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PORTLAND, TUESDAY, MAY 29, 1917.

tleties that we in our growing materialism ignore. So it is that Georges Clemenceau, former Premier of France, in his open letter to President Wilson, has comprehended the whole psychology of the situation in words so deftly osen and so pregnant with understanding of underlying values that

every American writer who has advo-

cated the sending of Colonel Roosevelt

FRANCE'S CALL FOR ROOSEVELT.

to France must wish in his heart of hearts that he had been able to say the thing so well. It is true that popular leaders do "influence men by the intangible atmosphere of legend which has formed around them." It is true that the name of Roosevelt typifies to France legendary power." "Intangible atmosphere," though it may be, as M. Clemenceau so aptly phrases it, it is none the less an atmosphere. It is a force to be reckoned with, a factor that

France. Joan of Arc was an inspiration to a have been a failure as a bureaucrat tion of authority but a question of Highway as a road of first importance, or a member of a general staff. Her right." influence was one of those phenomena ponse that will be created by the anyone's conscience.

Colonel's arrival in France. and tactics to the professional soldiers, has been asked to interpret the law ence can be given his letter. It is the magic of his name that is defining the Board's functions. He poilus already are disappointed because they have not seen him; Gen- the board that it must not consider erals hope that he will be there to whether it has authority to give him know the needs of the Governmenthelp; Frenchmen who know their \$3000 to do something he very much

These are questions not of military technic, nor of local politics, but of helping France. There may be times cases where the Legislature had dishelping France. There may be times cases where the Legislature had dis-when a presence is worth more than tinetly falled to act—specifically to granges? munitions and more than mere thou- authorize the creation of a deficiency sands of men, and M. Clemenceau

EUROPE MUST REBUILD RAILROADS. Legislature.

A tremendous amount of repairs done on all the railroads of Europe for an appropriation to prosecute the ment. the war. In countries which torn up and relaid on new routes in asked to reverse the Legislature, behauled away to other countries. In all notably ex-Governor West—think it is bitter contest and a filibuster that the belligerent countries they have right. What's the constitution between had defeated it at the preceding sesbeen subjected to abnormal strain. friends? Germany was best equipped for war in this as in other respects, but the United States Bureau of Railway Statistics in its report for 1916 says repairs or replacements, is telling secely." Of the prevailing deterioration, the report says:

Germany, which started the war with locomotives, 1700 passenger cars, 400 bag-gage cars and 35,000 freight cars, placed in 1915, only 15 per cent had been executed at the close of 1916. French and Belgian prisoners have been impressed into the rail-way workshops. There has been no new struction except where needed for mili way cars are found along the long line from Berlin to Constantinople and even in Syria.

The British government has made a and harvest the crop. by state authority, but, we are told:

ing everything for an army of 4,000,-000 men on a front of 500 miles. As We find ourselves consequently i railway system behind the lines was sugar beet. In a field of a given va-1000 per cent. Even with the addition sugar and purity. of military revenue, French railroads

no railways—at least, where they are under the deal seed production, those individuals fare work that it has taken half a wanted for military purposes," that under the change "where there is a battle that battle would be chosen for perpetuation, the unfolds itself along a railway line" and weak ones would be eliminated, and then the waiter brought our cofthat "the roads are both small in eventually we should have a distinct those which induced the United States to begin: "Teddy, we want fee and we missed the rest, but if he number and poor in quality." Both type fitted in every way not only to to acquire the Danish West Indies, Jathe Siberian road and the new line produce heavily in tonnage but to yield pan is looking seriously toward the from Petrograd to Kola on the Arctic a high percentage of sugar. Both are Dutch East Indies. For one thing,

taken after the war will be the reconsidered painstakingly if substantial re- uated and are an important source of struction of many railroads in Eu- suits are to be obtained. the rest, and the re-equipment with relation to our future meat supply. In self-contained, producing only about

The demand will be so great that the rial for them. This will be another factories of Europe will be unable to step toward the mixed farming which the Treasury McAdoo said: supply it, and the resources of Amer- we so greatly need. to bring our railroads up to the requirements of our rapidly expanding by one of the charter amendments domestic and foreign commerce, we now before the voters.

can foresee a period of unequaled We would have an interesting city

The Oregonian thought well enough of Daly four years ago to commend public auction of fine livestock held his candidacy for Commissioner. That at the Union Stockyards could just was before the days of the \$500,000 as well be conducted at Fifth and The French are greater masters of water-meter grab, before the delivery Alder. the finesse of the spirit than we are, of the public streets to the unregulated and hold in deeper reverence the sub- jitney and before the hazardous and reckless Dally project of throwing away \$1,777,000 of the public moneys in a \$3,400,000 (double the cost estimated by Daly) light and water plant. That was before Daly had surrendered himself wholly to the radical and selfish interests which are seeking to run the city.

is not responsible. The Daly of 1917 is not the Daly of 1913. The public, or the greater part of it, fears and display his wares in a six form. The Oregonian has no apologies to offer for the transformation from the trusts him because of his public per formances between 1913 and 1917.

Meanwhile, the Daly crowd is wel come to make what it can out of the 1913 commendation by The Oregothe American fighting spirit. It is true nian. It leaves unexplained why the that "the name of Roosevelt has in things he has done since 1913 are not nian. It leaves unexplained why the that "the name of the same a sproved. But to some people a good this country (France) at this time a approved. But to some people a good word from The Oregonian four years old is better than nothing at all.

WHAT IS THE REAL QUESTION?

"It is not," says Attorney-General ought not to be ignored, if we are to give the greatest possible aid to Brown, in his letter to the Emergency Board, making a request for \$3000 to prosecute the cases against the Pacific people, though she undoubtedly would Livestock Company, "it is not a ques-

We do not understand that the which M. Clemenceau mentions, and Emergency Board, or any state officer which we, no more than he, shall not or institution, is under any kind of obattempt to explain. One will not make ligation to ask or to heed the Attor- of next month. the ridiculous error of attempting to ney-General's opinion as to what is compare the personalities of Colonel right, or expedient, or wise. We can there is a distinct similarity in the statutes setting up the Attorney-Genunderlying principles. It is in the re- eral as the custodian and mentor of

wanted to give heart to France. The responds in an opinion distinctly people join in the plea that he be wants to do but to do it because it is the right thing to do.

The Emergency Board was created by a public officer, and "for the exmakes it clear that this is one of them. penditure of moneys not specifically provided for by law." Clearly there was no intention to establish another

Now the have been invaded they have been Board, creature of the Legislature, is many cases to suit military necessity, cause the Attorney-General and those while their engines and cars have been to whose appeals he is responding-

OUR NEED OF SEED. Broadly speaking, the United States that this strain, "without pause for is not a seed-producing country, a fact that is being impressed upon us to our the country on progressive legislation embarrassment now that trade conditions are so disturbed. We like to get present Federal law was enacted prilarge results quickly and most of our marily for the purpose of putting dance of fish. Fish is brain food, and to the patient detail work and the basis of fair competition. It was seen war with a growers are temperamentally unsuited manufacturers in other states on a brains win. Please pass the herrings. Besides, the relation between land area and man power is the reverse of that restrained by their own consciences it kills a civilian. It is anything to in Europe. So we have been content to let the Danes and the Hollanders and the Germans supply us with many important commercial seeds, particularly of vegetables, and we plant them

fairly good showing by retaining the disadvantage in the important matter is terrible; its losses are not easily mittee to administer the roads backed the Federal Bureau of Plant Industry, C. O. Townsend, has found that the seed requirements of the beet-sugar It has only been able to make a respectable financial showing by practically stopping all renewals and handling all the increased traffic of 1915 with the depreciated roadway, rolling stock, signals, telegraphs, stc., of 1913. The British government is simply operating the rallways on the "vel" of yesterday. The day of reckoning will come. new mills were erected and prepara-On the French railroads has de- tions were made to build more. volved the tremendous task of carry- one seems to know where the seed to

the army moves forward, the whole a serious situation because of lack of has not found it necessary to repeal railroad system has to move too, in seed and worse off in another respect the enlightened laws governing child passed are due for sorry days.

—we have been unable to build up a labor that were in force before the las Haig is quoted as saying that "our strictly American strain of acclimated war, notoriously inadequate," that British riety of wheat, for example, practically the plan early in the war, but found it is a desultory campaign. railway managers went to France to every plant resembles every other a failure. More harm than good came see the requirements and gave more plant. With beets in America it is from it and it is being abandoned. than he asked, even tearing up from different. Mr. Townsend says that in their tracks the rails that were needed any beet field from Michigan to Caliand sending locomotives, cars and men fornia, without reference to the name compelled to empty the primary to man them. Rails from this side of of the so-called variety, there can be schools to prosecute a war. the Atlantic have even been requisi- found from half a dozen to twenty schoolmaster knows how difficult it is ing-room only" audience yesterday in That country is distinct types. Scarcely two beets to induce a youngster to return to behalf of women. handicapped by the advance in the growing side by side can be found school after he has left it to take cost of material, coal having gone up that have closely related character-outside employment. Child labor 300 to 400 per cent, steel 200 to 300 istics of leaf or root, and the quality must still be reasonably restricted and per cent and some structural shapes of the roots varies widely both in compulsory education laws enforced if the right date.

This is at least partly due to changes Ocean have "proved utterly inadequate highly important factors if beet farm- Holland has been unable to maintain ing is to be made profitable. Heredity their neutrality during the present war, One of the first tasks to be under- and environment must alike be con-

cars and engines of nearly all. If order to induce American growers to 250,000,000 bushels of rice a year for Asiatic Turkey should pass under control of the western powers, its existing are now being made by the Governimporting cereals from Formosa, Manthis year.

new roads. The same prediction applies to Russia and to all of the German colonies.

Many of the steel mills which are now turning out artillery and armorplate will be reconstructed to make rails and structural material. Many ration. To be successful in this way, her wide opportunity to utilize her munition plants will be converted into the beet-seed grower will need to disurplus energies for years to come. car shops, engine shops and factories versify, to buy more cattle, sheep and for making other railroad material. hogs and to provide other food mate-

GREAT STUFF.

Free use of the city streets for either pleasure or profit is proposed

the wide-open privilege prounder posed if the people cared to take advantage of it.

A horse race would be permissible on Washington street. The annual Alder. The hotels, when overcrowded, could put extra cots in the street. Vendors, hawkers and peddlers could operate at will, even without paying license tax. Many kinds of business could escape rent by moving into the street.

The only restriction would be that none of these enterprises would be permitted "unnecessarily" to obstruct traffic, What "unnecessarily" means is not very clear, but presumably it

All these liberties are proposed in jitneys to operate unrestrained, unregulated and in defiance of public safety and convenience may be accomplished. Vote 107 no.

SPENCE OR LOYALTY? Oregon has been named by the Sec etary of War as an area of possible nilitary activity. He urges that in such areas a network of through roads -roads connecting population centers -be constructed. The Council of National Defense makes similar recommendations, and names the Pacific enough to construct at once any th ough highway system is by passing the \$6,000,000 bond bill on the fourth

Mr. Spence, as the mouthpiece of Mr. Spence, as the mouthplece of the granges, says we do not need roads as a private. That is the Yankee Roosevelt and the Maid of Orleans, but find nothing in the constitution or the (any roads) "leading from community as a private. That is the Tankee center to community center." The Secretary of War says we do, and that no share of the Government funds Roosevelt can well leave strategy adviser of the Emergency Board. He designed for post roads shall be wasted on side roads. At least no other infer-

As loyal citizens of the United States. whose advice should we follow-that avoiding an answer, but admonishing of Mr. Spence or that of the Secretary of War? Who is best prepared to Secretary Baker or Farmer Spence? Who is likely to have the firmest grasp upon the situation as it exists and as it is likely to exist in the future—the spokesman of the Administration at Washington or the spokesman of the

After all, it comes right down to a question of loyalty and nothing else. We are given our choice of taking the advice of Secretary Baker and the Council of National Defense and up-

The proposal pending in Congress to on the disposition of Poland, but the suspend the National child labor law, enacted only last September after a bitter contest and a fillibuster that bitter contest and a fillibuster that had defeated it at the preceding session, will not have much sympathy sion, will not have much sympathy soft drink is something new, but the suspend the Manual Republic on the disposition of Poland, but the deal lacks a certain ratification that is on to my disguise, and that this will make her capture all the more difficult. Her pome goes thus:

A slick and slippery sleuth has come to our town, they say.

Cranberry, juice as the basis of a soft drink is something new, but the To scare up all the rhymsters fore the the best advantage to the port? It seems there is such a demand for money for slow to get in line with the rest of berry. for the benefit of the children. The waiting attendant on the seed business. that those who were operating under restrictive state laws, or who were from exploiting children, were en- kill an Englishman, woman or child.

titled to protection. Just because there is a war, we are under no lighter obligation to educate our children, or to guard their health and lives. The need is, indeed, more pressing than ever. War at its best of sugar production. A pathologist of made good. We shall require in the making-over process after peace is restored stouter hearts and clearer turbed. We shall not have them if Less than one-fourth of this area was in addition to taking an army of men army that ought now to be in train-No ing for the work of reconstruction.

Switzerland, surrounded we find ourselves consequently in life shaken to its very foundations, and Switzerland's

We have not come to the pass; and the next generation is to have justice. We must not become hysterical and go showed a deficit of nearly \$88,000,000 caused by the struggle for acclimatizato extremes. We are fighting a war to by in Germany if the supply of Baltic in 1916 as compared with \$8,000,000 tion, in which the individual beet exerts itself in a myriad of ways to adapt would be rankly inconsistent to imperil Of Russia the report says "there are itself to its new surroundings. In that future by undoing the child wel-

> The islands also are strategically sitrubber and foodstuffs which Japan

roads will have to be rebuilt and an ment to increase interest in utilization churia, Corea and Annam. The East era of development will set in which of the by-product—the stubble and and West News says that it is abso-will stimulate construction of many roots that remain in the field after lutely necessary for the Nation to look

In his speech at Chicago on be

A few days ago a patriotic citizen walked into my office in Washington and asked me for a pad and pencil. I handed him by accident a torn piece of paper—in fact, 'a acrap of paper.' He immediately wrote the

following:

"I hereby subscribe for \$5,600,000 of liberty loan bonds and agree to pay for them whenever called upon by the Secretary of the Treasury to do so."

It was a thrilling incident to me, because there was the answer to the German Kaiser's defiance of the sacred obligations of a treaty. of a treaty.

That is a hint for every citizen. cannot each subscribe for \$5,000,000 Insisting we should, at this time, for a of liberty loan bonds, but we can each fact, subscribe according to our ability and Prepare to get ready to start in to act. can smother under our scraps of paper the government which regards treaties as scraps of paper.

If wooden ships are so uneconomic as General Goethals says, why did the To tell us we ought to begin, in this Norwegians begin to contract for them on the Pacific Coast long before the To prepare, to commence, to perform Government thought of it? They have something now. been in the shipping business long enough to make their judgment worth something. General Goethals, who is not a shipping man, seems to have fallen under the spell of steel manufacturers and steel shipbuilders who are not satisfied with the rush of business which the war has already given them, but want to "hog it all." The this crisis. General does well to come to the Paorder that the purpose of permitting things which he cannot learn on the cific Coast. He may learn a few Atlantic Coast.

> We are in a fair way to build all the ships we need, but where are we to get the sailors to man them? The descendants of the hardy seamen who used to sail out of the New England ports have become landlubbers, and most of the men on the ships we already have are foreigners, hailing from Scandinavia. We may be able to get Chinese and Lascars for the crews, but there are not enough officers to go around. It may be necessary to borrow from John Bull.

Wade Killen is a son of the editor of the Hillsboro Independent. He was recommended for the officers' training camp at the Presidio, but was one of the 3000 that could not be taken. 140 years ago and that keeps this country at the top of the list of nations.

It is well enough in this food conservation to advise cleaning up at each meal to avoid waste, by which is meant cooking just enough; but it will not work out. The man accustomed to going to the pantry late at night will make his "holler" if he is conserved out of his cold bite.

Tacoma might find consolation for its failure to change the name of Light kisses that were never kisses that mountain by having the great camp at American Lake named Camp Is there less glory in a glory missed; coma. As the county gave the land, it has established some claim.

One "J. Kelly, of Portland," has been wounded "somewhere in France." bolding our Government or of taking It is characteristic, of the Kellys (or the Legislature of 1917 turned down the advice of Granger Spence and Kelleys—spelling is mere matter of of the fighting.

and the South has been notoriously away from the holiday demand for the

a soldier gets as much credit when The man who begins by breaking

the Tenth Commandment, eventually working back a few, is bound to get Spring is here and flowers sweet are into print soon or late. What would people do on a day like

handle the traffic. might disturb the atmosphere and bring down a shower.

car service? The jitneys could not

may say they do not mind 'quakes, but a tremor always starts a stampede.

Allens who have for years neglected to become citizens until the time has

But one week left in which candimust have been great. England tried dates can shoot up each other. This

grins when he learns the German must

Sister Rankin spoke to a "stand-Credit for this grand weather must

be given Mr. Cordray, who picked Every day will be Friday by and

and set it an hour ahead and get up and dig.

Teddy!" All right, Summer, if you wish to rowd the calendar go ahead

Do the buying today; tomorrow is

general holiday welcome news.

The "June rise" will arrive in June

Gleams Through the Mist By Dean Collins.

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE. ith the war breaking on us, the Ser

ators spoke: serious crisis is this, and no joke! But ere a gun's loaded or company states of Australia have developed a plan by which the elevator system is to be established generally throughout stirred. Let's selze the occasion to put in to be established the whole country.

word. "Come, fill up the time, in emergency Bore.

And pad the Congressional Record som Confirming our earnest convictions a We ought to get ready to do something now.'

With glee do they speak, the wise makers of laws, Mid thunders bracketed (cheers and applause!)

"Come, fill up the time, in emergency Bore, There's many another who's seeking the floor,

The Farmers' Union in New South Wales has passed a resolution unanimously requesting the state government to push with its utmost vigor the scheme for handling wheat in bulk.

The Australian plan included the building of elevators in the wheat-growing districts, as well as large terminal elevators. The public works committee's report claims that the continuities's report claims that the continuities's report claims that the row.

ought to begin to consider," they To plan to appoint a committee, some way, ommence to get ready to frame

present. This entire handling system is to be carried out by the various state governments of Australia. By co-opsome devices eration among the states competition transportation will be avoided and the entire system will be pooled. In New South Wales the plan is to construct 120 elevators in the country Come, fill up the time, in emergency sore,

Commence to begin to get ready some To start to explain how important 'tis for Us to plan to begin to take part in the

complete plant will handle 30,000,000 bushels of grain.

In the state of Victoria they are pro-WELL." . . . viding an elevator system which will take care of a crop of 35,000,000 businels. Stations that produce from 50,000 to 75,000 bushels will have 15,000-bushel "Sir, said the Courteous Office Boy, there was something I wanted to ask elevators; stations producing from 75,000 to 100,000 yearly will have 25,000 bushel elevators; stations with 150,000 to 225,000 bushels yearly will have 60.

"Ask on, my son," I said. "This chap, Claudius, in Oakland, who bjected to conscription on the ground that it violated the constitutional pro-000-bushel elevators. The estimated cost for Victoria is \$7,500,000.

These different Australian states have made a very thorough and complete examination of the grain elevator systems and have concluded that that system must be adouted in their course. vision against involuntary servitude. you know?" said the C. O. B. "Well, I've been thinking of joining his crusade."

"Joining his crusade?" "Yes, but there's just one little point try. wanted cleared up before I go to oat on it-"

"And what is that?" I asked. "Can Claudius guarantee that German government will abide by that constitutional provision, too, in case handling throughout the world. we take it literally and quit raising an H. B. MILLER, army?" pondered the C. O. B. And, come to think of it, that's just the point I should want cleared up be-

his protest against conscription as "involuntary servitude." IN THE FIRELIGHT. Lisp of the light flames flying,

fore I would be prepared to indorse

Deep bloom of the embers dying, (Flowers unblown, already dead.) Unseen ghosts in the ashes stir. Are they less sweet because they

(Whispers that were never said.)

never were? THE POTE HOUND.

Dead Ed,-'Scuse me if I drop Mr. Smythe (rhymes with blithe) for a moment among his vers libre pomes and and new construction will have to be the requests of the Attorney-General withholding our aid from the Govern-style) that they are always in the thick go coursing off in full cry after "Incog."

"Incog." is a lady pote, I think, and

He's quiet as a pussy cat, in gum shoes If you make a rhyme he'll grab you 'fore you've hardly time to move; So if you grow poetic, don't shout it

loud and clear, For that peeking, prying, huntsman may be somewhere very near; The German airship that cannot kill He's list'nin' every minute, in his never-ceasing scout, And the Pote Hound'll git you If you

Don't Watch out!

blooming everywhere, The chirp, chirp, chirp of birdles-Shh-h! I think he's over theretomorrow if it were not for the street- From 'neath the soil spring violets and

daffodlls so bold, To bathe their pretty faces in the sunshine's brilliant-gosh, Don't get too vociferous about the It's hard to keep from rhyming when

the Spring is in the air, But for fear of that detective, I really wouldn't dare; Between shakes in California they If your head is full of poetry that

you're dying for to spout, The Pote Hound's goin' to git you If you Don't

Watch out!

THE SEARCH FOR THE LAST ANALYSIS. We have received a wireless message

from THOSE GOOD OLD DAYS, which suggests a staunch and seaworthy ves-The Chinaman will be forgiven if he | sel for charter for our voyage of discovery and exploration to the LAST ANALYSIS. The message follows: "The good ship EVOLUTION, sailing

for the LAST ANALYSIS, brought us safely to THOSE GOOD OLD DAYS. and will touch en voyage at the PRES ENT CRISIS. Can guarantee that she will reach the LAST ANALYSIS by the most direct route, and suggest you charter her. "(Signed) OUR FOREFATHERS.

We are considering the addition of Bishop Sumner to our party, because If you can't set a hen, set the clock, at the Civic League recently we heard him declare: "THE CHILD, in the LAST ANALY-

SIR_'

are keeping you from yours.

knows about THE CHILD, in the LAST ANALYSIS, we feel that he will be an Pension and Charity. DOTY, Wash. May 27.—(To the Editor.)—Is there a charitable institution in Washington which would take an almost helpless woman and her 2-year-old child? If she went to such a place would she continue to get a widow's pension?

MRS. M. invaluable asset to the scientific corps in our party.

Communications should be sent to us in cars of the PRESENT CRISIS. Hint That Falled.

Boston Transcript. Caller (waiting for an invitation)-There is no such home in Washing Two o'clock! I fear I am keeping you from your dinner.

Hostess—No, no; but I fear that we ton. Such a woman could go to the county poor farm in the county where the lives, but the pension would be withdrawn if she went there.

oming election.

In Other Days.

BULK HANDLING IS WIDESPREAD

Australia and New Zealand Turning to

Grain Elevator Systems

New South Wales has decided to in-

The government of Victoria, like-

mittee's report claims that the grain can be handled in this way so that the entire cost of putting it on board ship including transportation by rail, to the

with a capacity varying from 40,000 to 60,000 bushels each. The total cost, including rolling stock and all materials necessary, will be \$5,000,000. This

system must be adopted in their cour

meet the progressive methods of wheat

Rehabilitation of Port.

other interests that private capital will not come forward in financing a fleet

by Mr. Holcomb and Mr. Newhall to secure such fleet of ships, and know that the little each taxpayer would

contribute to the building up of such fleet would not be felt, but the bene-fits derived would add greatly to the

as The City locate in. business to locate in. E. T. PETERSON.

There is no Naval Coast Defense Re-

at 636 Morgan building, Portland.

CLACKAMAS, Or., May 28.—(To the Editor.)—I am subject to the coming Army draft and am undecided where

Register in your present residence

PUZZLED.

Director School of Commerce

elevators.

Twenty-five Years Ago UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, May 27.

-(To the Editor.)—The method of From The Oregonian of May 29, 1892. handling grain in Australia heretofore has been in bags, the same as has been who is in this city on business, stated carried on here in the Northwest. This in an interview tonight that he is in system has been found so expensive, inefficient and wasteful that the various for President.

> A more representative audience than that which filled the Marquam Grand Opera House last night never gathered in this city. It was a mass meeting of Republicans under the auspices of the

New South Wales has decided to install a system of elevators and the government has committed itself to spend for this purpose \$9,733,000. This system is to be developed until it is capable of handling 15,000,000 bushels, including elevators along the railways, as well as terminal elevators on the government of South Australia to expend \$4,866,500 for the construction of elevators. Spokane-The Great Northern Railway reached Spokane tonight. ? first through train arrived at

Tomorrow will be observed as Me-morial day and an attractive pro-gramme has been arranged.

The government of Victoria, likewise, is looking very favorably upon
the proposition of establishing the elevator system. The Minister of Railways in the state of Victoria has urged
that the proposal for bulk handling of
grain in this state be immediately
pushed through.

The Farmers' Union in New South
Wales has passed a resolution. The work of ballasting the Chicago & Mount Scott Rallway was completed last night to within about 50 yards of Lents postoffice. The work will be finished next week, when the road will be put in operation.

The case of the United States against the Willamette Valley and Cascade Mountains Wagon Road, to recover the forfeiture of the land grant of the forfeiture of the land grant of the company, will shortly come up again in the United States Circuit Court

Half a Century Ago.

From the Oregonian of May 29, 1867. Copenhagen-The Danish government including transportation by rail, to the growers, to the time the wheat is put Prussia continues to disregard the into the country elevators, is less than Schleswig treaty of 1865. The Paris the cost of the bags which are used at Press complains that Prussia has strengthened the fortification of Ra-

> Kansas City-Our banking house was entered at 3 o'clock P. M. by 12 or 14 men, who killed three persons in the bank and robbed it of \$4000. The murderers fied. Citizens of the city have gone in pursuit.

New York-Dispatches from Ottawa announce that the union of the prov-inces will tal a effect on the first of July.

Chicago-A private letter from Gen-eral Sherman says that, owing to the Indian troubles, he will not make the proposed European trip this Summer

Omaha—Special dispatches say 40 niles additional of the Union Pacific Railroad was accepted yesterday and the track is laid 60 miles beyond North Platte. Indians are attacking working parties on Lodge Pole Creek

The Speculator Ghouls. By James Barton Adams.

try. They are now proceeding actively with its inauguration. There is scarcely any difference in the conditions under which it is handled in the Northwest. It is clearly evident that the Northwest must adopt the elevator system to meet the processive methods of when The grasping ghouls who boost the prices of needed footstuffs at command, who at this great momentous crisis play into Kalser Wilhelm's hand, who sneer at public condemnation, official threats treat with disdain, and gloat with soulless exultation while grasping their ill-gotten gain, will meet a day of retribution when their mad schemes have been laid bare and in a penal PORTLAND NEEDS OWN VESSELS institution they through the steel-barred windows stare. They care not if they bring starvation into the homes Traffic Profits Not so Important as of needy poor, care not a tinker's impre-cation if wolf should how! near many a door; they're lost to patriotic feeling, care nothing for the Nation's weal, their conscience is so dry 'tis peeling, their hearts are hard as tempered steel. PORTLAND, May 28 .- (To the Edltor.) In The Sunday Oregonian, May 13, I read with a great deal of interest the articles contributed by S. E. Holcomb and "Portlander" and one by H. H. Newhall, practically along the They worship at the shrine of Mammon, before that god they bend their backs, and grin with ghoulish glee while same line, which, if favorably acted upon, would result in great good to the port of Portland as well as to the state port of Portland as well as to the state at large. That there is great need of a fleet of ships to handle the shipping business of this port, no one will deny. Neither will anyone deny that Portland as a distributing center without water they'll tremble, for Uncle Sam is on as a distributing center without water transportation is not only seriously handicapped, but with the present partheir trail, and soon—God speed the day—each viper in ranks of soulless cormorants will be compelled to pay ity of rates with the Sound cities, is practically out of the running.

Most all will agree that there is only ity of rates with the Sound cities, is practically out of the running.

Most all will agree that there is only one way left for this port to take advantage of what we have boasted of as the port's superior geographical locates until the echoes have a fit.

TO DEPARTED COMRADES OF '61-'65. Comrades on the other shore, In the peace of evermore, As you fought, for God and right.

Europe, from fields drenched with blood,
Calls them now to stem the flood:
Bleeding France, with struggling Prays that we save her from death.

of ships, and if they did, they would of ships, and if they did, they would naturally cease to operate out of this port if more money for services could be secured elsewhere.

She, our friend of years ago, Grapples with a monstrous foe, Who would take her virile life, Make her vassal by the strife.

be secured elsewhere.

It would, therefore, appear that, all things being considered, a fleet of ships owned and operated by the port would Comrades, you have shown the way; be the most advantageous, as business Your example lives today, Leading youth to noble deeds, then could depend on that such fleet was a permanent acquisition and one not at the beck and call of more money Succoring a people's needs.

elsewhere. In fact, it would be of little You would warn us freedom's lost consequence if such fleet made much If we wait to count the cost; or little money. The main considera-tion should be to carry the products at While there's chance for Intrigue deep as low a rate as possible, commen-surate with safe business, in order to You would say, if despots still

bring back to the port its deserved Wage grim war to have their will, prestige as a distributing center. I We should join the holy cause, fully indorse the method recommended Which seeks now to end all wars. You, who died to make men free, Proved for us that liberty of such is a nation's anchor sure

And without it none endure.

value of such taxpayers' property and Comrades in the great beyon would place Portland, Or., on the map as The City for manufacturers and big May our sons as noble fig Yours our homage deep, profound; May our sons as noble fight As you fought for God and right.

—Jane Copley Strain.

BULL RUN, Or., May 27.—(To the Editor.)—Please state if they are recruiting for the Naval Coast Defense Reserve, and where the recruiting office is located at present.

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Rations at Barracks.

PORTLAND, May 28.—(To the Editor.)—Kindly state what rations are actually served to soldiers or recruits at Vancouver Barracks, and whether there is a strict rule governing the issuance of rations or do the cooks serve whatever they wish? W. H. BRITTS.

This bill of fare of the Headquarters serve, but recruits for the Naval Re- Company mess is by no means a spe-serve may enroll at the U. S. naval re- cially selected one. Each company cruiting station, Dekum building, Third commander or his mess officer (usuand Washington streets, Portland. For ally the Second Lieutenant) must in-the Coast Artillery. Oregon National spect the mess of the soldiers every Guard, recruits are being received at either 106 Fifth street, the Armory or at 636 Morgan building, Portland. be served to the men in his company. It is a part of the Army regulationsas much so as any order Issued by the

ning War Department. The menu is that of May 24, 1917: Breakfast-Bacon, oatmeal mush, hot takes and syrup, coffee. Dinner-Mashed potatoes, canned corn

Army draft and am undecided where to register. Last Fall, at the Presidential election, I cast my vote in a precinct in Portland, but about three months ago I moved to the country. To register must I go to the voting place where I voted, or shall I register at the voting poil of my present residence? I have not registered for the coming election. cans, fruit, bread, tea.
Supper—Bacon, creamed carrots, creamed peas, prunes, bread and butter, tea. It so happens this menu does not contain beef, but it is a rare day when fresh meat is not on the bill.

> PORTLAND, May 28.—(To the Editor.)—I have enlisted in ambulance corps reserves. Will it be necessary to corps reserves. register on June 5?

You must register. Ambulance corps

CARL/TON, Or., May 27.—(To the Editor.)—Can a person choose between the Army or the Navy after he has been