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PORTLAND, TUESDAY, JULY 18, 1916.

NOW WHAT? An extraordinary dilemma confronts

For the purposes of the Astoria rul- for jeers or contempt. ing, Portland is tied up in an artificial rate group with Puget Sound ports and Astoria and denied the 100 miles in the interior. In other thing as mathematics, or geography, or distance, or mileage in the Astoria decision.

In the Spokane case Portland is cept a schedule of tariffs based on distance.

Thus, as to Spokane and interior points, water competition at an ocean terminal means nothing; and as to

Yet both are facts-vital facts for Portland and its future.

It is up to Portland to say whether it shall be sewed up in a rate bag it shall be sewed up in a rate bag odium because, it is said, they "fight mit Hughes." body; or shall make real the claims for itself as to location and destiny It has put forth for sixty years.

COUNTRY CHURCHES AND COUNTRY

co-operation among churches of the same denomination and among different denominations of kindred doctrine is the most natural explanation of the decay in rural religious life which is revealed by the survey of Lane County. In one de-nomination vigorous churches can be provided in the smallest rural communities with the aid of larger and wealthier churches in the cities. In somewhat larger communities which are capable of maintaining a single church in vigorous life, rival churches of different sects seem doomed to shrivel and die. If the sects would take a broader view of the subject and would magnify their many and more important points of agreement while minimizing their few and less impor-tant points of difference, they could agree on the maintenance in such a community of only one church of one denomination. denomination with a prospect of maintaining vigorous life and growth. It is in the country that the churche

commonly classed as evangelical show the weakness arising from division. Most of these divisions arise over questions of government or organization, on questions of doctrine and Christian conduct. Yet for the of non-essentials they fritter energy at the essentials. The result is weak churches served by preachers who "radiate from the city. Not living among their congregations, they do not members of the community and have o more hold on their people than the itinerant peddler as distinguished from the permanent storekeeper. various churches to regard themselve not as separate armies but as divisions of the same army, striving to keep alive and propagate substantially the same faith by slightly different methods, they would plant a reasonably paid resident minister of some one minstion in each village rather than have two or more sickly congregations served by radiators.

The survey corroborates what The Oregonian has frequently said of the poor results gained for the churches by wandering evangelists as compared with resident pastors. The evangelist at best can produce only immediate results, which are usually transitory, for they can be made permanent only "follow-up" work such as none but the resident pastor can do. In most cases evangelists have only superficial success by infusing a species of religious hysteria, which is followed by relapse of their so-called converts.

Growing popularity of dances may far to explain why churches are The people must have rec reation and, there being little enough opportunity for it in rural Oregon, if Fiction writers frequently describe the English country vicar who outdoor recreations of his flock. Why should the country preacher not take the same place in an Oregon village or country town? Surely the best way to

It is but the work of two years to that only 13.1 per cent of so typically—how much in excess we do not as American a population as that of Lane County are members of any church.

The thought certainly shift to the plants is in excess of fifteen years a study for scientists. In his investigations of "natural death" he accepted a definition of it section are the best bearers and im-It finds no warrant in the Christian prove each year.

recreation. Religious folk who value ducted. There would be left a net rerecreation. Religious felk who value education will not be attracted by a community whose churches are decadent, where there are many weak, small schools instead of few strong union schools, where a child must go to a distant town for high school education and where public amusements are few and can be enjoyed only at the cost of a wracking journey by road. Rural districts of other states thrive by making themselves attractive which is to go to New York to be used thrive by making themselves attractive in all these respects. In short, the country church is but a part of the broad problem of country life.

"HE FOUGHT MIT SIGEL." Franz Sigel was a soldier of distinction in the service of the United States during the war of the rebellion. was of German birth and he had imnense popularity among all loyal Americans and particularly among those numerous patriotic citizens of German birth or ancestry who were proud to say that they had served under the Generalship of the gallant

"He fought mit Sigel" became a familiar byword. Thousands of brave defenders of a nation in peril fought with Sigel. Some of them were a little lame in their English, but none with Sigel. An extraordinary dilemma confronts of the latest orfer of the Interstate Commerce Commission denying a rehearing in the
Astoria parity case honor and praise, and not as a pretext

Franz Sigel was a student and a soldier, who was a champion of German unity and Republicanism. He came to America in 1850, at the age of senefit of its geographical location, 26, and taught mathematics and interested himself in the militia. words, the Astoria ruling is that for the Civil War broke out he organized purposes of rate-making from the Inland Empire, 200 miles and 200 miles and performed signal service at Camp are the same thing. There is no such Springfield. As Brigadier-General, he bore a conspicuous part at the battle of Pea Ridge. As Major-General, he was in command at Harper's and was then at the head of the Elev-enth Army Corps. Throughout the held to be an ocean port but not entitled to the benefits of water competition and must suffer the disadvantage of its location at the end of a transcontinental haul and must accept a schedule of tariffs based on discontinental haul and selections. It is a schedule of tariffs based on discontinental haul and selections are selected and honored by a granteful Nation.

Now there are sneers at Americans of German blood or birth because many of them are for Mr. Hughes for President. "He fought mit Hughes" is merely a derisive buriesque of the old slogan, "He fought mit Sigel." Astoria, the interior location means There is no contempt for the old sol-nothing.

There is no contempt for the old sol-diers who fought with Sigel except in the columns of a violently Democratic Portland newspaper. There is no excuse for the outright insult to their sons who are held up to undeserved

THE REAL ESTATE MEN.

The most obvious feature of the Interstate Realty Convention, now holding sessions in Portland, is that there is a very large number of delegates and the next most obvious thing is that they are an earnest, active and intelligent body of men. If they are not prosperous, they give a mor markable semblance of it; and if they are not optimists—as all "realtors" and indeed all others should be—they one is just as rich as he is happy; and it is so. We should say that one is just as prosperous and as optimistic

as he appears to be They are dealers, owners or agents of a large and important interhe may do much harm.

cumb when the pinch comes. In in mic quieter times, the legitimate dealer mals. reaps his reward, not so much per- believe that acute polsoning was ochaps in fat profits as in the gains he is far better off than the fly-bynighter who seeks to catch the fleeting dollar on the wing. other way of saying that fair dealing pays, in real estate as in any other

The realty men have a big job in the methods for the marketing of real es-They have an equally large responsibility in helping to safeguard the public from such legislative and economic follies as the single tax. are keenly aware of what such things

The realty men are welcome in Port. land. May their convention be profit-able to them and to the whole North-

Logan, of Santa Cruz, Cal., accidentally gave us the loganberry, which is a cross between the dewberry and raspberry; but in those fifteen years the loganberry has proved a boon to the the churches will not provide recreation berry growers of the West, and more particularly the Northwest. It describe the English country vicar who taken firm hold as one of our best is an athlete, a singer, or both, and fruit assets, and as it cannot be sucwho takes the lead in both indoor and cessfully grown except on the Pacific

turn people's minds from harmful get a loganberry plot in bearing, and amusements is to help in providing it is almost entirely free from pests. those which are harmless and to share in them. Why should the church have not take a scientist to keep the vines become associated in the people's in good condition, as they need but gree. He said quaintly once that exminds with the idea that pleasure is little pruning. An occasional cutting ceedingly old people could always be necessarily sinful? That thought cer- of the old stalks will do. The life of

which is to go to New York to be use

for flavoring Summer drinks. One great advantage of the logan berry to the growers is the various uses in case of a slack demand. It is acceptable for canning, preserving, drying and for its juice, either pure or concentrated in the shape of syrup. With a little attention and prepara He tion, the loganberry grower can equip fm- himself so that he can pick his market.

SEEKING THE FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH. Elle Mechnikov, who died the other day, although a scientist of broad attainments, will be known to future generations chiefly for his efforts to solve the problem of the prolongation me years ago he startled the world by declaring that there was reason why, excluding accidents, the average man should not live a century and a half. He was then deep in his theory that manifestations of age were in truth the effect of certain "fatigue poisons," similar to those which he believed caused desire for sleep. First, he dreamed of producing an anti-fatigue serum; then he came to believe that if he found it he would close on the discovery of an antideath serum. Through his writings on the subject runs evidence that he regarded the phenomena of sleep and of death as intertwined. The idea was a curious mingling of the poetical, the religious and the so-called scientific thought on the all-absorbing topic.

Professor Mechnikov declared that what he termed "natural death" was exceedingly rare in human kind. In current language, illness is called nat-ural, but Mechnikov denied that. Illupon accident, and that some crea ures, if properly protected against violence, do not die. Organisms with cell, such as the infusoria, were used by him for the purpose of illustration. They reproduced by division. The mother organism has, as were, dissolved into its progeny without suffering real death, said the scientist. Continuing his studies of the lower forms of life, he finally accepted as true the deaths of bacteria and yeast microbes as the result of poisoning occasioned by their own proper products. He never was con-vinced that the death of plants was due to exhaustion, but asked himself whether it might not be due to poison ing brought about in the course of their vital functioning. These were the early steps he took in the search for the secret of age and for a prophy.

ctic against decrepitude. With his belief, which probably was largely inspired by hope, that "nat-ural death" could be, if not prevented, at least long deferred, he was still not inhospitable to the idea that such death was an instinctive longing, and offer a most convincing appearance of the sought assiduously for evidence of the real thing. Someone has said that ing it at last in the case of an aunt We should say that one is of Brillat-Savarin, who passed away prosperous and as optimistic in full possession of her faculties at as he appears to be.

These realty men are not the mere luminating. "Thank you," she said, in survivors of the flush times of former response to an expression of endearment by her famous nephew, agents of a large and important interest who follow the sale or exchange of real estate or the development of realty through its cultivation or improvement as a profession. They can really through its cultivation or improvement as a profession. They can conceived ideas and as one or the provement as a profession. They can conceived ideas and as one or the provement as a profession. They can conceived ideas and as one or the provement as a profession. They can conceived ideas and as one or the provement as a profession. so in a direct way your realty man has seemed never to have abandoned hope a special interest in all the large do-ings of his community. He becomes yet be found. He still did not accept a booster, a promoter. Within ap-proved lines he may be and is im-mensely useful; in certain other lines cause of soullty, he discovered that certain other lines cause of senility, he discovered that birds do not show their age as mam-In booming times, the wild-catter mals do; he found that the intestinal has his day; but he is the first to suc-cumb when the pinch comes. In in microbes than in the case of mam-From this he was induced to casioned by the products of mushbe makes in good will and confidence rooms and of microbes introduced into the alimentary canal of the human. "If," said he, "this is really the cause of senile atrophy, then we must be-This is only an- lieve that a reduction in the number of flora will reduce the manifestations

of age." Observation of the people of Bulgaria, in a region famous for the lonsupport and pursuit of wise and safe gevity of its inhabitants, led to the conclusion that much was due to the favorable effects of what has now come to be known as the bacillus bulgarious, and it is for this that Pro-fessor Mechnikov is most popularly mean to them and to the public, and of his life's work as a scientist.

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The formulated several simple fules of sprinking they have the first of them. He contended that no matter how carefully follow was washed. It still was contaminated. Eating only was must be m well-cooked food and using only wawell-cooked food and using only wa-ter that had been boiled, he declared, would prevent introduction into the body of those wild microbes the in-jurious effects of which could not be denied. "Wild microbes" was his own designation of them. Other of his rules were: Moderation in eating and all other corporeal pleasures were sirall other corporeal pleasures, pure air, dally exercise, early to bed and early o rise, sleep limited to six or seven nours, a bath and brisk rubbing ever ay without fail. Regular work and itellectual occupation, he held, were indispensable. He placed stress on the mental attitude of enjoyment of living, tranquillity of mind, a hopeful conception of life. His own conception of life was hopeful to the last de ceedingly old people could always be useful—finally, if in ne other way, as

It finds no warrant in the Christian religion.

The people of Oregon have secular motives for desiring the success of the churches as agencies of religion and right living, for the churches are factors which may become more powerful in promoting good citizenship. The state as a whole has other interests in the subject, for it is intimately associated with the general subject of described where more than eight tons per acre have been have are cited where more than eight tons per acre have been have are cited where more than eight tons per acre have been hav "Having reached the extremity of age

deavers not only to prolong hume life but to soften the ravages of the years. Perhaps he dreamed of the time when all would die as did the aunt of Brillat-Savarin, intellectually strong, yet yearning for the death that had become a "need," rather than as the old man of Menage, forsaken by "from the circumference to the

center."
On the desirability of infinite pr

longation of life, there never will be an end to the difference of opinion. "Self-preservation is the first law of Nature" only, perhaps, when all the natural instincts are in their flower. History abounds with the records of the going out of aged people, holding no bitterness toward life, yet welcom ing rest beyond the grave. Guilive pointed out the undesirability of im mortality on earth in the tale of his sojourn among the Luggaggians There were occasional ones among them, called "struidbrugs," who could them, oal not die. "When they came to four the follies and infirmities of other old age, but many more which arose from the dreadful prospect of never dying." These immortals were an exceedingly unhappy lot. "Whenever they see a funeral, they lament and replue the others are gone to a harbor of rest to which they themselves never can hope to arrive." Finally, "the least miserable are they who return to dotage and entirely lose their memo-ries." Thus did the dean satirize those who would prolong their stay on earth beyond its natural time. He saw that earthly immortality might have its se-rious drawbacks and few if any advantages to offset them.

Conferring of an honorary college degree upon a police official is novel, to say the least. Such action, taken by President Lowell, of Harvard, recently, sets a precedent which derives additional importance from the reasons assigned. The recipient of the honor is Commissioner Arthur Woods, of New York, the difficulties of whose position will be understood by all who ural, but Mechnikov denied that. Illness, he argued, could be avoided; it
was not necessarily a "fatal result of
properties inherent in our organization." He noted that in many of the
inferior organisms death followed only
upon accident, and that some creawon their confidence and that of the won their confidence and that of the community." These qualities com-monly have not been demanded by the people in the men they set to catch thieves and enforce the traffic and other local ordinances, but the fact hat they are recognized and rewarded gives promise of development of a new ambition on the part of our preservers of the peace.

> There is a strong analogy between the adventure of Captain Keenig, of the submarine Deutschland, and that of Vasca Da Gema, the explorer who 430 years ago rounded the Cape of Good Hope and returned safely to P tugal with a cargo of spices from India. De Gama made what was the longest voyage ever accomplished up to that time. This is not true of Captain Koenig's submarine achievement, because his 3800 miles has been overmatched by the 4000 miles said to have been traveled by the German submarines which made the detour from the home port to the Dardanelles last year, but the similarity lies in the fact that both opened a new trade route and both arried cargoes that caused great re. olding to the people. The rubber and nickel that Koenig takes home will e at least as acceptable to the Ger mans as were the spices of Da Gam four centuries before to the Portuguese.

There is no real difference between the construction programme of the Senate naval committee and the recimmendations of Admiral Knight in ase eight capital ships should be au The Admiral proposes that four battleships and four battle cruis ers be built and the committee proposes that the same number be soon as practicable, but that six Light o' the white moon overhead. cruisers, the United States should but while doing so would not act wise- Light o' the far dawn, faint and small,

Troubles accumulate for King Constantine. His kingdom occupied by foreign armies, his government driven Song o' the frog in the marshes damp from office by threats to starve his people, he is now driven from his palpeople, he is now driven from his pal-ace by fire. Who would be a King in

Having started as a Democrat, William Sulzer became a Progressive and is now a Prohibitionist. He may yet make the round of all parties that will take him as a candidate, except the Republicans, who would not ac

Those fellows who run the War Department for Mr. Wilson say the ration is good enough for the Guards-men, who are forbidden to ask for anything better. This is comforting

There is an ordinance that requires ashes to be kept in a metal receptacle, but it is violated. Like breaking the sprinkling rule, all depends on being

The Army needs cooks, but they must be good ones. It may not gen-erally be understood that the cook is the chief patriot of the troop or company.

The new bridge at Memphis, just opened, is the largest on the Mississippi, but is not as long as the Inter state bridge building at VancSuver.

A large part of the \$30,000,000 Great Britain is spending daily is used at home, for labor and material, so the amount is not wholly lost.

While the sea dogs of the ailies are satching for the Deutschland at the Virginia capes, the Bremen is liable

The Scribes and Pharisees set up their pretensions early in the Christian era and many of their descendants continue the yawp. If the allies should catch the sub-

ceal the fact in order to keep Ger-That was real economic loss in the fire at La Grande a few days ago in which three tons of watermelons were

parine Deutschland, they might con-

Nothing should be allowed to interfere with success of the Pendleton Roundup. That is an Oregon institu-

Gleams Through the Mist

By Dean Collins

BALLADE OF VACATION Across the pond, somewhere in France, The cannon boom and weapons clang; meone has made ten yards' advanc While high explosives go; "Bang Bang! The British Lion bares his fans,

The German Eagle snaps his beak, But I say; "Let them all go hang-For my vacation's on this week.'

Lo, the spell-binder from his trance Awakes and starts his harp to twang. campaign warhorse starts to prance

And patriot bosoms feel the pang That gives their speech the proper tang Of lofty purpose, which they seek; But I can let them all go hang-

Mars prods the border with his lance, And loud alarms go dang-a-lang. And mustering hosts their pennants dance

Where once the Texts rifles rang, Where Alamo's avengers sprang The Army autos puff and creak. But let them one and all go hang-For my vacation's on this week.

L'Envol. Old World, blow up with one big bang, Or sprout new bay'nets on your cheek; "Not In," upon my door I'll hang-

For my vacation's on this week. "Oh sire," exclaimed the Office Boy vacation time is here. So let me join

you in your joy when you clope from "We'll have," I said, "a bully time and go and peek at some new clime-"Aye, aye," said he, "and we may seek to go and climb at some new

"And by the purling brook," we cast our hooks and catch the fry. "And if we hook a goodly batch said he, "perhaps we'll fry the catch." And," I continued, "I declare perhaps we'll hunt and tree the hear. "And when we've done so," chortled

he, "right back to camp we'll bear the "We'll fear," said I, "no trail rough, but boldly we will mount the bluff."

"Each climb a trifle will we count." he yelled. "That's how we'll bluff the mount."

"Waist deep up mountain streams we'll forge and bait the hook to fish the gorge."

"What more," said he, "could wild trout wish? They'll hook our balt and gorge the fish."

We'll cast our nets within the lake and draw them out and count the take." "And when we've figured the mount," cried he, "our hopes will take the count."

"We'll hie the rural ways along and ay our way in coin of song." And then the constables may join t nake us hear their song of coin. And then in chorus yodeled we: How happy will we be; Oh see, how gally to the woods go we, the poet and the C. O. B.!"

Call o' the bine jay from the stump, Call o' the squirrel from the hazel

clump, Call o' the screech owl 'neath the moon Fishin' call o' the striped raccoon, Call o' the lark in the first dawn's

break, Call in the dark that the night-hawks make. Call o' the grumbling waterfall, Calls o' the woods, I know th

Light o' sun through the hemlock Light o' the stars when the daylight flees.

additional battleships be authorized. Light o' the campfire, dwindling red, Having no battle cruisers and no scout Phosphor light o' the glowworm's spark. ake good these deficiencies. Light o' the beasts' eyes in the dark,

ly in entirely suspending battleship Lights o' the woods, I know them all. ong o' the locust rattling far Song o' the bees where the blossoms

are. Song o' the cricket within the camp, Evensong o' the katydid. Song o' the brook in the tall brake hid, Song o' the wind in the fir trees tall,

Songs o' the woods-I know them all. When Adam was thrust from the

garden His gaze turned in yearning behind, But the pitiless sword of the Warden Fashed white in the pitiless wind, Flashed white as the lightning to sever The hope in his bosom that ran, And the gates of the Garden forever

Were closed to the father of man. But oft when his labor was sorest, To deaden the sting of his pain. He would leave it and steal through the

To the hills o'er the Garden again, And through the sweet cedars, tallshafted.

He would gaze on it, loving and long,

The pitiless sword of the Warden Still shines with its pitlless fire; Fet we love to look back at the For we are the sons of our sire,

Tis a hunger as old as creation As old as the races of men; And that's why we yearn for vacation

PORTLAND, July 17.—(To the Editor.)—The following advertisement appeared in The Oregonian today: TWENTY advertising managers answered my ad for a position last week; nineteer said 'I can deliver the goods, give me ar interview.' So far I have one man to plot from. Is there only one man in Portland who can show by his application that he knows something about advertising?

Ethics in Employment

This suggests the query: "Does efficiency win?" Here is a similitude: Twenty students compete in an examination. Out of the 20 only one demonstrates his efficiency. Is it fair to the one efficient student that the examiner should immediately prompt the other 19, and coach them to the detriment of the one who demonstrated his efficiency. Is it fair to the one efficient student that the examiner should immediately prompt the other 19, and coach them to the detriment of the one who demonstrated his could deliver the roots? detriment of the one goods? he could deliver the goods? J. AITCH JAY.

PORTLAND, July 17.—(To the Editor.)—Please inform me if there is a state law in regard to Sunday dancing and, if so, please state the law governing same.

A. B. HEMWAY.

There is no specific law on the sub A California apple on sale in Hood a "place of amusement" on Sunday. This would apply to public dances casm.

GOOD CAUSE FOR WORRY EXISTS. Amalgamation of Republican Party

Makes Democrats "Frantic." PORTLAND, July 17 .- (To the Edior.)-There is a widespread panic in he Democratic party, for the reason the Progressives are going to supp lughes. We see it every day in the pregon Journal, but why should the Progressives not support the Repub-lican ticket? The platform is the Pro-gressive platform. There never was anything in a Progressive platform that was not Republican doctrine. The anything in a Progressive platform that was not Republican doctrine. The Progressives were always in favor of Republican protection, except a few of the Southern members, who thought they were pouring water on the Democratic wheel by encouraging the revolt in the Republican party by their support. Even now, long after the Progressives have returned to the party they always knew would pull our country out of that Democratic mire which we find ourselves in after three years of Democratic failure, the Democratic press is perfectly frantic, realizing the inevitable defeat awaiting Democration ext Fall by the complete amalgamation of the two opposing parties.

The Oregon Journal is so frantic that when these truths are called to its attention it begins to call names—"copperhead, villain, traitor." The reason it does so is it cannot truthfully answer these plain statements of simple fact. That is the very reason for its conduct. It well knows the failures of the Wilson Administration—its failure to keep promises made the people, the failures to reduce the

tion—its fallure to keep promises made the people, the fallure to reduce the high cost of living, the imposition of burdens on the people with what they term a "war revenue tax" in an en-deavor to raise sufficient revenue to maintain the Government instead of the usual Democratic method of issu-ing bonds.

The Journal's hypocritical carp re sarding "Abraham Linkurn" will no deceive the voters. They know which party the copperheads supported dur-ling the trying figures of countries. deceive the voters. They know which party the copperheads supported during the trying times of our internecine warfare of 1881-5, and they have just begun to hear critifism of the Wilson Administration. An avalanche of public sentiment will overwhelm all objection before the campaign is over for the Republicans will see to it that the people will not be deceived into believing Democratic misstatements. OBSERVER.

TRAVELERS' AID COMMENDED Y. W. C. A. Fills Need Efficiently Main Railway Depots.

PORTLAND, July 17 .- (To the Edi -Among the various clubs and or

tor.)—Among the various clubs and organizations carried on in this city for the benefit of women, none deserves a higher place than the Young Women's Christian Association.
One of their departments especially in mind, at this season particularly, is the Travelers' Aid Society.
Having had occasion to spend an hour at the North Bank depot this morning, an onlooker could not fail to be impressed by the kindly, efficient work done by the representative of the association there. Miss Amelia Fershay. As the various trains were nearing

As the various trains were nearing departure she was up and doing in the waiting-room, apprising oblivious, elderly couples—who had sat waiting in some instances for an hour or two—that this was now the train by which they were to travel.

With intelligence and alacrity she assisted them to the train, helping to carry their numerous bundles.

The association keeps a woman stationed at the North Bank, Union and Oregon Electric depots, and hopes to place one at the Alder-street depot

place one at the Alder-street depo place one at the Alder-street depot also. A friendly eye is kept besides on the steamers at the dates of sailing. Although donations for this most necessary work are given by some of the churches and others, the Young Women's Christian Association pay Women's Chi their salaries.

This practical course is worthy of all the help that can be given. be given. TRAVELER.

MORE BEAUTY IN OLDER DESIGN New Gold Pieces Cast Doubt on Beauty of New Silver Colnage.

WILSON, Or., July 15 .- (To the Edior.)-In regard to the new silver coins it is to be hoped that the designs will be more beautiful than those of the hideous gold coins. Compare the beau-tiful plain American gold coins of the preceding coinage with the last ones and let any normal, every day person, judge them and see what he says Outside of a few artists and their would-be followers the coins are noted for their wouldness. heir ugliness.

I have before me a new quarter as I write. It is a lovely coin—so piain, but charming in its clearness of meaning. On one side Liberty's head with one stately motto, "in God We Trust," with stars on each side. On the reverse side is the eagle carrying "E Pluribus Unum," bearing a shield is one talon, the emblem of peace, in the other that of war. Every one can understand these symbols, and the stars above. Let us always have stars. We

Illumination of Highway. BEND, Or., July 18.—(To the Editor.)
-Permit me to say a few words about the Columbia River Highway. I have the Columbia River Highway. I have taken particular interest in the scenic views from the Columbia River Highway, as well as the great engineering feat of same. To make a leng story short, is there any way that we people of Oregon can illuminate the Great Columbia River Highway? To Illuminate this National highway down the Columbia River into the city of Portland would be one of the highway. land would be one of the biggest draw-ing cards that any state of the Union or any country could boast of. Stop and think what the illumination of all

and think what the illumination of all public highways means.

Let the good old state of Oregon be the first one to accomplish this feat. Really, wouldn't it be a grand sight at a very nominal cost? It is essential that we do this from a thousand standpoints. Let's hear from the different people of the state on this subject.

JESSE W. DAY.

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SALEM, Or., July 16.—(To the Editor.)—A certain widow is the owner of real estate in Salem, for which she has a warranty deed. She has been in possession 18 years. No claim has ever been made by any person or persons for or to any right to said estate. But a lawyer (for some reason) has picked flaws in her title and causing her much trouble, and she has been forced for four months to try to find someone who will contest her title. What is she to do in such case?

D. J. GCODE.

title is shown to be defective, consult a lawyer.

When Nations Declared War. PORTLAND, June 17.—(To the Ed-tor.)—Which country declared war on lermany first, France or England? Also when? SUBSCRIBER. Also when?

Germany took the initiative in the natter of formally declaring war on France. This was August 5, 1918, ents may be exempted from attach-France having previously mobilized ment for debta for family expenses, without declaring war. England declared war on Germany, August 4.

In Other Days.

Twenty-five Years Age.
From The Oregonian July 18, 1891.
Walia Walia, July 17.—This was the second day of the court-martial of Colonel C. E. Compton, of the Fourth Cavairy, for neglect of duty.

London.-Nothing recently has excited the inner Conservative circle so much as Lord Salisbury's declaration that female suffrage ought to form a part of the coming electoral reforms. Mrs. Abe Tichenor and daughter will leave tonight for a six weeks' rest dence at Long Beach.

John Curran, the popular veteran hat drummer, has returned from a trip to New York city, where he has been assisting his house in selecting its pur-chases for the Summer.

Miss Ella C. Sabin, who for the last three years has acceptably filled the position of superintendent of schools of this city, leaves today for Wisconsin, where she is to be president of Don-ner College at Fox Lake, near Milwaukee.

The Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club is negotiating for permanent grounds for a baseball diamond, racetrack and tennis court

Mr. DeLashmutt will start Stemwinder in the race matinee for the "400" this afternoon at Riverside Park.

Half a Century Ago.

From The Oregonian, July 18, 1866. Washington—Senator Sherman, on July 14, made the bitterest anti-John-son speech yet heard on the floor. He said the Republicans must stand together and not hope for support from the President.

Advices from Europe say the Prussians have gained a decided victory in Bohemia, both the grand armies being engaged. Austria offers to cede Venetia to Napoleon and the latter proposes an armistice. From the recent action in Congress it

would seem Oregon is not to have the branch mint it has asked for. It would also seem that no more branch mints are to be established.

William Church has advertised for 0 good seamstresses. They should apply at 144 Front street. Among the many scientific gentle-

men who are to be present at the State Educational Association at Oregon City July 31 will be: Professor Wood, Rev. Drs. Wythe, Atkinson, Benson, Marsh, Scott and Spencer and Drs. Wilson and Scott and Watkins.

William Burnett, Esq., U. S. Supervis-ing Inspector of Steamboats of all the waters on the Pacific Coast and west of the Rocky Mountains, has Just re-turned from an official tour of the Willamette and Columbia Rivers

RHYME, NOT PARAPHRASE, USED One Who Heard Conkling Nominate

Grant Disputes Late Story. STEVENSON, Wash., July 15 .- (To the Editor.)—In The Oregonian is a re-print of an article from the St. Louis Globe-Democrat in regard to the ac-tual language employed by Conkling in beginning his address nominating Grant for the Presidency. The writer of the article concludes that the speaker intended to use the lingle written by Miles O'Rellly, but for some reason not explained substituted the following words: "When asked whence comes our Miles O'Rellly, but for some reason not explained substituted the following words: "When asked whence comes our

words: "When asked whence comes our condidate, we say from Appoination."
This is incorrect. As an eye witness who had his attention riveted on Conkling from the first to the last of that speech. I am prepared to state without hesitation that the author of the article referred to has assumed and presumed too much. This is what happened: After the applause which his apparatus presented had subsided happened: After the applause which his appearance created had subsided, he recited in the tense silence that pre-vailed this rhyme: "When asked what state he hails from,

"When asked what state he hails from, Our sole reply shall be, He comes from Appomattox
And its famous apple tree."
It was some minutes, probably five or ten, bafore he could proceed. The applause was deafening, frenzigd, irrational. During it all Conkling stood with the complaisant expression on his face of a gunner who has scored a hit and is measuring its success. Once he relaxed for a moment and looked down at the group of reand looked down at the group of re table on which he stood. With a def flirt of his foot he sent a pile of "copy

derstand these symbols, and the stars above. Let us always have stars. We need them to remind us in this toilsome work-a-day world, once in a while to look up at the stars. We hope the day may come again when our plain American ideas in coins will prevail, as the return to colonial ideas has come in architect use. Compare the modern fussy, decorated bunsalow with the beautiful, plain colonial American home. Who would not prefer the latter?

MRS, JENNIE A. REEHER.

Evidently it had been carefully prepared for stampeding purposes, it was timed to fit the psychological moment and its explosive climaxes enraptured to fit the psychological moment and its explosive climaxes enraptured to fit the psychological moment and its explosive climaxes enraptured to fit the psychological moment and its explosive climaxes enraptured to fit the psychological moment and its explosive climaxes enraptured to fit the psychological moment and its explosive climaxes enraptured to fit the psychological moment and its explosive climaxes enraptured to fit the psychological moment and its explosive climaxes enraptured to fit the psychological moment and its explosive climaxes enraptured to fit the psychological moment and its explosive climaxes enraptured to fit the psychological moment and its explosive climaxes enraptured to fit the psychological moment and its explosive climaxes enraptured to fit the psychological moment and its explosive climaxes enraptured to fit the psychological moment and its explosive climaxes enraptured to fit the psychological moment and its explosive climaxes enraptured to fit the psychological moment and its explosive climaxes enraptured to fit the psychological moment and its explosive climaxes enraptured to fit the psychological moment and its explosive climaxes enraptured to fit the psychological moment and its explosive climaxes enraptured to fit the psychological moment and its explosive climaxes to fit the psychological moment and its explosive climaxes to fit the psychological moment and its explosive

PORTLAND, July 17.—(To the Editor.)—Some days ago the writer neticed an answer to an inquiry to The Oregonian in regard to special tax being collected by the Government. The inquirer asked if a private individual investor was subject to any special tax and The Oregonian answered that he

was not. Now I am a private individual in-Now I am a private individual investor, not in business and only investing my own funds for my ewn profit and not for resale and I have been compelled to pay a broker's tax and secure a broker's license and in addition was charged a penalty for not complying with a law I have never heard of.

heard of.

I estimate that if I should be rightfully subject to this tax then there are at least 500 in Portland and 1500 in Oregon who are so lilable, but only about 37 have paid this tax and all of these with possibly three exceptions are brokers in every sense of the word, as they buy and resell. INVESTOR.

The inquiry answered in The Oregonian concerned a Federal tax. Probably the tax "Investor" is paying is that levied in the state "blue sky" law.

War and Election

PORTLAND, Or., July 17.—(To the Editor.) — (1) I have been told and heard it discussed by many among the laboring men that if we should happen to he at war with Mexico, or any other foreign power at the time of election there would be no election; that President Wilson would hold over. If this is not a fact it should be made publicly known as it seems to be the belicly known as it seems to be the belief among many of the working people. Where it started I don't know.
(2) Also would like to know if a man's
wages can be attached or garnisheed
for back rent if he has family to support. GEORGE BRIDGES.

(1) A condition of war would not prevent holding the election. (2) Yes, except that upon proper showing to the court \$37.50 of the wages when needed to support depend-