# The Oregonian in the wall that must be still a million more years building before the vision is realized.

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#### INDIVIDUALISM.

privileged to learn perhaps in all their of the officers' training camps.

rangements of shirt collars, leggings and hat cords, but now all is uniform according to the Army rules," says taught at Plattsburg.

dress suits along, and how these dress suits are being shipped home without The men are already saying that they again until after the close of the war. there.

The large liberty that Americans have enjoyed for so many years has to remember Senator Lane's virtues, doubt failed to appreciate it, just as lowing of friends and a most devoted we have falled to appreciate the vast family, and to them the sympathy of distances and the immense easiness of life in this new continent in which our ways have been cast.

Our ancient freedom, indeed, be "unnoted as the breath we came We were inclined to think that it was by the grace of kind proving of ancestral Generals and Admirals that we had attained, as the people of no other nation had attained, the "leave to live by no man's leave, underneath the law."

The circumstances that have arteen to man and challenges us to give one instance wherein the New Testament supports enforced service for one's country in a bloody war. "Why," he asks, "does the press insist on men entering the war when the between the creator and his creations."

The circumstances that have arisen New Testament rejects such a stand?" to make it necessary for men to lay sweetness of those liberties.

The men in the officers' reserve eing given a forceful and direct obtainty of their being permanent.

Many a man may have slipped through the public schools without peace. be few men who learn the lesson in to duty. their children's liberty, who will not dom and democracy and, in the words debt that Americans owe to their fath- conscientious objectors there is a line posterity.

## PATIENCE WITH EVOLUTION.

Humanity, spinning in the particularly violent whirlpool in the stream of time into which it has just been flung, has little opportunity to look to discover one small and sturdy group

the social evolution, as he forecast it, in this country.

It is such temperament that keeps the for their motherland. aldron of humanity continually and futilely bubbling here and there, with-out accomplishing anything tangible. Money is needed to buy the war mate-the studio like a wildcat." Human selfishness will ever desire to rial which Italy must import in larger trritation because he cannot apply to can supply. Steel and railroad cars to whom Swinburne proposed mar-humanity as it is today or tomorrow a are also needed to keep the transpor-riage, according to Mr. Gosse, laughed in habit and thought.

thinker who can perceive the end to more nearly self-supporting and has a hoopee and driving his friends crazy be attained, and can become willing an earlier harvest than those counthen to regard himself as nothing tries. more than a function in the evolution

Bellamy, placing his emphasis upon state should be attained, peace. ideal and things as we would have them.

#### THE LATE SENATOR LANE.

The name of Lane has long been prominent in Oregon. It has been identified with public affairs continu-It has been Postage Rates -12 to 16 pages, 1 cent: 18
32 pages, 2 cents; 34 to 48 pages, 3 cents;
1 to 60 pages, 4 cents; 62 to 76 pages, 5
nts; 78 to 82 pages, 6 cents; Foreign postits double rates. long interim until his grandson, Harry Lane, was elected to and served in the United States Senate. The first Lane was soldier, Governor, delegate to Congress and United States Senator. PORTLAND, FRIDAY, MAY 25 1917. A Lane of the next generation was a Congressman, and the third generation likewise produced the representative whose public career has just been "America's finest" are learning right closed by death; and he, too, was a

Accounts coming back from Platts-burg, from the Presidio and from else-burg, from the Presidio and from elsewhere where reserve training camps willing always to stand or fall by them. have been established, all tell the same story; the story of submergence of American individualism—the most intolerant individualism in the world—under the inexorable tide of military willing always to stand or ran by them and stand or ran by them and the state for purchase of the state's products. Uncle Sam will be the medium through which it will be the medium through which it will pass from the hands of the lender to those of the producer. The Government will set it to work, and it will overwhelming opinion of his state and or ran by them. "The first formations saw varied ar- to say that he must have suffered spread prosperity on all sides. severely for it; but he suffered uncom-

plainingly. The Oregonian's close knowledge of thirty years ago, when he was superin-From the Fresidio came recently the story of young men who went there to train for commissions, taking their pathy; and he had there a most suppathy; and he had there as most suppathy; are not suppathy; and he had there as most suppathy; and he had there as most suppathy; are not suppathy; are not suppathy; and he had there as most suppathy; are not suppathy; ar cessful administration, marred at the last by a political difference with the even being shaken out of the suitcases. Governor, who displaced him. It has don't expect to be out of service khaki best public service was performed always seemed to us that Dr. Lane's

The chapter is closed, and it is well been in truth so large that we have no which were many. He had a loyal fola state is due, and will be fitly expressed.

CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS. An unnamed correspondent sends us enough scriptural references to make idence rather than by the hard pound- a day's reading and challenges us to

We recall a passage in one of Paul's aside temporarily those large, loose, epistles in which, among other things easy libertles which they enjoyed as admoninshed upon scriptural teachers, individuals so long will be bound to is that they put the people "in mind produce a keener appreciation of the to be subject to principalities and powview of one provision of the new milltraining camps, and eventually the tary service law, it is hardly pertinent people of the whole United States, are to elaborate the admonition.

There are religious sects and orject lesson in the value of individual ganizations whose creed forbids their liberty, by being compelled to lay it members to participate in war of any and submit themselves to the kind. It may be presumed from the machine-like military control, for the familiarity of our devout correspondsake of having those same old liber- ent with scriptural passages interties returned to them with more cer- preted to oppose war that he is a freakish absurdities and eccentricities member of some such sect.

If so, the brother may depart in having received any very emphatic from draft. But if, perchance, he has impression from the more or less but lately acquired a religious tenet theoretical and formal lessons in pa- and had not joined the other brethren tridtism that were given him there, of the faith before the conscription But it is safe to predict that there will law was passed, he is, alas! subject

the military camps, of giving up their There are those who perceive a holy liberty to guarantee their own and duty to join in the promotion of freecome back with a clearer knowledge of the apostle, are "ready to do every of "what peril is and price," of the good work." As between these and ers and the duty they owe to their of demarcation, fully recognized by the law. We think the provision is sufficient answer to the correspondent, eleventh-hour converts.

## ITALY'S WAR FOR UNITY.

Italian mission should be the occasion good old brewing monk than a singer either forward or backward. It is a of a welcome for which there are sen- of "the purple plumage of strange and rather reassuring thing, accordingly, timental reasons less only than those secret seas." which prompted the great reception that has the calmness, in the crash of given to the British and French mis- scene in one of the studios of the day falling empires, to keep green the fame sions. American sympathy goes out —that of Ford Madox Brown—in of the man who made "Looking Back- instinctively to the nation which was which Swinburne appears more like ward" a vogue some thirty years ago. formed by the expulsion of the Aus- some freakish parlor pet than the poet clal theories were new and startling and commanding of attention, still meets in Boston, and it held its last meeting only a short time ago. From sympathy is quickened by the memory though he was but in his thirty-third the advanced standpoint of thirty of the romantic career of Garibaldi, year, a faded look." years, men must already look back- whose first fight for Italian unity had ward upon some things that Edward no sooner failed than he gave his gives a picture of him, standing per-Beliamy put in the far future, in his services for the liberation of Uruguay feetly rigid with his arms shivering book, but there is still a great deal in and who for five years found a refuge at his sides and his little feet tight

ble patience and slowness with which the Central European autocracies and orange-crested bird-a hoopee, perevolution is willing to work out its took her proper place beside the haps-hopping from perch to perch in theme of things.

Dreams he had, but he was never the more willing to forget that the Swinburne seems to have been some could be realized without long because he is the representative of a admirers with whom he came in perand steadfast preparation. His was dynasty which placed itself at the head sonal contact. Landor, when he bu never the error of attempting to apply of a democratic movement to realize in upon him at Florence and fell upon at once the perfect principles of a new national aspirations and because he his knees, was driven away by his Portland, his successor must be caught and impressed with weather social order to the imperfect con-stituents of the old order. Too often tion, not as a despotic monarch. In-he first caught sight of the poet, needs. the thinker along lines of social eco- terest in the arduous struggle of Italy stretched on his bed in his "burning nomic reform is intolerant of what to break through the wall of moun- bush" of red hair, "stammered out seems to him needless delay, and too tains which envelops the country is an inquiry for a "Mr. Jones' and fled often he chafes against the impossibility of realizing in his own genera-bility of realizing in his own genera-many thousands of Italian soldiers Rossetti seems to have been wrough

Italy needs much help which the him, and declared that "Algy used to rates to clubs. eat its cake and have it, and the re- measure than any other of the allies, genius," said the poet's father, former who is the type of this selfish- Artillery, ammunition and coal are the he has not vouchsafed to grant him ness must live in a state of constant greatest necessities which this country condition which necessarily presup- tation system up to the strain of war. in his face, "probably from hysteria," poses profound evolutionary changes Food also must be imported, though the biographer charitably admits. habit and thought.

not in such quantities or as early as

It was this erratic, irritable individThere is a certain grandeur in the by France and Britain, for Italy is ual, hopping about drawing-rooms like

The fact that the United States is to its foundations and set all England of humanity toward that end. He not formally at war with Austria, singing in glorious pagan rebellion might be compared to a coral crea- against which Italy most contends, is against the chaste classical laws of art ture, given a vision of the atoli as it not likely to hinder the President from under which they had been nurtured. will stand completed, but which would giving the help required. Since Ausbe willing patiently to live and die in tria is allied with Germany, that coun-

a minute, serviceable piece of masonry in the wall that must be still a million making war on Germany by fighting more years building before the vision is realized.

United States, and Italy is effectually ness; or to prepare for readings and them forget to invite half the intended guests, or all of them; who fashioned abundance of fuel, steel and munithe poems that "swept the young men

OREGON'S WORK FOR THE NATION. Oregon performs a great part in

ing many of the materials of war. Oregon will provide grain, meat,

fish. butter, cheese and milk to feed field of art. the fighting men. It provides wool to clothe them, and manufactures it into blankets and clothing, From the hides It builds the ships which are to carry mium which are used in making shells the works that they produce.

The varied contribution which this indefinitely, provided an invading strongest arguments for appointing army is not permitted to land and to cripple us by obtaining control of some of our vital resources.

## CLOISTERING GENIUS.

The personal touches in Edmund Gosse's "Life of Algernon Charles Swinburne," with their startling and faithful portrayal of the eccentricities of the genius who set the mild-mannered Victorian gentlewomen and gentlemen stampeding horror, contain

in the cases of genil of extraordinary individual eccentricities. George Bernard Shaw expressed this truth when he declined to embark on a lecture tour in the United States. He pointed out that it was unsafe to replace ers and to obey magistrates." But in the ideal that the American people with the real Shaw, who at best must traditions of genius in its physical manifestations.

Rather harder to reconcile than mere ordinariness of appearance, one would fancy, would be the utterly that Swinburne displayed. Swinburne's He is specifically exempted in danger of having their heroic idol tipped over by coming in personal zlingly red-headed original, than those in person, through the extraordinarily Gosse, to set one wondering how har mony shall be achieved between the gorgeous expressions of his spirit trivialities in the personal behaviors

of the poet. It is rather the same shock that one gets after he has caught himself even though it takes no account of breathless in one of the magnificently orchestral lines in Chesterton's earlier poetry, and then has turned to a portrait of the poet himself, huge and Arrival in the United States of an rubicund and looking far more like a

Mr. Gosse describes deliciously a

And as Swinburne talked, Gosse against each other, near a low that remains yet to be attained by us. Italy has won the admiration of He pictures how, every now and then, Whatever may or may not have been Americans by the long and gallant without interrupting the flow of his

Rossetti seems to have been wrought tions the ideal state he has conceived. have gone from this country to fight upon by the eccentricities of "his little Northumberland friend," as he called

> drive me crazy by dancing all over "God has endowed my son with self-control." And the only woman

by dancing about their studies like a wildcat, who shook Victorian London

It was this irresponsible chap who used to invite his friends to readings that vision and to let its body become try is indirectly making war on the and read them into weeping weari- of China,

tions, we can contribute materially to at Oxford simply off their legs with rapture" and caused the Cambridge boys to join hands and march up and down the street shouting "Dolores!" It was this will-o'-the-wisp, flickering madly about pre-Raphaelite studios, who brought down upon himself in his artistic rebellion the deep and dignified disapproval of Queen Victoria, and who, although forever barred by the need of educational progress as the early victory of democracy, which rapture" and caused the Cambridge well as economic reform before the will lay the foundation for lasting boys to join hands and march up and equipping the country for war. First fied disapproval of Queen Victoria, to muster its National Guard for serv- and who, although forever barred by ice, first to supply its quota of men her from consideration for the laure to the Navy, second among the states ateship, was laureate in the hearts of in enlisting its quota for the regular a generation of young spirits of en-Army, this state also leads in supplythusiasm, for whom he kicked down that they might frolic out into a new

The description of Swinburne in his old. personal character is given with the heaviest in the first day of life. The deep kindliness of a dear friend in first week has a higher death rate of its cattle it makes leather for their Mr. Gosse's book, but the contrast beshoes and belts, and for harness. From tween the magnificent, celestial spirit month is the most trying month. More its forests it cuts timber to build can- that gleams through his poetry, and babies die in the first three months tonments for the Army, ships to carry the trivial, almost comic, form in of life than die in the following nine the soldiers and their supplies, and which that celestial spirit was housed, months. aeroplanes for all the allied nations, does suggest a very definite advantage to be gained by the world by dissociatits own products abroad. It also pro- ing men of genius, in their commoner 3 months of age is poor maternity servduces the copper, platinum and chro- fleshly manifestations, utterly from Mr. privileged to learn perhaps in all their
lives before, under the stiff discipline of the officers' training camps.

Accounts coming her camps.

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The most part in feeding, clothing, housing and arming the soldiers. All of its industries are enlisted for the war. and steel. It plays an important part Gosse himself intimates that Swinpays him the tribute of commending The money which Oregon con-

be the medium through which it will pass from the hands of the lender to those of the producer. The Government will set it to work, and it will spread prosperity on all sides.

The varied contribution which this The varied contribution which the cause of the recent outburst women had been attended in confinement by physicians, a little less than 30 per cent had been confined by mid-wives, 11 women had been attended in confinement by physicians, a little less than 30 per cent had been confined by mid-wives, 11 women had gone through confinement without the care of either physicians or midwives. state is making to the material of war is an evidence of the military strength spirit which animates many Senators. one who tells the story of how AmerHarry Lane goes back to the time, of the United States. The resources that the Harry Lane goes back to the time, of this country include nearly every tion of Mr. Hoover; his name has material needed in war. Very few never been mentioned in connection imported commodities are required to with politics. His selection is abunenable us to fight without sending dantly justified by the ability which he across the ocean, and almost all of displayed in handling Belgian relief. these can be brought by land. Owing He is precisely the man for the place, to neglect of preparation, nearly all our products are latent as military be explained by consciousness that he resources, but when they are devel- cannot be handled by politicians for oped this Nation will be able to fight political ends. That is one of the

> A romantic incident of British colonial history is recalled by the death of Sir Charles Brooke, rajah of Sarawak, Borneo, at the age of 88. His uncle, Sir James Brooke, in 1840 took a yacht loaded with adventurers to Borneo and assisted the Sultan in conquering the rebel head-hunters. As a reward he was given the title of rajah and much territory, which he had to conquer from the natives and which he in 1868. The Brookes are hereditary ration except a few baby clothes. rulers of the colony under British suzerainty.

It is a pity the Constitution prevents members of Congress from retaining their seats while serving in the Army or Navy. If a number of them were to have actual experience in battle, and were to come home for an had had any nursing service. occasional furlough, they could give had conjured from reading his works, their colleagues some practical knowledge which would choke off much be a rather ordinary gentleman and foolish talk about military matters, average wages. The women of the poornot at all in keeping with the accepted We should also have an opportunity to distinguish between those lawmakers whose patriotism is practical and those in whom it is merely vocal.

that Swinburne displayed. Swinburne's assent of the Chicago Evening Post, contemporaries, of course, were more in danger of having their heroic idol touch with the jumpy, nervous, dazof later days. Nevertheless, one gets laws. Congress seeks means of raising | will not decline. a vivid enough glimpse of Swinburne, more money. It can pour millions into faithful description by his friend, Mr. has voted to waste. The point is well the war chest by saving that which it taken.

Dewey's famous order to Gridley at through his poetry and the astounding the opening of the battle of Manila has been revised to read as it would plained to me of the following: have read if Gridley had been as dilatory in preparation for action as the present Congress Is. Anna Ruth Weeks writes to the New York Times: Apropos of the tactics of Congress toward raising our Army, I am reminded of those stirring words of Admiral Dewey at Manila: "If you ever in the world get ready, Gridley, for heaven's sake, fire!"

> Claudius, appealing to the Federal ourts against conscription as a viollation of his constitutional right to protection from "involuntary tude," displays a fine spiritual brotherhood to the individual who plants himself on the anti-vaccination plat- future and do you advise a person as

Victor Berger need not fear that Socialists who want to go abroad for a peace meeting will be compelled to 'stand on their rights." They will stand in line to get food if they get "gay and cocky."

Down in North Idaho they are killing magpies and crows as pests, disbetrayed into the belief that those head of the Italian nation is a King what of a shock to everyone, even his regarding the fact that those birds are beneficial most of the time.

Since Professor Beals is to leave

Best way to avoid waste is not to

make any.

Mr. Cordray, who has resumed his G. S. M. writes: "Does the eating of literary efforts for the season, has a fruits and berries with large quantities." peculiar style of his own. "All the big roads are seeking freight cars now. Portland can give special

Really, that must have been what the weatherfolk call a stray shower "but yesterday.

Asparagus and Rheumatism. Plant beans alongside the house and pick your dinner off the wall. The Memorial day scheme this year

With a rise in the price of a hair-REPLY. Pneumonia, like war, takes the fin-

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

WHEN BABY IS MOST NEGLECTED. The baby death rate is falling, but the rate of decline is slower than it ropes into the central arena and should be. When the situation is stud- whipped out his sword, a tongue of the bars of the Tennysonian pale so should be. When the situation is studled more closely it is found that the flame, to signal many hundred French improvement is in babies over 3 months The death rate among babies is than any subsequent week. The first The reason for the lack of improve

ment in the death rate of bables under ice. There are people so smug and unchristian that they object to having me or any other writer refer to maternity and at such a time none of us can afmatters in this column or in any other public print.

Last year the Detroit Home Nursing the rotten roots of weakness. Last year the Detroit Home Nursing

Association inquired into conditions as they bore on some phases of maternity carried away. As much as Oregon close guardianship he held over the subscribes, perhaps more, will be expended in the state for purchase of together at Putney. they bore on some phases of maternity in 10,000 homes of rather poor people in that city. They inquired as to conditions in homes where 2000 women had in 10,000 homes of rather poor people tions in homes where 2000 women had young bables. About 70 per cent of the women had been attended in confine-

physicians or midwives.
Of the 2000, 34 had remained in bed Of the 2000, 34 had remained in bed one day after confinement; 61, two days; 111, four days; 121, five days; 420, price of every edible and in the saleon five to seven days: 1123, eight to ten lext door the workman—who would five to seven days; 1123, eight to ten days. "In the great majority of instances the time the patient remained in bed was determined, not by her physical condition, but by the assistance she was able to secure. The presence of boarders or roomers in the house at such times very materially house at such times very materially a large percentage of which are despended to feed Von Capelle's ruinous and mained in bed; likewise the presence cowardly sharks. War is becoming of young children to be cared for."

Of the 2000 bables, 1632 were breast fed and 353 were bottle fed. Of the 353 bottle fed 135 received a certain brand

of condensed milk. About one-fourth of the mothers had prepared clothes, towels, sheets and other things needed by women in confinement and by young babies in a finement and by young babies in a Government. Those who are not pa-home where there is a confinement triotic must be compelled into decency case. In 35 per cent some preparation had been begun, but the mother "didn't expect to be sick so soon," and the confinement was not prepared for. In enlarged by purchase. Sir Charles confinement was not prepared for. In joined him in 1851 and succeeded him 39 per cent there had been no prepa-

In the 1384 cases attended by physiclans 394 had not engaged the physician before the women got in labor. Of the 2000, 688 had had the urine This investigation was not in the

poorest districts. Most of the husbands were working full time at above the est classes generally go to public hospitals and dispensaries and are visited by nursing agencies. The care they get averages better than that given the build roads. The proposal to make the increased income tax retroactive receives the less than 3 months of age. The California auto license with Oregon's. better-to-do women. Here lies the reayear's appropriations. It calls for re- confinement and during the first two months of the baby's life. Until this bor, public building and flood-control is given the death rate of young babies

Appendicitis Adhesions S. C. writes: "I would be very glad to have your opinion whether it is advisable from a matrimonial point of view to marry a girl that has com-

"She was operated on for appendicitis when she was 14; now she is 1714, and see where roads not only increase claims that the operation was not successful; that there is something left which at times gives her a lot of pain, but she simply resists it; and also that she has lost quite a little weight and sleeps little, cats sparingly, is rather nervous at times and also that she is not allowed to bathe unless in warm salt water. I understand she is taking medicine for cure, but with no successful results.

"Don't you think she will have to un dergo another operation in the near from its editor in chief to its humblest length, not given; velocity, 2800.

REPLY.

The young lady probably has some adsions. Nothing stated in your letter conatitutes a bar to maternity.

## Danger Slight.

Anxious writes: "I am 40 years of age, weigh rather too much for my size.

Have been an arrested case of t. b. for about a year. Do not cough nor expecsupported a Democratic President in torate to amount to anything. Sputum his untiring efforts to protect and pre Whatever may or may not have been the merit of his work, there was one truth that did not escape him for a moment, and that was the immeasurable patience and slowness with which ble patience and slowness with which slowness with which ble patience and slowness with which ble patience and slowness with which slowness with which ble patience and slowness with which ble patience and slowness with which ble pictures how, every now and then.

An increase of 5 cents in the price down a safety of admission to a ball game will not affect attendance. The real fan will be not work hard, sleep outdoors always. (1) Is there much danger of return the new and then, without interrupting the flow of his conversation, he hopped onto this sofa affect attendance. The real fan will be not work hard, sleep outdoors always. (2) Is the sleep outdoors always are some and sleep outdoors at the Nation.

An increase of 5 cents in the price down a safety of admission to a ball game will not affect attendance. The real fan will be not work hard, sleep outdoors always. (2) Is a special part of the Nation.

An increase of 5 cents in the pictures how, every now and then. dren of contracting the disease from me? (3) Is it safe for my husband to shake out the dust of my outdoor top blanket?"

REPLY. 1. Not much. Live right. Keep in the open air. Do not worry, Hold your flesh. Work moderately. 2. Not from you in your present condition. 8. Yes, Let blankets be sunned and aired

before being shaken. Seeds and Appendicitis.

of seeds in them, such as strawberries, blackberries, raspberries, figs, etc., have a tendency to cause appendicitis, or to REPLY.

it has been relegated to the background.

list?"

The eating of asparagus has no tendency

Dr. Wu Ting-Fang is the handy man marched into Washington State.

## A Great War, if-By Wallace Irwin, of the Vigilantes.

stration was held in Madison Square Garden to honor the crews of visiting French warships. That night was truly inspiring to loyalty and to brotherhood in arms. The 12,000 who beat the other 12,000 to the door and stormed the au ditorium were on their feet most of the evening, shaking the girdered cell-ing with Yankee cheers and rebel yells. At one dramatic point a French Lieutenant-Commander leaped over the bayonets which sprouted suddenly sky ward, a cornfield of steel, raised to the glory of a new ally. The ensuing dir was terrifle and I—on the tide of a young enthusiasm—helped knock off the hat of the only pacifist present. It was out of the contrasting silence which followed that I heard the warn-ing spoken softly by a little man just behind me.

"It'll be a great war," he said, "if w on't weaken on't weaken.

If we don't weaken—there's the point
of a sermon! Nobody likes to preach on
the elderly subject of prohibition; but
we are now launched as a Nation upon
the business of killing and being killed

Sane America wants the manufacture of alcoholic beverages stopped for a reason that has nothing to do with sentimental twaddle. The manufacture of alcoholic beverages, if continued with us, would amount to a deadly German plot in our midst. This is a matter of plain business fact. The world is facing

Already they are talking of giving us surely serve our industrial army a lit-tle better were he sticking to cold wa-ter—is cheating somebody out of a square meal every time a glass of "the same" is shoved at him over the bar.
It's up to the banker and the baker the pub and the club. We are struggling desperately to make food ships something hell never dreamed of. And if we're going to out-face hell we can't do it by getting drunk at the expense of soldiers abroad and children at home. Uncle Sam has got to go, in training for the big fight. If he's go-ing to win he mustn't be starved or drugged. Patriotic brewers and distillers know this and are diverting their business into channels useful to the -and your influence will help, if you don't weaken.

### OREGON IS SHEEPTRAIL STATE WAYS TO INCREASE POTATO CROP Mosier Farmer Thinks It Time to Cure

Poor Road Reputation. MOSIER, Or., May 22.—(To the Editor.)—We are living in a state that still has roads that are sheeptralls. If of the 2000, 688 had had the urine examined prior to the labor, the remainder had not; 50 per cent of the women were without medical advice prior to the pregnancy; none of them follow me.

I don't wish to kick or knock at Oregon, but I have lived on the main road between Hood River and The Dalles for the past nine years. Our roads today are in poorer condition than they were 10 years ago.

Let us vote the bonds, pull us poor,
deserving farmers out of the mud—

I do not care where you build them,

I have lived in many states of the Union, including Florida and Georgia, with the great shell and tarvia roads; Illinois, with the eight-foot-wide brick roads; Alabama, with oiled and beau-tiful roads, and many other states too numerous to mention. I think voters want roads now, not after we are gone or after the war is over. When people from other states call Oregon roads sheptrails, I think it is time to build roads. I wish it was \$16,000,000 in by the countries at war. bonds and then we could have roads and the average taxpayer would soon values of property, but make property pay by saving on vehicle, horses and in many other ways. ARTHUR KUHN.

### PATRIOTIC EFFORTS APPRECIATED Democratic Senator Impressed by The

Oregonian's Attitude in Crisis. LEBANON, Or., May 23.—To the Ed-tor.)—Will you let me congratulate you upon the evidence of patriotism that seems to permeate The Oregonian

newsboy? I have read The Oregonian for many years. Sometimes in political cam-paigns its editorials make me so mad that I think that I will never look at the paper again, but there is a fascina-tion about The Oregonian which I can-

not resist, although I disagree with it oftener than I agree with it.

But I have been greatly impressed by the fairness, the unselfishness and serve the dignity, honor and safety of the Nation.

After a while, maybe, you will come

SAM'L M. GARLAND.

### Hats Made of Flag. LEONA, Or., May 23.—(To the Editor.)—Is it unlawful to take our American flag for the making of hats

Wouldn't it show more loyalty to the Stars and Stripes, or could it be called destroying the flag to put it to such a purpose as that? I am anxious to know, as I wish to make several.

It is unlawful in Oregon to expose to public view or to manufacture, or aggravate it if present in a mild form? sell, or to have in possession for sale or for use any article of merchandise The theory that seeds of berries caused appendicitis was rather generally accepted the American flag in order "to adverge years ago. Operating surgeons and pathologists found so little to confirm it that rate, or to ornament, or mark, or disupon which shall have been attached the American flag in order "to adverrate, or to ornament, or mark, or distinguish" such article or thing.

Asparagus and Racumanian.

B. K. writes: "Am living on a diet of fruit and vegetables and a minimum of sugar and starch with good results, but am told that asparagus is inadvisable reach them until after the 5th of June. The propose of rheumatic tendencies.

Can others register for them? Can they have nonished in a case like this? E.P.

Write them at once advising them to register at the nearest voting precinct mote that they have received no in- as an alien enemy. HEPPNER, Or., May 28.—(To the Editor.)—To settle an argument, please inform me in what year Coxey's army ments will not be punished if they A READER formation.

## In Other Days.

HALF A CENTURY AGO.

From The Oregonian of May 25, 1887. J. H. Mitchell will go down the river on Monday for the purpose of delivering a lecture at Astoria on that evening in aid of the Congregational Church of that place.

Governor Woods came down from Salem yesterday and called on us last evening. He informs us that at his earnest solicitation, General Steele has promised to send a force of troops as oon as practicable to establish and occupy a post on Willow Creek, about 12 miles south of Clark's Creek in Southeastern Oregon. This is a region of country that has hitherto been unprotected and where the Indians have been particularly troublesome. A scheme is on foot in this city to

construct a draw bridge across the Willamette, connecting this shore with the high land at East Portland. It is to be ardently hoped that the enterprise will be undertaken and carried to completion at an early day Johnny O'Nell, who has been and is

a particular favorite of theater-goers, leaves this morning on a professional tour to Puget Sound and Victoria.

A. F. Miller has just opened a store at the corner of First and Washington streets for the sale of fruits and Twenty-five Years Ago.

From The Oregonian of May 25, 1892, Brussels—The King has approved a legislative resolution for the revision of the constitution. Universal suffrage and the referendum system are to be

taken up and considered.

London-The Albert medal of the Society of Arts has been awarded to Thomas A. Edison for his services in electric lighting, the telegraph and the telephone

The audience at last Friday's concert The audience at last Friday's concert of the Alberta Choral Club was greatly pleased by the delightful singing of Mrs. Allsky in her arts from "La Traviata." Mrs. Games showed great case in her vocalization. They are pupils of Mrs. E. J. Finck.

P. P. Shelby, vice-president of the Great Northern, arrived in the city yesterday.

Dr. N. G. Bialock and J. W. Estel, of Walla Walla, and E. H. Wilson and J. McLean, of Colfax, delegates to the Washington Democratic State Convention at Vancouver, are at the Esmond.

The Biggs case came up for a mo-ment at the General Presbyterian Asembly yesterday and was put over until today.

Will Carleton, the poet, made his first appearance at the Taylor-street Church last night. His theme was "The Drama of Human Nature."

Good Eyes in Seed and Proper Cultivation, Increase Yield. ticle on potato culture from an agri-

cultural paper. I have had more experience since that article appeared in print and take the position that the best judgment is born of experience.

I take the position that the eye of potato is like the human eyeror of the soul or life. In planting po-tatoes we must see that the spud has a good, strong eye, because if we plant a potato with small eyes we will harvest our crop of potatoes about the size of marbles, with little sliky roots

or fibers. In cultivating our crop we should loosen the soil around the hill every time the rain packs it down. Still more important than all the rest is to hill your potatoes at the right time. an inch or two of dirt around the vines while the ground is very damp. It will kill the weeds and cause the damp-

in the ground. Try this method; it will open your eyes.

I. W. NEWCOMB. Small Arms of Warring Countries. PORTLAND, May 24 .- (To the Edi-

tor.)—Kindly publish, if you have the information available, the weights, lengths and velocity of the bullets at the muzzle of the various rifles used The United States rifle, Springfield type, weighs \$.6 pounds without bay-

onet, is 3.6 feet long and has a muzzle velocity of 2700 feet a second. Germany uses the Mauser rifle; weight, 9.3 pounds; length, 4.1; veloc-

ty. 2960. France, Lehel rifle; weight, 9.2; ength, 4.3; velocity, 2268. England, Lee-Enfield rifle; weight, .2; length, 4.1; velocity, 2440.

Austria-Hungary, Mannlicher riffe; weight, \$.0; length, 4.2; velocity, 2840, Russia, Nagant rifle; weight, 8.8; Japan, Arisake rifle; weight, 3.6;

length, 4.2; velocity, 2420. Italy, Paravicino - Carcano rifle; weight, 8.5; length, 4.2; velocity, 2300, Belgium, Serbia and Turkey, Mauser rifles; Bulgaria, Mannlicher; Portugal, Mauser-Verguiero: Roumania, Mann licher. In these smaller weights, lengths, velocity and caliber vary from those of the same type of

When Man Has No Home. SANDY, Or., May 23.—(To the Editor.)—I am 23 years of age and subject to the coming Army draft. But I am compelled to state where my home is and I have no home; haven't had one for years. I travel all the time and my business is such that I have had no opportunity of voting any place or in any other way establishing a permanent home, or legal, or voting restour dence. Now, may I register in any hats place I may happen to be on June 5? that could and would be worn at all Knowing that I have no intention of

> You should register as an absentee. Apply to Portland City Auditor or to County Clerk for Instructions.

How Slackers Will Be Detected. SHERWOOD, Or., May 23, 1917,-(To the Editor.)-How will the Government get the names of those who are not 21 years old on June 5, but will have attained that age by the time the draft takes place? READER.

Sheriffs, Deputies, Constables, police and public will report cases in which suspicion exists that draft is being evaded.

## Status of German.

ASTORIA, Or., May 23.—(To the Editor.)—Please advise me if a German of military age who has taken out first papers and afterward enlisted in the German army through a German Conor apply to the Governor of Alaska German army through a German Confor instructions. Men in places so resulate is subject to draft or is classed

He is an alien enemy and not subact at once upon receipt of such in- ject to draft, but must register if in this country.