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PORTLAND, FRIDAY, DEC. 28, 1917.

THE PRESIDENT'S RAILROAD POLICY. Wilson has taken possession, on beerty valued at twenty billions of dol-lars. That fact tells how tremendous boast. are the war powers of the Government. It expresses the determination of the President to stop at nothing which will contribute to our success in war. The ready acquiescence of expresses like determination. They are moved by the same spirit which moves all the rest of the people. The American people are united for victory and are ready to devote all that they are and all that they have to that end.

Hope had been entertained to the last that the President might find of Government operation, but the gravity of the crisis and the urgency of escape from it left no alternative, The railroads have done the utmost possible under private operation subject to many legal restrictions. By voluntary co-operation under their War Board they have added 25 per cent to the great flood of traffic which already prevailed when Congress declared war. But laws which never contemplated war with the greatest military power in the world prevented many measures which would bring about a degree of efficiency possible only under unified control. Some lines have suffered serious loss by patriotically making voluntary concessions which necessity requires from all. Unified control is possible only in one or two waysby laws suspending the anti-pooling and anti-trust laws and requiring operation as a unit and guaranteeing each road against loss, or by oper-

The President has chosen the latter alternative for reasons which are not far to seek. Much time would have been consumed by Congress debating the laws needed to make the method successful, and that body might have hedged the laws with hampering restrictions Time is too precious thus to be wasted. for it fights on the side of the enemy, must be taken to relieve the railroad blockade now, not after Con-War has finished talking. gress has finished talking. War emergency demands the most absolute power over every department of railroad management, and the prejudices and theories of Congress might limit that power. By Government operation under his war powers the President sweeps away all these difficulties. The laws enacted to regulate private operation are automatically suspended, except so far as he chooses to continue them, and he is free to make such financial arrangefree to make such financial arrange- mattex. ments as he deems wise.

ating in the name of the Government,

But the President does not actually take the management of the railroads out of the hands of their owners. He are deeply patriotic and we know simply places Secretary McAdoo over that they will respond with alacrity them to direct them to pursue certain and enthusiasm to any further appeal policies, which are inconsistent with their separate, private interests under much. But a way must be provided a competitve system, but which are to do more. They should be given necessary to their highest efficiency definite instruction to relate the for war emergencies. To this end he courses in their respective classrooms may compel a road to hand over its to the problems of the hour. most profitable traffic to a competi- have been told many times that their tor, and the motive for objection is highest service is to make good citi- as removed by the guaranty of earnings zens. They should do their best alequal to the average of three years ways to make the boys and girls good ending last June. Great economy may Americans. result from requiring that coal shall not be hauled from West Virginia to Northern Ohio, when that section can be supplied from near-by mines. Export traffic may be diverted to the South Atlantic and Gulf ports, to the relief of the congested North Atlantic ports. Transportation of luxuries can be absolutely forbidden and labor and capital can be indirectly diverted to necessary industries. Cars can be distributed to any road where can be distributed to any road where they are most needed without regard to the separate interest of their owners. The Government may escape the necessity of paying out money under its guaranty of earnings either by the economy thus effected, or by an advance in rates or by using the sur-

are urgently needed, and the Govern- of defense. No one nation would unconstitutional. ment will help the roads to raise the have had a right to assume that our money and will see that they earn preparations were aimed at it and promoters of the ordinance, in reply enough to pay interest. The princi-pal difficulty will be in buying the

that the movement of the first expedition to Belgium was a marvel of inconsistent with neutrality. speed and noiseless efficiency. When There is good ground for the opin-in full operation here it should give ion that our neglect to prepare was the placed upon the ordinance, the

blockades:

the fact that it is derived from the people, is limited to the period of should be ready. If we could have need hardly be said that the City war and that failure to exercise it put a million men in France last Council has a plain duty to perform with it, destruction of democracy in it, and the calculations of the Genthia as in other countries. War deeral Staff would have been radically this as in other countries. War de-mands that a whole nation be welded changed. The pacifists tempted Ger-into a club in the hands of one man many too far by keeping us unpre-for destruction of the specific part of t for destruction of the enemy. If pared; if the demand for preparedthrough mistaken regard for democ- ness had been heeded, the temptation racy we should refuse to comply with this demand, democracy would be destroyed by its overzealous friends. Mr. Wilson has shown by his handling of the railroad question that he realizes one year\$9.00 this truth, and he encourages us to arisen. The Nation will support him faithful chroniclers of courthouse hap-in any action that helps to win the penings tell us that the record of liwar, for that is now the one and only

A DEMOCRACY AT WAR,

President Wilson by his fiat takes the railroads of the United States, designates a controller-general, and calls upon Congress to affirm his act by offering certain financial and other guarantees to the corporations. It is December be explained? an act of unparalleled significance and

It means that a great democracy has been literally converted, with its full consent, into a military autocracy,

with a dictator in command. at war, and that every citizen is a form, or the trembling thought of a soldier, subject to the immediate authority of the commander-in-chief.

It means that "all the resources of the country," once pledged by the President to the cause of the allies Doubtless there are entirely practical. By a stroke of the pen President thority of the commander-in-chief, half of the Government, of all the of the country," once pledged by the be a railroads of the United States—prop-

It means that civil rights, immunities, privileges and obligations are subordinated to the supreme rule of military necessity.

It means that the war is the direct the railroad presidents in his action duty and the personal business of every citizen. It means war to the knife, and knife

to the hilt, with the Kaiser and his generals, accomplices, minions, spies, creatures and hirelings.

If there has ever been ground for the complaint that America doesn't realize, because it refuses to realize, some way out of the dilemma short of all wars-there is none now. Amer- extended to posterity. ica knows it full well.

The right way, the only way, make war successfully is to adopt the approved methods and instrumentalities of scientific and effective warfare

GOOD AMERICANS. Minnesota, here to attend the meetings of the State Teachers' Associagiven a "sympathetic comprehension nance" and was quite generally

We suppose that Dr. Burton's chief pare the minds of the young genera- or in a body. tion of Americans, by instruction, Ilequality and opportunity which their to strike.

Well said; let Dr. Burton say again, and more.

We know that the Oregon teachers

STILL WEDDED TO HIS IDOLS

do nearly all the fighting. The Secre tary says:

The peaceful ambitions of our people had long postponed our entrance into the con-flict; and adherence to a strict neutrality through long months of delicate situations delayed the beginning of active military preparations.

It is not true that "adherence to a United States is placed behind was plotting in our own territory, we constituted a breach of neutrality.
When Holland and Switzerland mo-

material and employing the labor re- bilized their armies to defend their that a plain anti-picketing ordinance quired for improvements, but ways neutrality, we would have been fully would be unconstitutional; that it will be found to overcome them, for justified in enlarging our army for was necessary to go through the railroads are now an implement of the same purpose. If Germany had process of defining trade conspiracies resented our preparation, she would in order to reach picketing, which was The plan adopted by the President have justified it, for the assumption is practically that by which the Brit- that we contemplated war with her promoters signally failed to read the itsh government has operated the would have carried with it the ad- mind of the Supreme Court. railroads since the outbreak of the mission that we had some cause and very circumlocution which they inwar. It had been so perfected by that she contemplated an attack. that country in advance of hostilities Preparation for the eventuality of

good results. No more should be a main cause of Germany's attack on fact remains that the people intended, of car shortage or freight our rights at sea. The German Gen-les. and intended only, to prohibit picket-les. The derman Gen-ing. The disapproval of the voters has considering anything but military Iem should bring home to many peo- ends. It knew how long we would means of intimidating employers and ple, especially in Congress, the fact take to train and equip an army other employes practiced under the that autocratic power is necessary to strong enough to count, how many name of picketing. successful prosecution of war and ships we must build and how long a A moderate, s that such power is vested in the Pres- time that would take. It calculated aimed at disorderly conduct attendant ident. Those persons who protest that the submarine would have re-that it is undemocratic are blind to duced Britain to starvation and the ing of "unfair" establishments would

would probably bring defeat, and, Spring, Germany would have known If it is desirable that workmen be would have been stronger to let us

CONGRATULATIONS. The season of good cheer and good will is here, and quite properly it is everybody knows that June marks the dignant. and fruition. June is the month of preezes; and naturally it is associated forth. over management and operation of all with the honeymoon and the launching of the hymeneal bark.

But if June offers special induce ments to wedded bliss, or thoughts thereof, how shall the grand rush of

the elements and Christmas.

No doubt the war is responsible It means that the republic has be-come a mighty army, a whole nation able to resist the appeal of the uniconsiderations, too, that prove, for none can frown on happisympathize with the forlorn plight of assurance as to the facts. overs separated, by thousands of miles in distance, and by years per-

haps in time. There will be results to these marconsummated. If there is no other cause for gratification over the popular movement to the altar at this ployed in our war on submarines time, at least congratulations may be seems to be the most promising that it is in the war-the greatest time, at least congratulations may be

A SURPRISE LAW.

It is probable that had the so-called anti-picketing ordinance been presented frankly as an ordinance attempting to prohibit strikes it would not have been adopted by the voters The distinguished educator from of Portland. While, by its terms, it prohibited conspiracies to trade, business or commerce, the text tion, asks the pertinent question as to of the ordinance seemed to refer par-"how the schools can help in time of ticularly to picketing and boycotting war" and gives the equally pertinent as such conspiracies. Thus it atanswer that the pupils should be tained the name "anti-picketing ordiof what America and Americanism cepted as that and nothing more. Now it is declared unconstitutional by the We suppose that Dr. Burton's chief Supreme Court because it attempts to mission here is to give emphasis to the prohibit the right of workmen to workmen to duty of teachers at this time to pre- leave their employment by agreement

After adoption of the ordinance, lustration and example, for the task of The Oregonian expressed some doubt preserving the heritage of freedom, as to its meaning concerning the right That it did contain such fathers gave them, and which they an inhibition was apparently not ac-should pass on unimpaired to their cepted by the Portland authorities at sons and daughters. He has a place the time of the shippard strike. There in the programme for several occa-sions. We hope he will have a picketing of the yards continued, to heart-to-heart talk with the teachers enforce the plain prohibition against generally the right of workers to strike. Thus is the conclusion reached -and it is an opinion that The Oregonian has heretofore expressed-

loitering for a wholly legitimate rea-

son near a place of business. The provision which the court con-

A conspiracy to injure the trade business or commerce of any person doing business in the city of Portland is hereby defined as any combination of, or agreement between, two or more persons:

(a) Not to buy from, or sell to, or have dealings with any person or persons in the city of Portland;

(b) To induce or sitempt to induce others. (b) To induce or attempt to induce, others not to buy from, sell to, or have dealings with any person or persons in the city of Portland:

Then followed the declaration that picketing was prima facie evidence of participation in such a conspiracy. The difficulty the layman encountered in interpreting the ordinance will be readily gained from the foregoing. Loosely construed it does not prohibit striking, but prohibits boyplus over guaranteed earnings of strict neutrality" required this Nation cotting in aid of a strike. But, strictsome roads to make good the deficits to delay "active military preparally construed, a workman in a factory of other roads." Common prudence required is having "dealings" with his employer, The position of the roads financially that when the world was on fire with as to his labor. And an agreement will be materially strengthened by war and when one of the belligerents not to have labor dealings with a per-this arrangement, for the credit of was invading our rights at sea and son is a strike. That, it may be assumed, is the court's construction their securities. Many improvements should put ourselves in an ample state the ordinance, and on that ground it is

> It is interesting to recall that the to those who objected to the broad character of its provisions, contended the intent of the ordinance. But the serted destroys the law, while it is plainly intimated by the court that a war, when war is on all sides, is not flat-footed anti-picketing ordinance inconsistent with neutrality.

been expressed concerning the various

A moderate, sensible

protected in their right to quit emthus vacated and without molestation

ENEMIES AT HOME.

Coming from the same fabric as the falsehoods concerning the Red circulated by alien enemies at home. The story was that millions of yards forces in our political and social life. with the other problems which have a great stimulus to matrimony. The of Wilton carpets had been ordered by the Government in the face of a ple, after the unfortunate war with wool shortage in the world. Naturally those who credited it were in inby the Government in the face of a high tide of matrimonial expectancy know whether it was intended to carpet the decks of vessels, or only the flowers, fair skies and pleasant offices of the bureaucrats, and so

But it transpires that the only grain of truth in the rumor is that important carpet factories have taken large contracts for war work. The wool committee of the Council of Na-It is the time of bleak days, cold nights, heavy rains, budless trees, muddy roads, leaky roofs, flooded basements and constant trouble with pasements and constant trouble with on cotton duck for tentage for the Army. That is all.

Currency is given to harmful rumors by pro-Germans, but they are through General Trepoff. not alone to blame. The well-mean- Lenine then, as now, w

be a lover lost to another girl. There is a pretty safe rule to go by. Doubtless there are entirely practical If a story one hears is likely to have lead the an adverse effect upon our conduct young soldiers and their brides to the of the war, or to alienate the sym-Wherever they are, let us appoint unitrue. In any event, it will bear when the Duma was convoked with the B. J. HOADLEY. ness or on the normal satisfactions looking into. It should not be circuthat come with marriage, and all can lated by anyone who lacks complete

No fact worth acting upon will suffer by a general policy of accepting all such stories with reserve. There will be results to these mar-riages, blessed results, and the great object of matrimony will have been he opens his mouth.

> The depth bomb now being em agency yet developed for their de-Hudson Maxim has writstruction. ten to the Scientific American that a charge of 500 pounds of trinitrotolu exploded deep in the water within 125 feet of a submarine would destroy it utterly. Employment of trinitrotoluol, therefore, robs the submarine of a large proportion of its advantage in bomb itself is based upon the funda mental incompressibility of water. Four cubic feet of the explosive mentioned produces at the instant of de tonation 40,000 cubic feet of gas, and in expanding seeks the line of least resistance. The interior of the submarine would present this line if meanwhile the gas had not found the surface of the ocean. The theory was known before the war began, but our gunners are only now putting it into practice, and thereby no doubt accounting for a considerable measure of the reduction in destruction of shipping by German U-boats.

Wellesley girls are forestalling the malady called said to be making inroads upon the the ranks of too assiduous knitters, by making extensive plans to under-take food gardening at the very heart-to-heart talk with the teachers along the lines of his interview in The Oregonian the other day. He insisted to prosecute any workers for entering into the strike agreement. And history and literature." He said:

Familiarity with the finest utterances of Washington, Lincoln, Grant, with the statesmanking of the Federalists, with the statesmanking of the Federalists, with the statesmanking of the Federalists, with the statesmanking of the States Constitution, with Franklin's Auto-biography, with splendid National songs like

He plain prohibition against take food gardening at the very first sign of Spring. The head of the department of botany of the department of botany of the college has proclaimed the doctrine that the hoe is mightler than the knitting needle. It is likely to prove, at any rate, a pleasing interprove, at any rate, and any other department of botany of the college has proclaimed the doctrine that the hoe is mightler than the college has proclaimed the doctrine that the hoe is mightler than the college has proclaimed the doctrine that the hoe is mightler than the college has proclaimed the doctrine that the hoe is mightler than the college has proclaimed the doctrine that the hoe is mightler than the college has proclaimed the doctrine that the hoe is mightler than the college has proclaimed the doctrine that the hoe is mightler than the college has proclaimed the college has proclaimed the college has definitely and manufacture. "nerves" of any kind. The large number of women, young, middle-aged and old, who found inspiration in the lighter work of their gardens last season is likely to be increased in 1918. It is speeches against the "bourbeartment of Police by the former Dipartment of Jack Munro, published last week in The Oregonian, and learn of the work of the ranch after their boys have an-"nerves" of any kind. The large numlighter work of their gardens last sea-son is likely to be increased in 1918. letzky.

Vassar girls, who were first in the At the very beginning of the war swered their country's call.

and prosecute a person who might be as brothers in their Christmas giving.

may let the men have what they want -battles to show that Britannia rules the sea.

Rider Haggard in one of his books had a total eclipse of the sun followed by a moonlight night, but Luna does

for German women and children, bare foot in the snow, begging for food? Every one of them is surely a pacifist. The lesson of the Halifax explosion

is that the people should look down, not up, when a blast wrecks a town. There is only one region with a

state of guaranteed dryness, but the moon does not shine down there. Knitting nerves have taken their

place with trench feet among the new diseases arising from the war. The section boss in uniform with

out of his alien hands.

Exemption boards are likely to be come disgusted with exhibits of lack

If the needed million does not sift out, there is a good million between 30 and 40.

Watch Uncle Sam tonight with lantern on the crook of his elbow.

That traffic cop at Albany really is good shot. He hit another tire. the war, and perhaps none then.

The decision is a holiday gift Tom McCusker, of a certainty. Government next may take over all the cows and standardize milk.

As the glass jars empty, get them ready for smelt.

Make it meatless today to check up on Tuesday,

Crimes of the Bolsheviki Against Democracy.

be By A. J. Sack, Director Russian Infor The word "Bolsheviki" 'is a new word

for Americans. Unfortunately it is stick their noses into books to an unquite an old word for us Russians. We warrantable extent is well known. But have known the "Bolsheviki" for the after all how thankful we are for the past 14 years, and since they played Cross, a new tale has recently been the majority of the Russian people recognize them as one of the most evil Twelve years ago the Russian peo

> ple. Such a moment was that of Octoemn manifesto, granted political free-Duma. parleys with the leaders of the Duma men and not men for books.

power to destroy the united front of the Russian democracy. Under his influence the Socialist factions boycothad the elections for the first Dune. Constitutional Democrats in control, the Bolsheviki did everything to discredit the Duma as a "bourgeois" instithis was at the moment when the Duma, in the name of the people, had esponsible Cabinet. The old bureauat this critical moment, and a secret order was then given by the Police Department not to interfere with the

bourgeeis" Duma was criticised. Posing as extreme revolutionists, the Bolsheviki, in 1905, destroyed the Russian revolution by breaking up the presenting a small target. The depth formally to the Bolsheviki, but his nicious results are inevitable. superficial mind had then already formulated the theory of a "permanent revolution," a theory typical of a faatic, so concentrated on his one aim after that he cannot see anything beside it.

> The activities of the Bolsheviki in the period of the dark reaction, be-tween the first and second revolution, tween the first and second revolution, were very much along these same lines. fact an absolute reversion of progressamong the most prominent leaders of the Bolsheviki during this period was were permissible it would be found Mr. Malinovsky, a Deputy of the third that the rudimentary caudal appendage Duma. While there was a steady endeavor to combine all the progressive forces of Russia in the demand for lib-eral reforms, Malinovsky was making eral reforms, Malinovsky was making one speech after another, accusing in the name of the proletariat all the liberal factions in the Duma. His hate for the "bourgeoise" was such a passion that he found "bourgeoise" even in the Social Democratic faction; is the Duma. rls are forestalling the the name of the proletariat all the lib-"knitting nerves," now eral factions in the Duma. His hate for Social-Democratic faction in the Duma, which he led. There were then 13 So-cial-Democratic Deputies in the Duma,

son is likely to be increased in 1918. That the voters did not fully understand the nature of the ordinance.

The earlier opinion, however, went rather to the sweeping terms of the ordinance. For example, it could be construed as defining as crime an agreement between two persons not to trade at a particular grocery store so long as an unmannerly clerk was and prosecute a person who might be point where they recognize all nations as brothers in their Christmas giving. Our soldiers rival the Red Cross in feasting the hungry, homeless orphans cessity of Russia's defeat in Switzer-firing line, then on the farm.

Sia must be defeated for the sake of her own and the world's progress, to do my bit for the country where it you'd bin along that night.

Out o' doors the wind was howlin' an'

Nicholas Lenine and his following are only a shadow of Nicholas Romanoff and his regime. The tyranny re-estab-lished in Russia by the new Nicholas not work that way outside of fiction.

What charms can weltmacht have for German women and children, bare the "tyrannic regime" of Kerensky the Bolsheviki themselves have established a tyranny unknown even under the Czar's government. They have suppressed the liberal and, partially, the Socialist press. They have arrest-ed the most prominent and respected liberal and revolutionary leaders; they have dissolved municipal councils in Petrograd, Moscow, Nisjni-Novgorod and other cities—the municipal coun-cils which were elected by the entire population of the cities, according to the new law of universal suffrage. Even the Czar's government respected the principle of parliamentary

The Bolsheviki are free from kind of "sentimental prejudice." have adopted the German motto, "Might the rank of sergeant will get the work Is Right." is Right." They dare to declare with unprecedented cynicism that the Conunprecedented cynicism that the Constituent Assembly, the realization of the sacred hope of generations of Russian revolutionists who have died for it in prison cells, in fortresses and in the tundras of Siberla, that the Constituent Assembly will be illegal if the majority prove to be against the Bolsheviki. They know that the majority of the Assembly will assuredly be against them in spite of the fact that they have used, during the electhat they have used, during the elections, every means to terrorize the Russian citizens and to falsify their will Therefore they prevent the meetings of the Assembly by armed force, and have already arrested such prominent members of the Assembly as Prince Dolgorukov, F. Kokoshkin and A.

Bolshevikism was the most dangerous disease of the Russian revolution, dian school, Lebret, Saskatchewan, the disease which brought the new-born Russian democracy almost to the the white residents of Qu'Appelle Val-Assembly convoked and with a stable government, democratic, established, will begin a new page of her life, participating as much as she can, together with the allies, in the great struggle for liberty and democracy.

His all Crossed Lass in the man! proud man! Dress'd in a little brief authority, most ignorant of what he's most assur'd. His glassy essence with the allies, in the great struggle for liberty and democracy.

His all Crossed Lass in the man! proud man! Dress'd in a little brief authority, most ignorant of what he's most assur'd. His glassy essence like an angry ape, plays such fautastic tricks before high heaven as make the angels weep."

W. H. ODELL.

GOOD BOOKS BLESSING TO MAN Great Thinkers Have Been Great Renders, Says Correspondent.

UNIVERSITY PARK, Dec. 27 .- (To the Editor.)-A recent contribution to F The Oregonian concerning the bookforcible English. That many people coming into our hand of a live book duction in some rates and, it is feared, mentality! That book suggests and in-stead of making fat, it gives us sinews of thought and action.

exceeds the June flood; and ly, those who credited it were in in- old autocratic government. There were in the book, to expand the thought ex-Sarcastic writers wanted to moments then when it seemed as if pressed and to relate truth we disnether it was intended to carfinal victory would rest with the peotruths we have laid away for future ple. Such a moment was that of Octo-ber 30, 1905, when the Czar, in a sol-what we have laid away for future use. If we find ourselves usins fairly what we have read, we comfort ourselves with the reflection that truth dom to the people and promised that in belongs to the common good and that the future no law would be forced on Russia without the consent of the Duma. The other moment occurred We find in bright books garments for the abilities of any one workman. The other moment occurred our own thoughts which, being our government tottered then, facing the by the worms which creep in. The people's representatives and opened Sabbath is made for man and not man people's representatives, and opened for the Sabbath; so books are made for

hrough General Trepoff.

It is sad that so many in the busy Lenine then, as now, was the leader age in which we live buy books and

VALUE IN INTELLIGENT READING tution. It must be remembered that Goulish Bookworms Are Those Who

Pursue Unnatural Studies. VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 26,-(To presented the Czar's government with the Editor.)-This morning you print the demands for liberal reforms and a letter regarding bookworms. Its author is evidently a close observer. Like ment by rereading his works. cracy got a great deal of comfort from this writer, I have been an interested the Bolsheviki's attack on the Duma observer of the effect and influence of literature on the human physical or-ganization. I have had opportunity of observation along these lines not only Department not to interfere with the in city libraries of the United States, meetings of workingmen, at which the but also in those of the old world. Your orrespondent senses evil in too muc reading. To me too much reading is reading just enough. But I sense read-ing nonsense as an insidious evil. To unity of the progressive forces in the country. Troisky, then, did not belong matter leads us away from nature perme no evil results can accrue from

I have observed in libraries (espe cially in those of the old world) patrons whose structural anatomy resembled a gibbet pole; their faces were patterned after the style of an old-fashioned coffin; their eyes as expressionless as peeled onions affoat in a swill barrel hair, if any, as dry as a limeburner' be- | wig; jaws protruding, teeth alienated Now my observation is that such as the above described invariably devote and in time this causes their figures and faces to take on the resemblance of ghouls and devils. A BOOKWORM.

FARMER SEEKS CHANCE TO SERVE

Unavailable for Military Duty, He Wants Larger Tract to Cultivate. NEWPORT, Or., Dec. 23 .- (To the

The provision which the court construes to be an inhibition of strikes is found in this definition of conspiracy as recited by the ordinance:

A conspiracy to injure the trade business or commerce of any person doing business or commerce of any person doing business as any combination of, or agreement between, two or more persons:

(a) Not to buy from, or sell to, or have dealings with any person or persons in the city of Portland;

The provision which the court construes of Russias defeat in Switzer. In India, his friend, Leon Trotzky, was of France. Comfort is carried to invaded Italy by the American Red editing a paper, "Nashe Slovo" (Our Word), in Parts, and sitting behind the country should be present am on a small rented farm with my brother (who is married to invaded it in Switzer. I have good farm experience and at present am on a small rented farm with my brother (who is married to invaded it in Switzer. I have good farm experience and at present am on a small rented farm with my brother (who is married to invaded it in Switzer. I have good farm experience and at present am on a small rented farm with my brother (who is married to invaded it in Switzer. I have good farm experience and at the present am on a small rented farm with my brother (who is married to invaded it in Switzer. I have good farm experience and at the colling a paper, "Nashe Slovo" (Our Word), in Parts, and sitting behind the present am on a small rented farm with my brother (who is married to in a barried to invaded it in Switzer. I have good farm experience and at I have good farm expe is so paralyzed by the misfortunes of advantage of anyone unfortunately left the last years that she cannot speak shorthanded owing to the draft calling away their help, but are willing to pay fair rent and keep the soil up. WILL TURBYNE,

'Tis the coming of the nations To a common thought and sim; Tis the death knell of dictators, 'Tis the kindling of the flame, Which shall sweep all o'er the world And the end of war proclaim.

Tis fullfillment of the promise. The end of the word of ain;
"Tis the doom of darkness—satan; 'Tis the truth that's breaking in, To all races revealing. In God's world all men are kin.

For which the world's been longing; Tis the advent of peace on earth; 'Tis love divine descending To the hearts of men on earth;
The reign of love is dawning.
M. MUIR PICKEN.

Portland, Or.

SEND IT TODAY.

Have you any idea of the world That can come to a lonely heart In the message you send to an absent friend. Just a word that may soothe life's

Or to boys, far away in the trenches It will cheer them and help them, too. regard-

'Tis the least you can possibly do. —GRACE E. HALL, Priest Saves Neighbors.

Indianapolis News. Father Hugonard is dead at the In-

the disease which brought the newthere has lived since 1872. What
the disease which brought the newborn Russian democracy almost to the
verge of ruin. There is every reason
to believe that this disease will soon
be over, and then, I am sure, the Russian democracy, with the Constituent
sian democracy, with the Constituent
File Hills and Crooked Lakes from a
will quote from Shakespeare: "O. but
war! Pressed in a
little

In Other Days.

Twenty-five Years Ago. rom The Oregonian, December 29, 1892. Washington--The Interstate Comworm contains the truth expressed in merce Commission's order in connection with the Spokane rate case, involving terminal rates, will not go into effect until February 1, a postponement having been asked by the railroads. The order calls for a considerable re-

the fatal role in our revolution in 1905 with no drowsy sentences, which book a rate war may result from too hurried the majority of the Russian people rec-One of the most disastrous fires on the East Side was that last night at East Morrison street and Union ave-nue. A row of frame buildings, of which the Barker Hotel was one, was

burned. President-elect Cleveland is not in coord with the election of Murphy, of New York, as Senator. He says: "Speak-ing frankly, it does not seem to me that the selection of Mr. Murphy shows the desire or intention of placing the Senate men of such type as the party has fought for. This first use of our power would cause much disappointment.

Whisky has gone up in price 15 cents gallon in the last two weeks. The 'trust' blames the dealers and the dealers blame the "trusts."

Professor W. Edgar Buck, of the Portland College of Music, has taken handsome quarters in the Oregonian building.

Half a Century Ago. rom The Oregolan, December 28, 1867. The English newspapers, although they criticise us severely, are not above taking advantage of the good that is in our institutions. One of them, lately discussing the subject of National education, thought it would be well to adopt the free school system of the United States as, on the whole, being the most judicious, economical and ef fective and altogether superior to that of England.

Of the 1900 volumes of Dickens' works the Mercantile Library, New York, only two remain. The natural infer ence is that, despairing an opportunity to see the great author, people are con-soling themselves for their disappoint-

Paris-The Senate is discussing a b for the reorganization of the army. It adoption is urged on the ground that the measure is necessary because of the German situation and the revolutionary aspect of affairs in Italy.

Postal Agent Quincy A. Brooks has returned from Boise, where he went on an official inspection trip.

Auction this day-A. B. Richardson, as usual, today will address his fellow citizens from the old stand at the corner of Front and Oak on the all-important topics of the day. Sale com-mences at 10 A. M.

HOSPITALS NEED PHONOGRAPHS Appeal Comes From Camp Lewis for

Means to Entertain Sick Soldiers. BASE HOSPITAL, Y. M. C. A., Camp lewis Headquarters, Dec. 26.—(To the Editor.)-One of the things which would give great comfort to our boys in the hospital wards, for which I have a constant call, is a phonograph. We have one in the Y. M. C. A. ward, but only the walking patients use that. I could use 10 or 15, preferably those easily carried. Could you call the attention of the good people of Portland to this? Some may have a machine

to this? Some may have a machine and not care for it any longer; others might wish to donate one or more.

The nurse and wardmaster of ward No. — asked very urgently for the loan of our one phonograph for an hour or two this afternoon and there are others he would like it at the same time.
Do you realize that if you were to visit each one of these wards only 10 minutes it would take more than six

hours to get around? E. S. TOWSON, Secretary

SANTA OVERLOOKED THEM. BY JAMES BARTON ADAMS. admit that it was foolish fur two fellers old and gray,

act in sich a way, But when we was both a-layin' in our blankets on the floor Of that shaky mountain cabin talkin' of the days of yore, An' about the Christmas doin's in the merry days o' youth,
I jes' want to tell you, pardner, its
the goshamighty truth That we got to feelin' kiddish, me an' old Kentucky White,

a-venturin' to say that the dawnin 'of the mornin' 'd / bring in the Christmas day, n' it wasn't half a minute till our thoughts had crossed the line was kickin' up remembrance of the days of auld lang syne.

I am free to tell you, pardner, that our hearts beat mighty fast As we laid an' told each other Christmas stories of the past, How we'd hang our little stockin's on the of split-bottom chairs, An' then lay awake a thinkin' of of Santy an' his deers. An' we talked about the ol' folks, sa in heaven long ago.

An' our brothers an' our sisters an' the folks we used to know,

An' I ain't ashamed to own it, ol' prospecter that I am, That our tricky eyes got leakin', sort o' overflowed the dam.

As I said afore, 'twes childish, what you might call baby play. Fur us grizzled ol' prospectors to act up in sich a way, ut if you'd peeped through the chinkin of the cabin that there night You'd have seen our ol' wool stockin's hangin' there before your sight. While we knowed fur sure of Santy wouldn't hit our stockin' game,
That we wouldn't ketch a present, I kin tell you, just the same,
When we woke an' found 'em empty I feit goshamighty blue, Felt bruk up an' disap'in White said he did, too. disap'inted, an' ol'

Misuse of Brief Authority. PORTLAND, Dec. 27 .- (To the E itor.)-On the front page of The G conian Christmas morning I notice

Christmas dinner baskets by Cook County among the poor was stopped today by Peter Drautaberg, special deputy of the United States secret service, when it was learned that an order for a meatiess Tuesday had been ignored, Each basket contained a small roast of beef.

When I consider the fact that prac-