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"OREGON FIRST."

the hearts of the people. From peace- also were reached in the year. ful pursuits, followed uninterruptedly nearly a score of years, there burst forth a fervor of patriotism that re-Oregon dutifully set out to marshal depreciate.

its great resources for the Govern-ment. Of men, of supplies, of funds It gave freely. Every appeal for war needs was met whole-heartedly. The importance of greater food production and of food conservation at once was fully realized. Elimination of wasteful habits of living and of wasteful methods of production became a fixed purpose. The spirit shown by manufarmers, stockmen and facturers. mmercial interests was commendable. In numerous cases offers were made to the Government of such of their production as might be needed. In a broad sense, this war programme entailed few sacrifices, but it did bring about economic effects of far-reaching proportions. It stimulated established industries; it created new industries of vast importance. Guided by a genuine sense of patrietism in doing their full part for the Government, the pecople of Oregon war. The people, as a whole, are enjoying much more prosperous times today than a year ago because of the

One thought remains uppermost in the minds of the people: than material benefits from the war- | at an appalling offset-are the lives of that National honor may be preserved and National safety assured. Therefore, it is not for us to dismiss lightly the ruthless aspects of the war, to ignore the consequences of human suffering. In epitomizing the substantial progress in Oregon during the year just brought to a close.

gon's industrial record of the year was shipbuilding. Almost like magic this industry developed to great pro-Today there are twentyone shippards in Oregon actively engaged in speeding up tonnage production for the Government. Additional yards are being established; the capacity of some of the largest going plants is undergoing enlargement. Including recent contracts the programme represents a total of 180wooden and steel vessels, aggregating in value approximately \$150,000,000. Virtually 80 per cent of this immense volume of business was launched in the past year. Today the industry

sourceful Oregon is prepared achieve still greater things in 1918. stands ready to deliver to the United States Shipping Board 525,000 tons of wooden ships and 400,000 tons of steel ships in the next twelvemonth. In wooden ships the output may ex-ceed the estimate, for, despite Rear Admiral Bowles' recent testimony before the Senate commerce committee that the wooden shipbuilding programme was an almost complete failure, the Oregon yards have been keeping up the production expected It has remained, too, for of them. Oregon to supply ship timbers to the

despite Winter weather, and the out-put will be increased greatly in the early part of the year. Every saw-the supposed snobbery is really only doubt expressed that a state has no years has the lumber industry been nounces Mr. Millers expression as priate legislation." Nor have the in so prosperous a condition. Many "pure bunkum," and says that no officer states the power to override it, as allied industries accordingly have cer can order an enlisted man to black witness the retention of the anti-negro been stimulated and indirectly all his shoes or perform any other service suffrage section of the Oregon consti-Oregon is feeling the effect of the of that nature; the men do the work tution and the fact that negroes vote

of war is clearing the way for a greater and more definite programme when peace again shall reign. of production above domestic needs, sign of respect for that authority, As treason and prescribed penalties. In Elks,

onnection with the business of for-

eign ports. There are invisible but powerful

As in every other important endeavor, farming in Oregon has had a profitable year. Notwithstanding unfavorable growing conditions and 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 published herein.

All rights of republication of special dispatches herein are also reserved. over 1916. The total value of soil products for the year was in excess of \$180,000,000—a gain of \$25,000,000 over the previous year.

Due to war demands, prices for vir-

tually all products were unusually high, the shortage in crops being off-Oregon is now well organized on a set by returns realized. Ideal har-After entry of the United vesting weather was of great advan-States into the conflict Oregon people tage and all crops were gathered at were quick to realize what might be a minimum loss, despite the general expected of them in preeting the exi-shortage of labor. Substantial gains gencies of the hour. Army, Navy, in the value of production of the live--these occupied first place in stock, fishing and mining industries

Withal a foundation has been laid upon which has been built not only sounded from corner to corner of the present prosperity, but a structure state. A new loyalty was born; the of wealth and development that "Oregon First" spirit pervaded the neither continuance of war nor advent of peace is likely to wreck or

PARTISANT OR PATRIOT?

In its effort to make political capital it of the recent disclosures of shortage f equipment of the Army. The Oregonian their has forgetten or deliberately chooses imnove the deployable conditions that extend at the time of the Spanish-American ar. The Republican party was in control on, had been for several years, and was reversal years thereafter, yet what effect was made by Congress to prefit by the soon that was learned, or should have been armed by that experience?—Dallas Item or (Dem.).

Well, no. The Oregonian has not pursued as a cultural course. forgotten anything worth remember-ing as to the Spanish-American war, its antecedent or subsequent conditions. The Oregonian, it would appear, did not fail in its duty then, for of the National prohibition amend it made public the scandalous facts ment first expressed by Senator Borah about various features of our unpre- is not the only well-intentioned critiparedness and inefficiency. For exare the unwitting beneficiaries of the of our troops before Santiago, saying unless it shall have been ratified by among other things:

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In severity and candor its outright that the courts will reserve opinion as misery, sickness and death. American people are entitled to know fled an amendment which by its own for the sole reason that it thinks first Constitution, just as in Oregon there in partisan and second in patriotic was recently a re-ratification of a con terms.

can render the American people is to part of the Constitution, but it is in provides employment for more than Government, speaking through its A more interesting critici ness and sloth in uniform denounced and supplanted by vigor, courage and the United States by the Constitution ful foe that ever threatened and con-ful foe that ever threatened and con-

ARMY DISCIPLINE AND EQUALITY.

It is most significant that several Southern yards, which, because of the protests against the dividing line which lack of special timbers in their own is drawn in the Army between comlocalities, have been unable to fill missioned officers and enlisted men are given as follows: contracts within prescribed time call forth a letter of condemnation which the "Oregon First" spirit has been efficacious.

Rehabilitation of the lumber industry made the past year an epochal ene. For a long period lumbering had been in a more or less depressed condition. Paradoxical as it may appear, it remained for modern warfare, with its great engines of destruction, thought of only in terms of steel, to find an important place for wood and wood products. Fir for ships and spruce for airplanes is the Government's urgent cry. Oregon is first in meeting this great emergency. Its great timber resources are to prove an important factor in winning the war. Every logging camp is operating despite Winter weather, and the out-the find spruce of the state of condemnation for the Army and Navy Journal. One writer said "Abolish the salute" on the assumption that it is an admission of inferiority on the part of enlisted men. Another bewalled the fact that officers and men do not fraternize at social entertainments, and Representative Miller tells with disquest to act concurrently with Congress invalidate the call forth a letter of condemnation for the salute" on the assumption that it is an admission of inferiority on the part of enlisted men. Another bewalled the fact that officers and men do not fraternize at the same time define the phrave function, that it is an admission of inferiority on the part of enlisted men. Another bewalled the fact that officers and men do not fraternize with disputation of the state function, the property of the state of the state to act concurrently with Congress within the borders of this state? Alight Congress invalidate the law of congress for example, define the part of enlisted men. Another bewalled the fact that officers and men do not fraternize and men do not fraternize with disputation of the state setting the state of the state with disputation of the state with a should be remained for modern warfare, with its game do not fraternize and men do not fraternize with disputation o

mill is operating steadily, turning out a part of that discipline without which power to enforce the Fifteenth amendmaterials to meet the wartime de- no Army can exist. He adds that "wo ment, or that it has power to modify Domestite markets are be- have far too little discipline in the it, even though the enabling section ing taken care of as well as transpor- Army at present." Quoting this opin- provides that "Congress shall have tation facilities permit. Not in many lon with approbation, the Journal de- power to enforce this article by approwillingly for extra pay and perquisites. in Oregon. The Journal then says:

opened. Ship lines must be established that will place Oregon in direct over another with whom he associates familiar social intercourse; hence the bar to fraternization. The distinction between officers and enlisted men agencies working to that end today. has nothing to do with their social Plans are under way to "put the port status; it concerns only their military in Portland." One of the most im-portant factors is the present condi-minute of the time during which they It reminds them that every tion of the entrance to the Columbia are in the Army they must never for-River. Today the minimum depth of get that they are soldiers. That the channel at the entrance of the thought must ever be uppermost, and river is nearly 41 feet for a width of its kernel is discipline, failure in which more than 1000 feet. The channel may cost the lives of their comrades. depth of the river between Portland even victory for the Army, and, with

Readiness with which courses of instruction in astronomy in several American colleges have been con-verted to the study of navigation National emergency. For the period of the war, astronomical maps are not likely to be enriched with additions of newly found nebulae, but the number of young men who can estimate accurately the distance between the muzzle of a six-inch gun and the perisone of a threatening substitutional amendment, and the verification of the war, astronomical maps are not likely to be enriched with additions of newly found nebulae, but the number of young men who can estimate accurately the distance between the muzzle of a six-inch gun and the perisone of a threatening substitutional amendment, and the verification of the war, astronomical maps are not likely to be enriched with additions of newly found nebulae, but the number of valuable cars have been of young men who can estimate accurately the distance between the scope of a threatening substitutional amendment, and the verification of the war, astronomical maps are not likely to be entailed by the Sun. In Oregon treason does. And we must not wait for the command to come from someone in 1917, of which 20 were taken in November. Most of these were found, but a number of valuable cars have been completely lost.

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Professor Harold Jacoby, Rutherford professor of astronomy at Columbia, was quoted recently as saying that the change had been made without loss of student interest or of cultural value. No attempt is made to minimize the importance of explorations of the skies, but these can wait while telescopes are being trained on the horizon. Emphasis will be laid the present upon the practical knowledge that enables a man to conduct a ship through seas infested with submarines

Recognition is given at the same time to the pressing need for comis not a secret that The Government has been deeply concerned over the problem of supplying officers for the thousands of new vessels which will be required to bring the war to a successful conclusion and to meet the demands of ocean trade afterward. The sea beckons, as it never did before, to educated and adventurous young men. Rewards promise to be greater and hardships fewer than ever petent navigators growing out of ex-

onomy their profession, the advanced courses will not be abandoned. But new course to those who do not intend to apply it practically is at least as great as that of general astronomy

Objection to the technical wording 5, 1898, about the deplorable plight the amendment shall be inoperative the states within seven years is a definite departure from established procedure. It has been generally assumed that a proposed constitutional amendment has no life limit-that once it has been submitted by Congress it may be ratified at any time the states see fit. As the prohibition amendment contains an unprecedented restriction it is argued that Congress has exceeded its powers and that it is possible the courts will rule that

The Oregonian has had nothing to years if they see fit, and the worst may in the present war approaching that can reasonably be forecast is criticisms of 1898. The measure of to the efficiency of the amendment provocation has, indeed, beef far less, until after the expiration of seven But there have been grave errors, years. If attempted ratification shall with resultant abuses, hardships, occur thereafter it is also logical to The assume that the states will have rati-This little Dallas paper, terms is inoperative. Surplus phrase and others like it, would cover it up, ology will have been added to the erms.

The greatest service The Oregonian suffrage. The provision is a definite

A more interesting criticism appear President for theme in their support in the New York Sun, which expresses of the Great Cause of Humanity and a friendly interest in submission of Democracy. The greatest disservice it a prohibition amendment. The Sun's can render would be to fail in its alarm concerns the grant to Congress plain duty of constructive and helpful and the states of concurrent power criticism, to the end that mistakes to enforce the article by appropriate may be corrected, incompetency dis- legislation. This, too, is said to be covered and routed, tardiness, feeble- unprecedented. The Constitution now He was a railronder of the days when provides that powers not delegated to they made them. understanding, and the Army and nor prohibited by it to the states, are Navy made fit to fight the most power- reserved to the states respectively, or

middle ground. Either Congress or the several states must have the sole enforcing power. It quotes from several amendments in attempt to show that a middle ground has never been The possible consequences

It is a general assumption that Con-Never before have the people of Oregon sensed so keenly their opportunities. Never before have they real soldier ever thinks of or talks about social superiority or inferiority in connection with efficer and private in our Army. All discussion of this kind invariably emanated the same producing sinews of all elements in producing sinews of all elements in producing sinews of war is clearly the way for the condition of the condition of treason. In the Constitutional convention it was assumed, that unless from the civilian saind and is usually done for some purpose more or less base. The truth seems to be that the life motion to give Congress sole power of an Army depends on discipline, that to define the punishment was defeated, peace again shall reign. There discipline is embodied in the authority five states voting for it and six against btedly will be a great surfeit of the officer, and that the salute is a it. Probably every state has defined

New channels of trade must be a practical matter, it is extremely diffi- the Civil Ward period many Southern citizens opposed to secession found themselves offered a choice between reason against the state and treason

against the United States. Legal authorities recognize the existence of concurrent power of states and Federal Government to define certain crimes and prescribe penalties. The following rule is laid down in the American and English Encyclopedia

When an act is a violation of the crim-nat law of two different governments, coparty or punishment under the law of me government will not bar a prosecution and punishment under the law of the other. In such case the one act creates two sop-scale and distinct crimes. It follows that in the United States if the same act is a transgression of the laws of two states, or of a state and the United States, a trial is one jurisdiction for a violation of its law will not prevent a prosecution in the other jurisdiction for the act regarded as a violation of the law of the other.

scope of a threatening submarine will be greatly increased.

Professor Harold Jacoby, Ruthermight be indicted, tried and convicted in France. Every motor owner knows ander the Oregon law and released. But he could thereafter be tried under federal law for the same offense and be hanged if convicted.

Congressional act permits manufac-

fore, to educated and adventurous young men. Rewards promise to be greater and hardships fewer than ever before in the history of the world.

The description of the world added by the Congressional act and George's war, it is your war. It will not be someone's else peace when it comes, it will be your peace.

Never until the Great War came have

The National good roads movement educators believe that the value of the now being conducted by the War Department in the moving of motor truck trains between Detroit and New York, under Winter conditions which will give opportunity to develop methods for meeting every emergency. The advantage of the motor truck on short hauls is that it carries unbroken loads from point of origin to final des-being conducted is to obtain delivery of the trucks themselves, but it is seen that they may become important in freight-handling and possibly may

But in the common understanding it will likely appear that there can be in the excuses no one" had its origin not in the expectation that every man as shipbuilding. Almost like magic may in the present war approaching the industry developed to respect the consequences of human are consequences of human in the common understanding guirements of him. "Ignorance of the law excuses no one" had its origin not in the expectation that every man are uniformly an an unconstitution. Rather in the common understanding it will likely appear that there can be in the excuses no one" had its origin not in the expectation that every man are uniformly an an unconstitution. Rather in the common understanding it will likely appear that there can be in the expectation that every man are uniformly an excuse no one" had its origin not in the excuses no one" had its origin not in the excuses no one the reflection of wealth there; but in the excuses no one" had its origin not in the excuses no one that its two excuses no one that there can be in the excuses no one that every man are an uniformly an excuse no one that its origin not in the excuses no one that every man are an uniformly an excuse no one that there is no such thing as an unconstitution. Rather in the courts in the excuses no one that its origin not in the excuses no one that its origin not in the excuses no one that its origin not in the excuses no one that every man are an excused in the fact of the sales in the interest of the law excuses no one that its origin not in the excuses no one the reflection of wealth there; but in the common understanding it will likely appear that there can be in the excuses no one the reflection of wealth there; but in the excuses no one the reflection of wealth there; but in the common understanding it will likely appear that there can be in the fact that it is to be expected that the courts in the excuses no one the reflection of wealth there; but it will likely appear that there can be in the fact that it is to be expected that the cour to obtain an inventory of the foodstuffs in the country takes no account brain energy, with accumulated philosof failure of individual dealers in pos-ophy of its author, than that possessed session of more than \$250 worth of stock to receive schedules. They will be cially spend 75 per cent of their lives expected to make returns whether for-mally notified or not, and will be penalized if they do not do so. The

olonial, who are enlisting are doing it with a determination and steadfast purpose, just as American boys are doing in neutral lands. Heroes all!

try of a generation ago will hear with regret of the death of S. W. Eccles.

There is a man in Washington who as the hardest job since the time of Abraham Lincoln. Let us wish him the best for 1918.

Since there is nothing left to swear off, why not cut out the worry? is a good old U. S. of A., and she's going to win.

This town's other name is Procrastinator H. Portland, because she always gets there on the 11 hours and 30

The pussy willows are bursting and the bees are working, and the fuel Nor count the cost as in we go administrator has a sinecure around To have a little mirth. administrator has a sinecure around

iclude Judge McCredie and the Benvers.

No, we are not proud this morning.

As down life's path we tread.

For it is writ that when one dies,
He'll be a long time dead!

ut just tell us how you like it. Forget the mistakes of 1917 in en deavor to do right this year.

Wish your wife a "Happy New This will be a sane New Year's day

A dead cattle thief over the border a good greaser.

Oregonian.

A resolution to speed up is always The slickers could not sidestep the subject in this column.

Why Not End the War? By Harrison Rhodes, of the Vigilantes,

Most people say they wish the war it? Why not end it by making war tending a picture show. efficiently, unitedly, whole-heartedly?

People have got it into their heads that war is made only by Washington. They listen to the never ceasing stream of gossip that flows from the capital and wisely talk of how well or how ill war is being made there. Everybody is eager to help—if he can and that it will turn up in a day or so get a Government to leave that the chances are about ten to one that the car was taken by joy-riders and that it will turn up in a day or so get a Government to leave the car was taken by joy-riders and that it will turn up in a day or so get a Government to leave the car was taken and, while this is being written, has not been recovered. While the police and the Sheriff's of-fice have been notified, they report that the car was taken and, while this is being written, has not been recovered. get a Government job (even at \$1 a learn that the fix year) or a definite commission with the Red Cross or the Y. M. C. A., or a uniform of any kind. If he can't, if he is tied to business and private life that a number will be reported and no khaki, he seems inclined to let George at Washington do the warmaking.

today that he is using too much gasoline. Why not stop? France has stopped it. So has England A few luxurious and ingenious people in London drive their cars by illuminating gas. If the prohibition amendment shall be adopted and a state's law varies from that enacted by Congress, the violation be the same act, can be tried and punished under both laws. But if Congress prohibits manufacture of beer, for example, and a state permits moment of theatrical depression go to the manufacture of beer, for example, and a state permits moment of theatrical depression go to the manufacture of beer in that beer, for example, and a state permits moment of theatrical depression go it, the manufacturer of beer in that state can be prosecuted under the state can be prosecuted under the Federal statute. Conversely, if the Congressional act permits manufacturer when there were no motor that the sale of new cars is influenced by the liability of the congressional act permits manufacturer when there were no motor agencies will be forced to get some

cars.
Why wait for Mr. Hoover to put us

the individual and the individual's per formance of his patriotic duty seeme will receive impetus from experiments so important. This is what is meant now being conducted by the War Department in the moving of motor truck trains between Detroit and New York, ination, without rehandling, and, consequently, effects economy of both
time and labor. Goods will not be
hauled first to a railroad depot, transferred first to platform and then to
ferred first to platform and then to
for and then rehandled two most

Within Questioning.

The citizen who does not read the newspapers is more than ever placed at a disadvantage in these times when the Government is increasing its requirements of him. "Ignorance of the law excuses no one" had its origin not in the expectation that every law at the content of the law excuses no one" had its origin not in the expectation that every law at the law excuses no one" had its origin not in the expectation that every law at the law excuses no one at corner, or a woman in a doorway making an appeal for money the thought always comes for money the thought always comes to be seen in Portland are to be found in the library on view at all times. I will admit that the most so many persons profitably directed?"

I know I have seen some of our leading business. I know I have seen some of our leading business.

not mean art, science or morals. The most mediocra book requires more

penalized if they do not do so. The survey will be the first of the kind ever made in the United States, and is highly important because upon its completeness will depend the future food policy of the Administration.

These British boys, home born and colonial, who are enlisting are doing blush at culture in legislative times.

To criticise the unheard is ignorance. Wisdom is not innate. Con

ventional-minded men would put all to rough work, then at permitted hours of leisure would allow us "conversation with living human beings" whose intelligence is calloused with ages of ignorance. But in much comfort in the Library

you can commune with the most exalted "super-sensitive souls" God ever made. JOHN TRULLINGER. 211 N. Twenty-third street.

Old Father Time has once again The hands upon the dial turned; for some the hour is filled with pain, For some the candle's burned. For some it marks the noon of life, For some the shady downward slope; Marks time for some where endless strife

Has failed to reach the goal of hope. And some who strut upon life's stage Their little fretful hour. In mimic joy or petty rage, Are shorn of place and pow'r. For life at best's a fleeting show.

While the wishing cap is on, let us Presto! in the middle of the fun. Ere we can say 'tis bad or good, Death intervenes—the play is done. The lights go out, the curtains fall. An Apache will be all right in the Red Cross until he gets near the battle line.

Resolve to raise more this year.

Specifications are unnecessary.

The lights go out, the curtains fall. In gloom we weep, we wall, we mourn, Forgetting at the prompter's call. For ev'ry death two lives are born. And still this is a grand old world, Where people good and bad are met, Enjoying all life's giddy whiri, Forgetting all life's certain debt.

Nor would I have it otherwise, and the corrections of the curtains fall. In gloom we weep, we wall, we mourn. Forgetting at the prompter's call. For ev'ry death two lives are born. And still this is a grand old world, where good and bad are met, Enjoying all life's giddy whiri, Forgetting all life's certain debt.

-THOMAS McCUSKER.

Causes of 1907 Panic. PERRYDALE, Or., Dec. 30 .- (To the Editor.)—(1) Please state the cause of 1907 Panic. Was it English financiers or American financiers who caused it, r was it too much speculation?
(2) Was Colonel Roosevelt a fighter

Some paper, yes; but we're The Roosevelt; to distrust rising from disclosures of high finance; to over specu lation; to war between rival financial interests; to increased gold production and several other elements and incidents. Justice cannot be given to the American declaration of policy.

(2) He was,

STOLEN AUTOS WORTH \$470,000

Year's Thefts in Portland Would Require Four-Mile Street for Parking. PORTLAND, Dec. 19 .- (To the Editor.)-The writer, Friday evening, left an Overland car on Alder street bewas over. Well, then, why not end tween West Park and Tenth while at-

In conversation with the Police Decars is so common that it is expected that a number will be reported as stolen each day and the reported as Treason offers a case exactly in oint with the hypothetical one preented by the Sun. In Oregon treason defined but no mark to its expected as much and eat as little as the defined but no mark it is expected as stolen each day and that the personal taking the cars have cause to feel that, even if they are caught, there will be nothing done—no fine, no imprisonment, no prosecution.

Hurried

who is to blame for this condition? Apparently not the police, as they are in no position to make a case if the owner of the stolen car does not prosecute. It is reported that most of the owners feel, when their car is recovered, that they should go on their way rejoicing and leave the thief to be dealt with by the police. They have been put to a lot of trouble in recovering their car, it will get them nothing to bring action to punish the guilty parties, so why so to further guilty parties, so why go to further trouble? The police apparently would like to do something to step this pest. but are up against a thankless and hopeless job.

MONEY-RAISING METHODS WRONG Writer Would Have Government Assess Costs of War Relief.

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 31.—(To the gonian tomorrow, this day being one Editor.)—It is my understanding that of the four great annual holidays on the Red Cross is an organization inde-mendent of the Government, yet Indi-science will work. pendent of the Government, yet Indirectly backed by it because of the good that it performs. The fact that the Government recognizes the necessity of a work such as performed by the Red Cross, in the writer's mind, would justify direct Governmental control and supervision. Let the proper Government officials tell us how much each should give and collect in a more efficient manner. Let them see that each person gives his share and that those who give more than they ought keep

a part of it.
One hardly ever picks up a paper nowadays but what he learns of a new ampaign for money to help the sol-liers being launched by some of our COUNTENANCE IS NOT TRUE INDEX good citizens. Let me basten to say that the providing for the needs of the soldier meets with the writer's full

that print the posters and make our Red Cross buttons be more helpfully employed? Think of the money that is spent for these things that would buy comforts for the boys over there. Why not make good bullets out of the buttons.

The writer is one who may be called to go "over there," and although I have a family dependent upon me I will go gladly, but I know that I would feel better if Uncle Sam was making bullets, not buttons, out of all his

the needed money; every business man at his desk, every woman at her knit-ting, the paper for the Fresident's masterly writings and the buttons made into bullets.

A WILLING GIVER.

Rerodotus Cited to Illustrate Dange

in Disearded Chewing Gum. PORTLAND, Dec. 31 .- (To the Editor.)—In Book II, chapter 86, Herodotus gives a very complete description of the manner of embalming the dead in Egypt. In describing the most expensive of the three methods employed in order to meet the means of those who paid the bills, he tells of the 70-day preparation of the body, ending in wrapping the body tightly in strips of linen "smeared with gum." The Greek word "kummi" used in this connection signifies about the same as our modern "gum." This kummi or gummi or gum was only kumml or gummi or gum was only used in the most expensive method for the reason of its cost, the poorer people having to content themselves with asphaltum, which left the mum-mies not only black, but very brittle, as the ancients had no way of tem-

pering the asphaltum.

Bodies embalmed by these methods remain in good state of preservation today after over 4000 years have passed. The story is told that a grain of wheat bound up in the hand of one of these nummies and scaled with this gum was germinated after several thousand years.

If such were the case, the query And the sweet setting sun stole a tear of these mummies and sealed sand years. such were the case, the

If such were the case, the query arises: If the germ in a kernel of wheat wrapped up in gum will sprout after 4000 years have passed, how long may it be reasonably expected that a tubercular or other contagious disease germ will live if properly chewed into a gob of gum and carclessiy spat out on a public street, where thousands of people are passing every day? Anyone is liable to track it into home or hotel or church. Gobs are also stuck on chairs and tables in resalso stuck on chairs and tables in resalso. taurants to be communicated to the clothes of the patrons? Look, see."

Hypothetically and theoretically as a preserver and distributer of disease germs the gum chewer has the tobacco user beat a mile. O. G. HUGHSON.

Monroe Doctrine and Third Term. PENDLETON, Or., Dec. 30.—(To the Editor.)—(1) Is the Monroe Doctrine (2) Was Colonel Rooseveit a fighter of the trusts to make them abide by the anti-trust laws? SUBSCRIBER.

(1) Opinions as to causes of the panic vary. It has been charged to trust prosecutions inaugurated by President Roosevelt; to distrust rising from disand precedent?

> (1) The Monroe Doctrine has been incidentally acceded to by several na tions, but is, in fact, no more than an (2) There is no legal prohibition of a third Presidential term,

In Other Days.

Twenty-five Years Ago. From The Oregonian of January 1, 1893. San Francisco.—It is learned today that, owing to the competition of clipper ships between San Francisco and New York, the transcontinental roads have agreed upon several important have agreed upon several important cuts in freight rates, to go into effect January 5

The river is fast resuming its normal condition. The current is becom-ing less rapid and scarcely any drift-wood is running. Yesterday the regu-lar Stark-street ferry was running.

The new year was ushered in this morning with the blowing of whistles and horns and the clanging of bells. The discordant notes could be heard for miles.

Postmaster Steel was notified some time ago that the Postoffice Department had prepared a new set of postage stamps and stamped envelopes to be known as the Columbian series. terday a lot of these stamps were re-ceived here, and they will be placed on sale at onco.

The Oregon State Horticultural Society has been deprived of an excuse to complain of cold treatment by Portland. It has not only been invited to hold its eighth annual meeting here, but it has also been assured a reception that will be extremely hospitable,

Half a Century Ago.

From The Oregonian of January 1, 1868. Jacksonville.—Articles of incorpora-tion have been filed by M. Hanley, Cap-tain McCall, J. D. Applegate, et al., for the purpose of constructing a wagon road from Ashland in this county over the mountains intervening between this valley and the Klamath Lake Valley

An alarm of fire was rung from the bells of several engine-houses about 8:30 last evening, proceeding from the burning of a tar barrel somewhere in the neighborhood of Morrison and Third streets.

Statistics compiled by the Deputy Marshal show a decrease of 119 arrests for drunkenness during 1867 as compared with the previous year. There was an increase in fights and cases of stealing.

The old year is busted. Tattered and torn, it has gone to sleep with its fathers. Who cares for it? It wasn't nuch of a year, anyhow. During 1868 he women are to run the machine. It s leap year, and they may exercise their prerogative whenever they see fit.

There will be no issue of The Ore-

OLD GLORY'S APPEAL.

What am I and what do I mean to you With my alternate stripes of red and And forty-eight stars in a field of Does my beauty alone your soul de-light?

is color and grace of my waving all That exalts your thought as you see me fly er lowilest cottage and mansion tall That securely stand under peaceful sky?

Look through and beyond my fair fabric thin; Get a vision of those whose lives were given That justice be free and good faith begin

In a land reserved by the Lord of They labored for liberty tiresome years of discouraging poverty, strife and pain; In anguish for losses too great for tears,

To achieve a victory free from stain. symbol their souls in my colors fair; Their unselfish aim, in the purest Their honor and truth, in my blue de-And in red their sacrifice made for

In stripes I number the colonies weak That united to form a Nation new; My stars are the beautiful signs unique Of its forty-eight states in union

Again I would joy to be held on high By my lovers brave who heed the call, Of millions of mortals who slave and As the helpless captives in despot

For homes are shattered and fields laid waste, And the sea is the haunt of horrors LESSON FROM ANCIENT EGYPT That sink without mercy the ships that haste h the food for which hungry With

children cry. Restore to the peoples their lands despoiled: With more lofty ideals inspire the world; Prove equal to sires who kept unsoiled The fair flag of freedom they first

unfurled. The sea must be free to all nations' flugs. And Old Glory be halled as a friend endeared; The hungry be fed, no nation in rags, And no despot live to be fought of feared. -JOHN L VESTAL.

CHILDHOOD. Ah! the days of my childhood give To my heart in its joy as I'm musing them o'er, For in all of my youth I was glad I was free. And I loved with the love nature lav-ished on me.

from my eye, And the red-painted cloud lent its hue to the lea; Ah! I loved with the love nature lav-

Ah! I played in the mead, where the violets grew.

There to quench my soul's thirst in
their bright sparking dew.

While my heart rose and fell as the tide of the sea, I wept for the flowers as they each

wept for me. As I lingered around 'mid the drowsy pine trees,
And their low-mouning song crept
along on the breeze,
And the cataract leapt in his boisterous

Till the fairles chimed in and they all But their music has ceased, ringing

term While the cataract's leap does not stir That it did in those days nature made

me a boy. HARLAN NAPIER. Quite An Enquiry, Detroit Free Press.
"He's a stamp collector." "Postage or thriff?"