, billions and past legislation. On their merits him in public meeting to yield of money saved, thousands of lives they have received, and must receive, pitrate: He held out for several preserved, if a well-trained and well-favorable consideration by Congress. days against them and the committees officered army of 100,000 men, or even But they have had more than one which they sent to him, storming less, had been available to the Union narrow escape from their association against their pleas. But he finally in 1861. The war would have shortly with the dishonest schemes of pork. realized that the loss caused by total ended. The brave boys of '61 might hunting Congressmen. speedily have returned to their homes and most of the bitter fruits of protracted and sanguinary struggle and practically all of the evils of reconstruction days might and doubtless would not have been realized.

Yet there are men today who clos their eyes to experience and shut the always heretofore happened can never

SPEAKERS, BEWARE!

one points out defects and suggests text and whoop 'er up for the "pee- later sales is proposed. one of Mr. Hill's officials had offered pul." They accuse him of saying some- Blakelock is compelled by want to thing else and whale him for it. They sell a painting for \$100 that aftersay nothing, but make a big racket. ward changes hands for \$20,000, a

And so it happens that the banker commission of from \$200 to \$4000 troi of it. The prediction was fully who spoke is berated for his temerity, would be paid the painter. filled, for in 1894 the receivership It matters not that multiplicity of it is contended, would be laws, which he condemned, has also ranted quite as much as the issuance been condemned by the newspaper of copyrights to authors whereby they which unjustly rebukes him for attacking the Oregon system. The It need hardly be said that legislaer and operator of railroads was demonstrated by his insistence on low things it offers, the arguments it tion of that sort is impracticable and grades and light curvature, by his makes, are based upon the following inadvisable. Artists, to be sure, are economical operation and by adoption questionairs, which it will be ob- an abused people. They receive little

of larger engines and cars as a means served quite conforms to its boasted consideration in these harsh days. to that end. It was shown by his "honesty and fairness":

policy in building up traffic. In the "What legislation is discouraging dent lot there ought to be some way

where he turned the scale and was compelled to haul empty cars west mothers' pension law, the minimum over the artists themselves would reinstead of east. This caused a return wage law and the compensation law sent such an attitude. They must to his first love—the steamship busi-ness—and he built two great vessels tem unless their adoption by the Leg-shrewdness in their barterings. If the to carry Oriental traffic originating in Islature may be traced back to the poverty of their growing days is taken the East and South. ments and dividends kept Great North- Legislature, it has often informed us, is

So it must be that bankers should every professional man has his tures. Thus he was able to buy the be seen and not heard. Heretofore of trial and hardship unless born with Burlington road, to make the famous Republican candidates and members a silver spoon in his mouth. The fight with Harriman for control of the of the Legislature have been the main young lawyer takes a case for \$100 Northern Pacific and to carry through targets of innuendo and misrepresenthat later would not him \$1000. The tation. Now, it seems, it is to become young doctor does for \$5 what he dangerous to express an honest opinion in public.

IN MEMORIAM. the living turns in sadness to who have preceded them into the valof the shadows it is appropriate fered? to dwell upon the glorious dead who fell in the Nation's wars. Their de- borne in mind that there are votion to the cause of freedom and who equality, the unselfish patriotism life. which yielded their life's blood to high principles-these things lie at the foundation of the country. The boons and privileges which the living enjoy perience today were born in the death agonies that end. of the country's patriots. But for the sacrifices of those who fell in battle there could not wave today over the greatest Nation of free men in the world that starred and striped symbol of the greatest good for the greatest

America's gigantic industrial life lows down today while tribute is paid to the memory of the honored dead. Communion is had with the unknown land through the medium of petaled messengers which transmit tender loving messages tinged with an infinite sorrow. It is well that in those moments given over to sentiment liv ing Americans should search their own hearts and ask, each of himself

ON THE FIRST BALLOT. The New York Sun, commenting upon the organized plan to stampede built the only unsubsidized road to it has been the uniform and uninter- which others are temporarily neg-

In 1892 Benjamin Harrison was

In 1896 William McKinley In 1900 William McKinley was re

minated on the first ballot In 1908 William H. Taft was nomi-In 1912 William H. Taft was re-

has been fairly well settled when the

convention met. Now the mind of the Republican Civil War was brought to a close, after four years of bloody confirmed and the loss of many thousand war the loss of many thousand was generally thought the creased revenue from the liquor trafloss of many thousand men-more "break" would not come till the sec- fic. than two hundred thousand for the ond or third ballot. But the real Union cause alone—by death on the question now seems to be as to the

SAVED FROM THE PORK BARREL.

A startling and significant feature reverence for the heroes of the war, of the Senate vote against the rivers and in the mighty fact of the Union and harbors bill is that it includes the names of both Senators from flow of settlement on which he had Every year public honor is done to Idaho—Borah and Brady—and one of the patriots who fell in battle, or who have since joined their comrades, by The bill carries considerable approthe observance of Decoration day. It priations for the Columbia River and The bulk of traffic flowed is a day for many flowers, some tears other Northwest projects; yet three and most of the cars were and great pride; for the sacrifices Senators from this section are unwillguns and went to battle, and by the host of pork-grabbers and ple-hunters

The other day, in the Senate, Tillman of South Carolina declared his Shouldered their guns! They did, unyielding opposition, and

conflict" between slavery and freedom, between union and disunion. Nor were have heard that before. Your porkprovoked a strike by the newly formed the people, by the people, should not never forgets the old ways and never American Railway Union, which em-braced the entire operative force. For The saddest reflection of today is will not be discarded until there is

It is fortunate that the Columbia River and other Northwest projects and the weeks that follow?

BARGAINS IN PAINTINGS. So much sympathy has been excited by the speciacle of the great Blakelock spending the best days of his life in a madhouse following a breakdown caused by dire poverty that arpages of history and say that what has tists and patrons of art may organize to demand new laws regulating the sales of paintings. It will be recalled that Blakelock sold a painting for a few dollars to escape starvation and this canvas since has brought men in the woods till Mr. Hill's train bankers' association last week, a speaker condemned multiplicity of laws, cited concrete instance has brought \$20,000. The tragic incident recalls the experience of Degas, who dispeaker condemned multiplicity of posed of a painting for \$100 under had passed.

He won his fight. Aided by his unsparing economy, the earnings of the prosperous eastern end of the road ments and reforms.

Speaker condemned multiplicity of laws, cited concrete instances where stress of poverty. He lived to see that same work sell for \$200,000. Thus state and suggested specific amendthe greatest profit of masterpieces is saved for dealers in paintings—which the greatest profit of masterpieces is saved for dealers in paintings—which the greatest profit of masterpieces is saved for dealers in paintings—which the greatest profit of masterpieces is saved for dealers in paintings—which the greatest profit of masterpieces is saved for dealers in paintings—which ments and reforms.

The noisy "friends" of the Oregon is calculated to stimulate the selling system are touchy as well. If some-but not the producing side of art.

A law providing that an artist must corrections, they ignore the definite receive from 1 to 20 per cent on all who spoke is berated for his temerity. would be paid the painter. This

Is it widow's pension law? of protecting them. But society car freight eastbound and westbound he Is it the minimum wage law? Is it not recognize them as children and fostered the lumber industry to a point the workmen's compensation law?" hedge them about with special safe-

The notion that temporary work in ern securities above par and enabled controlled by bosses, lobbyists and another field will destroy their art is foolish. Every artist, every poet, later would expect a much larger sum for doing. If our young artists and artisans must face hardships, are they not the better for it, after all? Does it not give them a deeper insight into On this day when the memory of life, a closer sympathy for fellow mortals? Who could be a great poet or a great artist without having suf-As for driving an occasional one into the madhouse, it must be who disintegrate under the strain of If one dire incident does not bring on a tragedy another will. quite possible that if poverty had not driven Blakelock mad some other experience would have accomplished

> The Bulgarians seem bent on goading the Greeks into war. Kavala, on which they are now advancing, is the port concerning which the contest was fiercest in the negotiations at Bucharest which ended the second Balkan war. In his campaign for intervention Venizelos will make good cap. ital of this Bulgarian act of aggres sich, and we need not be surprised to see him at the head of a war Cabinet.

Why the labor unions oppose pre paredness is a problem. Members are all fighters along their labor lines. In their country's stress they will not be backward in her defense. than likely they are simply letting the alleged leaders express themselves, knowing they easily can squeich them occasion. The labor leader is mostly a man of straw, anyway.

The Oregon woolen industry has an opportunity to get well established while the mills of Europe and the It need only make the goods for which there is a demand all the time and to lecting.

In view of the bad treatment which they gave their Baltimore platform, the Democrats would do well not to make many promises at St. Louis. If they should, the voters would inquire what became of the last batch.

Skip the mail delivery that day and let the carriers parade. The organization of the men in gray is a Portland institution and everybody wants to cheer his carrier as he passes.

With the foreign ministers of the nominated on the first ballot.

The nature of the pre-convention struggle has made no difference for a quarter of a century. The contest plomacy at present.

How shocked that ardent Prohibi-

The French charge that the latest U-boat operations violate German pledges to America. But note how quiet America is keeping about it. When a man meets with accident

while autoing with his wife, there is melancholy comfort; but it's different a diagrammer, but not as an atomic When the Texas militiamen have come acquainted with real military

discipline, they will be in a fair way

to become real soldiers. must be so, with all the German suspects interned.

Great Britain's answer to Wilson's not before.

The allies are said to be indignant over President Wilson's peace talk. Have they no saving sense of humor? James J. Hill made it all from a

standing start; yet many young men assert they "have no chance." The Republican platform will be

brief and to the point. In a worda new and real Americanism! If \$1 will keep ten Armenians alive for a week, how about the next week

Waite says he wants no appeal made from his conviction. He should have

his own way in the matter. The weather man promised us warm weather and sunshine yesterday but

failed to deliver the goods. Did the Austrians bombard Elba to ay off the grudge against it for shel-

tering Napoleon? on hooking a huge fish. At any rate,

he died happy. The forecasters at Washington called the turn. The weather is becoming Twas a false hope to which I clung,

All the belligerents would welcome Nathaniel is six feet high, peace, but they have a bull by the

Peace twaddle, for pre-convention effect, merely irritates Europe, Give the Grand Army man the sa-

lute today. He is passing. Did the children take you to the circus over your protest?

One by one the great empire build-Although to roam I've never gone, ers of yesterday pass. Far from my native home; The homeliest girl wears the short-

est skirt. Remember the neglected grave to

Go ahead planning the picuic. Hats off when the flag passes,

Gleams Through the Mist By Dean Collins.

THE PRÉPAREDNESS PARADE.

They may talk about disarmament, and pluck the beard of Mars; They may send the dove a-flying from the earth unto the stars; may cry, "Peace! Peace!" what though there be no peace at all;

may blind them to the thunder bolts that be about to fall; But I'll shut my ears anew to the babble of their crew

And I'll join the swinging column after all the talk is through marching for preparedness, when all is said and done. marching with the minute men

They may talk of cosmic brotherhood as glibly as they please; may disregard the lawless hands that smite us on the seas: They may spin extended theories about

who fought at Lexington.

the wastes of war; And say, "The international's the state we're seeking for." But, "My country," full and strong

Is the burden of my song, "My country!" and "My country!" and "She never may be wrong!" swing into the columns that go tramping through the square-Sure, I feel that brave Decatur's rubbing elbows with me there,

They may rail against preparedness that it invites attack, And ignore the slinking bandit crews that strike us in the back; They may argue inconsistencies un

will swing into the columns with ter thousand other men Who are marching on, marching on With Monroe and Washington, And the minute men who rallied when

endingly, and then-

our liberty was won. may write me down a jingo and may smile disdainfuly. But if I err, I'm erring in the best of company.

"Sir," said the Courteous Office Boy,' pausing beside my desk and eyeing me with quiet dignity, "may I borrow your patent non-skid razor?" "But, my boy," I cried scrutinizing

"And why not?" snapped the C. O. B., "If there are eleven on each side." But I had hurled him out into the hall before he could continue the conversation.

THOSE FAVORITE VICES. 'Tis very rude to pick your teeth; I like it;

merits tombstone and a wreath; I like it; The toothpick is an implement For strictly private uses meant; Who picks in public is no gent;

I like it. -Contrib'd by R. W. H.

'Tis wrong to gossip, spreading scandal I like it: It brands one as a soulless vandal:

I like it: Who steels one's purse we should not blame, But curs; the man who knocks one's

name: It is an everlasting shame; I like it.

THE SHORTEST POME

"Jay Aitch Jay" comes back in an effort to produce the shortest pome, with the following, which we will give credit for placing him in high rank as

I thought I would no longer trouble The half-million fire at Vancouver, you;
B. C., is called "mysterious," and it Please let all the troubles be in D C; It's the abbreviated double U.

UU or W. Signed Jay Attch Jay." A real spark of genius flames up, peace speech is that she is ready for however, in the contribution of W. C. peace when Germany sues for it, and Belt, the w. k. Newport contrib, who sends in, "A Woman's Way."

Which is diagrammed: Interrogation Quotation.

But the only one who has cut under the double dot rhyme of Kilpatrick a land, who addresses us as follows:

"To the Editor: I have read that certain pole once made the word 'peaches' rhyme with 'she aches.' With this as a precedent, it is not overworking poetic license to give the pronunciation 'hak-mah' to the word 'comma,' thereby producing a perfect rhyme; pome:

A paune

-Signed Dale B. Sigler." Pretty close, we say again. If they keep on getting closer someone is going to guess it in a day or so.

CONCERNING NAMES

Rufus has long auburn hair A Spokane fisherman dropped dead He had it cut and, I declare— There was a shingled Rufe, you know. I wooed Beatrice, but was stung,

> For well I knew she was a Bee. And with abundant girth abounds;

Tis very seldom one can spy

Here is what he got in on:

With deep regret, I can't forget-I've never been to Rome.

Love Still in Fashion. Pittsburg Post. "Everything has got to be improved right along these days." "Not at all. Take love making. There hasn't been any improvement for years, and yet it is still in fashion." Our Memorial Day By James Barton Adams.

Fall in! Fall in! Dress up the line, Right face and march away; Step reverently, comrades mine, On our Memorial day. floral gems, by Spring dew

kissed, Bear to the silent camp,
Where dear ones have been laid to rest
From life's long, weary tramp.
In column march with reverent tread
Out to the bivouac of the dead.

Unfurl our banner overhead. In beauty let it wave, The flag you comrades lying dead Once battled hard to save. Lift up your eyes, ye veterans old, As in the days of war, And bless each gently waving fold, Each sacred stripe and star— The flag we hore with zealous care When death held revel in the air.

Again our thoughts go winging back to stirring scenes of war, The rifle's sharp and vicious crack,
The cannon's angry roar.
The moans of those in grasp of pain,
Struck down in field and wood; The upturned faces of the slain,
The flow of patriot blood—
These pictures come as on we trend

To reverence our silent dead. Bear Spring's most lovely floral gems Plucked fresh from Nature's breast,
And crown with flowery diadems
The mounds 'neath which they rest,
Above them bend while hollest tears The honored graves bedew; As memory lifts the vell of years That we again may view The battle ranks in which they stood

With us on many a field of blood And as we reverence the dead, Our silent here braves, And, filled with fond remembrance, spread These tributets o'er their graves,

These tributets over their graves,
Let each old comrade's heart expand
With prayer to God on high,
That he may guard with loving hand
The boys we bade good-bye,
And that, when taps for us shall sound,
We'll camp with them on hallowed
ground.

MR. CLARK POINTS WAY TO UNITY

Progressives and Progressives Should Confer at Chiengo. PORTLAND. May 29.—(To the Editor.)—There is an unselfish, patriotic desire on the part of all elements to find a basis for common action to the New York, May 29.—Speaking "But, my boy," I cried scrutinizing his quivering lip, "you have no call for it as yet."

"True," admitted the C. O. B., with a blush," but one must follow the spirit of the times, and I desire in one fell swoop to ally myself with two movements—preparedness and safety first."

"As in football," I remarked dryly, "you desire to be prepared to get first of down."

"Sult of a scrowing conviction that there is now presented a very great crisis in our National life, and that political animostites, non-essential diffusions should all be laid aside, in the face of the grave situation we are called upon to meet.

New York, May 29.—Speaking of his flying machine, which is to travel 109 of the furnishing house of Maxim & Nordenfeldt, says it is awaiting his return from England for trial.

SOCIALIST HAS CHILDISH DREAM industry in Hands of Workers Would Be Paralyzed, Says Writer.

PORTLAND, Or. May 23.—(To the

to say whether or not they favor adequate economic, military and naval preparation, to protect our soil from foreign invasion, our sea commerce from unwarrantable impairment or destruction, to defend the lives of our citizens rightfully in foreign lands, and, when traveling the highways of the seas, and to enable us to discharge the self-imposed duty of maintaining the Monroe Doctrine, the continuance of which is at once as essential to our National safety as to our National honor. The problems of the two Chicago conventions will be to write into their platforms a clear statement of these issues, and to nominate a candidate for the Presidency best fitted to present them to the American people, and if elected, best fitted to carry them into execution.

Women, Mr. Barzee, unlike all other prominent members of the Socialist party, has accorned the protection of mists and fogs and, stepping out into the light, tells us boidly, plainly and consistently where he stands.

We learn from his letter that the state committee of the Socialist party may indorse some fundamental principle that the party itself rejects.

Mr. Barzee divides the Socialist movement into three different schools of name to suit himself. He does all this on no authority but his own.

Mr. Barzee thinks that the workers are industrially organized at present and that all we need do is to inform them into execution.

candidates as well as delegates.

The Progressives, as well as a considerable body of the Republican party.

Roosevelt, believing him best fitted to lead the fight. If the prevailing sentibules the provide of the ballot would be simply so much moonment of the delegates favor him he which reasonably represents the ideals of the progressive elements, there is no good reason why he should not receive the hearty support of all. What we should strive for is unity, and if a executive heart, and have almost sucgood man is nominated on a satisfactory platform, there is no reason why unity should not be accomplished. ism. Falling in this, they tried their is the same of the progressive that some its contraction of the progressive and in the National executive heart, and have almost sucgested in getting the party to indorse their peculiar brand of industrial union—the progressive and the progressive and th

It seems to me, however, that some plan should be worked out to bring both conventions together, not necessarily in joint meeting, but in reaching a common purpose. This might be done through a conference committee representing both convention bodies. Unless some such plan is worked out and put into operation each convention is likely to go its own way, and reach results that may not be reconcilable. results that may not be reconcliable.
A. E. CLARK.

few days ago is Dale B, Sigler, of Port- WHY NOT AN OCCASIONAL BIRD? Why Deny Cats Privilege That Humans

Assert? Asks Writer.

SALEM, May 22.—(To the Editor.)—
wonder if Mr. Finley had more birds
o feed last Winter than I did; and I had three cats also. The feeding place ciation 'hak-mah' to the word 'comma,' under the trees was full of birds from thereby producing a perfect rhyme; hence I submit the following shortest Spring we have had more birds than I spring we have had more birds than I ever saw here before and we have one more cat. He came to our back door one evening, nearly starved, and instead of turning him out to feast on birds we took him in and he has been paying his board by bringing in mice. God made cats and he made birds and I can't think it any worse for a cat to catch one now and then then it is for

and I can't think it any worse for a cat to eatch one now and then than it is for people to eat the flesh of chickens or of the innocent little lambs and calves, never even thinking of the suffering caused to those in shipping and handling by cruel butchers.

I love birds, cats and all animals and if we could administer a good spanking to the small boy with an airgun, to the big boy with his rifle, and punish the hunter who goes out for birds and all kinds of game for sport or for specikinds of game for sport or for speci-mens, then we might turn our attention to the cat. Until then let us not expect more intelligence from dumb animals than we show ourselves. MRS. W. H. H.

Tis very seldom one can spy

A Nat that weighs three hundred pounds.

OUR OWN GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY.

Willard Shaver, the gentlemanly fish and game editor, is hereby elected to membership in the "International Thumbnail Geographical Society," and issued license Number 1.

Here is what he got in on:

B Is Right.

PORTLAND, May 29.—(To the Editor.)—Please settle an argument. A owes a gas bill. He has owed it now for over a year and a half. A says he does not have to pay it now as it is outlawed unless he makes a payment on the bill, then it becomes due again and they can sue him. B says they can collect it any time.

OLD SUBSCRIBER.

The gas company has six years in which to collect.

Individual Limit Is Family Limit. ASTORIA, Or., May 28.—(To the Editor.)—Is a man and his wife each entitled to two quarts of liquor under Oregon's dry law? Very truly yours.

J. J. MINTOSH J. L. MINTOSH.

The two-quart limitation on impor-tation of spirituous liquors applies to "families." Husband and wife musget along with two quarts for 28 days.

In Other Days.

Half a Century Ago. From The Oregonian of May 30, 1866. A number of the young men of this city who are fond of athletic sports met on Monday evening last for the purpose of organizing a baseball club. A second meeting will be held to de-termine the plan of organization.

The river stood yesterday 20 feet and 4 inches above low water mark. A repetition of the high water scenes of '62 is expected. All the streams south of Portland are uncommonly swellen.

The grand military and civic ball to e given by the Washington Guard and the Fourteenth Infantry Band will take place tonight at Oro Fino Hall. This the formal dedication of the finest hall north of San Francis

New York, May 25. - The trial of Jeff Davis will probably be postponed until August or September. Much ani-mosity prevalls in Virginia against the members of the grand jury who re-turned the indictment and, until the popular feeling somewhat subsides, the Attorney-General thinks it best to delay the trial.

New York, May 26 .- Garibaldi has accepted the command tendered him by the Italian government.

Twenty-Five Years Ago.

From The Oregonian of May 30, 1821.
Consolidation now and forever! Down with bossism and the pap suckers! Reform in municipal government! There was a grand consolidation rally at the Tabernacle last night and these were the sentiments expressed and cheered with a mighty cheer that threatened to lift the roof off the building.

Bridgeport, Conn., May 29 .- A daring attempt to steal the body of P. T. Barnum, the dead showman, was made about 3 o'clock this morning. The watchman scared the ghouls off,

Berlin, May 29 .- The renewal of the triple alliance is confirmed. France has been thwarted in her efforts to keep Italy from entering the bargain.

Washington, May 29 .- Nearly all the persons who accompanied the President on his recent tour through the South and West were entertained at dinner

New York, May 29 .- Speaking of his

meet.

The issues of the coming campaign Editor.)—C. W. Barree's letter in The have already defined themselves. The Oregonian May 28 should be read care-American people will be called upon to say whether or not they favor ade-

them into execution.

It is too obvious to admit of debate that disagreement, that two nominations, means defeat of both nominees. The nomination of Mr. Roosevelt, unless it carries with it the approval and support of substantially all elements, or the nomination of Mr. Hughes, or the nomination of Mr. Hughes, or the nomination of Mr. Hughes, or the nomination of any other man, unless upon like conditions, would be an idle ceremony. This fact is so uniformly and so keenly realized that it will have a very sobering effect upon candidates as well as delegates.

This is a childish dream and antachistic the working class, not the working class, that are organized industrially. They are organized to carry on production under capitalist class should hand over the industries and all other means of life to the workers tomorrow or, say next election, it would be the greatest calamity that ever befell any nation. Production would come to a standstill will have a very sobering effect upon candidates as well as delegates.

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"Goody-Goody" Newspaper Caught. Banks Heraid. The bragging of the Portland Journal as to how it holds its column open "to all sides, all comers and all candidates in current controversies," etc., must appear contemptible to those who know anything about the Journal's methods and how much at variance they are with what it claims.

Recently The Oregonian showed how Senator Day's letter was "deliberately mangled, excised, emasculated and bluepenciled" by the Journal before it permitted it to appear, but there are local mitted it to appear, but there are local people who learned something of the same kind about the Journal's methods

only recently. A resolution on the land grant bill was adopted by the local Farmers' was adopted by the local Farmer Union recently, in which consideration for the settler was urged. The Journ for the settler was urged.

Baltimore American.
"Is that china of yours, Mrs. Comeup, old Chelsea?" "No, indeed, it isn't. It is all brand new stock." At the Club.

Boston Transcript. "I see a bore coming. "That augurs badly.

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them posted in the things they want to know, Advertisers with a women find quick response and each response begins a new circle of friends, for one wom: n tells another

Most of the great mercantile sucvomen.