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TEACHING EVERYTHING.

week at the meetings of the Oregon State Teachers' Association that cational and pre-vocational studies, manual training and domestic science fads in the public schools. The little districts follow the big ones to the best of their ability and often with distressing results.

One teacher cited a school in which the time spent in manual instruction In an entire semester was equivalent only to the ordinary hours of a mechanic for a single day. Another, from Eastern Oregon, complained that in rural communities pupils, instead of cal tasks that devolve upon the farmer, were instructed as though all were destined to become cabinet-makers or draughtsmen.

Dr. Suzzallo, who seemed to have tricts in mind, cautioned against cram- a living job. ming the youthful mind with too Yet, somewhat to the bewilderment of the lay listener, he wage, cautioned likewise against neglecting cultural instruction of those acquiring vocational learning, and against these aims? neglecting vocational instruction of Clearly there is a great deal to be self there for any vocational contingency. The schools attempt to turn life's uncertainties, and in doing so try to cram a maximum of instruction into what is really a minimum period. But how is cramming to be avoided if the theory is to be upheld? Clearly the schools must cram or else guide the child into a vocation before he quires judgment of his own as to his fitness or inclinations.

From the latter process we should acquire a great many mechanics who would have made better preachers or lawyers, or doctors, and a great many doctors, lawyers and preachers who would have made better mechanics. There are misfits now, alas, but not so many as there would be in a groov system of education wherein the school patron trusted to the educator the en-

tire vocational future of his progeny. Mental training or cultural instruction, unlike the manual, is an asset in any walk. Dr. Pearse, who dwelt on that subject, quoted statistics to show the greater earning capacity of farmers who had received high school had been content with grammar ent that there must be a greater efficiency produced by mental training. deeply impressed by college advocates of seed selection if he had read in of this fundamental of scientific agriculture? Yet knowledge of draughtsmanship or of cabinet-making would not profit him greatly when the cream separator was out of repair or the mower needed sharpening.

Under our present system the farmer's daughter may have learned exactly how to make chicken croquettes, only to find upon returning home that the hired men lick the platter clean, leaving nothing available for cro-The lawyer's son may mon the carpenter from around the or Portland 100,000 or 500,000? The census bureau at Washi needs to do the job himself.

business men—as to the quickness at cently been attained? figures, legibility of handwriting, abilgeneral rule was deficiency.

much to be learned in the world to hope to cram it all into the youthful mind during school hours. A little knowledge about everything and not tion, in round numbers, and St. Paul the difference between \$824 and much about anything is poor equip-ment for life's work. The growing cost of the public schools is traceable

VICTIMS OF A BAD SYSTEM.

Guard officers in favor of universal rolls around. military training should have the more weight because it comes from men who have, at great sacrifice and from the preposterous Hay law; in fact,

for that organization. of the men who composed it; it is due to native powers to overcome the The effect of this parceling out of

to the manner in which the Guard is handleap of indolence. service.

Every event and all discussion of our military system add force to the tale to tell of the incident. overwhelming argument in favor of making military service of every able-bodied male citi-zen's duty, to be performed as surely as he pays his taxes. It would provide us with ten times as many trained men as were provided on paper by the Hay law, and would do so at a fraction of the cost. It would not only train men as soldiers but it would improve them as citizens; that has been the experience of every Nation which has practiced it. If our How to Remit—Send postoffice money erder, express order or personal check on your local bank. Stamps, coin or currency are at sender's risk Give postoffice address in full, including county and state. to face the facts they would end their raised for our mounting military Postage Rates—12 to 16 pages, 1 cent; 18 to 32 pages, 2 cents; 54 to 48 pages, 3 cents; 50 to 60 pages, 4 cents; 62 to 76 pages, 5 cents; 78 to 82 pages, 6 cents. Foreign postage double rates. which is the instrument of a despot and bears no resemblance to the duty of National defense which is performed by the citizen of a democratic state.

DEVELOP THE FACTS.

Nellie Miller, a comely and healthy voman, twenty-one years of age, was One obtains the impression from persuaded by LeRoy Kerns, a married addresses delivered by educators last man, to impersonate Mrs. Kerns and sign certain papers which enabled Kerns to get possession of \$300, in are seeking deep holes, that the rab-which the real Mrs. Kerns had a right-bits have taken on an extra coat of ful interest. Mr. Kerns and his young fur, that the squirrels have laid by

It is not an uncommon story, nor an exceptional experience. But Miss are to seal land and stream. life in Oregon which deserves a little that we would place more credence attention. She scorns society, or pretends to scorn it, and seeks to hold do upon those of the Rev. Irl R. it accountable for her plight. All that Hicks. The thing to be admired being trained to perform the mechani- is the familiar plea of the wrongdoer, about the Rey. Hicks is that he gives Miller on the working of the minimum wage law ought not to be dismissed lightly. She says it is responsible for the larger and better equipped dis- her failure to get, or rather to keep

With the intent of the minimum wage law-to give women a decent with reasonable hours-the Oregonian. But is it accomplishing

How many women have been disthose engaged in cultural studies, placed in Oregon industry for men? How many employers have women as learned in school if one is to fit him- apprentices and have others in their places at the end of the apprentice period? How have merely seasonal 16,000,000 acres of land in the Missis out scholars socially fit to meet all employments, like the canning of of wages for women been generally to appropriate \$40,000,000. Have conditions surrounding female employment been improved? Has industry been aided, or injured? These and many other questions ought ac- to be fairly and fully answered. The Oregonian would like to see the

whole question investigated with the purpose of developing all the facts, and not to support, not to disprove, mere theories, humanitarian, economic, social or otherwise.

MERE BIGNESS.

The most curious phenomenon in or college education over those who bad been content with grammar has 5,260,600 imaginating and is rule was offered as an amendment of the content with grammar has 5,260,600 imaginating and is rule was offered as an amendment was rejected by a majority of over a hundred. That bill provided for over school rudiments. It is quite appar- for second place in the American con- 400 projects in more than 300 districts, 1890 to seventh in 1900 and sixth in 1890 to seventh in 1900 and sixth in No principle of business was fol-1910 and San Francisco drops from lowed. The 1913 law established a Scattle makes a long leap from forty- recommended that years later, and the din made (by postal receipts were less Seattle) over the achievement has not \$10,000 nor until a com-

have spent hours in cabinet work that it is only a small part of the only when postoffice receipts were that well equips him to repair story, so far as it affects the indistress, so far as it affects the indistress above to apply his vidual citizen. How greatly is the avhave spent hours in cabinet work that it is only a small part of the only knowledge, that it is cheaper to sum- New York has 3,000,000 or 6,000,000 where court had actually been in ses-

The census bureau at Washington, There is no inclination herein to assert that proficiency of hand has no trated certain population estimates, one day of each month. Had Mr. advantages, but in providing it the The population of continental United Burleson's plan been followed, over 80 danger is that we are losing sight of the superior needs of mental profi-of New York City at 5.602,841. These both 1913 and 1916 would have be estimates may not be far wrong, but rejected, and one-half of the Federal tion was given by Mr. W. F. Wood- wonder arises at the fact that Seattle ward. He did not deal with theories, is given 348,639 and Portland 295,463. but with facts. He had inquired of Is there anyone in either city who thirteen large employers—bankers and fancies that these high totals have re-

ity to spell correctly, and proficiency in expressive reading of the youths who came to them from the public The answer of the answer o The mind is perplexed at the methschools seeking work. The answer of and Portland 207,214, but these amazings. The highest rent paid by the all thirteen employers was that the ing current estimates credit St. Paul Government for any one of the postnow with 247,232. The United States offices having over \$16,000 in annual top homestead sites in Orego Government, through its census bu-As already remarked, there is too Government, through its census bu-auch to be learned in the world to reau, thus becomes responsible for a statement, or a guess, that since 1910 was \$824. In such towns Government Portland has gained \$8,000 in popula-

but 33,000. Evidently the census bureau is striving to give a reason for its existence it is doubtful if all the increase is ought not to be either necessary or well spent.

a sense of patriotic duty, given the logical estimation of a class of 340 stu- the river of the same name, which

It is the organized and to the terms of its old story of the hare and the tortoise over again. If the hare had kept awake there would be a far different

It is natural for the rain to fall in January in Western Oregon. Snow pure and beautiful. The sunshine which followed it Sunday was gorgeous. But the East wind had brought its aches and snuffles. The human body seems to adapt itself to Nature's normal mood. So it is that aches and for in the six bills passed since snuffles, which defied drugs and physics when Oregon nature was on a holiday, are dissipated by Oregon Mist. Let us hope that Indian George whoever he may be-who predicted a

hard Winter, misread the signs. make an honest confession, we have small faith in Indian weather lore. Indian weather predictions come about something like this:

White Brother-"Good morning, George."

Indian George-"Ugh." White Brother—"Going to be a hard Winter, George?"

Indian George-"Ugh." White Brother-"Good day, George.

Indian George-"Ugh." When this edifying conversation reaches the public it appears that Indian George has said that the fish observant Indian that snow and ice

Miller, in her version of her recent We are not acquainted with Indian adventures, touches uson a phase of George. But if we were we doubt and is entitled to whatever weight it us variety. But whoever heard of deserves: but the comment of Miss Indian George predicting anything but a hard Winter

Anyhow, thank God for the rain,

WASTE FROM AN EMPTY BARREL.

Although the Government faces the rospect of a deficit on July 1, 1918, which is estimated by Secretary of the public is in harmony; and so is The Treasury McAdoo at \$185,000,000, and by Chairman Fitzgerald, of the House committee on appropriations, as high as \$300,000,000, the Honse threatens to spend \$120,000,000 on pork barrel bills. Bills have been reported appropriating \$35,000,000 for public buildings and \$45,000,000 for drainage of sippi Valley, and a river and harbon fruit, been affected? Has the scale bill is being drafted which is expected In times of financial stress the drainage bill could well be deferred, and the amounts carried by the other two bills could be cut in two, if all worthless would then be reduced by \$82,500,000. But the men at the head of the

House committees show no disposition to save in any such way. The public building bill has been shown by Representative Frear to be with pork. In a thorough analysis he showed that it contained 400 different items distributed among more than 300 Congressional districts "to enlist population growth throughout the the support of enough votes to pass faction. Jocularly speaking, most men United States is the struggle for size. the bill." The committee professed would be pleased to know their widows Mere bigness is assumed to be allinclusive of everything. The cities
have the notion in highly aggravated
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have the postal receipts were less than after all.

The committee processed would be pleased to know their widows
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would soon remarry and learn that
no appropriation for a town of which
lock the postal receipts were less than after all.

But sev'ral dreadnoughts on the form that there is something vital \$10,000 a year, but it violated that in the census figures. New York takes rule in many instances when it drew in Brooklyn and all the adjacent suburbs and proudly announces that it tion of the pretended rule. When the has 5,260,000 inhabitants and is the rule was offered as an amendment, it test and makes no secret of its pur-pose to surpass New York in time. 3000 population, and the present bill

ninth in 1900 to eleventh in 1910. Public Buildings Commission, which building eighth city in 1900 to twenty-first ten should be erected where annual than until a comparison yet subsided (in Seattle). Portland had been made between rental value at the same time jumps from fortysecond to twenty-eighth and has made tenance and operation, including inless noise about it than Seattle only terest at 3 per cent on the proposed because the feat was not so stupen- investment. Postmaster-General Burle-Let us not underestimate the value building for postoffice purposes be progress. But let us also understand paying rent of \$1000 a year, and then tering anything. sion at least ten days of the preceding year, and for other branches of the conscious of the craze for bigness, or Government only where there was rea need of the accommodation at least per cent of the projects in the bills of

courthouses would not have been built. The waste does not stop with the erection of useless buildings; it is concost of operation. The average annual him. operating cost of 436 postoffice buildwhile the average for 4320 in 1913 buildings are run at a loss equal to either \$3315 or \$4570.

But the committee proposes hun-dreds of buildings at just such places. to their spreading paternalism, and from decade to decade. But it really It does not stop at places of 5000 people, as proposed by Mr. Burleson, but frequently goes below 2000. Florida, to perpetrate palpable absurdities having among its four Representatives merely to keep on the payroll until the chairmen of the two great pork-The declaration of Oregon National the time of the next Federal census barrel committees, is especially well taken care of. Having had eleven items in the last bill, it has seven in the new One of the points made by the late one, providing for three of its four Professor Munsterberg in his psycho-districts. Kissimmee, the village on Nation an object lesson in the utter inadequacy of the voluntary system.

They have most unjustly been made the "goats" of a system for which is the few men make full use of the goats" of a system for which is that few men make full use of the the "goats" of a system for which is that few men make full use of the the fiver of the same name, which has been given much river and harbor pork, is given \$35,000 and Clearwater, and the fiver of the same name, which has been given much river and harbor pork, is given \$35,000 and Clearwater, and the fiver of the same name, which has been given much river and harbor pork, is given \$35,000 and Clearwater, and the fiver of the same name, which has been given much river and harbor pork, is given \$35,000 and Clearwater, and the fiver of the same name, which has been given much river and harbor pork, is given \$35,000 and Clearwater, and the fiver of the same name, which has been given much river and harbor pork, is given \$35,000 and Clearwater, and the fiver of the same name, which has been given much river and harbor pork, is given \$35,000 and Clearwater, and the fiver of the same name, which has been given much river and harbor pork, is given \$35,000 and Clearwater, and the fiver of the same name, which has been given much river and harbor pork, is given \$35,000 and Clearwater, and the fiver of the same name, which has been given been given for the fiver of the same name, which has been given been given been given for the same name, which has been given for the fiver of the same name, which has been given for the fiver of the same name, which has been given for the fiver of the fiver of the same name, which has been given for the fiver of the fiver of the fiver of the fiver were not responsible, but of intellectual powers they possess. In list of Southern states. Places of fewer which they have been the victims. All other words, they are mentally lazy, than 3000 people are given buildings the criticism which has been leveled which is almost as bad, in its ultimate in North as well as South, but more at the mobilization and its aftermath effect, as if they were stupid. They so in the South than in the North was aimed, not at the Guard, but at are likely to be passed on the road to Few districts are left out, but the "success" by individuals of relative South was already so well provided mediocrity, because those latter indi- that allotments to much smaller places viduals are possessed of determination in that section than in the North were quite out of proportion to their bril- needed to cover the majority of dis- seller if he went into real fiction. or has been indorsed by spokesmen viduals are possessed of determination in that section than in the North were The men who compose the National liancy. There is no doubt that an tricts and thus win the votes of their Guard have earned a high place in the 80-per-cent man who gets full measesteem of their fellow-citizens by vol- ure out of himself is going to outstrip which three-fourths are for towns of begin sweeping this morning. untarily performing what they deemed the 100-per-cent man who only half fewer than 4000 people, one-half in a patrictic duty, while the vast majority of Americans shirked that duty Munsterberg's lesson to heart will, because there was no compulsion. The therefore, be insistent that habits of Kentucky has items for thirteen towns, failure of the Guard to come up to the application and industry be instilled the largest of which has 4966 people, requirements for the Nation's sec-ond line of defense is not the fault children, and will not trust too much Hazard, has only 537 people.

the funds among the states and dis tricts to catch votes has been to give buildings to many towns in the South where they are wasted, and to deny them to much larger towns in North where they are needed. Having far fewer large towns, the South was sooner equipped for all its genuine needs. Buildings are now voted for Southern villages, while much larger Northern communities still wait. The Public Building Commission reported that 508 cities having postal receipts over \$10,000 occupied rented quarters but none of them has been provided which distributed over \$150,000,000 and 284 cities of over 5000 population are in the same situation. None of the 508 are in Arkansas, Georgia, Ken-Mississippi, North South Carolina, Tennessee or Virginia, only one is in Alabama and two each are in Florida and Louisiana. That is a total of only five in eleven South-That

ern states compared with 377 in eleven Northern states. This is no cause for surprise, when It is recalled that thirty-one of the im-portant committee chairmen in the House, including the heads of the great spending committees, are from the South, and only one is from the North. He is Chairman Fitzgerald, of the appropriations committee, who has vainly striven to restrain the extravagance of his associates and who said of them:

They have unnecessarily piled up it its expenditures until the Democratic p is becoming the laughing stock of

Mr. Frear proposed a simple remedy for this shameful abuse. It is the creation of a commission which shall lay down rules governing the character, cost and location of buildings and which shall report its recommenda tions to Congress, and the cost is to be included in the estimates of the Secretary of the Treasury. Passage of such a bill is not as hopeless as it may seem, for many members of Congress have lost their taste for pork since it became the subject of much adverse comment. Mr. Frear pointed to his own re-election as proof that pork is not necessary to get votes. recalled that the Democrats declared his district vulnerable and poured money and speakers into it, yet he was re-elected by more than double his kindly. usual vote. The people do not ask honest bills in order to get pork. When heard at the movie last night," said the Congress begins to impose new taxes C. O. B., spreading his net before my to pay the bills, the voters will show more interest in economy and will turn against the men who trade their votes for pork.

ave been slowest to attack the liquor traffic as an obstacle to national eficiency in war are the leading alco hol-consuming nations of each party to the war-Great Britain and Germany-and they are also the most powerful members of the rival alli-Should one put alcohol under the ban, while the other retains it in common use, we should have an opportunity to judge of its effects on national endurance in war.

So many times men about to die eave a handicap to their widows in pauperizing them if they wills marry that when one is circumvented there is a general chuckle of satis-

The time-honored custom of the Democratic party leaving a big deficit for incoming Republicans to meet has been broken and the party that spent the money must arrange to foot the bills. It is only \$279,000,000, but it is all "old hoss" and must be raised somehow.

withstanding. New Year's day dates Thy merchantmen shall boldly dash, from the time of Noah, who disembarked on the first day of the first month of the 601st year. If that was not observance of a new year it was very close to it. Even Ham was over-

The statement that cigarette-smoking women are undermining the movements for civic betterment in New son went farther and proposed that no York may be taken with much alof population growth as a mark of authorized unless the Government was cigarettes cannot naturally aid in bet-

Thomas W. Lawson's pretended rev comes to apply his erage person affected by the fact that provided for United States Courts only if he had not on former occasions saying: Peace, peace—when there is omised to enlighten the people in similar ways, but failed to make good.

Sighing for someone to conquer

Captain White has girded himself up

and gone right after D. Rum. P. Villa and V. Carranza will take notice that their turn may come any day now. If the Filipino is neither fish, flesh

Carranza's government of Mexico Guess you think: "Here comes a pest!"

I'm going to enter your Sangerfest.

Guess you think: "Here comes a pest!"

(Wild applause.)*

There are 49,000 acres of mountaintop homestead sites in Oregon await-

is going to be a peaceful strike. No policeman need apply.

Three long years until leap year, but that is not a handicap in an equal suffrage state. And everytime that Old Jupe spills, If Portland cannot have "sleet" why

"glawze"? The man with an armful of Annual Oregonians was met on every corner

Once upon a time the Oregon Aggies traveled abroad and walloped the foe, too. The slacker foams at the mention of conscription and it is for him it is

Living in London may be cheaper than here, but Oregon is good enough. show us.

All over the state the new brooms

It was a funny New Year's day, even Just show the Oregons something

Gleams Through the Mist. By Dean Collins.

NINETEEN-SEVENTEEN.

Backward, turn backward, O Time in your flight! At least you do seem to, when I try to write,

For I scarcely have finished my greetings, I fear. When I find that my pencil has skidded

And the letter I wrote with such care to a friend To wish "Happy New Year" and luck without end.

Expresses correctly the greetings But I've dated the thing under 1916.

Backward, turn backward, O Time, in your flight! concentrate on you with all of my might,

But my cheque book, it bristles with scribblings strange

That show that my pen isn't used to the change, And I suddenly find, with a feeling of

That I'm dating my checks all a whole year ago, For a habit once formed sticks quite calm and serene-And my hand is accustomed to 1916.

Backward, turn backward, O Time, in your flight! There's many another who's in the san plight:

The old year is dead and should learn to behave. But he clutches us still from the depths of his grave, And mixes himself with each date line

we write, Time in its flight And we get as annoyed and as helpless,

ween, As in 1916, when we wrote it '15.

"Sir," said the Courteous Office Boy, on his face. "What is it, my son?" I queried

"The Federal authorities have decidtheir Representatives to support dis- ed to arrest the corn-fed soprano we

> "And for why?" I remarked as I walked into It. "For piracy on the high C's," ghouled

the C. O. B., and fled yelping down The two belligerent nations which the hall, while I shattered upon him my New Year's resolution to preserve my serenity, no matter what atrocities might develop.

It had been so long since the C. O. B. had pulled a wheeze of that type that I had almost come to hope that he had attained riper age and discretion

RULE JAPANIA.

(A national anthem that the lingoess say may be written.) Nippon first, at Heaven's mand,

Arose from out the deep Pacific, This was the charter for the land In Oriental hieroglyphic: "Rule Japania, rule the wave, And make Manchuria behave!

In time may rise to make a roar; But sev'ral dreadnoughts on the sea Should help to close the open door; So rule Japania, rule the wave, And make Manchuria behave!" To thee belongs commercial reign

From end to end of the Pacific; So rule, Japania, rule the wave, And make the hemisphere behave! While nations listen with amaze,

Exports and imports wax terrific;

All thine shall be the subject main

Each day or so, into the splash Of dreadnoughts skidding down their Ways. You'll rule, Japania, rule the wave And make the whole darned world be-

have!

Reading the replies of the entente wers to the peace note from the Jeremiah:

"They have healed also the hurt of no peace!"

S.," who writes from "somewhere in labor.

Washington." He says, in connection with his verse, "Please censor," but, gosh! we couldn't do that and still print it, so we permit him to whang his harp and carol unrestricted and uncensored, and we hope the Gen. Pub. can stand it as well as nor fowl, he must remain a political him to whang his harp and carol unburden until somebody goes to war
with us and assumes and assimilates
him.

> With some of that there poetry stuff? I know that I could be a poet, (Q. V.) **

it: But every time I write the second line With assurances from both sides, it It's funny how the thing does rhyme (Ha-ha! Said the villain!) ***

> Now of your knowledge please impart, Right from the bottom of your heart. And tell me how Oregon can be dry With so much above here in the sky?

not exhibit a crust and pronounce it He tries to wash out all the hills; And every time he takes the notion, He even tries to flood the ocean. Why do you say she is bone dry, Just because you can't get your rye?

You have the very best under the

She answers to the name of Old Bull Run. (*Note.) Wild applause injected by ourself to indicate that the pote has guessed rightly.

(**'Nother note.) Q. V., meaning "qui vive," indicating that we are willing to (*** 'Nother note.) -- but he didn't

SOUTH BEND, Wash., Dec. 31 .-- (To

the Editor.)-(1) Please publish which is the farthest point west in the United States, not including Alaska. (2) What is the latitude of Cape Flattery? (3) Point Blanco? WM. KEYES.

(1) Cape Flattery. (3) Cape Blanco, latitude 42 deg. 50

min. N. longitude 124-27 W.
(3) Cape Flattery, latitude 48 deg. 25% min. N., longitude 124-44 W.

NEWSPAPERS IN HOLIDAY DRESS Northwest Press Observe Season with

Special Editions. Pilot Rock is a town of probably 1500 people, possibly not that many. The Record is in ordinary issues an excellent weekly paper, well patron-ized by business men. The "Annual Christmas Edition" of the Record is remarkable in that it consists of 36 pages, of which 21 are advertisements The reading matter is divided between coliday literature and reviews of the home city and a few neighbors.

A disinterested man would say th Marshfield papers are many laps ahead of that city, and he would voice a truth; but the holiday number of the Coos Bay Times, an issue of 24 pages, is convincing testimony that the busi-ness men certainly appreciate the work of Mr. Maloney and are doing great things in the advertising line.

The printer's ideal newspaper in Oregon is the Gresham Outlook. It is al-ways clean and neat and well handled. The spirit of "go" about the office, and the capabilities of its equipment, are shown in the handsome holiday edition in a cover of two colors and a com-prehensive write-up of the little city, all done, as the editor boasts, within three days. He modestly omits to state it was all well done

It would not be Christmas in Union if the Scout did not come to the bat with its holiday edition to tell what a place Union County is for the farmer and stockman. That is what the current issue does, and it tells it in a convincing manner.

If an ancient joke will be pardoned, may be said the holiday number of the Newberg Enterprise will be read all over. Without ornate trimmings and with an austere omission of the Without ornate trimmings floss that usually accompanies a Christmas splurge, Editor Bell telis why Newberg is the best place in Ore-gon in which to live and do business Sent into a community of restless per backward, turns backward old pie, this number will produce results

The man who would get a line on Coos County outside of the big city must procure a copy of the Christmas number of the Western World of Ban-don. There are resources untouched and possibilities undreamed in that coming into the office with an evil leer section, and the issue at hand sounds the call to them.

The "Christmas Number" of the Medford Sun is like its predecessors, all advertisements, with the saving grace of being well set and made attractive by the hands of an artist. The illum-inated cover, by the way, throws light on the mooted question of temperature at the time of the Nativity, for the shepherds are depicted in scanty rai ment, gazing at the Star.

The "Christmas Number, 1916" of the South Bend (Wash.) Journal has the seasonal colors of the holly in its cover. but the other pages mostly are taken by the business men of the city.

GOOD WISHES ARE FOR EVERYONE Portland Minister Offers New Year Thoughts and Personni Pledge.

PORTLAND, Jan. 1.—(To the Editor.)—Nineteen Hundred and Sixteen is buried in the sacred graveyard of the many yesterdays, and 1917, a child of great promise, is with us. I wish for the beautiful city of Portland, as a corporate unit a harpy New Year. a corporate unit, a happy New Year and may 1917 be regarded as one of best and most prosperous years of our rapidly growing city. I wish for the Mayor, the judges and the va-rious officials and heads of depart-ments, wisdom to discern as to what is best for the welfare of our Port-land, and courage to prosecute the course that wisdom dictates. I wish for the business men happi-

tional lines; for the teachers a most his step. The brains were scrambled pleasant year in connection with their in his head, his eyes seemed glazed high vocation; and for the thousands o'er and when he tumbled into bed his of students a year of culture of mind clothing strewed the floor. splendid opportunities afforded them.

powers to the peace note from the United States, we might feel, if we were more familiar with the scriptures, rowful and the bereaved, from any or that they are trying to quote to Uncle Sam that text in the sixth chapter of Jeremiah:

I wish for the head to fall unnoticed. I wish for the sad and sorrowled that God alone can give to assuage their grief and heal their sorrows. I wish for the hospitals, with their inmates, the various homes for the aged and the unfortunate, every blessing and adequate contribution to make

possible the accomplishment of the noble end for which these institutions were founded.

I wish for the workingman a good position, a contented mind, and adequate compensation for his faithful

wish for all I have omitted on falled to remember just that blessing best suited to the individual need, As a pastor of a church and as a wish a reality REV. ALEXANDER BEERS.

BONE DRY.

When the state gets dry and boney, All our minds will be so phony That everything will drift into a whiri: 'Cause everyone says I'd ought to know And we'll all be on the blink,

For we cannot get a drink, And things will be so tight your hair And if you've been a boozer

You're going to be a loser,
For the legislator says, as sure as He'll obey the people's will, Though it be a bitter pill, And there'll be no more of ale or beer or gin.

And we can't go on a lark, For we'll have to toe the mark, And the air is getting clearer every

So no matter how you mutter, The booze goes in the gutter, In defiance of our personal liber-tee. And now good-bye to Demon Rum,

He's been put upon the bum,
For the outraged voters finally made
him croak; And the grog shop on the corner Is left without a mourner,
Unless we overlook the poor, mis
guided soak. T. T. GEER.

Beet Sugar Refining. LEBANON, Or., Dec. 31.—(To the Editor.)—I would like to know how to remove the beet taste from beet sugar and what chemicals they use, if they use any. RAY DAVIS.

Pure beet sugar and pure cane augar What are identical in composition and taste.

(3) Raw beet sugar has an unpleasant flavor, but the process which produces the refined product is the same as that employed with cane sugar. It is only a matter of separating the sugar crystals from other substances. We must refer you to the encyclopedia or some marry again within three months, in

In Other Days

Twenty-five Years Ago From The Oregonian of January 2, 1892. Albany, N. Y., Jan. 1.—Roswell P. Flower was inaugurated Governor to-

day. City of Mexico, Jan. 1 .- Telegrams sceived today say that the force of Mexican revolutionists, which a few days ago attacked a body of United States soldiers, numbered only 10 men.

Berlin, Jan. 1 .- The Kaiser made no New Year's speech today. It had been expected that he would seize the occasion to utter his views on the condition of Europe and prospects of war or peace, but the day passed off with

Berlin, Jan. 1 .- Prince Bismarck's New Year's day recoption indicates that his hold upon the German people is as strong as ever. He has overwhelmed all day with letters, grams and flowers. The Kaiser did not send any of them.

Henry Fleckenstein's two double dwellings on West Park, between Montgomery and Harrison streets, were damaged by fire to the extent of \$16,000 last night.

NEW YEAR.

BY DEAN COLLINS.

When Janus weeps o'er the Old Year dying, Then Janus smiles on the New Year born; The ashes of snow from the cold pyre flying Are feathers from wings

Phoenix torn; The midnight toll for the Old Year Is a herald front of the New Year sped,
A herald out of the tower crying
Youth and hope—and the New Year's

Brave, bright hopes of the past year wither; Stubborn vows of the past year fall; Dear dreams vanish, we know

whither,
Into the past, which swallows all.
But brighter hopes have been born anew. And dearer dreams, that may all come For the prophet of hopes and dreams comes hither. New Year knocks at the festal

hall. Light leaps up to the roof and rafter; Life leaps up in the heart again; ubble the founts of wakening Bubble laughter

Over the arid plots of pain: And the New Year, born in the mid-night chime. Has baffled the ancient arts of time. And we laugh in the eyes of the veiled hereafter, For we now that our hopes shall be

not in vain. What is the gift the New Year's bring-All the ends to which you aspire; all of your dearest dreams, upspring-

Bright as a cloud of flying fire; Love and laughter and joy and hope, The New Year reads in your horoscope. Deeds worth doing and songs worth singing.

The rainbow's end—and your heart's

desire.

His Bone-Dry New Year Calls. PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 1, 1917-In damper days, now past, when we were not so bloomin' dry, togged in his not so bloomin' dry, togged in his gladdest scenery from shoes to Christmas tie, our neighbor just across the street would leave his chamber walls and hike him forth on gladsome feet ness and prosperity with God's special to make his New Year calls. The ladies cleasing. I wish for each line of legit-gladly welcomed him in hospitable way blessing. I wish for each line of legitimate business a year of unsurpassed
prosperity and growth. I wish for the
splendid schools and excellent colleges
a year of the highest efficiency and noble achievements along educa- forty-seven pounds, and wobbly things in his tro I wish for the churches a year of great prosperity and the richest blessings of our Heavenly Father; for the preachers of the various denominations a year of great success in preaching the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ in such manner as to lift the city of Portland on a higher moral and ethical plane, and to advance the kingdom of Christ among men.

I wish for the homeless and friendless the special providential care of him, who cares for the sparrows and permits not a hair of the head to fall nor never were, and oft his frighten when at night he sought his bed de-lightful was his snooze, and when he rose at morn his brain was free from boozy stings; instead of harboring dire pain it harbored pleasing things, and as he took his morning bath glad song his lips turned loose; there is no pain-

ful aftermath of loganberry juice

Declaration of Principles. PORTLAND, Jan. 1.—CTe the Editor.)—Here are my Ten Command-ments for 1917:

1. I believe in today-in the world of now.

2. I believe in action.

3. I believe in today's people and to-

day's opportunities.

4. I believe in myself as part of today and the work I have to do.

5. I believe that diligence is the
mother of good luck. 6. I believe in thinking, working, doing, playing, appreciating, contribut-ing, enjoying today.
7. I believe in the kingdom and the

spel of now. 8. I believe that goodness cherished now is eternal life already entered 2. I believe in thinking each and every moment as though my thoughts were visible to all about me.

10. I believe that nobody has any right to find life uninteresting or unrewarding who sees within the sphere of his own activity a wrong he can help to remedy, or within himself an evil he can hope to overcome.

Do it now.

J. A. C. 2. I believe in thinking each and

Business Methods Life. An elderly lady entered a shop and asked to be shown some tablecloths. The salesman brought a pile and showed them to her, but she said she had seen those elsewhere—nothing

"Haven't you something new?" she The clerk then brought another pile

and showed them to her.

"These are the newest patterns," he said. "You will notice that the edge runs right around the border and the center is in the middle."

"Isn't that lovely!" said the lady.
"I will take a half a dozen of those." Government and Canals.

NEHALEM, Or., Dec. 31.—(To the Editor.)—I would like to know if the Federal Government has any control over a canal that is under construction

within a state. JOSEPH S. BOYAKIN. Ordinarily, no; in specific instances, such as one in which navigable waters are diverted, or National forests en-

Not Legally.

work on sugar for details on refining. Oregon? A SUBSCRIBER.