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BRINGING IT HOME.

The extraordinary temerity of the Southern oligarchy which has control of Congress is disclosed in all its porcine ugliness in the proposed public quity of the \$35,000,000 grab:

The pending bill makes appropriation or authorization of buildings in 116 towns whose postal receipts are less than \$10,000 a year; it provides for buildings in 250 towns having less than 5000 population, according to the last census, and it provides for buildings or buildings sites (which mean buildings ultimately) in 64 towns which have less than 2000 population.

It cannot be long until the average citizen will know what extravagance in Congress means in terms of higher taxes. Up to this time, direct Federal of increase for the Government are convention of Democratic societies. It is not our purpose now to disclose to the whole world, its immediate efcare of itself. The Government is tain eminent persons, prominent in fects upon this Nation and the increase for the Government is tain eminent persons, prominent in fects upon this Nation and the increase for the Government is tain eminent persons, prominent in fects upon this Nation and the increase for the Government are convenient to the state of the immensity of the struggle now to the whole world, its immediate efcare of itself. 000 a year, or something a little less to than \$1,000,000 a day.

Where is the deficit to come from?

that he has other interest in Government than blindly dreaming that the only duty of a President or Congress is to "keep us out of war."

IN THE TOILS OF THE LAW.

There can be plainly read between the lines of a statement which was given out by the chiefs of the four brotherhoods after the last abortive conference with the managers' committee the implication that in inducing them to accept the Adamson law. President Wilson "put one over" on them. This statement says that last August, at Mr. Wilson's insistence, the brotherhood committee "waived their request for time and one-half for overtime, which was fully 50 per cent

Continued:

Our men believed in so doing they would accure the eight-hour basic day at once, but the enactment of the Adamson eight-hour iaw, effective January 1, 1917, made it necessary for them to wait patiently until that time, to find later that the railroad companies instituted injunction proceedings against the Government's enforcement of the eight-hour law, and at this time the entire matter is in litigation, such litigation making it impossible for the special committee appointed by the President, as provided for in the law, to proceed with their investigation, as of January 1, and the probability of additional litigation being commenced by the railroads, even though the law is declared constitutional by the Supreme Court, will seriously affect such investigation, in fact can and likely will delay the investigation until the commission cannot makes its investigation as the law contemplates, thereby defeating the intent of the law and at the same time postponing the benefits promised by the law, which will unquestionably meet with general dissatisfaction among the membership of the railroad organizations.

The brotherhood chiefs at the same time made public the letter to the President dated August 10, 1916, in or pianist who thinks he is not enwhich they accepted his proposition, "provided you are able to secure the adhesion of the National conference committee of the railways thereto." It now appears that the President induced Congress to pass the law with out having obtained the adhesion of the railroads, and that the brotherhoods accepted the law, taking for granted that the condition had been complied with. Hence they seem to consider the suits by the railroads to enjoin operation of the law a breach planists of the agreement. Without referring to that point, the railroads cite the stipulation entered into between their own and the Government's attorneys at Kansas City to show that, if the law should be upheld, the employes would receive from January 1 the wages they would be entitled to under the new law, therefore the employes will lose nothing in the end by the delay in operation of the law. railroads eny that they contemplate any further litigation, in case the injunction suits should be decided against them.

The net results of the brotherhoods' deal with the President are that they accepted the principle of Government intervention between the railroads and their employes; that they yielded half of their demand in order to enlist the aid of the Government in getting the other half and postponed application of the law for four months; that on not often have the world's best in the same day the Supreme Court dramatics or in music. But excellent ity of self-reformation, it is sure to heard arguments against letting them considering a bill to carry still further the principle which they have ing investigation; and that meanwhile they do not get wages at the eight. diences. They have lost freedom to make their own bargains, and they are in great danger of losing their right to strike. Incidentally, the

foreseen the outcome of getting their

Justed a dispute between fifty-two
Eastern railroads and the engineers, and joined in this declaration of principles:

A strike in the Army or Navy is muting and universally punished as such. The same principle is applied to seamen because of the public necessity involved. A strike among postal clerks, as among the teachers of our public schools, would be unthinkable in all these cases the employment, to borrow a legal phrase, is affected with a public of free concerted action which exists in principle be accepted that there are certain classes of service thus affected with a public interest and men who enter them are not free concertedly to quit the service, then those men must be guarded in the matter of wages and conditions by public protection, and that of the conflict in the first of the concertedly to quit the service, then those men must be guarded in the matter of wages and conditions by public protection, and that of the conflict in many breasts between loyalts and alien sympathies during the present in the Civil War, and that of the conflict in many breasts between loyalts and alien sympathies during the present in the Chinese fitted themselves to

legislation. The newspapers and com-mercial bodies called for legislation preparing for its possibilities."

Okuma says, absorbed the spirit of the West. against railroad strikes, the President stock up the cry and just such a law weakest point in the pacifist objection to be enacted. If the original Adamson law should be upheld, the brotherhoods may find cated than he assumes that the speak-

SIX DEMOCRATS. The Twenty-five-Years-Ago column of The Oregonian-an unfailing source been elected delegates to the state part in the defense of the Nation.

Soon there will be a direct revenue tax on coffee, or tea, or gasoline, or some similar expedient, or a stamp tax on checks, or something of that kind.

Three of these Democratic citizens where there is a demand for preparedness against danger of war. If this demand should become so strong, and have been members of that party for at least twenty years—the date of the great Bryan defection. Two of their license. The pinch of Fedof their license. The pinch of Fed-eral taxation is coming and the citi-zen who is worrying about his local taxes and is blissfully unconcerned as a candidate for distinguished office as a Republican. A fourth of the about the conduct of the public busiabout the conduct of the public busi-sixth found convenient refuge from ness, nothing but actual war may fully invited war and had exposed our un-Bryanism in the gold Democratic camp of 1896, but has since then been restored to the bosom of the yearning Democratic family. The fifth did not, we believe, follow Bryan, but laid which the war found unprepared.

In year, low while the sixth has low, very low, while the sixth has retired from politics after ample reward for his fidelity through trying

There were silver Republicans and Populists in those days, but only a sions to its ranks, but it reserves its to say that China has long

cans and Hughes Democrats and a for a Japanese. confusing commixture of party and Japan was one on going back to Washington with a did. Democratic indorsement for a lucrative job. Their chief office is to speak anonymous letters to the papers.

GOOD MANNERS AND ARTISTS.

persons not there for his rebuke to ceive some unpleasant impressions of his hearers, or, rather, spectators, themselves. The Japanese statesman we would not advise all performers remarks that in China thieves and to follow his daring example; yet it cutthroats are at large throughout the seems a perfectly correct practice for to get a hearing to stop. Why not? if an entire audience is to blame for ing. "China barely maintains her life, the rudeness or neglect of certain in-dividuals? Who is not familiar with the gallery boor who smacks bolstering to the boycott is criticised. The day the commissions of boycott, says the Marquis, is the fa-with the people. Romeo and Juliet? Who has not vorite weapon of weak people. heard the call of the cuckoo or the meow of the cat in the midst of the true the Chinese have recently begun to study the arts and learning of the pleasurable plans. Local doctors asist? Above all, who has not been an- graduated from one Japanese univer- attendance. noyed by the incessant gossip of the sity alone. But these, when they reunfeathered old hen behind him or

throw the clown or clowness out. To be sure, a great artist does not modern civilization? No, they do not." suffer from such inattentions or pressed by recent events, as well as boisterous impoliteness. But we can- by the history of the past. He red arguments against letting them art is always available. If the man go down. External causes alone, he says, seldom are sufficient to effect had gained and the House was openly and on the spot rebuke the roughneck, society or otherwise, whose degenerate to the point of being un- glimpse of ankle was omitted. chief delight is in making it impossi admitted, by forbidding strikes pend. ble for others to hear, there would soon be better manners in all au-

A clear case of adapting the law to and degeneracy of her people. new circumstances, to which practice we owe the development of our Japanese statesman is the reiterated wrong one. Democratic party has got their votes jurisprudence from a simple begin-and is in power for four more years, ning, is presented by a recent decision defense is essential to any people who a position to make more such deals. by the Supreme Court of the Philippines are seen the outcome of getting their defendant who obtained a carabao of Court of the Philippines. It concerned the action of a defendant who obtained a carabao of Court of the Philippines. It concerned the action of a defendant who obtained a carabao of the Court of the Philippines. It concerned the action of a defendant who obtained a carabao of the Court of the Philippines. It concerned the action of a defendant who obtained a carabao of the Court of the Philippines. It concerned the action of a defendant who obtained a carabao of the Court of the Philippines. It concerned the action of a defendant who obtained a carabao of the Court of the Philippines. It concerned the action of a defendant who obtained a carabao of the Court of the Philippines. affairs tangled in the Governmental from a member of a savage tribe in with being a far-seeing, as well as a

In those words he struck at the

now running behind nearly \$300,000,- the counsels of another party; only jury to our National rights and inmake an observation or two on anging political affiliations. changing political affiliations.

Three of these Democratic citizens where there is a demand for precitizen with Nationalism, for destroy-

JAPAN'S ADVICE TO CHINA

few of them had the courage to join the post of adviser in general, as aptroperation party. We do not mean any reproach to the Democratic party. We do not mean any reproach to the Democratic party. The Democratic party is a possible to the Democratic party appears from a remarkable article recently appears in a Japanese magazine in the post of adviser in general, as appeared to the means of bringing together members of a scattered family. this statesman has not relinquished racy, only that it was and is the zine in which he gives a plain warning minority party, and the position of to the Chinese people that unless they to pay the banks a slight fee for greatest strategic value for any politician is usually with the majority. wake up they are doomed to extinct taking their money, but the service tician is usually with the majority. That nation," he observes, "is is worth something. A man does not tician is usually with the majority. tion. "That nation," he observes, "is is worth something. A man does not doomed to perish which lacks the fritter his cash in a bank as he does tude and noisy acclamation all acces- power to defend itself." He goes on when he carries it in his pocket. cepted his proposition for the eight-hour day and inquiry into its workings by a commission. The statement continued:

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Japan was once like China, he says, partisanship. But we haven't heard at another point, and it repulsed the of any Wilson Republicans from Ore- "barbarians" as fiercely as China ever "But once we knew," he "that they were our superiors in civilization, we broke our hostile bow and at Democratic banquets and to write arrows and gave our heart and soul to the acquisition of the Western arts.' One is led to wender how much of this statement is designed for Occidental rather than Chinese consump-The musician who complains tion, but it is followed with the bitter through The Oregonian that audiences reminiscence: "Extraterritoriality was are inattentive to plane or violin mu- indeed an intolerable blot on our nasic is advised by a fellow-artist to tional prestige; it is the usual provalue his (or her) services more highly and to decline to appear except for pay. Clearly the point sought thus they call the heathen nations. But they call the heathen nations. But they call the heathen nations. But they call the heathen nations there was no help for it; we could not there be such seasoning if the husband there was no help for it; we could not there be such seasoning if the husband rebels against the plain food? has no appreciation of anything it deny that they had a better law and rebels against the plain food? gets for nothing. Perhaps there is police system than we had." The also an intimation that the violinist Marquis adds that Japan has now astitled to remuneration has placed a "There is nothing," he continues, "like farmer? The leak inquirers rightly similated the Western civilization. Not long ago a prominent Portland have succeeded in maintaining the in-We violinist, unable to get the attention dependence of our nation because we

of his chattering auditors, broke off have adopted the Western idea. in the middle of his piece and quit the Chinese who follow the words of stage. He was roundly applauded by or violinists who are not able unable to guarantee life and property. But one may wonder, nevertheless, of living by debt instead of by workthe sotto voce interjections of the smart Aleck beside him? The audience is to blame for none of these dience is to blame for none of these if they like," he adds, "but do they have to recent the solution of the solution of the solution if they like," he adds, "but do they have to recent the solution of the solution manifestations of bad manners, except at the same time try to regenerate insofar as it fails to fise en masse and their own country after the plan of

willing to defend itself, it stands a good chance to work out its own in-ternal problems, whatever they may be. He observes the true cause of the downfall of Rome was the effeminacy

Okuma has always been credited machine. For years opinion has been forming in favor of restricting the right of public service corporation employes to strike. Oscar S. Straus,

who was recently appointed chairman complainant in the case would on each ling all the cards face up on the table who was recently appointed chairman of the Public Service Commission of New York City, was a member of the arbitration board which in 1912 adjusted a dispute between fifty-two that the representations made were glimpse of it from a sentence in which

Until a strike such as that which impended last Summer threatened. there was no serious danger that this to "other and equally dangerous ones" other outside interference. Evidently principle would enter the domain of which, says ex-Secretary of War Gar-practical politics. The brotherhoods rison, "are exceedingly insidious and the prevailing opinion, does not now brought it into lively discussion by rejecting arbitration, by threatening a guises." One of the most dangerous of these he declares to be "that which hands with the Prevailable of these he declares to be "that which utilizes the natural and universal ab-

It is embarrassing to have money ming in so fast that one does not have time to count it, but this is the situation of the United States assay buildings bill. Let alone, the House, and probably the Senate, would pass the measure. Forced to act in the full glare of undesired publicity, the full glare of undesired publicity and graph full glare of undesired publicity. bill may die a deserved death. A the Congress, the former trying to beparagraph from a Washington letter gin a strike before the latter passed to The Oregonian shows the full inihad been made. In consequence of against it. As well might a person gold receipts were \$51,000,000, while the deal of last August, the brother- who objects to getting wet in a rain the combined forces of the New York hoods run against the law which ever way they turn.

Son who fears murder or burgiary oppose a police force. This is obvious to any thinking person, but the ment cannot pay to consignees or im-instinctive horror of war is so great porters the checks representing the 98 with some persons as to paralyze their per cent of demonstrated value for reasoning power and arouse violent bars and 39 per cent of the tested of interest and comfort to old-timers opposition to anything which brings value of coins until the facts have and semi-old-timers who desire to up thoughts of war. Many others are been minutely ascertained, and all the revive old acquaintances and friend- so selfishly absorbed in their own afships with people and events-had a fairs and so deaf to every call of duty with the handling of this gold have taxes have for the most part been little item yesterday about six well- that they eagerly seize upon any fal- been literally swamped in recent avoided, except on \$4000 incomes and known citizens of Oregon who had lacious excuse for not doing their months. Foreign coins go into the melting pot, the same as bars, and The immensity of the struggle now the work expended upon them abroad is consequently a dead loss

Should the present awakening carry

through a newspaper picture that her sons were still alive will not be among those who try to smash the camera Although Marquis Okuma has re-tired from the Premiership of Japan, shot. This is not the first time that a newspaper has been

Soon the small depositors will have

Today there are Wilson Republi- tige. The Marquis is unusually frank, stand firm against Congressmen and their cohorts of job-hunters.

> A scramble over blood money is deplorable, but all evidence points to Gavin as the man who carned the refor getting Bartholomew and not the Seattle officers, who would grab it.

> Attorney-General Brown says the one-dry" law is not in effect, and this will stay the anxiety of many who are watching the mails for a card notifying them to appear in person.

It is all very well for the doctors to Who would not laugh at Thomas W.

Lawson's statement that he is only a

received it as the best joke of the The Webb-Kenyon act is constituional, according to the Supreme Court, and under conditions will be a

barrier a few miles north of Horn-It all depends on who tells the story who wins a battle in Mexico. Victory is with the side which gets to the telegraph office first.

In reappointing John B. Yeon roadmaster of Multnomah County yester-day the commissioners fell into line

sure there will be no rise in rates for While he walks in the lobby and hunts

The Idaho Speaker's name is Allred and he halls from Blackfoot

wonder he wins on that combination.

A man who gets a snake in a bunch of bananas ought to be willing to pay more on account of the advertising.

Many pictures of "attractive" wom-en would lose half the charm if the

It is now appropriate for Ambas-

sador Gerard to inscribe the wings of a dove on his coat of arms. The beautiful telephone girl found

Great Falls plumbers are on strike for \$8 a day and Winter is not half over.

President of the Senate Moser has

Gleams Through the Mist. By Dean Collins.

ODE TO THE OPENING LEGISLATURE Smite the harp and pluck the lyre and tune the clarinet: Blow upon the French horn and upon

the big bassoon; Blare the bugle don't be frugal with your blarin' yet:

Sing, O Muse, from C's to Q's, and make a good impression: Rise and sing like anything—the leg-

The sun, that January day, lawn;

And Salem smiled from where it lay, They come-the legislator's bunch."

All day long through Salem's street Sounded the tread of marching feet, The bunch moved in, prepared to camp, And as they came and settled down The spotlight shone on Salem town.

There was the sound of deviltry by night, Discreet, secluded and with proper

awe:

Cast o'er the capital its shadows dun. Stamped o'er their heads, but could

Loud rang the voices of the job-hunters Plucking at the button-holes of legislators there: make but one appeal-

for the good old public weal, Can't you fix a little place for me. well, almost anywhere?"

Thick was the circle of people around them! No hope of flodging them, no getaway Showed through the firm ring of plead-

ers that bound them, And hung on their footsteps the whole of the day. Offtlimes the job-hunter ceased from his boring them,

But ere the Solon could run with a was caught by the claws of some fellow imploring him: lease introduce for me, this or that billi

Loud rang the voices of the job-hunters begging them. Clinging to their coat-talls (and they

stuck to them like glue) worked with might and main And I helped to your campaign; And can't you find a little place and can't you put me through?"

They gathered in the lobbles and they gathered in the hall, They gathered other places where they were not seen at all, Committees and the caucuses and juntas

and the cliques, gathered and they gabbled as they hadn't done for weeks; the means of And when they thought of any 'pro-

printions, they would shout "The 5 per cent'll get us If we Don't Watch

Out!" Loud rang the voices of the job-hunters dogging them; Jossing at their elbows-and they

jogged persistentlie-"I am known to all you gents, Just any sort of little place that you

can fix for me!" haunted everywhere; There were people who had axes and who wished to grind them there; There were philanthrops and altruists

and many others still. A-looking round for someone would introduce a bill. And every legislator, he would look at

them and shout: "The 6 per cent'll get us If we

Don't Watch Out!"

Loud rang the voices of the jobhunters kidding them; Joggling their vanity and smoothing down their fur:

Please give me your advice, For you look so kind and nice Do you think that I could get a place as a stenographer?" Charle Song of the Squirrels.

From the forest we come Speeding light, speeding light; And we cheerlly hum With our main and our might; "Oh why should we sorrow, or worry or brood?

For in Salem, fair Salem, there's plenty of food!" We speed to the Statehouse as swift as the gale

snuffle-snuff, snuffle-snuff, on the uplifters' trail We will follow and follow him on with For he hugs to his bosom a beautiful ьии.

Hypochondriacs can continue their Snuffle-snuff, snuffle snuff, We will follow him fleet, for a sent, For we know as we fly,

The wonder is not that women take. By the gleam in his eye, so long to dress but that the less they He's the guy, he's the guy who was meant for our meat. There's a theorist there who would fix up the tax.

Let us speed, snuffle-snuff, snufflesnuff, on his tracks. There's another who carries a cure-all for crime-Snuffle-snuff on her trail, take your

time, take your time. Now the lobbies abound with the beautiful crop. us linger and linger around till they drop.

why should we sorrow, or brood? For Salem, fair Salem, doth furnish us food!"

How Pinnists Cheapen Their Art. PORTLAND, Jan. 8.—(To the Editor)
—In reply to the query of the musician who signed her communication in your issue of January 8 as*"A Recent Victim," I would reply that she holds the remedy in her own hands.

Just as long as musicians value their services so lightly and are willing to cheapen their art he assemble. everal speeds forward. ing to cheapen their art by appearing in public without remuneration, just so long will the public appraise their work in like manner. FRANCK EICHENLAUD.

OREGON UNDER RAILROAD THUME Lumber Industry Menneed by Unfair Distribution of Cars.

PORTLAND, Jan. 8.—(To the Editor.)
—A dog doesn't mind fleas, because he has always had them and takes it as a matter of fact that he always will have them and lets it go at that. About the same line of reasoning is

used by the Oregon lumbermen in con-nection with the car shortage. As far back as any one can remember every time the price of lumber has gone to a And tootle-toot upon the flute from point where there was a margin of profit in manufacturing it, the Southing O Muse, from C's to Q's, and make cars to move it in and the lumbermen The sun, that January day,
Rose cheerful o'er the statehouse lawn:

We have but one competitor in the biggest part of our marketing field for fir, and that is Washington. Washing-And, wakening, suppressed a yawn;
She woke and said: "I have a hunch,
They come—the legislator's bunch."

They come—the legislator's bunch." four that reach practically all of them. What is the result? Competition for freight, cars and service, all, of which are necessary if they get the business and here is where Oregon gets left in the lurch. Not only do we have this condition on the north of us, but also on the south in California, where the Southern Pacific must meet compe-tition itself as was proven last year by a private inquiry of some lumbermen. Where the people get humbugged is in that they listen to the plea of the Southern Pacific that they have no

Where the people get humburged is in that they listen to the plea of the continuous and the continuous and cars and can't get them. We all know that the Southern Pacific is just as much a part of the Harriman system as the O.-W. R. & N. is and yet they have plenty of cars for that line in Washington, where other roads will haul the freight if they don't.

From this there is just one conclusion to be drawn—that the reason we follying,

Plucking at the button-holes of leg-Harriman system and the Southern Pa-cific Railroad, which are one and the same thing, figure that there is no

hurry about moving our lumber, for if they don't haul it today no one else can and they will haul it tomorrow. Lumber is a commodity that is not perishable and they put their rolling stock where they have competition—in Washington and California.

The question is, how long are we go-ing to stand for this? Are we to sit by and watch the greatest industry in leans. by and watch the greatest industry in the state ruined while the Washington mills take the cream of the business and prosper? Certainly the Southern Pacific Railroad is not so big that it can handle all the people and all the industries of Oregon like Jesse James would have handled a crowd of school

the Southern Pacific to give Oregon a square deal. C. C. CROW.

FINE WORDS OF UNKNOWN IMPORT Correspondent Comments on Phase of Latest Wilson Note.

PORTLAND, Jan. 8 .- (To the Editor.) For the purpose of demonstrating the inadequacy of written words as a means of expressing ideas, a professor once saw the skeletons of two hoop snakes wrote upon a blackboard this sentence: "I never sold you that horse," and then asked the students to express the idea of the trees was dead, the other was which the sentence conveyed to them not, owing to the fact that a man was which the sentence conveyed to them not, owing to the fact that a man was Needless to say that the experiment resulted in almost as many views as there the grave was placed the body of a

peace note. The President evidently can fix for me!"

became impatient with all the beiligerents, so he "wrote em a note" asking
for a bill of particulars. Now much heated discussion is taking place concerning this note. Is it a dove carrying a message of peace, or is it a snake's skin filled with powder and shot? Its language taken literally, means the former, but some say it is an ultimatum. Germany has taken it literally and thereby, perhaps, displayed great diplomatic cleverness. Apparently this view of the gentlemen in Berlin was disconcerting to the gentlemen in the spring and walk nine times around the spring are the stone. cerning this note. Is it a dove carrying disconcerting to the gentlemen in Washington, so Mr. Lansing frantically hastened to explain that the note does not mean what it says, and Mr. Lansing ought to know. But Mr. Lansing evi-dently did not know exactly for he quickly followed his explanation with a further explanation. It was rumored further explanation. It was rumored that the first explanation almost cost him his 3ob.

And now, everyone is in the dark, even Senator Lodge and his irresponsi-ble son-in-law, Gussie Gardner. In the ble son-in-law, Gussie Gardner. In the Senate, resolutions approving the note are born, live a few minutes and then die, only to be followed by others. And above all the turmoil stands the Sphynx-like figure of Mr. Wilson, with his "Minister without portfello," Colonet House, at his elbow. A word from the President would dispel all doubt, but the control of the property of the compact of the compact of the property of the compact of the property of the compact of the property of the compact of the compact of the property of the compact of the compact

we sailing serenely along the path of continued peace, or are we ing driven blindfolded into the storm Evidently the term "pitiless publicity" has been given an entirely ne-definition and should not be taken lit-erally. FREDERICK GRONNERT.

Train and Cannon Again. gun is fired in a direction opposite to that in which the train is traveling. Does the projectile attain a velocity of

If the projectile left the gun at a ve locity of 60 miles an hour it would fall to the ground.

Location of McNeil's Island. PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 8.—(To the Editor.)—Where is McNeil's Island situated, and how can you get there? Also give boundaries.

A. F.

McNeil's Island is between Olympia and Tacoma and is bounded on all sides by Puget Sound. The Tacoma-Olympia steamers will stop at the Government prison. Other steamers out of Tacoma call at the small towns on the west

Marriage License Fees. BUCODA, Wash., Jan. 17.—(To the Editor.)—What is the fee for a marriage cense in Portland, Seattle, Ta-SUBSCRIBER.

Four dollars for the license and 50 cents for the two affidavits in any Washington county seat; \$3 for license and \$2.50 for medical certificate in In Other Days.

Twenty-five Years Ago. From The Oregonian of January 9, 1892. New York, Jan. 8.—The 77th anniver-ary of the battle of New Orleans was celebrated by the Business emocratic Association tonight at the

Yesterday and today will go on rec-ord as the two greatest days the Demo-crats of Oregon have ever known. The metropolis is full of them and all parts of the state are represented. They are here to fire the first gun of 1892, for Oregon is the first state to vote this year.

"Rip Van Winkle" will be the play at Cordray's Theater this afternoon and will run for one week. W. H. Lyton. the popular comedian, will appear as

In the police court yesterday, Larry Sullivan forfelted \$10 for indecent lan-A bill was istroduced into the Vir-

ginia Legislature yesterday for the revival of the whipping post.

Half a Century Ago,

From The Oregonian of January 9, 1867. Brigham Young to luxuriating in the oneymoon of his latest wife, a beautiful Danish girl of 17.

The number of arrests by the police

The Tanner troupe, be it remembered, will open tonight a series of entertain-ments at the Oro Fino. The city has been so long destitute of amusements

that a crowd may be expected. The flags of the various fire companies, public offices and of several private citizens were displayed at top-mast during the day yesterday in commemoration of the battle of New Or-

HOW TO TEST HORSEHAIR THEORY Moon and Numeral "9" Enter in Scientific Experiment.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Jan. 8 .- (To boys. The lumber business has had a lot of hard sledding and now we have before us one of the most promising pears in a long while, but it will not do us any good if the demand is the best ever and the prices the highest ever if we can't get cars to move our stock in.

The Editor.)—Have read quite a little delitor, in the Oregonian. No doubt some people think these bits of ancient history should be fumigated. I wish to be given an opportunity to ever if we can't get cars to move our stock in. the little devil you found in your boot before the "Oregon dry parade day." About 74 years ago my grandmother

was 80 years of age, of sound mind; no weak points in her makeup. That was the halcyon days of the hoop snake. Near her residence was a hoop snake runway that they occu-pied in "skinning season." At that time they were nearly blind and quite dan-

hanging to the trunks of trees, their suited in almost as many views as there are words in the sentence, depending on which word was emphasized.

While there is some justification for a variety of views as to the exact meaning of the sentence quoted, when written and not spoken, as a general rule, however, we are fairly able to express our ideas by the use of the written word. That is when we frankly try to do so. Of course we are, at all times, at liberty to write combinations of hair snake. At that time I was more

do so. Of course we are, at all times, at liberty to write combinations of words that literally mean one thing and then deny the meaning and if we are clever enough we may be able to succeed in the deception.

Just a few words about the horse-hair snake. At that time I was more than 7 years of age, and this is taken from personal experience and was at one time a profound secret. I bought it—cost me two slate pencils, eight pins

Spring. This is the secret. You must see the new meen over your left shoulder, walk toward it nine paces, go into the barn, select a bay horse just past the age of 9 years and it, then remove the stone.

I did. The horse hairs had vanished, W. J. R. BEACH.

Inheritance Taxes AURORA, Or., Jan. 7.—(To the Editor.)—(1) What process of law is necessary to settle up an estate when the father dies, the heirs all being of age? (2) What is the legal age at which a girl may hold or transfer property.
(3) Suppose the father during his life divide the estate and deed the par-

(1) Take out letters of administration in the County Court,

(2) Eighteen, (3) It would be a question of fact, tried out by the court, as to whether the deeds were given for the purpose of evading the inheritance tax. If it so MARYHILL. Wash., Jan. 4.—(To the Editor.)—A cannon is mounted on the rear end of a train which is traveling 60 miles per hour, the velocity of the projectile is 60 miles per hour. The nits income as dower, but it cannot be

compelled if she objects. (5) To be subject to state inheritance 60 miles per hour, as it would when fired from stationary positions, or does it commence falling to earth after tion each heir is entitled to an exempleaving the muzzle of the gun, remaining in a stationary position so far as headway is concerned? Does the speed of the train in the opposite direction have any effect on the velocity of the projectile or the distance traveled by it?

E. H. BABCOCK. tion each heir is entitled to an exemp-

Federal Farm Loans.

BANKS, Or., Jan. 7.—(To the Editor.)
-Can you inform me if there is a "farm loan bank" organized, or being organized in Portland? If so, give the name and street address of same. L. P. M'CROSKEY.

The nearest Federal Land bank will be located in Spokane. If you are seeking a Federal farm

oan it is necessary first to find 10 or more farmers in your community who wish to borrow, and with them form a National farm loan association. Full instructions are contained in circulars 1 and 2, which will be fur-

nished on application to the Federal Farm Lean Board, Washington, D. C. Family of O. Henry.

JOSEPH, Or., Jan. 4.—(To the Editor.)—Please inform me whether Sydney Porter (Q. Henry), the short-story writer, was ever married, or was he a bachelor?

J. A. WETZEL

He was married. A daughter has had some success as an author,