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AWAITING AN OVERT ACT. For more than two weeks the United States has been awaiting that overt son said, would cause him to ask Congress for authority to protect American lives and property at sea against submarine attack. Germany, surprised by the suddenness of the rupture, has occupied that time in efrenew negotiations for an agreement which would permit continuance of the campaign without war with the United States. Meanwhile, absence of aggravated violation of American maritime rights has created an im-

pression that Germany is practicing careful restraint with a view of delaying war as long as possible, though not relaxing attacks on allied and other neutral ships. The President has used this interval to get our Ambassador. Consuls and other citizens out of Germany and to make quiet preparations for the worst. If the President were seeking a pre-

find one. Among the persons drowned per day, or fourteen hours per night, with the British liner California were unless there is "great and unusual the act of Congress be declared in the attempt to withdraw it is a craven two American children named O'Dondanger," of which the fireman must valid the taxes levied in accordance fear lest some ship, by defending itself. L. Law has been sunk, though carrying no contraband. The seventy-two German invasion? American sailors who were captured Storm? Or conflagration? And he by a German raider in the South Atlantic and were taken to Germany on the Yarrowdale are still held prison. By the Yarrowdale are still held the Bean bill will raise the Government to distance are still held the Yarrowdale are still held the definite answer can be obtained to vacation corps. The personally sumrailroad's case now pending. Nothing fully learned its dependence on the
peremptory demands for their release moned fireman will then doubtless reis subtracted from it. The Bean bill sea it will want no more from that leased shortly."

Each one of these acts is literally usual. an "overt act" within the meaning of should take it as cause for warlike ment. action, the people would stand as The average fireman's pay is practically a unit behind him, and per month, Fairly good pay. Congress, in obedience to public opinion, would be as nearly united. In thus waiting, he takes account of the It would really appear that the the last two years the American peo ple have become so habituated to horrors and to suffering violation of elementary rights without striking back that they can be aroused to anger only by some act which stands out above the rest, even in this bloody epoch. The drowning of two children, the sinking without loss of life of ar American ship or the captivity of a few score American saflors provokes but a passing word of censure. The President has so assiduously repressed any disposition to meet force with force that he has dampened that National spirit which would normally

decisively on occasions where in these Hence it comes that the Prouldent and the Kaiser are both sparring for position, each in the hope that, when the clash comes, he will be able to brand the other as the aggressor. Germany is really the gainer, for it wins time to prey on allied ships without interference from the American Navy. As regards American ships, Germany almost all the profit of unrestricted warfare without the risk or the cost, for many of our ships fear to venture forth from port without that protection which the President withholds. If he would provide guns for defense, they would put to sea, but that would be construed as an aggressive act such as he wishes to

have flamed with indignation, as it did

when the Maine was blown up. Only

capable of kindling the flame. In

other times Congress would have acted

some peculiarly atrocious deed is now

But this situation cannot continue indefinitely. Great fleets of merchantmen lie in Atlantic ports. Railroad terminals are so congested that an em bargo has been declared on eastbound freight for export. This carries the blockade back to the manufacturers and grain shippers of the Middle West, thus incidentally bringing home to that section its direct interest in the merchant marine of which it has long gines, in building houses, barns, silos turbing proportions in parts of Engbeen oblivious. If this situation shouldcontinue much longer, it would force closing of factories and discharge of workmen. Germany would have accomplished the very purpose which she set out to gain-a blockade on

It is intolerable that Germany should be permitted thus to profit by ing a reservoir of capital will make the lawless methods of warfare which the farmer more prosperous and will the President has denounced. It may put him in a position to buy automobe wise to await the escape of our biles, furniture and conveniences for Consuls and other citizens from Ger- his house, better clothes for himself, many, but at least that interval might his wife and family. It will enlist him properly be utilized in mounting guns in the cause of good roads and good on merchant ships and in recruiting schools. Country life will become gun crews for them. It may be true more attractive, his boys and girls will that the Navy can spare no gunners, be more inclined to stay on the farm but there are surely many men in pri- and those who have deserted it will ment, believing that the other is likely vate life who have served in that ca-pacity and who would enter the mer-will make farming come back into movement therefore will not stop with chant service. As the President him- favor. the verge of war, no effort should be

that it has become highly probable, not a day should be lost in atoning for

TOO LATE.

search for the murderers. A grand jury looked into the affair and found ever apprehended, or tried, or imprisoned, or hanged for the brutal and terrible Frank execution, we have general Government by reason of cerverlooked it.

But Georgia really is getting sensithem up

Jim Keith was tried and sent to ture, has occupied that time in ef-forts, through the Swiss Minister, to shed on the crime. Jim Keith has The the five innocent negroes.

DOING FAIRLY WELL.

Aside from the radical change pro osed in the Portland fire-prevention organization by installation of the wo-platoon system, it would seem that the most interesting provision in the initiative bill is the opening sentence:

Every member of the fire department is subject to duty call at all hours of the night and day when there is great of un-usual danger of which he has knowledge of (by) actual personal notice.

The firemen off duty-half the entire force are not to be disturbed in text for a hostile move, he could easily the full enjoyment of their ten hours The American schooner Lyman be personally notified. Great and unwith the Bean bill will be payable in the exercise of the freedom of the whas been sunk, though carry-usual danger of what? A Mexican or by the railroad company. If the act seas, should involve the United States of contraband. The seventy-two German invasion? Earthquake? is upheld the Bean bill will raise in war with the nation which assumes ers in violation of law, and no more dinate officer's duty to round up the tax rolls. Nothing is added to than a promise that they will be "re- serve to himself the right to deter- only asserts a fundamental right to quarter. mine if the danger is great and un- tax land held for sale, regardless of

psychology of the situation, which is lie, which has many burdens to bear, the land at their true value. But on must give them full cargoes, largely of his own making. During is doing fairly well by the fireman. the issues in litigation between rail-

A NEW MARKET TO OPEN.

Discussion of the new business which is to keep our factories busy when the munition trade dies out with return of peace has given too little attention to the increased purchasing to profit by this law.

For many years the Government, row it on terms with which they can comply.

All of this money must, under the taking. terms of the law, be used in buying land or in improving farms. It will be spent in buying livestock, seed, fruit list has been the control of hooligan-trees, machinery, fertilizer, gas eninvolve extensive purchases of many the scouts are encouraged to take a kinds from American manufacturers personal interest in the young hood--principally lumber, hardware, ma- lums. Each scout pledges himself to of such magnitude and of the farmers to buy. The campaign would affect so many people, far into of education will prove to have prethe interior, as in itself to constitute, pared the way for the salesman by in-

better farming made possible by open-

The irresistible march of the autospared to awaken the people to the mobile is illustrated by its most renecessity of filling the ranks of both cent achievement in crowding the Navy and Army in readiness for the horse-drawn stagecoach out of the worst eventualities which war may Yellowstone National Park. It is only bring. More than two precious years a short time since the Interior Dehave been wasted through failure to prepare for what might from the first have been seen to be possible. Now

civilization and wild beauty, and that man has secured a divorce and everykept intact for the same reason that we now protect the buffalo and would are reuniting and the marital relation protect the great auk if we knew where to find him. There was some opposition, too, from hotelkeepers to Georgia to discover and punish the shortening the trips through the parks, murderers of Leo Frank, lynched in but all these objections have given way prison by unknown assassins? It may before the superior claims of the more several sensational trials, convicted of However picturesque the old stagecomfortable form of transportation.

Moore in another column are covered by the decision of the Supreme Court, nothing worth while. If anybody was by other court decisions and by the ly

act of Congress.

quantities at a certain price. The ished, and demand for all comme taxes were paid by the railroad com- retailer to producer. Concerning a grant made in to tax at the full value. also recognized this right when it their doors. When they have thorpassed the law for revestment by pur-chase of the grant lands. It approchase of the grant lands. It appro- such taxes that had accumulated prior to of Wisconsin, who proposes to declare Congress that these taxes were a lien part from American ports. on the land.

the identity of the owner.

the interest of the railroad company, gets one day off in six, and it is likely sell at no more than \$2.50 per acre, that he will soon have one in five. will be forced to sell at once to settlers in order to avoid paying taxes on interest of no one but the hard-pressed | Christiania in enterprise? taxpayer of Oregon.

SCOUT CHARACTER TRAINING.

when the rural credit law is in full Scout movement is revealed in a re-operation. Herbert Quick, a member cent explanation by Licutenant-Gen-dispatches have been pushed into the The real importance of of the Federal Farm Loan Board, writ- eral Sir Baden-Powell, their chief background. ing in the Saturday Evening Post, tells scout master, of the desire of its leadhow greatly other industries are likely ers that boys shall develop self-discipline as a preparation for the collective discipline that may be required the states, the colleges and other or- of them later. In other words, it is ganizations have been industriously still believed essential to place emeducating the farmers in the benefits phasts upon non-military activities of eminence of scientific agriculture. Many thou- a sort that make for progressive charsands of farmers have become fully acter training. This, it is believed alive to these benefits, and would will not only make the youth a better gladly practice what they have learned, citizen but will be all the better for but it requires capital. They have him as a soldier if the pinch comes. not the capital, and they cannot bor-Either the interest is too training in the beginning, it is pointed high or the period for which they out, he would receive only a certain can borrow is too short, and in either amount of "amateur drill," much of case the expense of negotiating a loan which he would have to unlearn if is heavy. The new law will give them he were called upon to serve with the loans at reduced interest, with the regular Army, and more of which he minimum of expense, and will permit would receive in concentrated form if them to pay the principle in half- he were called to the colors. On the yearly installments which they can other hand, if his early trainers deeasily meet. The farmers are alive voted themselves to "making a man to the opportunity which the law of- of him," he would take with him to 1915. fers, as is shown by the thousands of the Army the elements of which the letters received by the board and by best soldiers are made. It is desired, the many farm loan associations which therefore, to induce all senior scouts are being organized in advance of the to extend their interest and experience When these banks are opened, appli- Baden-Powell puts it, to "become cacations for loans will pour in, and dets of commerce." They will not the close of this year promises to see fight any the worse for this, and they many millions of dollars in farmers' will be all the better off for it if never are needed in a warlike under-

One of the important activities that have recently been added to the scout and fences, in draining land and in land as a result of the removal of other ways. These improvements will parental discipline from many homes. chinery and chemicals. The law will invite one street boy to engage in the American commerce, an embargo on open to American manufacturers a activities of the troop as an honorary American exports and a paralysis of those American industries which depend on trade with the allies. The cumulative effect of this blockade which has been closed by the inability advances might arouse suspicion of future restrain, is quite apparent. The business of the scout movement as a whole is then to see that the young in the opinion of the people, an overt spiring a desire to buy and by teach- ster has plenty to do that will satisfy act demanding that the President ing what to buy. g what to buy.

Increased production resulting from sulting in harm to his own character munity. The problem of the young hoodlum always has been a vexing one; the Boy Scouts seem to be in the

way of solving it. Moral courage is no less necessary in times of National peril than physical courage, and it is more largely a product of training. The Boy Scout leaders seek to develop both, but they put most emphasis on the moral elerestoration of peace, but wisely di-rected will become a highly important factor in the days of reconstruc

tion. One wonders what the police wer doing during the philandering of the

sion. For a long time the stand tallor, who was pleased to "give" her was maintained that the parks of the to him. Now the man first mentioned West were the preserves of frontier has put on the brakes and the tailorthe rockaway stagecoach ought to be thing is altogether too easy to be lovely and all is off. The Modjeskis

A LESSON TO THE INTERIOR.

has the aspect of a garment.

Every effort to interest the Nation measures for the revival of the American merchant marine has failed through the opposition or indifference of the people of the interior. Because they were far from the Coast and never saw a ship except when they Two feet of shoulder-blade or so, paid a visit to the ocean resorts, they And oft I fear she'll lose her sark have fondly imagined that shipping was a special interest of the seaboard, and that appeals for Government acselfish desire to tax them for others' benefit.

to them. A decree issued in far-away For "moral leasons," high or low Berlin has prevented many ships from Or ham comedians yawp and yark leaving Atlantic Coast ports. Promptly the railroads became blockaded with loaded cars, there being no ships There has been no "forfeiture to the at hand to carry away their contents. The railroads refused to receive more tain violations of agreements by the freight for shipment eastward, and Southern Pacific Company." The Govtive on the subject of lynching. A ernment sued for forfeiture and for-year ago a mob tried to shoot or burn feiture was denied by the Supreme were prevented from delivering. Un-States has been awaiting that overt to death one Jim Keith, charged with Court of the United States. In the able to collect for undelivered goods, act of Germany which, President Willing a Sheriff. He was saved, but opinion given by the court in that the bloodthirsty outfit nevertheless case, the correspondent's other consucceeded in getting hold of five other negroes, thought to be implicated, and change of Administration is also consume and may soon have to close their satisfied its blood-lust by stringing sidered. Such a contention had been factories or work short time, and in raised by sixty-four intervenors and either case to reduce their working was specifically rejected by the force. For the same reason sales of grain and other foodstuffs have slack-The court further held that there ened and prices in Chicago markets been retried and acquitted by a white was an "absolute grant" subject only are depressed. Should this situation jury. It is too late to retry or unhang to the agreement that when the rail- continue, the purchasing power of road did sell it would sell in certain workmen and farmers will be diminlands were taxed for years and the will fall off all along the line from The people of the interior are learn-

exactly similar terms, Judge Wolver- ing by demonstration that the ship is ton has upheld the right of counties as much a part of their transportation Congress system as is the railroad which passes priated a sufficient sum to pay the maritime law as Senator LaFollette, passage of the act. The Attorney- unlawful the arming of merchant General of the United States advised ships and to forbid armed ships to deto arm merchant ships is expressly The Bean bill proposes nothing in granted by Federal law and by the the Wisconsin. After the Middle West has

'overt act" within the meaning of The higher fire officers are a unit It has been repeatedly charged by heart the words of Major Hittinger ing about the President's statement, but the in opposing the two-platoon plan. others than this correspondent that on the need of providing shipping fa-President still waits. It is not diffi- They say it will cost \$200,000 or \$300, the bill is in the interest of the rail- cilities, if the trade of the Port is cult to discern his reason. He seems 000 more per year than at present. road company but no one has been to be developed. We have a splendid to await some act so glaring in its The taxpayer ought to be interested able to say in what way it is in that lawlessness and inhumanity that, if he in what is going on in the fire departine on the contrary, it opposes big ships to all the world. We have the opportunity to supply a large part the other day and asked me to expose The average fireman's pay is \$100 for if the court overturns the act of of the material for Alaska rallroads, it to the public to see if any of my He Congress the railroad, being able to as well as for the mines and canneries bard friends could think of a of that territory. In order that we panion piece to it. vide ships to sail from this port and We are building ships for Norway and New Sam never had a happy home; road and Government the Bean bill Orleans; why not build some for our. Nor has he been of any use! has not the slightest conceivable hear- selves, to take our own products to ing. The bill considers and is in the market? Is Portland no match for

The announcement that General von Ludendorff is now boss of Germany reminds us that this war is wearing At reg'lar work he has no usethe Boy out Generals at a rapid pace. Nearly Von Hindenburg has lasted longer than any on the German side, but, if defeat should befall the Teutons, he would be as ruthlessly

> so many homes that each of half a dozen states and countries might establish a right to tax the fortune. That would be fit retribution for Mr. Harkness' care to make a home nowhere in apparent effort to avoid pay ing any taxes.

The usefulness of the Federal Bureau of Mines, which was established under President Taft, is proved by the reduced death rate from mine explosions, though the output of coal increased 65,000,000 tons in 1916 over

Chicago postoffice employes are muzzled now and that is right. Nobody should criticise the President in organization of farm land banks, in useful occupations; as General a crisis. In other countries such critics would go to jail.

The most discouraging fact about the speciacular feats of the undersea boats is that they set the entire inventive genius of the world to work on devices to destroy them.

The poorer classes of Greece are said to be subsisting on grass and herbs, which is part of the misfortune of being caught between the millstones of war.

The principal occupation of the Modjeskis is marrying, being divorced and remarrying. What time can remain for the prosaic joys of domesticity?

Though he may have several, a man forgets the wife of his youth, and that may be the reason he expresses desire to be buried beside her. With German submarines reported

the Canal; but they cannot hop the locks and reach here. The toll of ships taken by German submarines is growing so small that every day more take courage to sail

n the Gulf, the next will be seen off

If all the men who give candy to other men's wives were called to ac-count, many would not dare go home.

Ireland will not suffer under the regulation by Lloyd George of the price of potatoes at a shilling a stone. When an old widow wants a young

husband and can get him, that's her Ten-dollar onions will bring tears

Gleams Through the Mist. By Dean Collins.

BALLADE OF THE MOVIES. fttimes I wander, for a lark,

Into some little movie show, Where I can curl up in the dark And watch the flickering drama flow, But ah, I must proclaim-my wo Their plots were builded 'fore the ark On second thought I think I'll go And see the monkeys in the park.

Upon the vampire dame I mark As lithe she vampires to and fro; There's very little left, you know, While I sit blushing in the dark. Where art thou, Modesty? I'll go And see the monkeys in the park.

The underworld, they strip it stark For "moral lessons," high or low; And beat their shins with lusty blow The souse, the thug, the gunman glow Each as a terpsichorean shark. O tempore, I guess I'll go And see the monkeys in the park.

L'ENVOIE. fasters, the whole thing seems to grow Even despite the censor's bark. For chaste amusement must I go And see the monkeys in the park?

"Sir," said the C. O. B. "What is it?" I snarled. "I'm through with your continued Spring song." "This is a new departure, Sire," said the C. O. B. insinuatingly, and I, poor, weak fool, allowed him to proceed. And thus he proceeds:

The First Swallow. Tis Spring, 'tis Spring, 'tis budding Spring. And Summer is to follow

ut still I see not, on the wing, The first sweet swallow. Oh why, Oh why does he not fly And why comes he not forth?

The swallows, at this time, say I, They should come North. and Echo answered mockingly

With cynic mouth. "The swallows," said she shockingly, "Must all stay South." O Swallow, Swallow, southward flown

Why do you stay? and soft the swallow then replied "My fate is cinched!

I do implore you with a groan

So far away,

If I crossed over on your side I would be pinched!" O Oregon, the swallows may No more adorn you

It is the law that they must stay

In California! And just then I twigged to the kind of swallows he was talking about and with one sweep I expunged him, for Portland would do well to take to having violated the rule against singheart the words of Major Hittinger ing about the B. D. legislation after

CAN YOU?

A friend brought in the following

James Jenks -- what shall we do with Let's make a teacher out of him!

(*Note .- Brother of Sam, y'know.)

BARD'S SPRING TWITTER. We herewith repeat the rules and egulations governing the

Rule 1. Make 'em short. Rule 2. The shorter the better As an example of reasonable adhernce to the rule, we wish to present L. V. Harkness and his millions had Willard S., whose Spring pome is both brief and touching. Don't be bashful, Willard! Stand ight up and speak your piece. Hark, he speaks!

Spring Pien. Since Winter is Upon the wing. . Oh Weather Man Please press the Spring.

Ordinarily when we receive a boujust we put it in a vase and say nothing about it, but recently there came and perched on our window s little pome from Harriet L. Parker, which is really a bouquet for the C. O. B., so we have no modest scruples against reading it aloud. It's a semi-Spring pome anyhow.

TO THE C. O. B. You've given us poems on politics, You'ye given us poems on Fall, You gave us poems on the B. D. bill--

In fact you've covered them all. always rend whatever you write; No matter how much you rave There's always a difference in your stuff

That makes me each one save But when I read you were going to sing (You usually warn us, you know.)

And the subject to be was the Gentle Spring, My hopes fell 'way down low For you see I have read Spring poems

before, Mostly of "lush green grass, And all your warblings have been of yore In a delightfully different class

GRANT "FORFEITURE" DISCUSSED Correspondent Denies State Ever Had Right to Tax Lands.

NEWBERG, Or., Feb. 19 .- (To the Editor.)-It is inconceivable why rep- From The Oregonian of February 20, 1867. resentative men in Oregon at this late hour are attempting to establish the right of the state of Oregon to levy and collect taxes on property over which state authority to do so to be sign is to occupy the two lower stories within the next three months. state authority to do so is a moot question. One who has viewed the situation from a disinterested angle have been captured in Kerry County, would be at a loss to account for these but all escaped. The peasantry are perinsistent demands in view of the facts. It seems to me there is no other conclusion to be reached, but that of at anchor in Kingmore River to awe avowed hostility to any action the general Government may initiate for the final disposition of certain lands for-feited to the general Government by reason of certain violations of agreements by the Southern Pacific Company.

At anchor in Kingmore River to awe the people into obedience.

The people into obedience.

The property of prices for telegraphic feited to the great reason of certain violations of agreements by the Southern Pacific Company.

The property to awe the people into obedience.

by one of our representative citizens at the capital of the state before a conference called for the purpose of adsigned the bill in relation to the ocean vising Congress what action Oregon desired should be followed with regard Portland. desired should be followed with regard to the disposition of these grant lands. The question of the right of the state of Oregon to levy and collect taxes on these lands was the gist of that remarkable address and I find the soul marks of this judicial mind spread all over the measure authorizing the state to establish a right where no right exists under conditions of the past or the present to levy and collect taxes. In that address we are told: Taking the decision of the Supreme Court of in that address we are told: Taking the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States as a basis for opinion, irrespective of violations of the terms of the grant, title to these lands was vested in the grantee and these violations were not sufficient grounds for forfeiture. Stripping this line of argument of all legal verbiers and better tions were not sufficient grounds for forfeiture. Stripping this line of argument of all legal verbiage and bringing it within the comprehension of the average mind, the railroad company was acting within its rights to follow out a line of action in keeping with its intent and purposes and reserved to itself the power respectfully to in-

its intent and purposes and reserved to itself the power respectfully to in-form the Government to go to hades if serious objections were being raised as to the railroad's determination to defy law and authority. It is not the first time nor will it be

the last that responsible citizens have championed the cause of defiant and arrogant lawbreakers who have over-ridden the protests of the Government and the rights of the people in an attempt to profit by questionable means. It is not my purpose to charge these It is not my purpose to charge these gentlemen with willful shadowing of the facts, but looking the matter squarely in the face with the provisions of the grant in mind and the decision of the Supreme Court before us, what other conclusion sould an unbiased and other conclusion could an unbiased and intelligent person arrive at but that authority to enforce the terms of the grant was vested alone in Congress, or rather the people, which is the Government. This fact the Supreme Court reconized beyond doubt. The Government's equity in these lands was not ment's equity in these lands was lot abrogated by the terms of the grant, but simply a change of administration the eager tourists climb to view our was effected whereby the railroad beauties, near and far, some modest.

to the public to see if any of my bard friends could think of a companion piece to it.

Sam Jenks, it seems, is doomed to roam;
Sam never had a happy home;
Nor has he been of any use!

Upon the world we turn him loose.

We Can!

James Jenks*—what shall we do with Jim?

Let's make a teacher out of him!

At reg'lar work he has no use—
Upon the schools we'll turn him loose.

(*Note.—Brother of Sam, y'know.)

It to the public to see if any of my bard friends could thank of a companion piece to it.

Authority for transfer of ownership by the terms of the grant is out of the grantic price in the grantic price in the grantic price in the grant is out of sight. But off—too often oft, alas! their admirative the fight of the grant is out of that's out of sight. But off—too often oft, alas! their admirative the fight of the grant is out of that's out of sight. But off—too often oft, alas! their admirative the fight of the grant is out of that's out of sight the fight of the grant is out of the grant is were subject to taxation? people against unlawful manipulation of certain agreements which invalidated the rights of the grantee to participate in their benefits.

JAMES BARTON ADAMS.

ANTICIPATING THE MILLENNIUM

les and We know that private property pro-spring tected as such by irrefutable evidence of title is beyond the power of the carried out, the Government and tell them that the purpose of preparedness is to keep the Nation from being public lands. If Oregon consciously or unconsciously takes the position that answer by holding up their hands at

measure of that character

The correspondent wholly ignores the decision of the Supreme Court that the form a city of the size of Portland. And suppose that in this city they put into practice their failt in all men by it in trust. He ignores Congress' admission of the right to tax prior to endurable in that city? It would be Government revestment of title and he ignores a decision of the Federal Court on the same question. The subject is more fully discussed elsewhere on this

Delinquent Tax List Buncombe Raised Belgium to realize the value of prefor Five Purposes.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem. Or., Feb.

18.—(To the Editor.)—I wish to compliment you for your manifestly fair treatment of the delinquent tax list ight, in which the Oregon Journal attempted by underhanded means to kill five birds with one stone, its objects undoubtedly being to establish itself as dictator of the state, to disrupt the republican party, to wallop the upstate press, to put over the first move in a cleverly-conceived single tax scheme and at the same time to establish itself upon false premises as the great tribune of the common in the first. And the process of eliminate and the p

in a delightfully different class.

"Now here." I said. "Our C. O. B.
"Now here." I said. "Our C. O. B.
"Will all our visions burst.

He will sing of the bunding maple tree.

The spring whenerwurst." But not You lifted your innocent volce.

And true to your great wide fame, but not You lifted your innocent volce.

And true to your great wide fame, and true to grow the bunding hay. Or the lichen-covered stile; The fact is that the bill could have grapers outside of Multnomah County. But something to make us smile; It wasn't about the budding hay. Or the lichen-covered stile; The fact is that the bill could have friend new mirth.

To bring the chuckles out; Something to bring our thoughts to an any the pout.

But C. O. B., though long you reign. This wisdom I give to thee:

No matter how high ascends your pane.

It's because of Collins (Initial D.)**

(*Note. The B. D. bill is not to be mentioned so readers will kindly skip that Ine.)

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In Other Days

Half a Century Ago.

London, Feb. 19 .- No armed Fenians fectly willing to give intellige decline to assist in the arrest of their

I was amused as well as interested for 10 words, and 62 cents for each while listening to an address delivered additional word.

San Francisco, Feb. 19 .- The Chinese laborers are still at work at South Beach, and thus far no attempt has been made to interfere with them. Chief Crowley, with a large force of police, is still on hand to quell any dis-turbance that may occur.

Twenty-five Years Ago.

From The Oregonian of February 20, 1892. San Francisco, Feb. 18.—J. L. Anderson, a newspaper correspondent, has returned from Hawaii. He says the popular impression is that Queen Liliu-kalani will be the last sovereign of the islands, and that when she dies a po

General Beebe has just issued orders for the participation of the First Regi-ment, O. N. G., in the parade on Wash-

This afternoon the new play, "The Lights o' London," will be presented at Cordray's Theater. The play is an intensely interesting melodrams, and it will undoubtedly have a very success-

Washington, Feb. 19 .- The silver question will not down. Its discussion was resumed in the House today. The scene was one of confusion and excite-

Washington, Feb. 19 .- Senator Mitchell today presented a petition of Indian War Veterans of Oregon, praying Congress that it extend the county land law to persons who served in the Indian wars subsequent to March 3, 1855.

Portland's Freckled Face. By James Barton Adams,

company was to receive equity in these lands to the amount of \$2.50 per acre for a certain purpose, to wit: the buildng of a railroad over certain territory, the steeples that from churches comb The status of ownership is the most the whiskers of the skies. The busi-quesion and the deciding fact as to ness blocks that hedge the streets whether Oregon has the power to col-lect taxes thereon. By what process of reasoning and sustained by what au-thority do certain gentlemen prove their argument that these lands in the rise and view the outspread landscape heir argument that these lands in rise and view the day of the skies. Through all our peerless streets they speed in easy motor flight, their

Pacifists Employ Theories of What

Ought to Be and Evade Facts. ALBANY, Or., Feb. 18 .- (To the Edi-Government to appropriate without full compensation, but inasmuch as these lands could not be private property Jordan down seems to have a mental under the terms of the grant until certain agreements were beyond question from any normal human being. If you carried out, the Government had tell them that the purpose of preparedthese lands were privately owned lands the horrors of war, which is just what and insists upon that interpretation, we would like to know by what process of no importance in the eyes of the or privilege it came about. I think the whole thing is a delth-erate frame-up to embarrass the situa-tion and add strength to the railroad's contentions, and you can look for vigorous opposition by the people of be useless to try to make it clear to Oregon in any attempt to put over any trouble away and that unpreparedness

J. H. MOORES. invites it. But I will try.
Suppose all the pacifists in the
United States could get together and page.

years (witness our surrender of rights to Japan and the Teutonic powers).

Really, the pacifists ought to live in a

We simply have to deal with men