Government contract is to be let or any steamship line is to be established,

must be ready in advance to defeat

It is no great discovery to learn that

Many grown-ups do not get all they want to eat, for obvious reasons, main-

ly financial. With most people, young and old, breakfast is a perfunctory affair at best. Late retiring and late arising cause diffident appetites to re-

ject "the same thing over and over."

Where the shake-up is needed is plain. In the case of a pupil whose mother leaves home early to work, it is dif-ferent. Something in the cafeteria

line might be installed in the school

house to provide plain food at minimum cost; but it need not be too

A New York solon, opposed to wom

shoals that wreck the bark, although

it would do little good. If it did, the

Perhaps nothing short of a de-

structive raid on New York harbor

triotism must take a more substantial

form than conversation if America is

and by the completeness of the devas

This is a time for practical patrioti-

victory until the oposing army is de-

A Montana firm has gone into bank-ruptcy with liabilities of \$156,000 and

assets of \$2040, which is some finan-

tation they left in their wake.

submarine hunters.

spelled in three letters.

switch?

What next?

Is the Efficiency Club asleep at the

they are more than half right.

them.

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PORTLAND, WEDNESDAY, MAR. 21, 1917.

OUR PROBABLE WAR POLICY. As war with Germany appears more sider how the United States can best conduct hostilities and how far we shall go in the effort to bring Germany into subjection to those prin-

merchant ships will naturally be to

most effective when sent out in squad- | Who are the master players? rons of six under a mother ship and as a submarine moving under water, all amounts to nothing.

which is about the limit of safety, On sighting a periscope a motor-The other boats come to to perform. the spot, followed by the mother ship. The latter then takes its station at that point, and each of the six smaller the limit of time she can travel with- no diplomatic experience. out coming up to recharge her bator if she falls to come up within the by President Wilson, are the follow-circle, it is extended until the need ing: of air or electric power forces her to the surface, when fire is opened on her. If the track of a submerged U-boat is discovered, a net of piano wire 300 feet long and 100 feet deep is dropped and the boat is caught in one

of its ten-foot meshes. By patroling in this manner the lanes of traffic through the barred zone west of Ireland, the United States can protect ships going to and from ports on the English Channel, the Bay tected lanes, we should deprive the Germans of any prey in the interven-ing stretches of sea and should force their boats into the protected areas in order to effect destruction. By so doing we should relieve the allied fleet of a large part of its task and should release more of it to patrol the sea farther east. Our fleet would probably be supplied with bases on the

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Canal, emptying into the Elbe estuary, white the British fleet went into the Baltic to attack the German fleet in Kiel harbor. Submarines, mines and coast forts have rendered close enough approach for such an attack impossible. No recent naval attack on coast defenses has succeeded, not excepting that on the Dardanelles, which came seems to hang on its emergence into the open sea. It has made no such venture for nearly ten months, having only sent fast cruisers and destroyers

prepare to do battle with Germany on war with that country, it is necessary the necessity of maintaining a power-ful Army and Navy fully prepared. Given command of the sea, Germany might secretly conclude the threatened treaty with Mexico, land an army near the mouth of the Mississippi

the central empires this year and that the war will be over before we can cient to take part in land operations. It is possible that the Teutons may yet

fire a shot, the mere fact that it was steadly until the war has run in being would be an influence for course, which may be anywhere for

peace. 2.50 sent home to train the new levies to us that the farmer is the foundation of society. The efficient Teutons appear..... 2.00 they have experience in the very latest preciated this fact at its full value and

broadens to cover every point where has artisans to spare. they can be injured. That is particularly true of this war, for it has spread until it covers large parts of three continents and has involved fourteer nations. Once in, we cannot stop, if we would, until the war is fought to a decision.

WHAT IS BEHIND IT? The Oregonian would say to the imminent, it becomes timely to con- Oregon Deutsche Zeitung that for on spies and earth slides; hence we itself it is quite indifferent to abuse are indebted to the United States and falsehood from that quarter. It Geological Survey for recalling this an-is besides aware that no retort it could clent subject. make would stay or divert the poison-ous stream of audacious disloyalty points out that the Canal was once un ciples of international law of which we have become the champions.

The next step after the arming of Oregonian is frank to say that it has the present day, but the Government to the present day, but the Government to the present day, but the Government the present day is the control of the present day. merchant ships will naturally be to some curiosity to know what are the scientists set the time at a few hun-send warships out, either as convoys exact sources of this mischievous pato merchant vessels or to hunt down submarines aggressively along the ocean lanes of travel. This appears to be the purpose of the Navy Department in contracting for a large fleet nent in contracting for a large fleet of swift meterboats which are to be of swift motorboats which are to be by suppression, or mutilation, or out- opinion that the continents were sepaarmed with machine guns to sweep the gun crew off the deck of a submarine and with long-range guns heavy enough to puncture its hide. As the later undersea boats have heavier upper decks than the earlier types mote dissension, disunion, demoralization, or mutilation, or outrall assembly rated a second time in the vicinity of Tehauntepes.

Evidence is provided by fossils of Atlantic fauna found in Pacific territory. The lazy denizens of the deep mote dissension, disunion, demoralization, away from the rated a second time in the vicinity of Tehauntepes.

Evidence is provided by fossils of Atlantic fauna found in Pacific territory. The lazy denizens of the deep mote dissension, disunion, demoralization, away from the group of citizens who are presumably its readers? What are the precise benefits to be derived if it can promote the continuous vicinity of Tehauntepes. and as some have double decks, guns tion among the people? What service cene periods visited back and forth as large as six inches may be necestary.

Button among the people? What service cene periods visited back and forth does it render, and to whom, by its from ocean to ocean until late in the desperate efforts to incite disaffection. Oligocene epoch an earth movement. The British have found motorboats toward America? What is the game? threw up a backbone between the two

for periscopes, and both they and sonable attitude by this little paper of sustenance in Atlantic or Pacific. the airplanes watch for disturbances toward American interests, American According to all forecasts manking of the surface which betray the pres- rights, American duties, American was likewise supposed to readjust its

EQUIPMENT OF A DIPLOMAT.

The Oregonian has heard it urged vessels starts out on a tangent to the rim of a circle having a radius of against the nomination of Mr. Wheelabout twelve miles, that being the wright to the Japanese Ambassador-distance a U-boat can travel under ship—or rather against the probabilwater in an hour, and one hour being ity of his selection—that he has had

The Ambassadors of the United teries. If the patrol fails to detect her States in foreign capitals, all chosen

London—Walter Hines Page, N. Y.
Paris—William G. Sharp, Ohio.
Berlin—Vacant.
Vienna—Frederick G. Penfield, Pa.
Rome—Thomas Nelson Page Va.
Madrid—Joseph E. Willard, Va.
Petrograd—David R. Francis, Mc.
Constantinople—Abram I. Elkus, N.
Tokio—Vacant. Tokto-Vacant. Buenos Aires-Frederick J. Stimson, Mass. Rio de Janeiro-Edwin V. Morgan, N. Y. Santiago-Joseph H. Shen, Ind. Mexico-Henry P. Fietcher, Pa.

The only Ambassador in the entire list who has been in the diplomatic ports on the English Channel, the Bay of Biscay, Bristol Channel, the Irish Sea, the north of Ireland, west of Scotland and past the north of Scotland and past the may understand the service, is, we believe, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Fletcher has been Minister their delinquencies and shortcomings may have been as diplomats, think of the wonderful material for a series of divorce, that they might avoid the Latin-American mind. Then, again,

he may not. the practice of diplomacy should be left to amateurs, or volunteers. But men versed in affairs have an equipment for the service not to be despised. It would seem that for the Japanese mission an American citizen with knowledge of the Orient and in spe-

terial friend:

Be of good courage and let us play the men for our people. 2d Samuel, 10:12.

Be of good courage and let us behave ourselves valiantly for our people and for the cities of our God. I Chronicles, 18:13.

Be strong and of a good courage; fear not, nor be afraid of them. Deuteronomy, 31:d. And I looked, and rose up, and said unto the nobles and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, Be ye not afraid of them; remember the Lord which is great and terrible, and fight for your brethren, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your houses.—Nehemiah, 4:14.

The student of Holy Writ will recognearest to success. The only chance of a battle with the German fleet the triumphs in the battlefield of Israel over its enemies. The sentences from Samuel and Chronicles refer to the same great contest. Joab, the EFFORTS TO KILL PORTLAND AS valiant and trusted lieutenant of King valiant and trusted lieutenant of King David, dispersed the Syrians, but later they gathered across the Jordan, and the mighty David in person led his hosts against them. "David," says the chronicler, "slew of the Syrians seven thousand men which fought in chari-

found favor on high all his days.

THE SHORTAGE OF PARMERS.

It long has been a homely conte River tion that American cities were growjoining a Mexican army, advance ing more rapidly than American farm. up the valley into the heart of our ing districts; that farms, as the basis agricultural and central manufactur- of civilization, would have to multiply provided for delivery "in Seattle harshaking the pacifist if we hoped to escape economic dis farmers of the Middle West out of tress. In Oregon we have been told as a port for shipment. their complacent sense of security, that the proportion is very much awry

Fortunately America continues to raise sufficient food for all its people. Separated from the remainder of the that port charges are higher here than

of 1918, it might suffice to deliver the high prices is increased production finishing blow after that time, and, As for the demand upon our larders though it were never called upon to from abroad that promises to increase course, which may be anywhere from cace.

One to ten years. England is said to
These considerations should end be seeking the entire wheat yield of hesitation about adoption of universal Canada. France is urging stringent service, though economy of time might economies because of wheat shortages. demand that the first levy be com- The Teutons hold nearly 1,000,000 posed of volunteers. The deficiency acres of French agricultural lands, of officers might be largely made up Besides, great areas are yielding short desides, great areas are yielding short

because the tillers are in the tre mission to the quartermaster's de-partment of the Army and to steam-ship companies, and certainly will be extended to apply to Government ship-The lesson is driven home forcibly Daily, Sunday included, one year..... 2.00
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They would be extremely valuable, for they have experience in the very latest methods of war, and they know tricks carried the harrow and plow right behind the howitzer over every foot of conquered territory. And in the end observation.

All experience teaches that the farms behind the cannon that will decide the great issue. More
Postage Rates—12 to 15 pages 1 cent: ments to Alaska All experience teaches that the that will decide the great issue. More scope of war cannot be limited by the farms and farmers are the need of the hour the world over. The world

RECALLING THE PANAMA CANAL. It has not been more than two or three years since the Panama Canal was a topic of lively conversation. Certainly no popular enterprise has disappeared from thought more completely in so brief a space of time. The Panama Canal is seldom heard of now except in connection with reports

In its latest bulletin the Survey

continents. A result was the destruc-We are a tolerant people. We note tion of fauna which could not effect with the aid of airplanes. Steaming abreast, a mile apart, the boats search festations of a contemptuous and trea- were unable to return to old fields

According to all forecasts mankind ence of a submerged U-boat. There is ideals, American patriotism, for we living habits, but as result of an afti-about the last statement an American a certain regularity in the waves think that the foundations of the ficial opening between the oceans. So male should utter these days when we certain regularity in the waves think that the foundations of the ficial opening between the oceans. So which is broken by so large a body Union are unassailable, and that it far human nature has interfered. Of itself per- Great races are in a furious tempest at as great a depth as 150 feet, haps not; but for what it voices and of slaughter which has stunned the represents, it seems to us to be serious. world's trade arteries. It may be that On sighting a periscope a motor- Some day we hope to see the strings this tempest will seek to destroy that boat dashes to the spot and circles which cause this little alien mannikin channel before it has fairly entered upon its purpose. At any rate, the Panama Canal, dream of centuries, stands as little more than an idle ditch while the destinies of mankind are being rewrought in strife. It must await its hour of triumph and usefulness, provided it survives the present

OUR AUTHOR DIPLOMATISTS.

world upheaval.

Announcement that James W. Gerard, returned Ambassador to Germany, will write a book on his experiences in the Teuton capital calls attention to some interesting literary possibilities of the near future. will be recalled that President Wilson in his first term drew heavily on the ranks of writers for our foreign representatives. Conspicuous authors were general conclusions of four others, but of the diplomatic service they have epoch-making decision. the country. But no matter what books on momentous situations available to them.

It is only to be expected that in race would run out. As it is, they precourse of time Thomas Nelson Page for to take the chance, and perhaps will submit a book, or series of books on Italy in wartime. Thrilling volumes should fall from the pen of Brand Whitlock, our diplomat in Bel-gium. Whitlock has a facile pen and will awaken us to realization that pathe keen perceptions that come of newspaper training so that his obser-

present at the greatest series of diplo-of any allusion to prisoners or booty matic controversies in the history of from the French and British bulletins the world. And in addition to representing the Nation as satisfactorily as can be expected until American diplo macy has been thoroughly overhauled and placed on a new foundation, they have been able to record observation which will add vast stores to America's valuable literature. But for the presence of these writers as officials we might never know of Europe's struggle from the point of view trained American observers.

The explanation offered by the Alaska Engineering Commission for assets the rejection of a Portland firm's bid cing. for lumber for the Alaska Railroad dodges the issue. The statement that lack of funds caused rejection of all bids for 12,000,000 feet and a call for pushing to the feart again its defeat. A Germany victorious on land and embittered by American intervention would be a constant menace to this country, imposing on us thousand men which lought in charitation of the constant menace to this country, imposing on us thousand men which lought in charitation. The Syrians then "made peace with David accord with certain facts. One fact accord with certain facts. One fact is that Seattle firms offered to with certain facts. The seattle firms offered to with certain facts. draw their opposition to acceptance of the Portland bid if the bidder would buy the lumber in Seattle and that the Commission's agent did not discover the insufficiency of funds until this bidder, in loyalty to Portland, had ily as in its government. that the call for blds for 5,000,000 fee or," thus expressly excluding Portland

That movement, if successful, would cut the country in two, depriving the East of the Western food and metal supply and the West of the Eastern munition supply.

It would be folly to rely on pre
It would be folly to rely on bar and in the channel is not deep enough for them to do so safely, and It is possible that the Teutons may yet make a successful offensive, or that. In fact, our condition as to food alone at least, their resistance to the allied onslaughts may be so stubborn as to prolong the war through next year. While a new American army could not be ready for service before the end

equal to that at the entrance to New York harbor, greater than that at the entrance to any other river port in the How to Keep Well United States, greater than that at any port in Great Britain except Fal-mouth or than any in Germany. The

uestions pertinent to hydrena senitation prevention of disease, if matters of ger interest, will be answered in this co. Where space will not permit or the cot is not suitable letters will be permit or the cot is not suitable letters will be permit in the cot is not suitable letters. bar has been cut away to such a depth that ships scarcely notice it when passing into the river.

Port charges have been made equal with those of any other Pacific Coast port. A direct guaranty has been given to this effect by the Dock Comonally answered, subject to proper limita-ions and where stamped addressed envelope s inclosed. Dr. Evans will not make diagnosis or prescribe for individual diseases. Re-quests for such services cannot be answered (Copyright, 1916, by Dr. W. A. Evans, ublished by arrangement with the Chicago Cribuna.)

> "SCIATICAY," ITS CAUSES. THERE is no sciatica in Boston. At

L least Dr. Rogers found no record of There is no foundation for Seattle's cases in the nerve department of the detraction of Portland as a port, but Massachusetts General Hospital for six we must be prepared for its contin-uance and must be constantly on the watch to counteract it. Only by un-ceasing vigilance on the part of the months. Fifteen years ago the records of the same department showed a large number of cases. This observation by Chamber of Commerce and of our Dr. Rogers shows that the physicians Senators and Representatives can due in that hospital are now finding the Government recognition of Portland's cause of what formerly was called sci-merits as a port be obtained. It is atica and treating it for what it is precisely this recognition which our rivals try to prevent. Portland must Forty-nine of a series of 50 cases of Forty-nine of a series of 50 cases of

pain in the sciatic nerve were found to such tricks as have been played in the Alaska affair will be played, and must be ready in advanced in pressure over these tricks. be due to trouble in one of the joints tender points. In others it was shown by stretching the leg as follows: While lying on the back the knee was held lying on the back the knee was held stiff and the foot was raised till the leg was vertical or nearly so, and, while lying on the abdomen, the thigh and leg were bent backward (upward) as much as possible. If there is pain in making these movements it is because ne Portland pupils are underfed. making these movements it is because these joints around the hips and spine are being pulled on.

One of Dr. Rogers' cases of sciation

plain. A few frills occasionally are wholesome. Who will pay for this is another matter, but in a system that takes on anything suggested, it ought to be of easy solution.

an's suffrage, delivers himself in this fashion: "Who fight for the fatherland, the men of Germany or the women of Germany? Who fight for France, the men of France or the

judges were of several minds, and a bed for a month at least 10 times in PACIFIST ONLY HIS OWN ACCOUNT majority was secured only by obtaining his life on account of so-called sciation Justice McKenna's concurrence in the pains.

The fellow who was suffering wa sent to many posts, and while they with some exceptions. Once again, the not helped much by being told that the were untrained in the arts and wiles court has stood five to four on an trouble was not in his sciatic nerve. trouble was not in his sciatic nerve. To help him it is not only necessary to know where the seat of the trouble is, Young people contemplating matri- but to do something for it,

Chance for Recovery.

Not Preserving Fluid.

ism. The Navy needs 16,000 more men. Take the hint and get your sea-There will be fine sport for Murguia's experience with Villa proves the danger of celebrating a

Iron Preparation O. K. H. A. writes: "Is there an iron preparation that can be taken safely by a nursing mother?"

REPLY. Any preparation of iron can be taken ensuing year or a tax that will produce safely by a nursing mother. Blaud's pills an amount sufficient to give the distinct a good one; so is tincture of iron.

Migraine Is Trouble.

Sale of the Blue Ledge mine for \$750,000 proves that Oregon is again pushing to the front as a mining state.

A suitcase in the hand of a man coming from a train from the south cannot be judged by its weight.

Enfranchised woman will take hand in the defense of the country as readily as in its government.

It does not matter much who "leaks" in a contemplated raid if the baggage leaks.

Mr. Ripley, of the Santa Fe, is somewhat peeved over the result, but wisely says little.

The whisky-graft case at Seattle seems to be a case of plot and counter-plot.

When Old Sol crossed the line yesterday he dragged open all the rain spouts.

Migraine Is Trouble.

A. D. writes: "I am a married woman nearly 50 years old, of medium height and weight, but I am a great sufferer from headaches, becoming worse each year. There seem to be two kinds of headache, one like neuralgia and the other like a pain from an abscess. It is seems almost impossible to endure it. I have terrible nausea and vomiting, not food but froth with a strong metallic odor. Great prostration follows and nothing, not even a drop of water, will stay in my stomach. When the pain ceases I am weak for a day or two and after that until the next attack can do anything that any normal person can do. Sometimes my hands turn purple and seems to be a case of plot and counter-plot.

When Old Sol crossed the line yesterday he dragged open all the rain spouts.

Your headaches are typical attacks of migraine. You cannot do much for them. It will reconcile you somewhat to know that migraine gradually gets better in persons beyond 50. If you can stay in a good hospital for a while, one where they have something like Cabot's organized service, you should get rid of your knee trouble and your constipation and possibly find some improvement as to your headaches.

CHIEFS' STATEMENTS CHALLENGED Mr. U'Ren Asserts Two-Platoon Amend-

ment Is Misrepresented PORTLAND, March 20 .- (To the Editor.)—Please allow me to correct some erroneous statements made by Chiefs Dowell and Stevens and their assistants, concerning the firemen's two-platoon charter amendment.

From The Oregonian of March 21, 1806.

Berlin, March 18.—It is stated that Biamarck has refused to protest against the absorption of Poland into the Russian Empire. tor.)-Please allow me to correct some platoon charter amendment.

As to vacations and holidays: Ordinance No. 30106 defines the annual 15 days' rest as a "vacation" and the sixth day off for firemen as a "holiday." The City Council can pass another ordinance, after the adoption of this charter amendment, requiring firemen to work every day in the year except their 15 days' vacation.

The bill does not make "administrative affairs of the fire bureau subject.

The fill does not make "administrative affairs of the fire bureau subject to vote of the fire bureau subject to vote of the firemen," and does not give them any power except the right to decide how often to change from day to night shift and to choose their judges and clerks of election on that question. The bill will not disorganize "the

The bill will not disorganize "the fire prevention campaign of the city," because the chiefs can detail regular firemen and can also take men from the night shift for this service temporarily, because this charter amendment requires only that the firemen shall be organized in two "substantially" equal platoons.

If this amendment is adopted companies working at a fire must continue until the recall is sounded by their officers, regardless of the number of hours on duty, just as they do now. In case of "great or unusual

In the discussion of this paper before the American Medical Association Dr. Ely said he thought it was time to throw the term sciatica into the same scrap heap with "bellyache" and acute "bilious attacks."

Dr. Lord told of some cases of socialed sciatica which were due to constipation. He had seen mineral oil cure what seemed to be incurable cases of socialitica.

Dr. Griffith told of cases due to saging of the abdominal organs and cured to the constitution of the same serving the health and will-being of the members, is to prevent the case in vain.

Washington March 20, Proceedings in the House during the coming week will be more than usually interesting, as the Bland allver bill is the special order for three days, beginning Tuestory as the condition. This could easily be done without costly appliances, but my information is that the kind for any of the firehouses now, nor require any setting up drills; also, to allow the Council and the chiefs to provide for warming and lighting at

France, the men of France or the women of France or the women of France? What ight to proceed our hearthstones and the honor of the Nation?" Mere twaddle, and about the last statement an American male should utter these days when we can't get men for Army, Navy or National Guard, while our women are organizing and training themselves by the hundreds of thousands for their part in National defense.

There is one good thing to be said for ex-Czar Nicholas and the rest of the Romanoffs—they put the country above their throne, preferring retirement to the ald of the enemy. In that respect they have arisen above the Bourbons, who invited foreign invasion to recover their throne. That saying of Nicholas, "I shall never become a traitor to my country," will surely soften the resentance of the cases that were due to pressure on the nerve due to the sacral flexus may also to recover their throne. That saying of Nicholas, "I shall never become a traitor to my country," will surely soften the resentance of the cases that were due to pressure on the nerve due to the cases that were due to pressure on the nerve due to pressure on the nerve due to the cases that were due to pressure on the nerve due to the cases that were due to pressure on the nerve due to the cases that were due to pressure on the nerve due to p

War for Ireland, Peace for America,

Charged to Be D'Arcy Slogan, R. D. K. P. writes: "What are the chances of recovery of a person 60 years of age from catarrhi deafness of three weeks' standing and brought on by a case of grip? Previously the hearing was fairly good, but apparently the eustachian tubes closed overnight and stay closed with a constant roaring that is distracting. There was severe headache and mild earache for six days."

west coast of Ireland and Scotland, An occasional submarine might raid into mid-Affantic, but here, too, ships could be kept in lane which would be guarded by destroyers, curisers and, as fast as they became available, by more of the state of the state

Citizen writes: "When eating almost any kind of poultry except freshly killed I am troubled with gastritis. Is this due to some preserving fluid used in cold storage?"

Preserving fluids are not used with foods kept in cold storage. Probably you have sotten hold of poultry that was a little "off."

New District School Law.

BORING, Or., March 19.—(To the Editor.)—A recent act of the Oregon Legislature established a minimum of eight months as a district school term. Please state what provision was made therein to meat the deficiency in districts where the per capita apportionment of county and state school funds is insufficient for the payment of teacher's salary and maintenance.

J. R. HALL.

The present law requiring a six months' term of school provides that in case a district does not levy 5 mills on the dollar for maintenance for the between \$300 and the amount received from the county school fund it shall be the duty of the County Court to lavy a district tax that will produce that amount. The present law also provides that when the apportionment of county funds and the special district school tax do not aggregate \$200 an amount to make up the deficit shall be trans-ferred from the county's general fund to the credit of the district.

The new law, which first applies to the school year beginning June 18. 1917, increases the school term to eight months and increases the amount required to be raised by the methods above outlined to \$400 in place of \$300,

man's name in slurs as you have about Hicks. He knew more about weather facts than all the Government ones do. Are you fair? Read Hicks' 1917 Almanac and see he has the snow storms O. K., railroads tied up for snow.

I have been a student of Hicks 40 years and find sure proof. Am a kid born in June, 1838. See? Please right the wrong you did.

born in June, 1888. See? Please right the wrong you did.

As for me, I hop around for my living. All say "Too old to hire." Am an old Indian fighter before Buffalo Bill's time. I think the United States Government ought to help such as me out.

Am almost a hobe.

WHISTLING GEORGE.

In Other Days.

Half a Century Ago.

Victoria, March 19.—A large and en-thusiastic public meeting was held tast night for the purpose of discussing the propriety of applying for admission of this colony into the British North American Confederacy on fair and equitable terms. The meeting was unanimous in favor of the scheme.

New York, March 19 .- The intercep-

Toronto, March 18.—A Fenian spy was arrested today with a pian of the city of Toronto, a map of the Niagara frontier and a list of the judges who sentenced the Fenian prisoners.
The Hibernian Society was not allowed to parade. Great excitement prevails on the Canadian side. Buffale is full of Canadian spies. Nothing unusual has transpired.

Pesth, March 19.—The coronation of Francis Joseph as King of Hungary during his present visit to this city is strongly urged by all parties.

Twenty-five Years Ago. From The Oregonian of March 21, 1892.

Washington, March 20.—The river and harber bill is now completed and is ordered reported to the House. Representative Hermann secures great results for Oregon. His state aggregates As to the cost: In one paragraph resentative Hermann secures great rethese chiefs say it will be increased by suits for Oregon. His state aggregates "\$200,000 or \$200,000 a year." and in the next paragraph they say it will "entail state in the Union, with the exception

One of Dr. Rogers' cases of sciation pain was due to cancer of the prostate gland.

Dr. Rogers concludes that pain in the sciation nerve so-called sciation—is due to inflammation where the nerve leaves the body canal, or else it is due to some cause away from the nerve.

In the discussion of this paper before in the prostate gland.

In the discussion of this paper before in the prostate in the number of firemen." It is clear that they have made no intelligent or careful estimate of what the increased cost will be, but after all their experience they should be able to guess nearer than \$100,000 in a case like this.

The requirement that "liberal provision" shall be made in the fire stations for preserving the health and will-being of the members, is to pre-

into the future with his sorely blackened eyes, as startling premonitions of
his final doom arise. He looked upon
the first assaults with not a tings of
fear, beheld the temperance movement
with a supercilious sneer; imagined in
his lofty pride no power could dethrone
a king, whose might through centuries
had daily stronger grown, but now he
sees the luminous handwriting on the
wall that tells him of a tottering throne
fast crumbling to its fall, and all his
nower and wealth of gold and strength PORTLAND, March 13.—(To the Editor.)—The other night in the German House the Hon. Pete D'Arcy not being satisfied with having St. Patrick born in Berlin, further elaborated the role of the Admirable Crichton of the Sons of Irish Piroutte by orating to Americans on "how to bell the cat" at a time when the papers were selling on the ne'er before, the sunshine drive shadows from full many a clouded door, the air be rent with joyous shouts of children at their play, and wives will sing glad heartsongs at their duties every day; our boys develop into men in all the name implies; no stunted brains from blight of drink, no dull and leaden eyes; Old Glory then we all will hall as banner of the free, and more than ever love it as the Flag of

Who killed the bill?
"Not I," said Bill Stone.
"If you must be shown,
I'l tell you with pleasure:
Clapp back-stabbed the measure."

Liberty.

Who killed the bill?
"'Twas Pompadour Bob,
Or some fanatic slob
From back East," said Wes' Jones In pitying tones. Who killed the bill?

"Bill Stone," said O'Gorman.
"He was the foreman
And jury. "Twas Bill
Who gave it the pill. Who killed the bill? "It was some other chap," Said Moses E. Clapp; "But I saw the dirk That finished the work."

Who killed the bill?
"Al Cummins, I think,
Or Norris, the gink,"
Said Lane, "all alone;
Neither I nor Bill Stone."

Who killed the bill? "Not I," said John Works, As his sobs came in jerks! "It was Kirby," he spoke,

"That caused it to croak." Who killed the bill? "I think it was Smith, Or Jones, or a myth," Said Vardaman; "yet Lene Has much to explain." Charles H. George, in the New York

Cow's Triplets Valuable.

KENNEWICK, Wash., March 18.—
(To the Editor.)—In The Oregonian I notice an article, "Cow Mother of Triplets." Thinking that I might ease the minds of some of Mr. Henry Hohnstine's neighbors, who assert that the case is without precedent or parallel. I wish to state that I owned a cow about six years ago that gave birth to three good strong calves at one time, one of which was a bull calf, and two helfers, a photograph of which I still have.

Though advised by some of my doubting neighbors to destroy the calves, as they never would be any good. I believed experience a good teacher. I did not destroy. The bull was marketed at 8 weeks for \$7.50 and the two heifers traded to a neighbor for four shoats. Three years later one of the helfers sold for \$125.

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Taxes on Transferred Property. KELSO, Wash. March 19.—(To the Editor.)—A buys a plant December 1, 1916. B gives a bill of sale clear of all incumbrance. Nothing was said about taxes. In March, 1917, 1916 taxes become due. Who should pay the 1916 tax? A only has use of plant one month during 1916.

A. E. T.

A should pay the taxes for the rea-son they did not become a lien upon the property until March 15, 1817.