average legislator who investigates the proposal is unable to find any serious fault with it. It has been worked out with great and particular fidelity to the needs of all sections and the ability of the people to pay. The chief fault with road-building in Oregon has been that it has been for the most part without an intelligent or definite plan. It has been from hand to mouth. There has

been no road programme or policy. Every community had its own way, and the result was widespread confusion and tremendous waste. If we cannot have good roads immediately, we want them as soon as No single-taxer proposes a change practicable. Everybody agrees to in tax laws without ulterior purpose. that. Everybody ought to agree that it is better to have them now, or soon,

than in the more or less remote future. That is what the \$7,900,000 plan does. Moreover, it will save the great investment made in the Lower Colum-Highway, languishing now for lack of funds to complete it. There are many other sections which need

They will get it under the The Legislature, about to adjourn. will do well to go home with the knowledge that it has offered a great contribution to the state's welfare in making good roads throughout Oregen a present reality.

REGULATING FOOD PRICES.

high prices do seriously complicate fewer delinquent tax certificates will of too much patronage and too little the problem of living, but it is not be sold and current revenues will genuine goodfellowship. The lower improbable that the time will come diminish. Certificates will be issued end of the district has had too many improbable that the time will come diminish. Certificates will be issued when a large measure of the artificial element in high prices will be eliminated. Recent official inquiries, loland. Probably the next campaign, list private affars have been peered. several preventable factors, which ought to be eliminated without recourse to any form of paternalism that would have a blightening effect. Then, as revenues decrease and social one of the county of prise.

United States in the International In plete system of disseminating crop in- system. whole, but these do not go into de- pointed agitators. tails sufficiently to meet the problem of distribution and supply. Much of our trouble is due to overproduction in certain localities, coincident with underproduction in others. There are gluts in some markets and famines in others simultaneously. Neither the producer nor the consumer is satisfled with these conditions in the long Glutted markets mean waste, which is almost invariably at the expense of the farmer. Markets inadequately supplied result in high prices that arouse the animosity of the consumer. If the excess in one and the deficiency in another could be balanced there would be measurable content: ent all around.

"Putting the speculator in jail," as Mr. Lubin has pointed out, is not the remedy. It would be impractical, if not impossible, to devise a law that would compel a man to sell his goods for less than they cost him, all factors considered, or even for less than his customers are willing to pay. The farmer who has passed through "lean year" or two cannot be blamed if he takes advantage of the good years in which to recoup himself. Farming is not always all profit, by any means, nor is retailing or dis-tribution. Mortgaged farms and busifavorable conditions at both ends. The farmer and the dealer who are best able to judge the future demand and to meet it are the successful ones in their respective vocations. Under present conditions their success is due often to good guessing as to shrewd calculation.

The situation would be improved on all sides if accurate detailed information were available. Farmers would no longer be r isled into growing sta-ples of which there already was an oversupply, or shipping them into markets that were saturated. The markets that were saturated. The then employers and employes would germans before the war had such a have been paying the whole bill and system, known as the Landwirthschafrat, and it was successful because it enabled farmers' organizations in various provinces to gauge their shipments according to the sup-ply in various centers. The problem in the United States is not quite so New York is greatly reducing the another important fact when she says, simple, because of the great area of number of its automobile accidents, with apparent sincerity, that "First same. The task, however, is so vast city, by a campaign of education of tion to Fifth avenue as Madison ave as to suggest elaboration of the the public—both those who ride and nue can be to Second." This is a great Government information machinery,

Laws against storage of food prodformers, do not meet the situation volved. There are many in which it upon the tact and good faith, and a because they are opposed to a funda- is impossible to fix any blame. mental principle of economy. right to save in season of plenty one person was killed by an automoagainst the season of want. But there bile every fourteen hours in New are good reasons why full knowledge York and one person was injured of quantities stored would be bene- every twenty-three minutes. ficial to all except those who profit

the railroad grant lands. But the still when caught in a traffic jam not committees, and when individuals money is not forthcoming. The Government awaits the result of litigacidents, because they have not been lem has a chance of being solved.

ment-own-everything fellows, know it menaces their schemes. The Senate will aid the cause of Oregon's development by passing the Bean bill requiring Assessors to put the grant lands on the tax rolls.

AN ENTERING WEDGE.

It is time that those legislators who ave been impressed by the loud and insistent clamor from one source—a single-tax newspaper—for repeal of the delinquent tax publication law began looking for the nigger in the

No single-taxer proposes a change No single-taxer in Oregon comes out squarely for single tax. The favorite campaign is to lead up to single tax or get single tax by oblique method, or inflict the principle in a way that the people will not know it is upon them until it is too late to retrace.

The chief purpose of delinquent-tax publication has been persistently igfored by the advocate of its abolishment. That chief purpose is to advertise to the public that any disinterested person may come forward and pay the unpaid taxes of Jim Jones or John Smith. As inducement, the law provides that he shall receive a high rate of interest to be paid if

cal, state and National, have resulted if this one succeeds, will be against Its private affars have been peered in no definite conclusions as to the advertisement of foreclosure of tax into by innumerable economic investithat would have a blightening effect. Then, as revenues decrease and social on individual initiative and enter- ownership of land increases, taxes which is as wide as the world—has is complying with Germany's demand. will be harder to collect and single which is as wide as the world—has is complying with Germany's demand that was fit this effect is to be avoided, detay will be fastened on the state.

stitute of Agriculture at Rome, be-lieves that the most important step single-tax campaign seems to be to would receive avidly at the first opto be taken is perfection of a com- promote disorder in the existing tax If the Legislature be information. Our Department of Agri- duced by specious pleas and dishonest culture now attempts this, but only representations to break down the taxin a general way. We have fairly ac- collecting system, there may naturalcurate estimates from time to time ly be recourse to some outrageous of the total production of certain scheme for upsetting private titles. main staples in the country as a That seems to be the hope of disap-

MERE BAG OF SHELLS.

Although almost every legitimate conomy is worth while, there is not much to fuss about in the proposal to eliminate one member of the Industrial Accident Commission, Prob-

The Industrial Accident Commission is paid out of the industrial accident fund, to which the state contributes only one-eighth of the total and employers and employes seveneighths. If there is a surplus, neither state nor beneficiaries of the fund get it, except that the state's contribuone-eighth of that surplus,

So if elimination of one Commissioner saved, say, \$4000 a year, the taxpayers would profit only to the

extent of \$500. There was a bill offered which proposed to eliminate the whole of the been in line in that particular with the best thought on compensation insurance and with all other states and countries which have adopted the

more than \$100,000 a year. But the bill went to speedy death. Now there is great engrossment in same quarter of a few hundred dollars. The employers do not care to save seven times as much and the employes are against it, so why should the state worry about it? The same amount can doubtless be cut from the appropriation for care of the feebleinded and they will not know enough

to make a rumpus. However, the thought persists that if the state subsidy of more than \$100,000 a year had been eliminated. they could have had a dozen com-missioners if they wanted them with-

according to a traffic official of that those who walk. It has been found truth, stated succinctly. Only when it rather than reliance on private or- that fines and imprisonment do not is put universally into practice will meet the requirements. There are a suspicion, the present stumbling block good many accidents in which no tangible element of criminality is in- task is not impossible. It depends at Salem. It is before the recent campaign was begun

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by secret methods. With complete information as to the amount of food in storage, buyers would not be trapped into paying prices not actual-second-class mail maiter.

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Mrs. Vincent Astor, who recently launched a movement for Americanization of the section of New York City in which she lives, gives hopeful indication that she has grasped the true spirit of efficient uplift in her statement that it is her desire to impress upon her immediate neighbors the necessity for individual work. Heretofore there has been, no one will doubt, too much work by committees and too little by the membership of for which Mrs. Astor and her friends vill strive first of all is reconstruction of the "neighborhood spirit," without reference to activities that go

by the name of "charity." There will be, it is promised, a sincere and tactful effort to encourage the spirit of emulation without sowing the seeds of envy, and to encourage higher standards of living—American stand-ards—without creating habits of exravagance. The task is bigger than the mere words indicate.

The region in which Mrs. Astor and ier friends will conduct their propaganda is peculiar to the life of a few American cities, particularly New York. It is known colloquially as Yorkville. With its Fifth avenue on the west and its East River borderland on the east, it comprises a wide the evidence of that payment—the de-linguent tax certificate—be later re-be the first time the "uplift" has been linquent tax certificate—be later re-deemed by the property owner. If not redeemed the holder thereof 1 my Americans are unlikely to give assent to the principle of Government foreclose and get the property.

If the tax list is not advertised of too much patronage and too little of too much patronage and too little gators, and it has had no end of tracts

> on Fifth avenue who do not command admiration of their neighbors on the different plane. It is true that its comforts and luxuries have inspired a good deal of envy, and sometimes hatred, but that is about all. First avenue is as fond of picking and choosing its intimates as any other part of the city. The bonds that make for enduring friendship do not always depend on social status. They are much more subtle than that, and, ably at that, one could do the work as well as three. n First avenue might find in certain other individuals on Fifth avenue some compatibilities that amounted to personal ties, but the growth of these is not to be forced. First aveue may be willing to be educated, but Individuals do not want to have "friendships" thrust upon them. They tion is reduced in the equivalent of have their own personal feelings in the matter.

> There is to be a return, it seems, to first principles, if this can be brought about. It is hoped to sow the seeds of a new social democracy by establishing the co-operative spirit in the posed to eliminate the whole of the community, without its objectionable state's contribution to the fund. Had features of patronage and charity. it been adopted Oregon would have The rich and the poor-if the plan succeeds-will meet on a common plane to discuss such mutual interests as American citizenship and education, and there is to be no interfer-It would also have saved ence in the desire of each group for \$100,000 a year. privacy in its own affairs. There is to be no poking into the corners the homes of the one by the other, and argument over a saving in the no lording over anyone by anyone else, no suggestion that the ways of Fifth avenue are perfect and those of other parts of town in sad need of reform. The idea seems to be to enist, not the money of the more fortunate ones, to be dispensed as largess through perfunctory committees out the individual service of thos who promise to help the cause. this service shall have the result of loosing pursestrings in certain inthat will be another matter. But the fundamental idea is that people shall give not money, but them

There are innumerable duties that can be performed most efficiently if characters. this personal idea is kept in mind with apparent sincerity, that "First avenue can be of just as much inspira nue can be to Second." This is a great good deal upon the patience of the eaders on both sides, but there is phrase to describe the situation at

fork and one person was injured democratic co-operation, to begin with an effort to make Yorkville the best vote a district in the city in point of literacy.

than \$1,000,000 to pay many three because they fall to stand been said, work for individuals and continued and work in a continued and work in the continued and

whether such a law exists in the most militarist country. Great Britain reserves the right, in time of war, to various well-meaning, but mostly in-Government may also reasonably re-serve the right of compulsory purhase of all merchant ships in war-United States every available vessel panies at his disposal. within its power for use in war and commerce, and would discourage the very industry which the Government should encourage most. Work on ships now building and partly paid for would stop, and heavy claims for damages would accumulate against accumulate against the Government.

The Drewsey Pioneer Sun, which the masthead, says: "World-peace will continue to be a dream until England is forced to her knees to sue for peace in the present conflict."

Drink it not or cold, as you prefer, but it fever the time comes that the Pioneer Sun takes a side, the entents allies will skip to the timber.

Production of Kieselguhr.

PORTLAND, Feb. 15.—(To the Editor)—What was the production of water before breakfast. Drink water before amorphous silies, or kieselguhr, in the United States for the year 1915? England is forced to her knees to

from brown gravy on burned meat to day should a normal adult of 20 have?" whipped cream on pies nibbled by

If the Spokane get-rich-quick men ave salted down a large part of their tion.

3. I judge you mean anemie. If so spinof abundance after their release. But | meat. such men are usually spenders.

Another stride in the transformation of Britain into a giant socialized state has been taken. The government has taken possession of all the coal mines. When the war ends, the country will not know itself.

brokerage firm which furnished the myself? I try to be as easy as I can dition? leak" information to its clients, on my eyes, but am never out of pain cometimes some men are damned by in my head and neck. Can it be cured?" some kind of relative. Germany's war bill is said to be

60,000,000,000 marks, but as most of

it is in a revolving fund among Germans it can go as high as it likes and not find a limit. San Francisco's vice district was depopulated within an hour and soon all new neighbors will be suspicious

by the map they were at home, but it was a cold day generally.

Remember the Maine? Remember the Alamo? Then keep your mind It is a very good or a very bad

Union, Or. bill that now will get consideration Records in Law Suit. "Up to the Governor" is a catchy

The women of Ohio are going to ote and then the state sure will go

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

cetions pertinent to hygiene, easitation prevention of disease, if matters of zen-lintrocet, will be answered in this col-where space will not permit or the tet is not suitable letters will be per-

CANCER AND CAUSES.

vestigated it is found that the houses are old or insanitary and that the avtake over and pay for warships building for other nations, and did so at is not necessary to fall back to contagion as an explanation.

When it comes to the question of cancer running in families through intime, not excepting those which are heritance, Hunter has definite opinions, building for foreigners, but it should though he admits that others whose pay the contract price for them. The authority he recognizes do not agree proposal of the Shipping Board would with him. In this study he had the defeat the purpose of securing to the records of six large insurance com-

> He studied the application blanks carefully, analyzed them in the usual scientific actuarial way, and came to the following conclusion:

not hereditary, and that there is no The small number of San Francisco's scarlet women who accepted the churches' offers of relief shows that they are not ready to cross the dividing gulf at one jump. If they are not perceived the churches' offers of relief shows that they are not ready to cross the dividing gulf at one jump. If they are not perceived the course of the no more likely to die from that disease the special to the superintendent in charge of the no more likely to die from that disease the special to the superintendent in charge of the no more likely to die from that disease the superintendent in charge of the no more likely to die from that disease the superintendent in charge of the no more likely to die from that disease the superintendent in charge of the superintendent in cha

to serve as model for everybody, that it had a message that everyone else will be taken without awalting six must be taken without awalting some particularly glaring overt act. The accumulation of a number of allty as that its attentions would be unwelcome was impossible. Its attitude has been frankly patronizing. As a matter of fact there are a good many on Fifth avenue who do not command on Fifth avenue who do not command come my custom to drink shortly before breakfast a cup of hot water. I roads committee who go ahead and do things using their time and money and in return get a lot of kicking as their cold. Which is best? Or is it better carries the word "non-partisan" at cold. Which is best? Or is it better reward and do not even kich to drink no water at that time, hot or cold?"

REPLY. 1. It is not probable. The probable ex-clanation lies in your pelvic organs.
2. It means about the same as constipa-

gains, they will be able to comfort ach, beans, peas, cabbage, beets, onions and 4. At least one. Two or three are better, ity-only in value.

M. E. M. writes: "I have poor eyes: The last one said the optic nerve was badly affected. Is there any relief for Wilson's brother-in-law has quit the the trouble and what can I do to help

Shun Tobacce.

matter. If you do not get the best of care you are liable to lose your sight. If you use tobacco, alcohol, or other form of poison. you must stop at once. The most frequent cause of optic neuritis is the use of tohacco. Do you use any liniment or tollet preparation made with wood alcohol? Do you work around varnish? Do you work in lead or anything containing lead? Wood alcohol and

Batterymen and cavalrymen knew y the map they were at home, but they were at home.

lead are frequent causes of optic neuritis.

Say I'm "ornery" and bad,
My flesh not fit to feed to cats;
Say I eat your crops, but add
My fur makes hats! GEO. O. GOODALL.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 14.—(To the Editor.)—liow would a layman go about looking up the records of a case about looking up tried in court some time ago? L. SMITH.

county in which the case was tried.

CAMP SITES FOR AUTO TOURISTS.

Redmond Citisen Discovers Deficiency in Portland Neighborhood,

REDMOND, Or., Feb. 14.—(To the Editor)—I noticed in The Oregonian an account of the completion of a bill to be presented to the Legislature providing that bonds be issued by the state in the sum of \$7,000,000 for the purpose of building good roads. I have also noticed lately that a good deal is being published in favor of good roads and the benefit the state is to receive from tourist travel. But there is one point which, in my opinion, has been overlooked, and that is good camping places.

reciprocal as a rule, these Dutch enterprises are expected to have a farreaching effect.

It is incredible that Congress will
consider seriously the proposal of the
Shipping Board to forbid even the
launching of ships built in this country for foreign buyers. It is doubtful
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treaching effect.

If the says that when instances of cancer villages are interprises are expected to have a farband, it is not spread between persons less intimately associated, and
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the tourist it seems to me that
the towns which receive the benefit
of the travel should do something for
their accommodation. Of course this
might hurt the hotels some, but it
block any movement for Harrison that
might be undertaken in his behalf. tended to put in two or three days in and about Portland, but owing to our erage of the inhabitants is high. In inability to camp we got out just as A TOURIST.

VISTA HOUSE PLACE OF BEAUTY Correspondent Is Charmed by Visit to

Incompleted Memorial, CORBETT, Or., Feb. 15.—(To the Editor.)—I have noticed some criticism regarding the erection of the Vista House on the Columbia Highway and have come to the conclusion ignorance of the motives for its construction and of the usefulness it will result in are reasons for that objection. Everyone should know that the build-

ing is to be a memorial to our dead pioneers, who faced immeasurable in-conveniences, not to forget the dangers the following conclusion:

"The material which has been presented justifies the belief that cancer is homes here in the West. They paved not hereditary, and that there is no the way for each of us and are not

ermit of the keeping

Kieselguhr is listed in the reports of nent capital. the Geological Survey and in the United States Statistical Abstract as diatemaceous earth. The Geological Survey reports the value of the product in 1915 at \$611,021. The output is not given in tons by available author-

In 1714 the production of diatomaat \$252,327, according to Government

Age and Paralysis,

PORTLAND, Fab. 15.—(To the Editor.)—Can an old person with a blood pressure of over 200 and a light stroke of paralysis live very long in that cor

It depends entirely upon the circum stances. Other complications may be present of which no knowledge has been transmitted, in which event the prognosis would undoubtedly be mateially changed. It is not an uncommo occurrence for a patient to live a many years after the first apoplectle attack if excellent care is provided. The attending physician, if there was one, could make a much more accurate prognosis than anyone who had not seem the patient. If no physician has been called it is recommended that one he summoned as soon as possible.

Radius of Circle.

HUNTINGTON, Or., Feb. 13.—(To the prognosis than anyone who had not

HUNTINGTON, Or., Feb. 13.—(To the Editor.) — Please solve the following problem for me. Say that the circumference of the earth is 25,000 miles. Stretch a cable 25,000 miles long around the earth, then splice it, adding 300 feet others have been established by legismore of cable. What will be the distance from the earth, of the cable at any point on its circumference?

will give you free advice as to your A READER.

It is a faatter of finding the radius of a circle 25,000 miles in circumferof a circle 25,000 miles in circumference and subtracting it from the radius of a circle 25,200 miles in circumference and subtracting it from the radius of a circle 25,200 miles in circumferas soon as possible. I want 25 or 30
skunks. Can anyone tell me of one divide the circumference by 6.2833.

In Other Days

Half a Century Ago. From The Oregonian of February 16, 1867. E. M. Burton has been admitted as a partner of the firm of J. L. Parrish

Washington. — Four reconstruction bills are in the House. The bill of the Reconstruction Committee is to establish military government in all the Southern states. The Kasson bill is substantially the same. The Banks bill proposes three commissions to organize civil government with intelligence as a basis of government, and the New Orleans rict bill proposes provisional government in Louisiana with

Miss Myrtle Humphrey, of Grants Pass, last week had the misfortune to break her collar-bone while romping with some other young ladies

John Ditchburn, the attorney, yes-terday received the sad news of the death of his mother, Mrs. Ann Eliza-beth Ditchburn, at London, England. She succumbed to the dreaded inflyenza.

Miss Helen F. Spaulding's applica-tion for an injunction restraining the city from renfoving the bay windows on her building at Park and Alder streets, was continued yesterday.

Caroline Olive Wilson and Paul Van Fridagh were married February 11, Rev. Arthur J. Brown officiating. Mrs. L. Therkelsen, of Portland, died

February 13 at San Diego. The body will be brought here for burial. COLLEGE STREET IS STILL WORSE

Writer Invites Belmont Street Com that they are not ready to cross the dividing gulf at one jump. If they are to be reclaimed, it must be gradually by people who understand them and who will avoid any suggestion of moral superiority. But no city is justified in driving them from their haunts without providing a new place of abode or occupation for them. They must go somewhere, and raiding will be under restraint merely changes the location of an evil, but does not abolish it. The social evil cannot be removed by attack in spurts; it requires a constant, intelligent cannot be removed by attack in spurts; it requires a constant, intelligent cannot be removed by attack in spurts; it requires a constant, intelligent cannot be removed by attack in spurts; it requires a constant, intelligent cannot be removed by attack in spurts; it requires a constant, intelligent cannot be removed by attack in spurts; it requires a constant, intelligent cannot be removed by attack in spurts; it requires a constant, intelligent cannot be removed by attack in spurts; it requires a constant, intelligent cannot be removed by attack in spurts; it requires a constant, intelligent cannot be removed by attack in spurts; it requires a constant, intelligent cannot be removed by attack in spurts; it requires a constant, intelligent cannot be removed by attack in spurts; it requires a constant, intelligent cannot be removed by attack in spurts; it requires a constant, intelligent cannot be removed by attack in spurts; it requires a constant, intelligent cannot be removed by attack in spurts; it requires a constant, intelligent cannot be removed by attack in spurts; it requires a constant, intelligent cannot be removed by attack in spurts; it requires a constant, intelligent cannot be removed by attack in spurts; it requires a constant, intelligent cannot be removed by attack in spurts; it requires a constant, intelligent cannot be removed by a track in the provided provi plainant to West Side. milding. I feel thing else they cannot use, while the rho made the pedestrians climb all over their propsee that the erty, doing damage in their efforts to

keup on terra firms and get downtow A SUBSCRIBER Capitals of Oregon FREEWATER, Or., Feb. 14.—(To the Editor.)—Has Salem always been the capital of Oregon, or was some other place used as such? NELSON ALLEN.

The first capital of the state was located at Oregon City. From there it was moved to Salem in 1851, and has been there since, with the exception

There is nothing funny in webs on the feet, though a Berkeley scientist professes to make them peculiar to Oregon. The web is a matter of pride up here, just as in some sections of the country people wiggle the cars and glory in it

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A DOLLAR FOR A LIFE. A dollar's not much When expense is compiled, But it will save the life Of a Belgian child.

One dollar-how small-But how large in aid. To stay starvation From a Belgian babe,

Could one silver dollar Bring any more joy. Than buying life bread For a Belgian boy? A dollar for pleasure

Or drink you would hurl; Why not to buy broth For a hungry girl? Give a dollar each month While the time is rife; It will bring you full value-

A human life. Preparing for Citizenship. PORTLAND, Feb. 15,-(To the Edi tor.)—Could you recommend a book in which could be found information needed for an applicant to become a citizen of the United States? I will be

Municipal officers are provided for by local charters. The constitution creates county and state officers, but

He Wants Skunks

will give you free advice as to your