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ing now threatened over the admission of certain women's floats into the parade probably will not assume grave proportions. It is several days until inauguration day, with plenty of time for adjusting all minor difficulties.

Neither Constitution nor statutes require the President to take the oath of office in public. There is nothing to inhibit him from being sworn in at the residence of a justice of the Supreme Court, or in his private office in the White House, or at any other place.

THOSE REPORTORIAL CRIMINALS.

The mighty leak scandal has fizzled out in an exoneration of everybody concerned except two thrifty black-gown newspaper reporters. Brother-in-law Holling, the stock broker, had nothing to do with it.

AN APPEAL.

As a premise to the appeal we are about to make to a self-sacrificing citizen and true-blue office holder, the Honorable C. C. Chapman, director of the Multnomah Board of County Commissioners, we note the fact that the recent Legislature, unmindful of the rigors of the 6 per cent limitation law...

WHAT JOHN ADAMS DID.

There is a close parallel between the present position of the United States with regard to Germany and its position with regard to France. John Adams became President in 1797. At the latter time the French Directory refused to receive our Ambassador, treated him with insult and finally ordered him to quit the territory of the republic.

NO TIME TO HECKLE JAPAN.

The most irritating sign of provincialism among the American people is the disposition of certain legislators to heckle Japan at the time when on any day that "overt act" may be committed which will put the United States in a state of war with a nation against which Japan is fighting.

NO VIRTUOUS WARFARE.

Arguments on both sides show that war is no way to settle a dispute. War does not kill the ill of war and war does not bring about the aims a nation strives for.

If war is no way to accomplish a virtuous end, there can be no justifiable warfare. Is that so? If it is so, then the '76 cannot be defended or excused.

TRUNK ROADS ARE IMPORTANT.

Portland, Feb. 23.—(To the Editor.)—L. L. Thornton's letter in the Oregonian strikes a keynote, when on behalf of the Farmers' Society of Equity he emphasizes the economic importance of routing trunk roads across the state by way of the shortest lines and through agricultural districts which are not served by railways.

COPPERHEADS DURING CIVIL WAR.

Correspondent Avers That Only Southern Sympathizers Were So Known. FLORENCE, Or., Feb. 22.—(To the Editor.)—Responsive to your correspondent "Observer" from Mist, in the Oregonian, and to the paragraph in your editorial epigrams about "Copperhead," in which it is stated that "during the Revolutionary War, pacifists were called Tories, during the Civil War they were called Copperheads."

MEASUREMENTS.

The correspondent is correct only so far as a narrow application of the term. He quotes from the International Encyclopedia the definition of "Copperhead": "A name given by their political opponents during the Civil War to those Northern men who, believing the conquest of the South impossible—though not necessarily sympathizing with the Southern cause—refused strenuously to aid the federal prosecution of the war by the Administration."

BONE DRY.

"Bone dry." A sigh. For days gone by we've seen in the papers and on the street signs and under the coat that passes when sparkling liquor is at your lips. And you test its merits with tranquil lips. For the laugh and the jest and the fellowship fine. That Turkish beat with the flow of wine. I sigh. Bone dry.

SHALL WE BE THE GOOD SAMARITAN?

The news has flashed from Beirut that the ship "Uganda" has been broken. For Uncle Sam's no coward, his rights he will defend. So, under those conditions, the harsh words, left unspoken. At all times, are the easiest to mend. For we're all as eager, and scan the papers through. Or listen to discussions pro and con, and men now scan their profiles like we have never used to do.

MEANING OF POLITICAL TERMS.

PORTLAND, Feb. 23.—(To the Editor.)—Kindly explain the meaning and origin of "G. O. P." "Bull Moose," "serape" and "pork barrel," which appear in cartoons in reference to politics. JAP IMMIGRANT.

A MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MAJOR-GENERAL FREDERICK FUNSTON APPEARS IN The Sunday Oregonian

An appreciative review of the life of Major-General Frederick Funston, who died on February 19, "the finest fighting man of his inches" in the annals of the American Army, appears in the Sunday issue.

THE AMATEUR PATER FAMILIAS.

The hubby whom nature and heaven has gifted with a bundle of joy in a cozy home nest in the form of a flirt, a girl or a boy, is stuffed to the limit with highest grade soap. His heart and his head simultaneously swell and he feels like ejecting a hair-raising yell, when the doctor declares the new coming will go to the one hundred mark in a prize baby show.

FACTS AS TO PANAMA CANAL.

PORTLAND, Feb. 23.—(To the Editor.)—(1) What was the exact date when actual work was begun on the Panama Canal? (2) When was the canal completed? (3) How much did it cost to construct the Panama Canal? AMOS DUNCAN.

BEAR IN MIND.

Portland's many churches; the page of Portland school news; the special fashion features; the comics and the last word of America and the world—appearing in the many columns of THE SUNDAY OREGONIAN Just Five Cents.

IN OTHER DAYS.

Twenty-five Years Ago. From The Oregonian, February 24, 1892. Washington—William E. Gilbert, of Portland, Or., has been appointed United States Circuit Judge of the ninth judicial district.

Spokane, Feb. 23.—Fire starting in the Crescent block on West Riverside adjoining the Revue building, spread rapidly and caused a big loss at 8:30 o'clock this morning.

In the window of A. B. Steinhilber & Co., is an oil painting of Mount Shasta, done by Sue Parrott, who is without doubt the leading landscape painter in this state if not of the Pacific Northwest.

Joseph Jefferson is coming to the Marquam Grand in "The Rivals" next week. The Coliseum Theater on Third, between Couch and Davis streets, burned yesterday morning.

DURATION OF PATENTS.

FLORENCE, Or., Feb. 21.—(To the Editor.)—(1) What is the present population of Oregon? (2) What population is necessary for Oregon to be admitted as a State? (3) How long are patents and copyrights good for? (4) Who are the Oregon United States Representatives and Senators? (5) Who are the State Representative and Senators from Lane County? (6) Under what act is the 16th amendment to the United States Constitution? HATTIE VAN VLIET.

COURSE OF BILLS.

TONE, Or., Feb. 22.—(To the Editor.)—When a proposed bill or measure is brought up in the House first, and committee and then referred to its proper committee? Or is it introduced and read before the House first, and then given to its proper committee? We would like to know so as to settle an argument. READER.

IF WE COULD SEE.

If we could see, way down to the heart, Where the tears and the sorrows are lying. Where the beautiful fragrant flowers of hope Lie torn and withered and dried. For in the many a Spartan battle fought, And many a corser is hurled, Without the sound of a funeral note, To some secret tomb and buried. There's many an ermine mantle, Covering wounds and scars, Many a shaft and arrowhead, Locked behind prison bars, And shame on the craven hand, That would lift the ermine white, Or drag the hidden skeleton forth to the world's delight. N. S. KEARSEY.