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#### NO POLITICAL MOTIVES.

correspondent whose letter is published in another column ignores practically every important fact bearing upon the controversy between President Wilson and Senator Chamberlain, also the attitude of The Oregonian throughout the war, when he asserts that "some people do not like the President to direct this war," and would "make a tool of" the Senator for political purposes. What political purposes? Political partisanship? Is The Oregonian a partisan in any war matter? The assertion is made, of course, out of sheer small-mindedness. It can serve no partisan scheme of The Oregonian's, real or fancied, immediate or ultimate, to strengthen

Senator Chamberlain in Oregon or in the Nation. On the other hand, The Oregonian is giving no thought to any juestion as to whether President Wilson is, or is not, a candidate for a third term. It takes for granted that he is not a candidate. Will any one, from any party, venture the intimation that it is mistaken?

The Oregonian's statement that the war cabinet and director of munitions bills were "supported by the Demo-cratic as well as the Republican members of the military committee" was founded on this sentence in an Asso- volving the good name and repute of ent story. ciated Press dispatch from Washing- Individuals, or the welfare of busiton published in The Oregonian of Desses. January 19:

# Both measures have virtually the unan

The bills in question would not take the rule was not long ago extended, away from the President the direc-in the state of Washington, to cover tion of the war. Neither the Senate the reputation of a dead man. committee nor any other person in soap-box orator was put in fail for his senses proposes that, nor could it three months for slander of George bills provide new of- Washington. The Father of His Counficials "under the President," to use try was charged-if memory serves the language of Mr. Chamberlain's usspeech, to be appointed by the Presi- and the accuser was called to account. dent and through whom he should direct the war and co-ordinate the correct an error in any material statework of the various departments.

The implication that The Orego- tention. It is often asked to rectify nian's approval of these bills is trifling inaccuracies, and does not prompted by political opposition to always comply. But it will readily Wilson displays willful forgetful- enough respond in other cases, upon ness or total ignorance of this news- a fair showing that it has been mispaper's attitude toward Mr. Wilson. taken or that injustice has been done. Throughout his Administration it has Every newspaper is familiar with the frequently indorsed his acts, both do- demands not only for correction, but mestic and foreign. It has applauded for money damages, which come in

agriculture which has been stimulated by giving easy access to the land to men who were prepared to take advantage of it. It is expected also to increase food production largely during the coming year.

#### RIGHT OR WRONG?

The controversy between President is designed. Wilson and Senator Chamberlain is to be deplored. Small partisanship may welcome it, for a quarrel between party leaders means party dissension, party disintegration, party disaster. But there are larger and graver conse-

quences than party harmony, party success, or party failure.

The supreme question behind the personal quarrel is not its consequences either to Wilson or to Chamberlain but whether the President is right and the Senator wrong, or the Senator is right and the President is wrong. The President says the War Department is highly efficient, and Secretary Baker is a great and wise official, and he resents criticism and rejects the Congressional plan of reor-ganization, though it is distinctly prounimization, though it is distinctly pro-sed to place supreme power in his riety. It took up their sorry cause, The whole

hands. The Senator says, on his responsibility as chairman of the military af-fairs committee, that the War Department is inefficient and inactive. Does in the underworld, and through the he know? He says he does. He ought to know, for he has been in touch with war affairs for several years, and he recently conducted a searching official investigation into departmental operations.

The President says Chamberlain does not know, for he himself knows better than any other what a great man Secretary Baker Is.

The lives and welfare of thousands hundreds of thousands-aye, millions-of American soldiers have a direct and vital relation to the Presidential decision to retain Secretary Baker at the head of the War Department. Thousands, hundreds of thousands, even millions of American fathers, will want to know that the President is right; and will be immeasurably affected if he is wrong. They will not be silent for they are

not to be silenced, in either event.

INNOCENT ERRORS. No newspaper is free from the con-

stant menace of damage suits for libel growing out of complaints by aggrieved individuals that they have of fact. Many such suits arise from personal or political or journalistic controversy and end, as a rule, nocare. where. Others grow out of news reports, and the issue is purely one of

It is a common assumption, course, that slander or libel must be directed toward a living person; but with drunkenness. It was false No reputable newspaper refuses to ment of fact, once brought to its ataccounts.

## THE MORNING OREGONIAN, THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 1918.

are reflected also in larger interest in however, when popular movements printed \$20,000,000 for the construcwere so free from "graft," or even tion of postoffices in small which the department had not recom from overhead expenses which absorbed profits. Leaders are giving mended. A Georgia Senator said that generously of their time and executive \$50,000 had been expended in a town ability, and practically every dollar where the rent of the former building contributed by the public is reaching its destination. It is for the purpose service alone of the new building cost been four-flushing about their mag-

> of affairs that municipal supervision HARMS. Police Captain Harms is no diplo-

Police Captain Harms is no diplo-mat. He appears to have given no very gentle thought to the feelings either of his associates or of his victims. By victims we mean those in-discreet or unfortunate, and often criminal, members of the social under- that the present system is

those valiant units of the moral squad | who accompanied Harms on his various crusades. If Harms and the system 'Irrespondent more considerate of the unhappy lot of mere policemen, they might not of mere policemen, they might not can tell who is to blame," and produ-can tell who is to blame," and produduct, which they first peddled to a

and brought on an investigation. The public which has heretofore heard of Harms through his activities

unpleasant encounters with him of certain pseudo - respectable persons who have ventured to tread the primrose path unseen and unknown, had come to regard him as an ogre, overzealous in the pursuit of persons who were doing no particular harm to any others than themselves. Now they know that Harms was doing a policeman's duty under instructions from

authority, and was not to be turned to the right or left by any consideration of pull, or intimidation, or money The accusers of Harms say he is money-honest and a faithful officer, and they admit that they don't like him, and want on that account to break him. We suppose that Harms has done

things he ought not to have done, and that his ways with habitues of the tenderioin are not nice; but somehow the public likes rugged and fearless honesty, and it is glad that it understands Harms better than it did.

His enemies have rendered Harms a great service.

#### **PAKE POSTOFFICE PROFITS.**

been hurt through false charges of uberant in his boasts of having earned misconduct or by erroneous reports a surplus and is insistent that his good H. Herty, says that by September. work with the mail service justifies 1918, the Army and Navy will require Congress in confiding the telegraph 22,000,000 gallons, while our present and telephone services also to his annual production is only 11,000,000 His claims have been examined gallons, which is being derived from by Representative Steenerson, who has by-product coke ovens. The only accuracy or correct representation, in- found that the facts tell a very differ- other practical source of toluol is gas,

> the four years ending June 30, 1916, 000,000 gallons if steps for its re-Treasury Department without charg-Congress to appropriate to the post- of this important chemical sufficient office for each year all the revenue to load 150,000 three-inch shells. Chicago Tribune." of that department for that year and Toluol is an advantage only when gas to authorize drafts on the Treasury Department for any deficit which may Where the gas is used with a mantle arise. Mr. Steenerson obtained from the Treasury Department a statement of the deficits which it had made goo and of the sums which it had received in return. This showed a net loss on the Postoffice Department for the four years of \$1,500,346, the protended surplus having been produced by juggling

The most glaring case of the kind year ending June 30 the Postoffice Department had made a deficit of

Just thought of something. All thes was \$250 a year, while the janitor actresses, and actors, too, who have of preserving this desirable condition \$600 a year. Secretary McAdoo said nificent salaries, will now find thema year ago that of \$180,000,000 approselves in the way of having to pay priated for public buildings in the last war tax on it.

two decades "the major part has been Also I predict a sudden rush of expended on costly structures in small localities where neither the Governpaste jewels to the ash can. "Thousands help dig Quincy, Ill, out

with advantage have been saved. who has been in Quincy probably won-Leaders in the House, some of whom ders why the 1000 don't let well enough are the chief culprits, have confessed alone. vicious world, or casual visitors thereto, who feil under the ban of Harms and his condition produced by it a "horrible See where a young student of theology has joined the Aviation Corps. crew; and by associates we refer to mess" and the men who profit by it a Make your own jokes about his deter "band of treasury looters." He in vain mination to be a sky-pilot. proposed a single appropriation com-

"Theatrical manager is sued for girls' trunks," says another headline. Well, most of us have seen a lot of chorus girls' trunks and other things cing "some fearful and wonderful re-sults." A Senator said of a river and proceedings. Walter Gilbert says that the only

The whole scheme of river improvement is humbug and a steal, but if you are going steal, let us divide it out and not go on mathematical The whole sche Present estimates are that two years

of war will impose a debt of \$50,000,-000,000 on the United States, or at the rate of \$500 per capita, a rate only slightly less than that of France after three years of war. It is estimated that under the war revenue law 6,000 .-000 persons will pay direct taxes on incomes. Under these circumstances Congress will not continue to neglect eform of Government finance, as it in 2918 look out for themselves." Just did when enough money was raised without direct taxes. Congress always responds to popular demand when ern stock which would have landed her acked by votes, and at the next elec- right in the heart of the enow storms ion enough voters will be interested back there. "Every day I'm getting to in this subject to compel attention. be more like a native daughter of Ore-I am unwilling to sacrifice millions of American lives and then conclude a At present the public mind is occugon," says Lora, and there are a milwith the actual conduct of the lion others like her. pled

tention will turn to the question how the Nation shall pay the bills and Morning Telegraph, rattles the skeleton will hang the Kaiser and those im-mediately responsible with him, if we whether those bills cannot be scaled thusly: Years ago when Charles Dilldown. Then Congress will no longer ingham was a reporter for the Chi-be able to dodge the question of a cago Tribune, his assignment was to shall be forced to sacrifice our millions cago Tribune, his assignment was to interview prominent hotal arrivals. His responsible officials being hanged if budget system.

colleagues in the same department on The question whether Americans other leading Chicago dailies were chance? Every man, woman and child, shall burn their toluoi in the form of Frank Vanderlip, Peter F. Dunne and and especially every official, must be

gas or shoot it at the enemy as trini- George Ade. The Tribune frequently George Ade. The Tribune frequently published exclusive interviews about the battlefields. There can be no turntrotoluol has been put squarely up to Postmaster-General Burleson is ex- the country by the American Chemical distinguished visitors and Dillingham's ing back now. Society, whose president, Dr. Charles confreres could not understand how he alone was able to reach these arrivals, inasmuch as their cards were always sent to the latter's rooms on the same tray with Dillingham's. One day when they had all been sent to interview Chauncey M. Depew, Dillingham hapof which we consume 220,000,000,000 pened to have stepped to the cigar Mr. Burleson's annual reports show cubic feet per annum, or enough to counter when the beliboy returned to a surplus aggregating \$12,500,000 in furnish the required additional 11,- the waiting group, saying "Not in." Each reporter reached out for his own but this result was reached by taking covery were taken at once. Each card. Under Ade's name had been writcredit for sums handed over to the thousand feet of domestic gas is ex- ten "The Cattleman's Guide"; under pected to yield 0.05 of a gallon of Vanderlip's "Representing the Poultry ing himself with advances made by toluol, but each day's delay in in- Journal," and under Dunne's, "Editor that department. The practice is for stalling equipment means a sacrifice the Prairie Fire." The remaining card read, "Charles Bancroft Dilingham,

> .... is used in an open flame burner. "Josephine Victor in Love" reads headline and I read clear down into the middle of the story before I found

or for cooking, it is not needed. that it wasnt' scandal, for Josephine There has surely been enough in-Victor is married, and naturally being uiry to enable the Shipping Board in love with one's own husband, while to determine how many wooden ships in a way unique, wouldn't be of suffican be put on the ways without ex-ceeding the capacity to produce lumcient interest to warrant a story, for we all know that novelties of that sort ber, or the labor supply. There is no are usually press agent fiction. Howthan the mills can cut timbers, but ever, Miss Victor is in love-but not object in contracting for ships faster occurred in 1916. During the fiscal the ability of the lumber industry to with anyone specified. "Love" is her new sketch. S. Jay Kaufman wrote it keep all shipyards going at the same

venture.

#### SCARE THEM WITH RESOLUTIONS Mr. Lafferty Tells How to Put Fear of

God Into Kaiser and Followers.

PORTLAND, Jan. 12 .- (To the Edior.)-German propagandists have been nsistent that the aims of the allies be clearly stated. I, for one, would have this country give the Kaiser such a statement and in unmistakable language.

public lands in that county likely to fall to the Oregon Central Railway, has made a report of his observations. I would favor a joint resolution by Congress, to be ratified by the people through a referendum election to be held at the postoffices within 30 days Boston Advertisor expresses its admi-ration for his "ease of style," his grouping of subjects and his apiness thereafter, and I would have such reso-lution rival the Declaration of Indeof snow," says a headline. Anyone pendence. I would draw it in such a of epithet. T. H. Cann, Wells, Fargo & Co. mes-senger, and Mr. Blakeny's mailcarrier arrived last night from The Dalles.

way that when ratified by a unanimous vote of our 100,000,000 people, as it would be, and then flashed to Germany and Austria it would be as oil upor the flames of revolution already burn ing there, and I would draw it in such

I would charge in the resolution that

without warning and that they are

I would charge in the resolution that

peace which shall permit the murderer.

Wilhelm, and his responsible officers

Of course our declaration that we

we should lose. But why not take that

wilhelm and Hindenburg must be

we win at the sacrifice of millions of

We must win and the

A. W. LAFFERTY.

PAROLE SYSTEM A FARCE

Auto Thieves Escape Without Paying

PORTLAND, Jan. 23 .- (To the Edi-

for Damage They Have Caused.

willing to make any sacrifice since

the war.

The house of Ira Mayfield, on Wash a way that it would put the fear of God into the hearts of Wilhelm, the ington street, next to the engine-house, was damaged by fire last night, Crown Prince, Hindenburg and Luden

dorf for their personal safety. I would recite in the resolution that the Kaiser and his responsible officers have been scheming murderers and have driven their subjects to the slaughter by the millions. I would character is and the resolution that the kaiser and his responsible officers have been scheming murderers and have driven their subjects to the slaughter by the millions.

In Other Days,

Half a Century Ago.

of Washington County, who has been some time engaged in exploring the

General Sherman is being importuned

write a history of our late war. The

From The Oregonian January 24, 1868. William E. Smith, County Surveyor

#### Twenty-five Years Ago.

the Kaiser and his responsible officers directed the sinking of the Lusitania From The Oregonian Janauary 24, 1893. Boston-Bishop Phillips Brooks, bled pulpit orator and writer, died here last night. He was recognized as one of the most brilliant men in the Protestant Episcopal clergy.

> Macon, Ga .- Associate Justice L Q. Lamar is dead here. Prior to being appointed to the Supreme Court in 1888 he was Secretary of the Interior in Cleveland's Cabinet.

The Thurman Legion, a prominent emocratic organization, is preparing to give a grand inaugural ball.

Aubrey Boucicault made his first appearance before a Portland audience last night at the Park Theater in "The Dowager" and "Sweethearts."

Paris .-- M. Clamenceau was called be-fore the Panama Canal investigation committee yesterday at his own re-quest to answer testimony given by M. Stephens

Terrs Hauts, Ind-Hon, R. W. Thompson, ex-Secretary of the Navy and president of the American Committes of the Panama Canal Company, gave out an interview today in which he hotly denied that he had any knowledge of any corrupt practices in con-nection with the canal in this country.

COMMITTEE IS NOT UNANIMOUS

#### Support of War Cabinet Bill Ascribed to Political Motives.

PORTLAND, Jan. 22.-(To the Ed-itor.)-Permit me to call attention to made to realize that we are making an inaccuracy in your statement war upon them in person and that if against President Wilson today concerning consideration of the war cabi-, and then become complete victors, net bill by the Senate military committheir lives must pay the penalty. That is the kind of stuff that will put the fear of God into their hearts. ear of God into their hearts. These arch murderers now imagine military committee." Senator Kirby is These arch murderers how imagine military committee. Senator kirby is that when peace shall finally come they reported by you, in the same issue of your paper, as saying "that the bill had places as leading world characters. The Kaiser imagines that he will again re-

ceive congratulatory notes upon his birthdays from American Presidents. These villains imagine that in free ber of the American people that Presi-America the lives of citizens are not dent Wilson has been tried for nearly valued any higher than the Prussian militarists value the lives of their ing. After four years of that trial, easants. Let us disillusion the cruel cowards during which some of the most impor-tant legislation ever placed upon the with whom we are dealing, and let us statute books of the United States was with whom we are dealing, and let us do it at once. Let us send them a reso-lution, approved by every vote of our population, which will show to them that not only are our boys fighting in the field but that every drop of blood in North America is fighting, and will fight till victory is ours

The game is too transparent. people do not like the President to direct this war, as provided in the Con-stitution of the United States. Some people want to get into the limelight, though rejected by the voters. Some people would fool "our George" and make a tool of him to embarrass the President in the midst of this great and possit

for themselves. Forget the politics and

fight the war. GEORGE L BROOKS.

Public Market Information

GERVAIS, Or., Jan. 21.--(Te the Edi-tor.)--(1) Please advise me through the columns of your paper whom I

should communicate with to secure in-formation concerning the public market

(2) Are there always sufficient booth

WILLIAM BLIVEN.

not engaged to supply demand.

(3) What is the daily rental?

result of universal suffrage for women guilty of the murder of non-combatant will be just a lot more votes to count men, women and children. wrong. the Kaiser and his responsible officers Lora Rogers says that some one in started the war and that they have 1000 years from now the world will than any other set of scoundrels that the absolutely devoid of the world will the Alcazar Company with a penchant upon their heads more human blood for statistics has figured out that in be absolutely devoid of fuel and the that in case the Kaiser and his re-statistican asked Lora, earnestly: sponsible officers should fail to capit "What will people do?" "I dunno," said ulate within 60 days after its ratifica ton, and dissolve Prussian militarism no peace would be agreed to by Amer Lora, "let the people who are on earth others in authority who might have supported them in the continuation of

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Stars and Starmakers.

By Leone Cass Bacr.

war, but when it draws to a close at-Rennold Wolf, on the New York to live out their lives.

has made to uphold some cases from persons who fand American rights against German ag-gression. Since the United States de-financially responsible for errors, clared war it has approved every for- whether or not made intentionally ward step, and its sole ground of criti- In any case of damages for libel the cism has been that he has not taken broad rule is followed by the courts more, bolder, prompter and longer and by all juries that the absence of forward steps. It has defended the malicious intent on the part of a President against critics among the journal serves as a complete defense members of his own party. It has except insofar as specific damages taken the position that parties do not may have resulted from the false pubmatter when the Nation is at war, for lication; and the damages must be the sufficient reason that if we lose shown. Now it is interesting to note war there will be little left for that a decision of the Supreme Co parties to dispute about. of New York (appellate division) has

No person who has followed the extended the principle of immunity course of Mr. Chamberlain during the for newspapers, in cases where there last three and a half years can find is no malice and a mistake has been tion of President Wilson that all ap-evidence that, in disagreeing with the made. During the infantile paralysis scare

President on the war bills he is the tool of snybody. He has consistently last Summer the New York Sun pub-contended for military preparedness. lished the name and address of a cer-at present. The indifference of Con-When the President was willing to tain child in the list of new cases. A gress in the past to the need of system travel in that direction the Senator mattress-maker at the same address in public expenditures warrants the has co-operated with him. When the brought suit against the Sun, alleging belief that nothing will be done until President halted the Senator pushed negligent, careless, wrongful and un- the people force it to act. The present on, always in the same direction. his advice had been followed we to his business and claiming damages should not be discussing how to or- therefor. The counsel for the defendganize our war activities after having ant demurred to the complaint. The been at war for ten months and our plaintiff procured an order for judg-Army would have had an active part ment on the pleadings, and the de-He fendant appealed. The Appellate in the campaign of last Summer. does not try to take away direction of Court reversed the order for judgthe war from the President; he simply ment solely on the ground stated as offers better tools for the work. follows by Mr. Justice Smith, all five

Let there be no mistake. If this justices concurring: war is to be won for the United States bafore March 4, 1921, it must be won by Mr. Wilson; nobody can take the job out of his hands. Any man who seeks to prolong the war until after political gain risks defeat, and with it possible destruction, of the republic. The suggestion is preposterous, for it assumes several abs propositions-that a man who would be such a traitor could get a respectable following; that his motives would not be perceived as quickly as were those of the men who harassed Lincoln, and that not only Senator Chamberlain, but the other nine Democratic Senators on the military committee have been made tools by such a These Senators are: Hitchcock, Fletcher, Myers, Thomas, Sheppard, Beckham, Kirby, Reed and McKellar.

When there are reasonable, honor able motives for disagreeing with the President, why go out of the way to seek irrational, ignoble motives?

An example of what can be done for "Hooverism" is found in the report of what was done last season by employes of the maintenance of way department of the Southern Pacific Railroad. "War gardens" on the railroad right of way, the land having been tendered to the employes free of no restriction of desirable ones, and reman is reported to have raised half a ton of potatoes, besides enough nia, produced two crops of such vegetables as sweet corn and string beans,

\$5,500,000 and had drawn that amount from the Treasury, but on August 26, fifty-one days after the year had expired, it deposited \$5,200,000 and then claimed to have earned a surplus of that amount by ignoring the amount of its drafts, when, in fact, it had made

a net loss of \$200,000. If the Government were to operate telegraphs and telephones under this system of accounting, any official of Mr. Burleson's ability could deceive the people with fictitious profits.

#### A NEW ISSUE ARISING.

Nothing has yet been done by Congress to put in effect the recommenda-

originate from one committee instead

If truthful publication, specifying injury burden of direct taxation, which will grow heavier each year of the war, should, and ultimately will, arouse the people to the necessity of reform in this particular. When National penditures run into billions yearly, the

people will demand a dollar's value for each dollar expended and taken from their pockets. The change proposed by the Presi-

justices concurring: We are of opinion that the complaint sholly fails to state a cause of action in the failure to state at a cause of action in the failure to state a the publication was made maliciously and with a wilful intent to injure the plaintiff's business. All the damages sought in this action are damages that the damage that could be sought, and i is perfectly evident that the plaintiff could not truthfully allege. If he would, that there was any malice or wilful intent to injure the business. It was apparently a pure mistake and for the damages ac-remedy. Hovey we Rubber Tip Pencil Com-pany (b7 N. Y. 110). In that case it was aromedy, Hovey we Rubber Tip Pencil Com-pany (b7 N. Y. 110). In that case it was intent to maintain an action for libel injurious to plaintiff's business it must be made to a wilful purpose of inflicting injury. As the complaint contains no stude and the to the domagen and and the adment and the party be without a man bound in the fact but that it was applying a bould not have been granted and the strue that in fact no sensible dent would be a great improvement would be only a step toward that budget system which has been adopted by every other civilized nation. Lack of such a system made possible that waste which Senator Aldrich estimated eight years ago at \$300,000,000 a year and which now surely far exceeds that amount. Division of authority among several committees, each of which plans expenditures on the principle of dividing the ple among enough districts to win a majority of votes, explains introduction of river and harbor bills which filibustering reduced in four years by a total of \$100,000,-000, as Representative Frear said, without injury to any legitimate interest.

It explains violation of pledges to It is true that in fact no sensible practice economy and to combine apury would mulct a newspaper, if satpropriation committees which have figured in the platforms of both leading parties. In his recent speech in in any given case, and that neverthefavor of a joint commission to preless a mistake had been made. Now pare a budget system, Mr. Frear high judicial interpretation of the law showed that under the present system makes unnecessary, so far as New "nearly every locality appropriation York is concerned, the submission of masquerades" as a war measure. He "nearly every locality appropriation such matters to a jury.

showed that every appropriation com-mittee has a Southerner as a chair-

Regulation of solicitation of funds man, with the result that, while "90 for various war charities will entail per cent of Federal revenues are derived from the North, yet determina charge, produced a large quantity of will protect the public against imposi- tion of appropriations and expendifood in the aggregate. One section tion and downright fraud. It is im- tures is controlled by the South."

portant for all to realize that there Several examples of the evil work must be a great deal of giving before ing of this system were cited by Mr. other vegetables for the use of his the war is over, and also that the Frear. He quoted Ford as saying in family, on a bit of unfenced ground well-springs of human charity shall "the increase in the cost of our Na-50 by 100 feet. Another, in Califor- not be poisoned by impostors. New tional Government" that "Congress York furnished a conspicuous example habitually disclaims responsibility for a few months ago of the extent to the results of the methods it employs' and has a third crop of string beans which misguided benevolence can be and keeps augmenting the now under way. Results from loases imposed upon, when it was found nec- Government "by continual efforts to at nominal rental to outsiders also essary to hale certain promoters be- extend Congressional patronage by have been encouraging. Benefits were fore the authorities and compel them means of appropriations." He quoted not confined to actual food produced, to disgorge. There have has been a although these were considerable, but time in the history of the country, and in 1909 that Congress had appro-

East and South implies that there is a margin for further construction on this Coast.

It is barely possible that the Austrian government permits exaggerated reports of strikes and riots to be sent out in the hope that they will tempt Adams in "Chanticler." the United States to relax the energy of its war preparations. In the centra empires the governments permit or forbid the publication of nothing with-

out a definite war aim -----

In the matter of dock, factory and elevator fires prevention is justified and Jordan are going to finance the internment of any alien who even might start them. In war the safety of the whole Nation rises superior to the liberty of any part, especially when that part is actually not a part.

There seems to be so much money in these days that postal employes can leave a million dollars lying around loose without danger of its being stolen.

People in Northern Russia are reported to be hungry, which is sad, indeed, considering that the United States has the table set and all seats he left the bill and, with the children filled. \_

It's a wise housewife who lets her menfolk rise from the table a little tinued and if she grows worse Mr. Foy on the present wasteful system, but it hungry. She conserves and assures their return on time for the next meal

> The steamship Luna was sailing from Holland to Sweden with a cargo of sugar, and a German warship captured her. Easy, wasn't it?

> It looks as though the British squadron lured the Turks on to destruction at the Dardanelles, but not in the celebrated Kuropatkin style.

It is high time for the death penalty for alien spies, and the term "spy" should apply to any evildoer who en dangers life or property.

A Coroner's jury in Idaho lived up to the ideals of that state by exonerating a wife who shot her husband to prevent a beating.

----According to Judge Landis, a man nay not jest about the President. Chamberlain's earnestness saves him.

The latest escape is a trusty working as cook in the warden's home. That certainly is a good way out.

Most of the other grains go into the many breakfast foods and are relished. Why not into bread?

Owners of fruit trees that are altorether too previous wish for some of that Eastern cold weather

London must come to horse meatnot as dainty as beef to many palates, but effective as a filler.

As Senator Kenvon puts it, it's "old Bill Stone!"

Watch the wobblers fall in behind

ime that 50,000,000 feet are shipped and originally it was intended for Laura Hope Crews. But Miss Crews highwayman was parolell from the Ore has made an arrangement with Grace gon Penitentiary by a soft-hearted George by which she will present a Governor and while out on this parole condensed version of "Divorcons" in this convict committed various crimes

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peasants.

fight, till victory is ours

vaudeville. Which leaves "Love" for Miss Victor. She visited us as the a woman and a man! He is now serv-ing a life sentence in the Oregon Peni-Miss Victor. She visited us as the anss victor. End pheasant with Maude Ing a file Southand in the will it be be-tentiary, but how long will it be be-fore he is paroled again?

A few days ago we read in The Ore-Rumor saith that little Frances gonian how a syndicate of juvenile thieves had banded together to steal White and her partner William Rock automobiles. They were lined up in the Municipal Court to the number of 11. Most of them, if not all qf them, have accepted a production of a musical comedy nature in which Miss White will be featured in a song and solo had had similar experiences. boys were tried, convicted and dance in each of the three acts. Sanger

tenced and of course were paroled. These penitent (?) boys promised to work and earn money to pay for the damage they

When Eddie Foy and his band of Foylets played the Orpheum here Mrs. Foy was convalescent at a sanitarium her loss was more than \$1000, in an in Colorado, where she had been for

many months. The oldest Foylet, Bryan, was with her, and when Eddle and the children reached Los Angeles their mother and Bryan joined them there. The trip proved too much for Mrs. Foy and she was removed to a

sanitarium at El Paso, Tex. Eddie and the rest of the family continued in the act and last week while in Des Moines returned to El Paso, where Mrs. Foy was operated upon. When her condi- tried, convicted, sentenced and paroled.

tion improves the act will be consays he will retire permanently. . . .

All of us have our own idea of trou ble. Here is James and Agnes Du this: Steal, be tried, convicted, sen-tenced and paroled without a shadow

Vea's diagram of woe as it has been visited upon them. Mr. Du Vea took his pen in hand and wrote this letter to Variety, a theatrical paper, airing their grievance, fancied or real, according

to the way one looks at it: "Editor Variety: March 26, 1914 Agnes Du Vea and I took our lives in

our hands by dancing on a 14-inch ledge, 495 feet from the street on the tallest building west of New York City. It is located in Cincinnati. Our idea of this feat was to be different than the rest and give managers the benefit of

spectacular publicity. "There was a motion picture film

made of our dance upon this building, which we now use as part of our act. "Last August the Dolly Sisters 'faked' a motion picture on the roof of

the McAlpin Hotel, and we can prov that they were aware that the idea be longed to us, as I have sent not only to the Dolly Sisters, but to almost

every manager, agent and artis throughout the country post cards and newspaper notices in photograph form which told the whole story of our dance.

stomachs to protect us till our slow-gathering Army is ready? The report has gathered into a full flowing current that some of our wealthiest families have been detected at hoarding food. Let us pray this is only rumor, but the above statements are actual facts in a state beset by war, with many of its best sons suffer-ing for the heat of sugar that we smear upon unpatriotic cakes for the careless and negligent to eat. If the big firms are not to lead the city and the state "Do you think it is right for th Dolly Sisters, who are heralded as stars to steal the ideas of others, unless the Dolly Sisters can explain why they in fringed on our idea without permis-JAMES J. DU VEA. sion. "(James and Agnes Du Vea)."

John W. Considine, once a Pacific Northwest theatrical magnate, is in Chicago, following a visit to New York and reports say that he plans return-ing to vaudeville and that his visit to Chicago is for the purpose of securing a phain of houses.

(1) Write to J. A. Eastman, market master, 2031/2 Yamhill street, Portland. (2) Yes. (3) Fifteen cents. had done, amounting in all to \$7000! One of their victims, a woman, claimed

of your city.

Pets All Right-in Their Place PORTLAND, Jan. 22 .--- (To the Edi-

automobile they had destroyed. This promise appeared to be quite tor.)-I noticed and read the communi-cation from ex-Governor Geer. I quite satisfactory to the presiding judge, agree with him about dogs that are al-While this harrowing scene was being enacted to the accompaniment of the owner of a valuable hunting dog and sobfest on the part of the parents, we pay license for the privilege of allow-failed to observe that either one of ing my dog to get proper exercise, but these parents offered to make good the do not allow or like him to annoy The others.

damage done by their offspring. The three ring leaders (one a boy of 14 I have neighbors who have chickens years) were old offenders, had more or that are allowed to run all over other less experience with prior paroles. The people's property notwithstanding 14-year-old boasted of having stolen there is an ordinance against the same. 4 automobiles for which he had been ried, convicted, sentenced and paroled. Since that parole he had stolen 15 bore automobiles. Mr. Geer does not mention cats. We are almost overrun with them. Still because we have none we think our neighbors have the right. I believe in 4 automobiles for which he had been

Anis ought to give us a line on the proposition as to whether the parole system does make oriminals: To sum it all up, it amounts to just this: Steal, be tried, convicted

PORTLAND, Jan. 23 .- (To the Editor.)-Please state the proper time to prune my rose bushes. They are still blooming. SUBSCRIBER. blooming.

Advertisement of Iced Cakes by Stor A well-known nurseryman, who is an authority on roses, says that he would prune them now, although if there PORTLAND, Jan. 22 .- (To the Edishould be a hard freeze later on it tor.)-In the advertisement of one of would be better if he had not done so. our biggest department stores Monday One who desires to avoid all risk prob this is to be read: "Layer cakes, choice of loings. Gold-

ably would do well to wait until early in February. 

Oregonian Tobacco Fund.

KELSO, Wash., Jan. 22.- (To the Ed-itor.)-Kindly tell me if you have a tobacco fund for the boys at the front. commission Returns From France and Where is Oregon's boasted patriot-If so, I would like to have MISS NORAH FOSTER.

Where is Oregon's boasted patriot-ism, when public sentiment counte-nances such negligence in our biggest merchants? Where is our common sense when our public will buy such unpatriotic food and leave England. France and Italy to fight on empty stomachs to protect us till our slow-Subscriptions addressed to The Ore gonian Tobacco Fund, Portland, will be devoted to the purchase of tobacco for our soldiers. These subscriptions are not received in behalf of individual soldiers, but for all of them.

Allies' Secret Treatles. DALLAS, Or., Jan. 22 .- (To the Editor.)-Please publish the secret treaties between entente allies, supposed to have been made public by the present Russian government some time ago READER.

are not to lead the city and the state in patriotic education to whom may the people look to show the way? The war is not won. We may have The chief features of the treaties were printed in The Oregonian on De-cember 2. They consume too much

#### Experienced Cook Is Known.

Louisville Courier-Journal. went first to protect us will ever come home again. But if many do come as we daily and hourly pray and hope, let "I see you have a new cook." "Yes." "Is see experienced?" "I surmise so, us he able to present clean records of our local aid to them. "Is see experienced?" "I surmise so, She started the first day by coming late, and them asking for the after-

ELIZABETH LAMBERT WOOD,

of any punishment. MATTIE B. ROSS,

IT'S NOT THE TIME FOR DAINTIES

Is Criticised by Correspondent.

years and years of conflict ahead and no one knows if a single soldier or ailor son of the bloady wedge who went first to protect us will ever come nome again. But if many do come as

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space to be reproduced.