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utmost in increasing production dur- a blow at the enemy. down and that the Board looks to the in performing every other duty to the His suggestion that the "retired Pacific Coast to make good their republic.

It is certainly no mere coincidence that this call to the Pacific Coast for help follows immediately upon removal of the last naval bureaucratic official of the Board, with the exception of Admiral Bowles, and upon its reorganization under the management of business men with whom Admiral Bowles is in full accord. Charles Piez, new general manager of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, has learned at first hand, on a tour of the and can do, and upon his return Chairman Hurley pronounces conditions on the Pacific Coast excellent, throws to make full use of this Coast's capacity, and calls upon the Columbia River for full speed ahead. This effect has followed so closely upon the cause that we may safely infer that the Board is no longer a mere debat-

ing society. portunity, for Portland, as the me-tropolis of the Columbia Valley, to do a splendid patriotic service, and to put The Army. Oregon first once more. the Red Cross, the Food Administra-Give us ships." Without ships our Army cannot cross the ocean to drive back the Prussian hosts, food cannot be sent to the allies to sustain their fighting spirit by filling their stomachs, medical supplies, food and houses cannot be sent to relieve the sick, starvhomeless wrecks whom the Germans are driving from the occupied districts at the rate of 500 a day. liberally and in full measure to any call of country, and it must not fail

It devolves upon the business community of Portland to get behind the land from the outbreak of the war.

Since the worst obstructions have breakdown of Russia as an example. been placed in the way of letting contracts for wooden ships, discussion ning when Germany produced de-has hitherto revolved around that type moralization by corrupting her minis-

producing ship timbers and to the pos- enemy, for he does the work Von so long ago as 1844, and others ocsibilities of manning the yards. There Ludendorf sees to be a means of our curred in 1862, 1876, 1881, and last are innumerable good sites along the defeat. He should be silenced. Columbia and Willamette rivers, as well as on the Oregon coast streams. It has been said that the sawmills cars for shipments to the interior and nical difficulties have been encoun

case is one for co-ordination of the and the sinking of ships. activities of lumbermen, shipbuilders,

3.50 steel and wooden shipyards. This may seem impossible at first impression, but so it may have seemed two years ago, to increase the forces to present proportions. What has been anxious to work at the existing yards he had when a boy around a home along the waterfront, so that no one mittance, and she hadn't been told one tree which bore not a single ornament escaped distress or damage. of the same type can be recruited in as well, thus practicing food conservathe Middle West, where building and the highest degree. And rose other work on which they are usually hips, which the correspondent sug-The present force of skilled men can tion of ships, from the logging camp must either wear asbestos whiskers deed, as necessary as it is that the been borne in upon him. trenches should be constantly manned, have at last been removed, and a di-rect appeal from Chairman Hurley, of the Shipping Board, comes to the Legion of Shipbuilders, inspired by the shipbuilders of this district to do their idea that every blow of a hammer is

ing the coming year. This appeal is a triumph to the local industry, for it to all of Oregon. Others have been fact has been emphasized recently by is an implied confession that other tried, and have failed. Oregon must J. C. Scott, state farm help specialist districts, on which the Government not, and will not, fail. Keep Oregon of Washington State College, who is has hitherto chiefly relied, have fallen first, in shipbuilding as it has been

# TOM AND BILL.

When Tom Jones and Bill Anderson, friends and companions, enlist in the Army, they may be, and are, still friends and companions; but if one tions automatically change. But the probably is large. A good proportion to their official, not their of them, at the same time, are well social, relations, nor their personal within the working age, and they are friendship.

shipyards, what each district is doing tenant Tom meets Private Bill, when Lieu-and can do, and upon his return Chair-line of duty. The necessities of disci-work of their hands is needed, and the private must salute and obey the overboard the men who had refused Lieutenant. What Lieutenant and pri- dertaking, for them to give their servvate may say to each other, in their ices in this manner. private relations, or away from the and ought to be, Tom and Bill, friends

Secretary Baker makes it clear that social distinctions do not exist in the Army, but official distinctions do. Otherwise, there could be no Army worth the name. The officer who re gards himself as of superior metal to the private, and thinks that he is a for all unite in the cry: "Build ships being apart, and not interested in the soldier's welfare, except to see that he a thousand trained workers is not to

place in a democratic army.

There is a happy mean which both have sense and a conception of their respective duties and places. privates mingle freely; yet it is not almost before we know it. forgotten that each has his relative Without ships the war cannot go on position. Doubtless an American Army, and Germany cannot be beaten. Portsolitary.

# SILENCE THE DOUBTERS.

shipbuilding industry with capital and sist upon the right to discuss the questriver banks. every other kind of aid, that it may tion whether we were right in going be expanded to its full productive to war, what should be our war aims, The new policy of the whether conscription is constitutional Board gives assurance that work will and whether we should not make streams were not ready for it. They a grandson of Roscoe Conkling. Yet be provided for all the ways which overtures for an early peace, would were not ready, because they had not the son of the average American will can be built, hence there need be no do well to read what General von hesitation on that score. There is no Ludendorf, the brains of the German hesitation on that score. There is no Ludendorf, the brains of the German for they had passed many Winters doubt that by additions to existing army, said about the way in which with rain and rising waters, and no modern wars are won. He said that harm had been done. But the unexwhich capital is ready, the pres- in these days, when wars are fought ent capacity for building both steel between peoples, not between armies, and wooden ships can be doubled. It an enemy people is defeated through done with the patriotic becoming demoralized as the consespirit which has distinguished Port- quence of an unsuccessful and disastrous conflict, and he points to the dental damage; but, if so, it will prob-

Although Russia was actually winof vessel. Now that those obstacles ters, it is no less true that demoralizahave been removed by the call for tion is a powerful cause of defeat, that Oregon and Washington have ships of either material, equal attention should be given to those of steel.

Although steel is not produced here, this district has saveral advantages in the steel of the st this district has several advantages in gress declared war and adopted con- Nowadays most people in Portland building vessels of that material. Sev-eral plants already exist for the pur-enemy. By inspiring doubt whether they have to cross it; but it has not pose, which can be expanded at slight we ought to have fought, whether we been so many years since the thoughts cost in money and time, while the new should not now stop fighting, how long and fortunes of every citizen had a standardized ship plants in the East we should fight and as to whether the direct relation to the river. In earlier had to be built from the ground up, aims for which we fight are just, they days, a flood was of immediate mo There is a heavy balance of eastbound help to inspire the very demoralization ment to everybody. Now it is only over westbound tonnage on the railroads, so that steel can be hauled west. These doubts might remain silent at material for the news reports. without use of many additional cars, present, but if we should suffer a seriand completed ships can relieve the ous reverse, they would become vocal at Portland occur in June, and later, railroads by taking cargoes to the At- and would spread. They would make and are directly due to the melting lantic Coast or direct to Europe, While the people restive under the sacrifices snows of the Rocky Mountains, affect the rigors of Winter cause frequent of war and unwilling to make further ing the supply streams of the Columsuspension of work in Eastern yards, sacrifice. They would weaken the will, bia; and the rise at Portland and as operations continue practically with- and, therefore, the nerve and the arm, far as the falls at Oregon City is di-

there should be no difficulty in dou- who doubts the justice of the quarrel basement. No bridges are taken out, bling the output within a few months. in which he is engaged has already no particular damage is done, except The only limit to the expansion of been more than half disarmed. Such that everything gets wet unless it is wooden shippards should be the limit doubts have disarmed Russia. He who taken out of the way. spreads such doubt in America is an

oped in Holland, which formerly de- low water mark of over 33 feet was were already producing all the tim- pended wholly upon England, Ger- attained. It has been more than bers possible to supply existing yards, many and Portugal for its supplies of twenty years since that event—ibut when a call came for 40,000,000 sait and which is now cut off from all longer interval than there was befeet to complete vessels on the ways these sources by the war, even the twen the other June floods. There is in the East and South, the material German supply having been curtailed reason to hope that the deepening and was supplied. Lumbermen cite the by lack of workmen. This has re- straightening of the Columbia's chandifficulty of selling or shipping side sulted in attempts to develop salt beds nel, and other factors, have reduced lumber as an objection to increasing which have long been known to exist the likelihood of another event like the output of ship timbers, but that in the provinces of Gelderland and 1894 to the minimum. It may never is an outgrowth of the scarcity of Overyssel, but in which many techof vessels for shipment by sea. There tered, and prospecting has revealed large demand for lumber on the the presence of coal beds beneath the land do not rise so high as in June, Atlantic Coast and in Europe. Hun-salt deposits. The situation is anala-but they come up more rapidly, and, dreds of millions of feet could be gous to that of many Western mining being accompanied by swift currents, dreds of millions of feet could be gous to that of many Western mining manufactured here into knock-down districts in the United States, in which manufactured here into knock-down districts in the United States, in which they do damage here and all along the houses for the Army and for ruined the presence of valuable metals was course of the stream and its tributowns in the war zone of France. As discovered only by the development ships are completed, some of them can of others less valuable. If Holland is rare. be loaded with this material, to the able to put itself on a self-supporting advantage of both the lumbermen and basis both as to coal and sait, which occurred in December, 1861. It was the consumers. Revision of railroad is regarded as not improbable, it will a disaster so astonishing and memory window?

rates to the Middle West would help be able to reimburee itself in consid- able that it stands out as the one gen lumbermen materially in getting rid erable measure for the loss to trade eral tragedy of the Oregon territory, of the by-product of ship timbers. The caused by the cessation of commerce due to natural causes. The rains in

WHY A TINSELED TREE?

Ingenious Americans evidently will supplies of tinsel and colored glass balls for ornamentation of the Christmas tree this season. The suggestion of a correspondent that various substitutes are available is not only timely, but in keeping with the spirit of and other places of refuge. economy that should prevail everywhere.

Popcorn and cranberries were

or keep away from lighted candles.

The precise nature of the gay trifles All obstacles at Washington to the for in the end everything depends on that we employ for adornment is unforthed the shipbuilder. The Loyal Legion of important. The spirit of the company of the Salmon River mines. steel and wood, on the Columbia River, Loggers and Lumbermen should ex- is everything. It is the least of our as in other Pacific Coast districts, tend its activities to production of troubles that the war has cut down 1820, accompanied by considerable

> There is plenty of work for the retired farmer in these times of food scarcity and National necessity. The caution against further trouble, preparing a bulletin on the subject. farmer cease from retiring for the

It is not to be expected that it will be still "Tom" and "Bill," when Lieu- will profit by returning to the soil, when not a financially profitable un-

These men are beyond the draft age, iron rigors of army life, is quite an- but with plow and reaper they can do of the lobes of the pituitary body, other matter. Clearly, they are still, as much in 1918 toward winning the war as they could do with rifles in the trenches. There seems to be no prospect of a serious movement of confirmed city men back to the land for some time to come, and every possible bit of help is needed.

It is believed that there are not far from a thousand retired farmers in Oregon and Washington who are not incapacitated for work. An army of is well fed and well housed, has no be despised. Probably, as realization dawns that upon victory over the Huns depends the title and fee simple officer and private may achieve, if both of every farm in America, as Mr. Scott their suggests, this army will take the field.

The It will do well to begin thinking about French have it, and the officers and it now, for Spring will be with us

Those meticulous citizens who in- docks and manufactories on or near be exceedingly large.

The characteristic feature of the present flood is its suddenness. known anything like it in recent years, pected happens, and the might and waste of swollen waters have asserted themselves and will not be denied. Probably the danger will pass without serious disaster, and with only inciably be because Nature, after all, is kind, and the facilities for rescue of

On such occasions the great fact

Most floods in the Willamette River out interruption in the mild Oregon of our soldiers in battle, and thus rectly due to back-water. There are climate. There is scope for several might turn victory into defeat.

new steel ship plants in connection "Thrice is he armed that hath his and easy rise, and it has the same with existing fabricating plants, and quarrel just." By the same rule, he effect as too much water in one's

There is a record of a June flood and greatest in 1894, when the streets of Portland near the river were im-An interesting situation has devel- passable, and a maximum rise above

> But the Winter floods are quite different matter. The waters at Port-But such floods are, happily,

weather became very warm—as now—and the melting snows contribtued a large share of the swollen torrents. says that Mrs. Vernon Castle pre-The rivers burst their bounds, and fers to be known as "simple Irens not worry much over the famine in the entire Willamette Valley was in- Castle." Possibly she means simply.

undated. Mills, factories, farmhouses However, it doesn't make a lot of and buildings and stores were swept difference. away, and there was loss of life. One citizen, leaving Oregon City in a steamboat, rescued forty people from trees one awful mess with the Century were hundreds and thousands of such ing Broadway (New York's, not ours) stories. The river at Oregon City with a new topic of conversation. reached a height of fifty-five feet, and Irene says she reported at vogue long before the more brilliant there was two feet of water at First theater at the usual time for her affair of glass was thought of, and any and Stark streets, in this city. Prac-dance in "Miss 1917," and that old-timer can recall the merry times tically the whole town then was built the stage doorkeeper denied her ad-

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As to the angel made from cotton

As to the angel made from cotton As to the angel made from cotton of individuals and families from Ore- and promises a nice fight over the the present force of sained that they can train betting and the paper cornucopias, gon, seeking new means of livelihood. matter, the green hands, and the force can however, there will be objection to Indeed, the population turned largely The Associated Press is exclusively entitled to the use for republication of all news dispatches credited to it or not otherwise credited in this paper, and also the local news point where two, and then three, shifts can be employed. It is as necessary marred every holiday season ought to have taught their lesson. Santa Claus then because of their inflammability. The occasional tragedies that once the placers of the Powder and John Day Rivers and other places. The can be employed. It is as necessary that all work connected with product. The occasional tragedies that once the placers of the Powder and John Day Rivers and other places. The three descriptions of the Gibbert and thus be gradually expanded to the population traged, the population traged to the population traged. Arthur Cunningham, who used to thus be gradually expanded to the placers of the Powder and John Day Rivers and other places. The three decembers of the placers of the Powder and John Day Rivers and other places. The three decembers of the placers of the Powder and John Day Rivers and other places. The three decembers of the placers of the Powder and John Day Rivers and other places. The three decembers of the placers of the Powder and John Day Rivers and other places. The three decembers of the placers of the Powder and John Day Rivers and other places. The three decembers of the population traged upon the places of the placers of the Powder and John Day Rivers and other places. The connected with production of the placers of the Powder and John Day Rivers and other places. The connected with production of the placers of the Powder and John Day Rivers and other places. The connected with production of the placers of the Powder and John Day Rivers and other places. The connected with production of the placers of the Powder and John Day Rivers and other placers of the Powder and John Day Rivers and other placers of the Powder and John Day Rivers and other placers of the Powder and John Day Rivers and other placers of the Powder and John Day Ri thus be gradually expanded to the point where two, and then three, shifts them because of their inflammability. It omining, and there were opened up the point where two, and then three, shifts springing up over night, had at one time many thousand people. Who place in "Miss 1917," the Century revue to the machine shop, should be con- or keep away from lighted candles. time many thousand people. Who place in "Miss 1917," the Century revue tinuous as it is that production of He has been a long time learning, but hears of Auburn now? In 1862 La we were just speaking about But he spruce for aircraft be hastened; in- that much should by this time have Grande was founded, and the valleys was let out, along with George White, of Eastern Oregon were for the first Flora Revalles and Adolf Bolm and time settled, all the immediate sequel lot of Russian dancers, because, the of the flood of '61 and the discovery Century Theater folk say, they have

There was another Winter flood in loss, such as the carrying out of the

# STIMULATING RESIDARCH.

fornia has period of the war" is timely and full growth of bodily tissues is important ner. Precise figures as to the number of farmers who have rented their properties and gone to the city to live, or the industry for other the industry for other the scientist's announcement the industry for other the scientist's announcement to the scientist'

the best farm labor available for Brailsford Robertson, of whose discovery a writer in Science says that tests made in Army hospitals in Eu- Mag. rope and in civil hospitals in America have shown that it causes wounds to pline and command must govern, and it would seem to be a patriotic duty, heal promptly which for months, and even for years, had obstinately re-fused to yield to treatment. The substance has received the name "tethelin," and has been isolated from one which is a small gland attached to the base of the brain. Physiologists have part in the regulation of nutrition. The importance of tethelin at this parjustify the hopes of its discoverer.

educational institutions, to give results of their work to the public. Dr. Robertson has done this, in effect. but has shown a desire that his work leaves it. He has relinquished all personal profit to the university, stipulat- Decker is his leading woman. SOME FLOODS AND OTHERS. provision for a pension to his widow.

Continuous rains are more than an His example is further encouraging land is called on to play a leading along without caste, or cliques, or a annoyance; they are a real danger, for evidence that men are still moved by part in supplying this vital need. The farms and settlements and inundated further scientific research is likely to

The blood of the "Stalwarts" of long ago shows well at the front. people in the towns adjacent to the latest to be decorated for gallantry is

> British Socialists are telling the abor element it is getting nothing from the government, and that is the Hun of it. What British labor would get from Germany would be given on the point of a bayonet.

will get a room at McNell's Island, and the military people will attend to the seller. His offense is not as great as that of the man who tempts him. The tallest man in the Army is a

look over the top without stretching. According to testimony of the collector, police graft in Chicago was less than a thousand dollars a month. Cheap skates for a big city of vice.

The Governor of California was not ombed because of the war; that is unreasonable. A better clew may lead to the state prisons.

It needed war time to show Portland how to make \$1000 a month on garbage, and not first-class garbage at

Santa Claus does not look the same in all places, but looks are nothing He "gets down the chimbley" just the same.

Think of all the people you know and recall one you are sura will be forgotten Christmas unless you do the

Start the little fellow right with a drum, and twenty-five years from now he will not be a slacker. Walter McCredie will be managing the Bees, but his mind will stray to

the Beavers. Be early about mailing the packages is staging the piece. to those who cannot come home for

One hundred per cent of Red Cross noney is effective for its purposes. Portland shines as a Good Samari-

tan, speedy and sure. Think of it! Just little drops of water did all this!

weather?

Is the sign of the Red Cross in your

Stars and Starmakers. By Leone Cass Baer.

accounting of it,

Just now the lissome Irene is having There Theater management, and it is providbought at the store. We used to eat the cranberries after they had served their artistic purpose, and the popcorn as well, thus practicing food conservable with as well, thus practicing food conservable with a Salmon River the company. The theater many the company. The theater many the company the company the company the company the company that Irene insisted on changing the the time of her dance so as not to heavy snow storm which followed. In

> Arthur Cunningham, who come to Portland in its early-day to economize in salary output.

Winter garden chorus girls will not only pay for their Christmas dinners Salem bridge. No prediction of a simi- this year, but each one of them will lar episode is now made; but it is well invite a soldier boy to be her guest. for the people along Oregon and This announcement will doubtless start Washington streams to take every pre- a stampede for enlistment, and the men who are singled out for this event will be looked upon as heroes before they even face battle. The girls are Announcement that a professor of now sending out their invitations and blochemistry in the University of Cali- those who have sweethearts are informin has discovered a substance forming them that they have already which can be used to stimulate the made engagements for Christmas din-

The Boston Grand Opera Company played under great disadvantages at The professor in question is Dr. T. Grand Rapids, Mich., on December 4, Grand Rapids, Mich., on December 4, and abandoned the tour. Members of the company returned to the East. Max. Rabinoff, directing manager. stated that they were financially able to continue, but that they could not get transportation for their scenery from transportation for their scenery from sense of those he left behind the railroads, and that a large number of the male performers had been that the scenery had to be abandoned ton to Toronto and thence to Detroit. believed that it played an important The company arrived in Grand Rapids with one baggage car and 35 people. Seventeen of the orchestra and many ticular time in the world's history can- of the younger singers had gone to not be overestimated, if time shall war. It was said by members of the company that nine theatrical It is not unusual for scientific in- panies were tied up and could not have been recorded, as follows: vestigators, working under the pay of move out of Toronto, Canada, on ac the count of the railroad embargo.

T. Daniel Frawley is in San Franisco engaging a traveling stock com shalf not be abandoned where he pany for China and Japan, going by way of Honolulu. Katherine Brown ing only that his present salary shall Frawley returned only a few weeks be continued while he lives, if he ago from a tour of the Orient. He should become disabled, from the promarried Peggy O'Nell, but Peggy sticks close to New York and lets T. Daniel travel.

city has never yet falled to respond has made the Prussian unique and tions in the numerous streams of the by the commercial spirit. If tethelin Right," has appeared in Portland in display of the odious militarism which the immediate effect is flood condi- humanitarian motives, and not solely the idea of the play. "Turn to the nearly 28 years ago. Pacific Northwest and the loss and accomplishes all that is hoped for it.

Which is just now careering in the Eastern latter made the highest record June company of the same "Miss Springtime" that we saw a few weeks ago. high stages in June, 1853, 1859, 1862.
Mr. Haszard writes all his own comedy, and one day it occurred to him
tell the length of our present rain unto you saith the Lord."

And what doth the Lord require of the but to do justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God?"

Return unto me and I will return unto you saith the Lord." that an admixture of the fly-crook play and the home-and-mother type of drama would hit the bullseye of public bad flood of 1861, in a message to the approval. 'He confided his idea, with Legislature September 10, 1862, conthe skeleton of a story, to Winchell Smith, past master in authorship and stage direction, who has garnered roy- he alties from "The Fortune Hunter," "The Boomerang," "Brewster's Millions" and upwards of a dosen others.

Result: "Turn to the Right," which, in the vernacular of the dressing-room, 'knocked 'em dead" in New York for a solid year and in Chicago for nine happens, or is always yet to come.

LESLIE SCOTT. The rascal who buys a soldier's card months. It would seem that Mr. Hazgard made a good guess. Portlanders who saw "Turn to the Right" in the East last season have been megaphoning its praises these many months, and its opening tonight is awaited with former Portlander, six feet seven its opening tonight is awaited with inches, in the aviation corps. He can more than passing interest. The company is the one from Chicago.

> Lee Parvin, known as the "boy Portland ahead of "Fair and Warmer, marriage, accompanies her husband.

Charles Ross, comedian, who visited produce it. Charles Ross, comedian, who visited us last with William Crane in "The us last with William Crane in "The good book tells us "man shall the garn his living in the sweat of his face." Every pleasant day how many idlers are in the parks? How many

Charlotte Walker will sail for London soon to appear in a production of wives?

her husband's play, "The Welf."

Edna Aug is returning to musical comedy. She is one of the featured members in the "Words and Music" company, a new revue to be sponsored by Hitchcock and Goetz, and now in rehearsal. "Words and Music" is the joint work of a famous playwright and equally famous composer who have ready to go to work and raise vege-

Pogany has designed most of stumes and scenery. Leon Errol

Loretta Wells, who played character in New York.

Frances White has departed for the Frances White has departed for the nonce from her usual variety of song numbers and is doing a patriotic ballad called "When the Moon Is Shining Somewhere in France," and reviewers agree that she ir "getting it cross" in great style in the "Hitchy Koo", revue, in which she is featured. The song was written by a soldier, Private Frederick Rath Would you prefer snow and freezing

PROMISES OF NAVY NOT BROKEN Pather of Youth in Service Says Prob

lems Call for Patien Columbia, etd., and further stated that when this nephew "got there he found the university course all a joke."

As father of one of the boys who enlisted for this gasoline engine work, I wish to say that if misrepresentation was made to these boys who enlisted

in good faith those making them are open to sure and severe censure. But cannot think that anyone of those used except only as received.

There is nothing finer in American tradition than the good faith of the Navy, and as I was present when my son enlisted and heard all the prelim-inary information given him, I think

I am in position to say that no mis-representations were made. Orders from the Navy Department were read and explained, as follows: and expisined, as follows:

(c) Landsmen for machinist's mate (motor-boat)—These men should have experience in the operation and repair of gas engines. They are primarily intended for duty on submarine chasers, but no promise of this duty shall be made. Transfer as enlisted to the receiving ship at Philadelphia for further detail. It is intended to form classes from among these men to go to Columbia University for further instruction; but it does not necessarily follow that all men enlisted in this rating shall be sent to Columbia, as other classes may be started elsewhere.

Age limit for the above ratings, 21 to 35. The order says "they are primarily intended for duty on submarine chasers, but no promise of this duty shall be made," and none was made in shall be made," and none was made in my hearing. The order says: "Transfer as enlisted men to the receiving ship at Philadelphia for further detail," and they were so transferred. The order says: "It is intended to form classes from among these men to so to Columbia University for further instruction," and classes are being so formed, we are informed. The order says: "but it does not follow that all says: "but it does not follow that all men elisted in this rating shall be sen to Columbia, as other classes may b started elsewhere," and there is no reason to believe that such other classes will not be formed for other available schools. It takes patience and time to work out a problem of the magnitude of that cut out for the Navy, but there is no occasion to rush

go. It is no time to attack the orders of the Navy Department until and un-O. G. HUGHSON.

taken by the draft. He further stated PRESENT RAINS PRESAGE FLOOD in several places on the trip from Bos- Records of Winter High Water in Williamette in Years Past.

PORTLAND, Dec. 19 .- (To the Editor.)-This rain, longer eans high water in the streams of Western Oregon and Western ington, and especially in the largest, ie Willamette River. Four big floods of the Willamette

November 3, 1844, height unknown. December 5-7, 1861, 57 feet below Oregon City falls; 69 feet at Canemah. January 6, 1881, 21.4 feet at Port-

February 6, 1890, 24.4 feet at Portland, 58.5 feet below Oregon City falls, 71.1 feet at Canemah. These floods were very destructive in the Upper Willamette Valley. Many persons will remember that the river in

the one river viaduct) and swept over the north end of the city. The river at Portland has been considerably narrowed with East Side fills there is the fload of the city of the fload of the city of the fload of the city of 1890 threatened Morrison-street bridge Jack Hazzard, who is responsible for and bridge plers since the flood of

> , 1894-33 feet. The Columbia reached period. Oregon's Civil War Governor John Whiteaker, in commenting on the that if the rain had continued longer the flood would have been worse. Said he: "Had it rained for two weeks and continued warm as it is, the whole Valley of the Willamette would have been covered with water from mountain to mountain, when the whole

country must have been desolated and, in a measure, depopulated." So we see again that the worst never

TOO MANY SEEKING EASY JOBS Former's Wife Says It Is Time to Put All Idlers to Work.

PORTLAND, Dec. 19 .- (To the Editor.)—We hear on every side about zine covers and filled with home-made economizing on foods and saving. It candies and the branches tipped with is true we must, but it is also true we popcorn balls. Oh, myl right on the economizing on foods and saving. It is true we must, but it is also true we have to plan to produce more. Then agent" among advance men, is in the question arises, how are we to Portland ahead of "Fair and Warmer," produce more without the help (at a coming next week to the Heilig. Mrs. living wage) to produce it? coming next week to the Heilig. Mrs. living wage) to produce it?

Parvin, who used to be a professional but retired from the stage after her marriage, accompanies her husband. living wage) to produce it?

There is complaint everywhere of high prices, but I fear the day is not far in the distance when there will be no milk, butter, eggs or poultry at any many."

MAE CELESTE POST. no milk, butter, eggs or poultry at any price if help cannot be procured to

are doing nothing and consuming food produced by farmers and farmers'

I am willing to work from early in the morning until late at night and Hooverize in every way necessary, but I am not willing to work from 5 o'clock in the morning until 8 o'clock at night to feed those who will not work.

Look the advertising columns over

never been associated together in musical comedy. Their identity will be a surprise when revealed at the opening performance, it is announced.

The cast of "Words and Music" is headed by Richard Carle, Elizabeth Brice, Wellington Cross, the three Dooleys, Marion Davies and Edna Aug.
Willy Pogany has designed most of FARMER'S WIFE.

### Egypt's Wheat Bearded. London Echo

Egypt in the most ancient times was Loretta Wells, who played character roles with the Baker stock two seasons ago, is appearing in "The Gypsy Trail," Arthur Hopkins' latest comedy production, recently presented for the first time at the Plymouth Theater' Egyptian plagues of hall the barley. suffered, but the wheat had not ap- 500,000. That of London, including all peared, and so escaped injury.

> No Charge Is Made. PORTLAND, Dec. 13 .- (To the Editor.)—Please let me know if the Red Cross gives the Army and Navy boys hand-knitted goods free or will they have to buy them. READER. have to buy them.

Articles made by Red Cross workers are distributed free,

## In Other Days.

PORTLAND, Dec. 15.—(To the Editor.)—In The Oregonian is a letter from Constant Reader in regard to Mayy enlistments, which stated that A. L. Lovejoy, Chairman, presiding. A. The special inducement offered was a P. Dennison, Secretary, called the meet-Half a Century Ago. three months' course in Harvard, Yale. ing to order. The object was to take Columbia, etc.," and further stated public action to learn what measures that when this nephew "got there he found the university course all a joke." interests in railway projects for this district. There are now four or five projected projected railroads started or con-templated with Portland as a center, or an objective.

London-There was another attempt to blow up the city jail the other day. enlisted were misled or that the or-ders from the Navy Department were prisoned there.

David Troy and Mrs. Ellen Blatne Roberts. On December 5 at Summer ville, Amanda M. Glenn and Louis B. Rinehart, of the firm of Rinehart Bros., were married by Rev. Mr. Rob-

A. H. Johnson informs us that he has started a couple of men to Yamhill County to get fat sheep for holiday

The main dam of the Harrisburg flouring mill has been carried away by the high water.

Washington-It is announced that Ex-Secretary Blaine has only a few days to live. Doctors refuse to say

census reports show mortgage debt of lows to be \$104 pe capita and that of Alabama to be \$4 per capita.

John R. Rathom has taken entire charge of the Astorian's editorial, local and telegraph departments. He is an experienced newspaper man He is using a Merganthaler linotype ma-chine, the only one on the coast.

Wallace Henderson, son of Mr. and drs. M. W. Henderson, fell from a wagon yesterday and was painfully

The Boyer Glee Club will give a concert at the Marquam Grand Thea-ter this evening. Miss Susie A. More-land will be at the plano and Signor R. Robagliati will play the violin.

Joe Day, who gained quite a reputation for himself as a detective while attached to the local police department, left last night to join the Pinkerton Agency in Chicago.

NATION MUST HAVE CHARACTE Writer Deplores Indifference of People to Spiritual Things.

PORTLAND, Dec. 18 .- (To the Editor.)-It was a member of a visiting clerical delegation who once remarked to the immortal Lincoln: "I hope, Mr. President, that God is on our side," to which the President replied: "I have not concerned myself about that question." After the shock to their feelings, he added: "But I have been very solicitous that we should be on God's

That is the whole thing in a nutshell is also the difference between a righteous and an unholy cause, but it is not limied to a time of war. The character of a people is its soul and the nution exists so long as it has character, but no longer. An ancient city was once threatened

with destruction; it would have saved if there had been 10 right people in it; it was utterly destroyed the entire city, from the King upon his throne down to the most humble subject, fasted and prayed; the very animals were compelled to go without food for a time. It was an honest reentance, and the city was spared. Indifference is the fault of the age

Is it really a small matter? To those who have given it deep thought, "all The Winter freshet of the Willam-ette should not be identified with the June freshet of the Columbia. The June freshet of the Columbia. The

"And what doth the Lord require of unto you saith the

LOUIS G. DRAKE. ADORNING THE CHRISTMAS TREE We Need Not Depend on Tinsel for

Color and Ornamentation.

PORTLAND, Dec. 19 .- (To the Editor.)-Your editorial concerning the shortage of tinsel ornaments for Christmas decoration is noted. Why should we use tinsel and other rubblsh for our decorations? If we must hark back to barbarism, let us go farther back than the Huns-away back along the corridors of time to the day when the artistic sense of man in its babyhood decorated with leaves and berries

and colored pebbles.

The prettiest Christman tree I ever saw was draped with snowy popcorn, cranberries and glowing rose "hips," hung with cornucopias made of magavery tiptop was an angel made of cot-ton wadding. What fun it was to string the corn and berries! How

Pronunciation of Russian Names. PENDLETON, Or., Dec. 18 .- (To the Editor.)—For the information of numerous readers who have no knowledge of the Russian language, please state the correct, or accepted, pronunciation of the word "Bolsheviki," which so frequently occurs in the news dispatches from Petrograd; also the correct pronunciation of the name, changed at the outbreak of the war,

The accepted pronunciation of the term, and that used by the Russian emissaries who visited Portland recently, is "bol'-she-ve'-ke." Of frequent occurrence in news dispatches is "holshevik," which appears to be the singular form. The name of the Russian capital is pronounced phoneticalty, "Pet-ro-grad."

of the Russian capital, "Petrograd."

DALLAS, Or., Dec. 17.—(To the Editor.)—Which is the larger, New York or London, counting the suburbs of both?

New York is the larger. Official estimates are: New York, 5,602,841; London, 4,532.964. Including Westchester the and New Jersey suburbs New York is estimated to have a population of 7,metropolitan and city police districts, is estimated at 7,252,000,

Six Years. PORTLAND, Dec. 19 .- (To the Edi tor.)—Please inform me through the columns of your paper as to the number of years elapsing until a promissory note is outlawed in the state of