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#### THE SPENDERS.

ten-line news dispatch from Washington the other day contained the pleasing information that President Wilson was seriously considering the distressed financial condition of the Government and would probably address a message to Congress on the subject. It is high time.
A singular and inexplicable phase

of the late election was that no consideration was given by the electorate to the Democratic party's gross, palpaand undenied violation of its agance made by the Sixty-fourth Congress, in ordinary times, would have deservedly led to the overwhelming But other issues crowded the important and vital question of public ex-penditure to the background.

Congress appears to think that it has license to go ahead with an unbridled orgy of distribution of the public funds—a monumental National potlatch. The other day a rule was reported in the House limiting to four hours discussion of the \$35,000,000 public buildings grab. In this grotesque measure items such as \$120,-000 for Nogales, Ariz. (5000 popula-Secretary McAdoo notifies Congress

that the Treasury faces a deficit the other side of the world. of \$185,000,000, and Representative and means committee, says that in peal? 1918, at the present rate, the deficit The spenders rule the roost at Washington. Who cares?

TEACHINGS OF THE ELECTION. velt combined, an increase of 12.4 per cent. Mr. Wilson polled 2,823,277 tribution, all classes and conditions of through the ridge of rock in the river more votes in 1916 than in 1912, an men and women being represented. increase of 44.8 per cent. The total vote was 3,593,549 more than in 1912.

The great increase in the He had it to give, of course. Democratic vote is due less to capwomen's votes. the total vote and by the fact that spond. Wilson carried every woman suffrage state except Oregon and Illi-

Although in the main the reunion of the two wings of the Republican party was complete, Mr. Hughes' defeat was due to the failure to make it complete Moffett, acting under commission from in certain states. Where the Progressives were received into full fellowship in the old party and where their counsel was heeded, Mr. Hughes Where the old-line Republicans retained control of the organization and treated the Progressives rather as penitent sinners, Mr. Hughes lost? Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Oregon fall in the former category; Hampshire, California and Washingten in the latter. In Ohio the coun-Garfield were ignored and the reunited party lost the state. New Hampshire showed its weariness of that typical standpatter, Senator Gallinger, by voting for Wilson. An open feud between old-line Republicans and Progressives was continued till election day in California and Washington and was clearly reflected in the election of Senators Johnson and Poin dexter and the defeat of Mr. Hughes. The three states last mentioned would have sufficed to give Mr. Hughes a majority of the electoral vote and there is good reason to believe that, had he carried them, the same influences would have won other states

for him. The Republicans nominated their strongest candidate and they would have elected him if they had put their strongest men in the lead in the different states. The party was carried down by such dead weights as Gallinger and the old guard of other These men are no longer the leaders of the party, for the party has twice refused to follow them. Yet so wedded are Republican Senators to the old fetish of seniority that they have again chosen Old-Man-of-the-Sea

Gallinger as their leader. Even revival of the dissensions of 1912 would not have sufficed to elect Mr. Wilson had not the Repub-

cast the same number of electoral enough to deserve to be vindicated in tion that "human nature is human votes as \$58,698 in Minnesota. Geor- a positive manner, but there are oth- nature," and that it is entirely possi-

Georgia still has three times as much who make light of little things—a dolweight as in the Golden State. Wis-365, and Iowa with the same number trust our watch or whom we might times as many as Georgia. ing up the silverware. Louisiana with 85,534 votes, or Mis-Dakota's 123,452 count only for five, Texas gets twenty electoral do

nore than three times as many. the condition of affairs which prevails good morals but good business. that section is a corrupting sore to the whole Nation. It would be better for the South as well as the North to hold genuine elections in the former section. Even if the result were to leave the South solidly Democratic, PORTLAND, THURSDAY, DEC. 28, 1916, it would be better for the North that the vote should be full and fairly counted. Knowledge that the Southern elections are unfair is used as a justification for fraud in the North, both in the management of elections and in gerrymandering of districts.

The result of the election shows that there is abundant work for earnest Republicans to do. The discredited leaders whom the party has repudiated must be thrown overboard. The party management must be made truly representative of all elements. The sore spots remaining from the schism must be healed. The people pledges of economy. The record of tion not to trust the party until its shameful and inexcusable extravhaving plainly shown their determinaall the fusty old rules which block the way must be swept aside. The men defeat of the party responsible for it. should be retired; new men must be who have led the party to defeat put in command who will lead to victory.

#### THE UNRESPONSIVE WEST.

Mrs. Gertrude Atherton prints her ed plaint that she has had little or no respo-from people of the Western States in appeal for funds for the wounded sold of France. She seems to have become quite bitter about it, accusing them of selfish-ness, indifference and stupidity because they have failed to answer quickly and generous-ly to her gracious enterprise.

tion), \$40,000 for Hazard, Ky. (537 above painful information to the peopopulation), and \$30,000 for Mount ple of an unresponsive Nation. Mrs. Olive. N. C. (1171 population), ap-There are many such instances. finds that it is indifferent to the woes

But is it so? Or is it merely that

Just now a fund of \$15,000 for the will be \$230,000,000. The House ways and means committee itself is figuring in Portland. Thousands of dollars 1500 to 2000 tons can navigate. From the stargering deficit of \$370,000. on the staggering deficit of \$370,000,-000 at the end of the next fiscal year. thetic Americans, not all of them volhave been sent to Poland by sympauntary exiles from Europe, or their descendants, by any means. We have

Since 1856 the improvement no idea of the amounts subscribed lower Danube from the Iron Gates to through the Red Cross and otherwise the mouth has been under the charge Official returns on the Presidential for the British, or the Germans, or of an international commission, the ence of seeing the old world to boot. election dispose of some false conclu- the Italians, or the Belgians, or others, respective countries having deepened This will not be possible in future. sions which were drawn from the earlier returns. Mr. Hughes polled quests have been constant and insist-943,011 more votes than were cast in ent and the response in Oregon has 1912 for Mr. Taft and Colonel Roose- been generous. A remarkable feature of the subscriptions is their wide dis- Iron Gates a channel has been cut tour will be more expensive.

The extreme West has been a mate-

helpless friends and brothers abroad, creased tenfold.

Charity, or philanthropy, or humanture of Progressive votes, for which he ity, is not a sectional matter. It is a the war, made a strong bid, than to the fact common American attribute, a noble that he captured a great majority among those who voted this year after glum proves it; Poland proves it; Arhaving abstained in 1912, and of the menia proves it. There will be more This conclusion is calls for help, and West and East, warranted by the abnormal increase in North and South will not fail to re-

> WHICH THE MORE HONEST SEX? Recent investigations designed to throw light on the question whether McClure's Magazine, recently discovered that a little more than three fifths of both sexes are honest according to the terms of the test given, and that while thirty-three women out of fifty returned a dollar sent to them, presumably "by mistake," only thirty-

one men did the same thing, The scheme arranged for the purpose of thus determining the "honesty" of the general public consisted of mailing to each selected individual sels of Walter F. Brown and James R. a letter, in which was enclosed a onedollar bill, that clearly showed that the money was not intended for the person receiving it. As to the result, t is analyzed by Mr. Moffett as fol-

licans been compelled to start with honesty of the sexes is concerned, no ical. These women would be expected the entire vote of the solid South conclusion can be reached. The re- to know, in large measure, the against them as a handicap. Had the sult might have been reversed in an- and aspirations of their dead as they South been given representation only other group of equal size. But more know their lost voices and lost smiles, in proportion to the vote actually cast, important still is the fact that the test They would be expected to accept the or had there been a fair ballot, free called for the manifestation of an-ballot thus bestowed upon them as a from intimidation and fraud, in that other spirit than honesty alone, and sacred trust. "There is not only jussection, Mr. Wilson would not have that was willingness to go to consider-tice, but gratitude, in the idea," obbeen elected. Republicans do not vote able trouble, promptly, to correct an serves M. Barres. He adds that he rein the South because they are not per- error that was certainly not the fault gards it as not exclusively poetical. mitted or because they consider it use- of the recipient of the letter. The but as eminently practical. less, and many Democrats do not vote because they know the result is fixed special-delivery stamp on the letter and the other who carried it, personthings in general and guided by the Adding together the vote for the two ally and at great inconvenience, to influence of his memory. Jeading candidates in each state, we its destination, were evidently actu-find that 126,440 voters in Alabama ated by belief that honesty is sacred, practical, M. Barres reminds the na-

cast 502,148, or two and a half and entertain in our homes without lock- United States. But conditions,

Louisiana with 85,534 votes, or Mississippi with 84,636, has an equal seems. It is rather comforting, upon fully the psychology of the nation, it voice in the choice of President with the whole, to know that more than would be superficial to criticise the Kansas, which polled 592,244. South three-fifths of our fellow-citizens will plan as proposing only partial justice, while South Carolina's 63,653 count that imply no penalty for failure to what we might do by striking straight so, or even knowledge of votes for \$50,858 polled, while Ohio guilty neglect, together with those true that the women of the belligerent gets only twenty-four for 1,119,782, or others who perhaps merely "forgot" nations have earned a right to a voice or put it off; and that other large pro-Aside from the fact that the South's portion who have been convinced by they happen to have won a representation of votes which are not experience that in open dealings with proxy" or not. The sacrifice has been allowed to be cast is grossly unfair, their fellow-men honesty is not only universal.

THE DANUBE'S PLACE IN THE WAR. Marshal von Mackensen's army has out a short distance farther to go to win for the central powers control of the entire course of the River Danube and with it an outlet on the Black Ses Capture of the bridgehead at Machin would lead to an attack on Braila, which is at the head of navigation for sea-going vessels, then on Galatz, at the bend where the river turns east to flow through several channels which penetrate the swamps forming the At Galatz the Teutons would delta. be close to the Russo-Roumanian frontier, which follows the most northerly of these channels, known as the Killa mouth, to the sea, would need only to drive eastward through the delta in order to gmin complete control of all the navigable

Control of the Danube gives the

entral powers the whole length of the greatest waterway in Europe. Rising at Donaueschingen in Wurtem burg, it flows through that kingdom Bavaria, Austria, Hungary, between the latter country and Serbia, between Roumania on the north and Serbia and Bulgaria on the south, through Roumania from Turtukai to Reni, and thence between Russia and Roumania Europe from Bohemia and the Carpathian Mountains on the north to the Alps and the Balkans on the south A New York paper conveys the square miles. It is navigable for 100ton boats from its confluence with the Iller at Ulm, where it leaves Wurtemburg and enters Bavaria, and for 600-ton barges from Regensburg down and wants of struggling humanity on to Vienna. From that city to Orsova, five-feet draft can navigate, while man activity, these men predict; so Rainey, a member of the House ways the West is deaf to the Atherton ap- from Orsova to Turnu Severin, in Routhe latter city to Braila sea-going ves-Braila through the Sulina mouth the channel is deep enough for sea-going

> Since 1856 the improvement of the Several rapids above the Iron Gates have been made navigable, and at the

They can transport troops limited amount, and can import grain and oil from Roumania and Bulgaria. They may also send submarines and destroyers down its lower channel to slan coast towns. Success in these operations may wrest naval supremacy on the Black Sea from Russia and give it to Turkey, seriously obstructing operations against the latter country The importance of the Danube raises men or women are the more honest the expectation that Russia will make would seem to be inclusive. Cleveland great efforts to prevent its outlet from falling into the hands of the enemy.

## SUFFRAGE FOR THE DEAD.

"Let the dead heroes speak," is the slogan of a new political movement that is gaining headway in France. It is a proposal for the reform of the suffrage system of a country hard hit by war, applicable in particular to the regions that have been virtually depopulated by the conflict. It looks toward the reconstruction of the country after the war is over, and its purpose is to give voice to those who have made the greatest sacrifice all. The novelty of the idea and its poetic quality are essentially French. One would almost know without possession of further information that the interfere.

Taking the fifty women by groups, of five wives of prosperous citizens, three sent hack the deliar. Of five actresses, three sent it back. Of five stenographers, three sent it back. Of five stained nurses, three sent it back. Of five trained nurses, three sent it back. Of five stained nurses, three sent it back. Of five stained nurses, three sent it back. Of five miscellaneous women, three sent it back. Of five miscellaneous women, three sent it back. Of five lawyers, four returned it. Of five lawyers, one returned it. Of five newspaper men, four returned it. Of five newspaper me It. Of five New York policemen, three returned it.

Not only more women than men returned the money, but they returned it more promptly. One woman put a special delivery stamp on the envelope in which she sent the \$1 back. Another brought it to me personally at great inconvenience. On the other hand, a man worth \$1,000,000, who lives at one of the big hotels, never sent it back at all. I allowed six weeks in each case before I reached a verdict. So I think the honesty of the public at large and of women particularly is fairly well established. Which was what I set out to prove.

So far as the showing of relative sentimental desire to act as the sol-So far as the showing of relative dier would have acted in affairs polit-

Further to show that he is really gia has fourteen electoral votes for ers who were not actually dishonest, ble for legislators and officials of the

137,056 actual voters, while California no doubt, among those who falled to future to become, if not more ungratehas only thirteen for 928,805. As- return the money at all. There are ful, "at least more coldly disposed' sume that 400,000 votes in California men and women who are indolent, and toward the just appeal of a mere were cast by women, a man's vote in those who procrastinate, and others woman, unless that woman should be armed with the ballot of her soldier husband, or brother or son. In this consin with only thirteen electoral among these there are conceivably M. Barres only shows his realization votes and no women voters cast 414,- several to whom we might with safety of what already has dawned upon the people of the suffrage states of the would appear, are not the same in return a dollar under circumstances or as accomplishing by indirection their for the mark. But it is undoubtedly nations have earned a right to a voice in the councils of the nation whether

> It is for reasons associated with the racticability of the scheme, no doubt hat its proponent has seen fit to acompany it with a pledge that it "is ot an entering wedge toward general suffrage for women." But if it is not such an entering wedge it is much like one. Movements of this kind go forward, not back. If France shall ecide to give bereaved women of the nation the ballot, it is wholly conceivable that it will come in time to realization of the fundamental justice of a greater extension of this

principle of political justice Suffrage for the dead! It is a senment to conjure with. It proposes, one would think, the most practical of all monuments to the heroes of the mentioned. M. Barres sees in his idea dead to life. It would not be surprising if the plan were adopted—espe-cially in view of the broad necessities of certain local situations—nor would it be more singular if the idea should spread to other countries. Women tand to gain at last some reward for he sacrifices they have made since the war began

### TRAVEL ABROAD AND AT HOME.

No more will the cheap "personally to the Black Sea. Its total length is conducted" tour be a feature of travel in Europe after the war is over, in the opinion of those who have studied the outlook. Increase in the cost of labor, the prime necessity for employ in creative work and in making the machinery for it, and heavy taxes im osed by the burden of war debt will be reflected not only in the rates at hotels and the cost of railway tickets, just above the Iron Gates, boats of but in every other department of hufrom Orsova to Turnu Severin, in Rou-mania, six-feet draft is possible. From all items included, is likely to exceed greatly the cost of traveling for the same period in the United States.

It will be remembered by those wh few years ago spent their vacations across the water" that many of them figured in advance on certain economies of living abroad as a result of which they were able to save their steamship fares and have the expericabs will cost more, and so on all down the line. Even the walking

There will be, of course, some per-sons in the United States to whom delta the Sulina channel has been these increased expenditures will not rial sufferer from the war. Yet it has deepened and shortened by cutting out mean any self-denial. They will in value to the Teutons for conduct of ginning to show signs of doing so. roads are better, our trains faster and

more commodious, and our points of destroy Russian ships and attack Rus. National interest within easier reach. Now is the time for the West to prepare for the new movement of sightseers. It is not at all likely that rates in Europe are higher than before. travel, and it will be all the better for us if we make a habit of "seeing

> What chance is there for the hemp ndustry to thrive in North Dakota when the states are either abolishing capital punishment or turning to electrocution?

The Russians talk a great deal about about it?

It must have been a native police soldiers and civilians mixed at Honolulu. An alien knows better than to time. Of course if the Treasury Depart-

ment chooses to mint new coins, no one will object, but we shall be content with an abundance of the old ones. The murderous type of character lways breaks into violence about Thristmas, when the rest of us are

thinking of peace and good will. No matter how low the temperature at a boxing match, spectators warm up when the mixing begins.

Provide a short board or clear a pace on which to put out food for the irds, and watch the prowling cat.

with that Arkansas tornado If Villa's success continues, Carranza may yet wish he had let Per-shing run the bandit down.

Do not complain about the east

Time approaches when a man won ders on what he can "swear off."

Where are the roses that usually oloom at Christmas time? Portland does not need snow and

Got your anti-skids on?

loes not want it.

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

Questions pertinent to hygiene, sanitation eral interest, will be answered in this co umn. Where space will not permit or the subject is not suitable, letter will be personally answered, subject to proper limits tions and where stamped addressed envelope is inclosed. Dr. Evans will not make diagnosis or prescribe for individual diseases. quests for such services cannot be answered. (Copyright, 1916, by Dr. W. A. Evans. Published by arrangement with the Chicago

TREATMENT OF INFECTED WOUNDS O NE good thing that has come from the European war is a method of treating suppurating wounds. The proof is positive that suppurating wounds should be treated by this method and no other. The method as employed in the war hospitals is given by Dr. Noland in the December number of the Southern Medical Journal as building, also labor, I was away beof the Southern Medical Journal as follows:

The patient with an infected wound is taken to the dressing-room and thor-The skin around oughly examined. the wound is cleaned and painted with tincture of lodine. The wound is opened up well and all fragments of clothing, dist and other foreign bodies are removed. Next the wound is cleaned out with sponges wet with Dakin's fluid. Small rubber tubes are run into the wound. These run from a bag suspended about 30 inches above the war, in a time when individual heroes wound. The tubes are lightly packed are so common that they are hardly in the wound with gauze soaked in Dakin's fluid. The tube leading from a way almost literally of bringing the the bag to the wound is closed with a clip. The bag is filled with Dakin's fluid.

At two-hour intervals the nurse presses on the clip and flushes out the wound with the fluid. New dressings are applied once a day. Every second day a specimen of the wound secretion is taken for microscopic examination.

At first there are thousands of bacteria in each microscopic field. When the wound secretion contains only one bacterium in five microscopic fields and the condition has lasted one day the rant, regardless of race, color or previ time has come to sew up the wound. The tubes are removed, the wound is dried out with Dakin's fluid gause and ment of the survivors of the conflict the sides are sewn together exactly as is done with a fresh wound.

It has been found that the wounds thus treated, although suppurating in the first place heal up nearly as well Analogy Drawn Between Brayless Ani-(98 per cent as well) as do clean fresh

Dakin's fluid is made by dissolving 100 g. of bleaching powder, 80 g. of dry sodium bicarbonate and 100 g. of sodium blearbonate in 10 litres of water. The solution must be made exactly by any fairly qualified druggist, provided he gets good materials and fol-lows the directions closely. It is fairly a dark place.

### Calling a Doctor.

An old wife writes: "Please write ome advice to women along the line vote was 3,593,549 more than in 1912. It sufferer from the war. Yet it has the function of the etalists and Prohibitionists.

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Europe, and between 1861 and 1902
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The other day in New York a Westerner gave \$100,000 for the fund bewhile the warrs size of ships has in. increase, but subject to such loss as is ing raised by American Jews for their while the mean size of ships has inmeanwhile will have adapted itself to over, without medwal attendance and the new situation. It already is belift the burden of needless expense Travel at home is more comfortable from the shoulders of young husbands and material of war along it in un- than it ever was, and provision for Do preach some sense into these helpthose in moderate circumstances was less, and I almost said, senseless wive Our who fly to the telephone for every trifle-at a dollar a fly."

REPLY. I do not think I could preach any bette sense than you have done in your letter Studies show that some families do not cal sightseers. It is not at all likely that people will stay at home just because rates in Europe are higher than before. We are a people who enjoy travel, and it will be all the better for us if we make a habit of "seeing America first."

Studies show that some families do not call physicians when they should be called. It is common knowledge that others call them needlessly. What is needed in many of these cases is self-control. The calling of a physician should be based upon reasonable knowledge and common sense. Your point relates not so much to the calling of the physician set the consequences the late. physician as to the on-edgenese, the lack of poise, the absence of self-control the ten-dency to unduly emphasize pains and other discomforts, all of which are so much in evidence among certain groups.

## Cheyne-Stokes Respiration.

T. S. writes: "Two or three times week, toward morning, my husband's fighting until a decisive victory is respiration becomes what is called won. Why don't they go ahead and Cheyne-Stokes. The interval when some instead of merely talking respiration seems to cease altogether is so prolonged at times that I become nervous and arouse him. Is this anything unusual? His general health is man who was so badly beaten when very good, though he eats little and complains of feeling tired most of the

> You might have your husband's heart ex-amined; also have his urine examined for albumin, sugar, diacetic acid, and ammenta. I give you this advice because a periodic health examination is advisable in every case. However, I am certain your husband is not having Cheyne-Stokes respiration. Either he is too fat or he has an obstrucion in his nose and he is having the usual lightly struggle of the exalted rank

Enemas Not Beneficial. S. D. writes: "1. Several weeks ago I read an article by a doctor in which he stated that everyone should take an enema at least once a week, as it

"2. Is it harmful for me, 22 years It is a balmy zephyr compared old, to take an enema several times a week? I am constipated. REPLY.

2. Yes.

sherers.

Efficiency Purpose of Preparedness.

With neither party holding a majority vote, the hybrid in the lower house has real value.

If the schoolma'am is tardy at the convention, she knows all the stock excuses.

Many men want something better for their second cars and second wives.

The school main is tardy at the stock excuses.

Efficiency Purpose of Preparedness.

WALLA WAILA, Wash. Dec. 27.—
(To the Editor.)—Referring to your editorial, "New Army System Imperative," I fully side in with this, as with "compulsory service performed at the behest of an imperial master for purposes of conquest?" I know you are fully aware that the imperial master you refer to has not the power to declare war for the purpose you mention. When in the course of a war this master ter should, as example shows, be the ter should, as example shows, be the conqueror it would be only what we

A L LORENZEN.

CITY IS IGNORANT OF COUNTRY Cost of Raising Poultry Not Under-

stood by Those on Outside. HILLSBORO, Or., Dec. 24 .- (To the ditor.)-While the egg boycott proved there is much ignorance about the profits in poultry. I am reminded of schoolhouse lyceums as to which was the greener-a country person in the or a city person in the country. city will state as a proved fact that there is no money here in the business of raising poultry for the market. I kept

I know by the testimony of neighbors and my own observation that I did fully as well as the average in this part of the county. I now keep about 50 hens, largely because I like it, as a recreation, it being less hazardous than

Not counting those who cater to fads and fancies, there have been over 100,-000 people who have tried to raise poulfor the market in Oregon, and not of them has ever succeeded in making a profit sufficient to live on. That man from the Salem hospital, who claims to have made about 80 cents a hen on 400 hens for two years in suc succession possibly succeeded, if he did not count labor. If he counted labor, I challenge him to show his items and prove 80 cents profit on the whole 400 in two years.

Now why this widespread belief that possible and proved to the profit of the work of the whole 400 in two years. poultry is so profitable? There are several reasons for it. First, those who sell blooded birds, incubators, medicine or appliances ("dope and junk") to the would-be chicken raisers, have a plaus

fble set of figures. Then the seductive real estate agent proceeds to picture the most plausible bag of gold that eve lay at the end of a rainbow. Man woman, or child, old or young, sick o well, married or single, learned or igno ous condition of servitude, all can join a happy home this side of stormy Jor-dan by gently stroking this feathered "lamp of Aladdin." dan by

THOMAS H. BROWN.

MUTE MULE STILL CAN KICK mal and Human Worker.

PORTLAND, Dec. 27 .- (To the Editor.)—At last we have a materializa-tion of one of the many blessings which unsqueichable optimists have always predicted must come from the great war. A press dispatch from Paris says right, otherwise it does not work right that to silence the protest of American The hypochlorite must be tested and mules against enforced military service the solution must be tested and in a foreign land the veterinary extitrated. Minute directions are given both in the Southern Medical Journal a brayless mule. What a triumph for for December and in the Journal of science! All the horrors of the Euro-the American Medical Association for December 8. The solution can be made by any fairly qualified druggist, provided he gets good materials and fol-lows the directions closely. It is fairly stable, keeping two months stored in becomes particularly apt, as at last by the loss of his voice the four-footed mule is placed on the level of his two-footed brether. The American mule is noted for his sure, vigorous kick when opportunity offers, and has been known to kick his master into the next county for real or functed invasion of his lnallenable mulish rights.

As an optimist I predict that the European mule wearing trousers and car-rying a rifle will catch the spirit of personal dignity from our exported American mule and develop his kick-ing propensity by practicing on his masters.

LOUIS HONSTEIN.

House of Worship. PORTLAND, Dec. 27 .- (To the Editor.)-In the hope that some good man or woman able and willing to help the helpless by saving to the colored peo ple of Portland their place of worship now about to be lost, to them the dearest place on earth, with the understanding that the property shall not again be endangered by mortgage, this ppeal is made.

Against the property of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, African Methodist Episcopal Church, Larrabee, near Broadway, on the East Side, is a mortgage of \$3000 on church and parsonage. Of this \$1000 of the principal and \$250 interest must be paid. Because of economic conditions, 50 members have been compelled to move. The people are struggling, but they need and must have heip.

1 have investigated the case and believe Portland needs this house of worship to help care for the 1200 colored.

ship to help care for the 1200 colored people in our city. Dr. C. E. Cline and Dr. W. T. Kerr, veterans of the Civi Var, are familiar with the case. them or to me checks may be sent and we will eafeguard all interests. Please elp these good people to help selves-after all the best kind of char-WILLIAM WALLACE YOUNGSON.

District Superintendent Methodist Episcopal Church.

UNIFORM JITNEYS ADVOCATED

Writer Insists on Comfortable Vehicles for 20 or More Passengers. PORTLAND, Dec. 27 .- (To the Editor.)-The public mind is being somewhat disturbed concerning the regula- markably well. tion of the litney service in this city. The Mayor and City Council seem to be overwhelmed with a plethora of ideas as to the proper manner to handle the

To my mind the whole fitney schem is wrong. To permit large numbers of ordinary automobiles on the streets competing with each other for passenger business is wrong, as it seems to me. The whole lot should be denied the use of the streets for such purposes. If purified the system and in general we are to have a bus for jitney service improved the health. Do you approve why not define the sort of a vehicle of this?

"2 Is it harmful for me. 22 years to be used for public service." cars to be used for public service should be of uniform construction with a capacity for seating not fewer than 20 people. No freight trucks should be permitted; but a passenger coach, comfortable for people to ride in, and operated over certain well-defined routes established by the City Council and authorized by city franchise providing for a uniform fare for each pas-

This free-for-all rush for business by an unnumbered host of jitneys is constant menace to life and propert. H. S. FARGO.

> Piece-Work Welding. Industrial Management.

In order to make piece work a sat isfactory arrangement, even with the varying class of operators that were used, each operator was allowed so much oxygen per 100 pieces; this was easily determined, as the oxygen was conqueror it would be only what we would be striving for, as your editorial explains. It is only one of the efficiencies we should be aiming at.

Our sister republic across the sea thought it worth while to have even a larger standing army and was therefore a larger military power for England to destroy, which she is now on the high road to doing.

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### Black Sea Isle of Serpents.

ESS than 30 miles east of Sulina. the only important Black Sea port failure, it emphasized the fact that remaining in the possession of Roumania since Field Marshal von Mackthe question we used to debate in Island of Serpents, around which cling ensen captured Constantza, is the tiny many fantastic legends of fascinating interest as well as several historical episodes which at one time threatened to become of international moment, says a war geography bulletin issued by the National Geographic Society.

booles one year on 235 hens and my income from chickens and eggs was \$295. The feed cost \$385. I paid 90 cents a bushel for wheat, which was cheaper than raising my own feed. I have figured that on land costing \$250 an acre (a low average for tillable chicken ranches) it costs \$1.50 a bushel to raise wheat. Now on my year's poultry busithan two feet above the level of the Black Sea, the Island of Serpents, or Fide-misi, thrusts its precipitous cliffs above the water to heights ranging from 50 to 100 feet. It is a mere fleck of rock in a sea whose depth a few yards from shore is 20 fathoms. The slet is scarcely more than a mile in dircumference, but it has been a bea-ton guiding ships to the Danube for uch striking contrast to the delta land

50 hens, largely because I like it, as a recreation, it being less hazardous than football and not so expensive as billiards, while as for the fascination that less in uncertainty, it is away ahead of poker.

Not counting those who cater to fads at certain seasons of the year swarmed

over its cliffs.

It was to this island that Thetis, the marine goddess, is supposed to have carried the ashes of her son, Achilles, hence the temple erected here in honor of the here of the Trojan war. Another egend relates that Thetis snatched th body of Achilles from the funeral pyre, that he was restored to life, and there-after he lived on the Island with Iphigenia, the daughter of Agamemnon, who had been saved from sacrifice by the goddess Artenis.

One of the most poetic descriptions of the island and its temple is given by

Arrian in the account of his voyage around the Black Sea in the second century of the Christian era. He wrote: "It is related that Thetis gave this island to Achilles and that he still in-habits it. His temple and statues, both of very ancient workmanship, are seen here. No human being dwells on it; t has only a few goats, which mariners convey to it as votive offerings. Other offerings or sacred gifts are suspended in honor of Achilles, such as vases,

ings and precious gems.
"Sea birds, divers and fewl innumerable frequent the island, and these birds alone have the care of the shrine. Every morning they repair to the sea, and, dipping their wings in the waves, sprinkle the temple, and afterwards pavement,

The name Island of Serpents grew out of the fact that numerous black snakes from four to five feet long discovered here by Many of the reptiles are said to have fullen in the cisterns of the island and olluted the waters, which are now undrinkable. It is interesting to recall in connection with the name of the island that Aphilies was often referred to as "the smake-born," and that his other, Thetis, frequently assumed the form of a snake,

The Amazons are supposed to have attempted to seize this island on one occasion, but the ghost of Achilles apthe female warriors that the riders were thrown and severely trampled upon, whereupon the expedition was

This meager rock brought England and Russia to the verge of war 60 years ago, following the treaty of peace which ended the Crimean conflict. The island was not mentioned n the terms of the treaty, and when Furkey sent a small party to relight the lighthouse, which had been dark throughout the struggle of Russia attempted to take co the beacon which stands as ost to the Danube's mouths. post to the Dands of the data protested, and sent a fiest across the Black Sea to enforce her demands in behalf of her recent ally, the Sultan. Russia, after a brief threat of resistance, yielded. The island passed into Roumanian hands when that naent ally, the Sultan. brief threat of re-The island passed

## In Other Days,

Twenty-five Years Ago Today. Riverside, Cal., Dec. 2s.—The wind, which for the past few days has saved the orange crop from injury by frost, ceased blowing on Christmas evening and the night proved one of the coldest

26 to 28 degrees for at least 10 hours. In the article on the life and death of Medorem Crawford, published today, the name of John L. Morrison, from whom Morrison street in this city takes

From Postmaster Steel It was learned yesterday that the postoffice depart-ment will have the entire first floor of the new building for its use.

Berlin, Dec. 26.—The Emperor and Empress on Christmas evening presided at the distribution of presents in the new palace at Pottsdam.

George N. Curson, the new united ecretary for Ireland, is said to be the est dressed man in the House of Com-

W. E. Russell, the carpenter who re-cently fell down the elevator shaft from the roof of the new Oregonian building, will probably recover, notwithstanding the serious nature of his injuries. Dr. Henry W. Coe, the phy-sician attending him, reported yesteray that the injured man was doing re-

From The Oregonian of December 28, 1866. The Temperance Banner is the title of a new paper to be issued in Salem about the first of January. A new postoffice has been established

in Yamhili County. From the Courier we infer that the name of the new office is Panther Creek, If rumor may be believed, there will

se a line of opposition steamers on the Columbia River from Portland to The Calles that will bring a noticeable reduction in the fares. In Germany there has just been in-

that country. The Lesson of the Dead Nations. Agnes Repplier, in the November

vented a rifle entirely of iron. A breach-loading, double-barreled cannon also has just made its appearance in

Atlantic.

We can know nothing of any nation unless we know its history; and we can know nothing of the history of any nation unless we know something of the history of all nations. The book of the history of all nations. of the world is full of knowledge we need to acquire, of lessons we need to learn, of wisdom we need to assimilate. Consider only this brief sentence of Polybius, quoted by Plutarch: In Carthage no one is blamed however he may have gained his wealth.' A plea-sant place, no doubt, for business en-terprise; a place where young men were taught how to get on, and extravagance kept pace with shrewd finance. A self-satisfied, self-confident, money-getting,