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war makes a more moving appeal to should be saved at any cost. the world's compassion than does that of the Armenians, for whose relief funds are sought from the people of Oregon this week. Of the two mil-lions under Turkish rule about onethird have been slaughtered by the word, by drowning or by starvation. Another third has either been enslaved in Turkish harems or has been scattered to starve in the desert extending from Aleppo through the Upper Euphrates and Tigris valleys. It is to the American people are asked to give of their abundance. At the same time aid is asked for the Syrians, who have Turks, and for the Jews of Poland and Galicia, who are being swept away by famine and disease in their war-ravaged land.

The Armenians present an example of a nation's tenacity of life through centuries of subjection to ruthless, barbarous tyranny. The aboriginal Armenians spread over the highlands of Western Asia, which form an exof the Iranian plateau, about the middle of the ninth century before Christ, and were conquered and po-litically absorbed by an Aryan people between 640 and 600 B. C., but the original Armenians still survive as a distinct type in remote districts. Armenia was at that time included

the legendary kingdom of Bininia. which was overthrown by Cyarares, King of Persia, but regained its in-dependence in 317 B. C. and was ruled a line of Kings which ended with Tigranes, who was conquered by the mans and became their vassal in 66 B. C. A struggle between Rome and Persia followed, ending in the partition of the country in 387 A. D. During that period and before the Emperor Constantine was converted, the Armenians embraced Christianity, They translated the Bible into their language in 410 A. D., the Christians being persecuted by the Persian Magi. one of whose governors won inde-pendence for a brief term.

Subjugation, first by the Byzantine Emperors, then by the Arab Caliphs, followed, but about 885 several rulers. of provinces were crowned Kings by the Caliph under his suserainty, and their states survived until 1080, when the threat of Government competition. ter year the kingdom of Little Armenia was founded by Rhupen in
ships would have remained under the
Cilicia, and retained its existence amid

American flag at the service of Amerido well to consider the stringent regupowerful Moslem states until conhaving been awept in turn by Mongels in 1235, and during that period the people fied to the mountains of to foreign lands. The final conquest by the Turks was completed ping bill had been defeated by filiin 1514, but even their oppression was buster. ently aggravated by wars with the Persians, who overran the land.

as endurable as that of any subject be suited for transports and as the long to the government, and we shall race in Turkey, but the success of war-power of the Government over do jolly well what we like with it." Bulgaria in gaining independence and finance and industry must be exerthe transfer of a large part of Armenia clsed in order to secure the largest gun to touch the American people to Russia led Abdul Hamid to adopt possible tonnage of the right type in greater severity at the same time that the shortest time, it was necessary what they please is only slightly caused the Sultan to send troops who the Shipping Board went about its things will become much massacred the people by wholesale. work for war helped to confirm every stead of repining we should owed by another massacre in 1896, against the Government's

resolved to end all possibility of re- to any particular material. rolt by exterminating the male popu-

quotes several refugres as saying that names Herr Rossler, Consul at Aleppo, "the notorious Baron Oppenheim, who initiated the idea of deporting

longing by nationality to the allies."

sick, starving and dying lying among the corpses, one of these places being other. opposite his school. He says "the teaching of the Germans" is the simple Turk's explanation, and that Mo-hammedans who disapprove of such barbarity "hold the Germans responwhate Bates—12 to 15 pages, 1 cent; 18 being considered during the war as 1 pages, 2 cents; 52 to 15 pages, 5 cents; 52 to 15 pages, 5 to 15 pages, 5 to 15 pages, 6 cents; 62 to 16 pages, 6 cents. Foreign up, 75 to 82 pages, 6 cents. Foreign up, deather rates. being considered during the war as which, it is explained with charming which he said:

I know for a fact that the embassy at stantinople has been informed by the

He quotes several German Consuls questions about the new political as relating hideous incidents of the scheme, which pretty effectually deportations to him, sometimes with

of the world is to save what is left of the dring of the world is to save what is left of the dring of the Armenians of Turkey, while the organization. Let us quote a paraallied armies fight to bring the whole- graph from his very interesting and SAVE THE REMNANT OF A NATION.

No story of a people which has fallen victim to the invader in this fallen victim to the invader in this should be saved at any cost.

Alled armies fight to oring the whole sale murderers to justice by the only more or less persuasive letter:

I was there at the request of the sentiatives of 50,000 organized farmers at laboring may who had gathered to discuss the women and children, and they should be saved at any cost.

#### AN INQUIRY.

"The Oregonian," observes the Pendleton paper which calls itself the East Oregonian, "has been in sympathy with a move to let the lawmaking department of the Government absorb duties that logically and constitutionally come under the executive department. It has been influenced either by political considerations, or else has lacked the sound, patriotic judgment needed in war time. Oregonian may wear the shoe that

The Oregonian is quite indifferent suffered in like manner at the hands to this Pendleton opinion as to the quality either of its patriotism or judgment; but it uses its unjustified it. Nothing at all. sneer as the basis of an observation

> ers by the Executive. We do not sup-pose that anyone will say that there Now, of cour pose that anyone will say that there is co-ordination and distribution of powers among the executive, legislative and judicial departments. Conof the White House.

President and Congress is to be had League.
in the news dispatches. Through the
Associated Press last Saturday came this interesting development:

Our inquiry is: What comment on the fact that the President confers with Democratic Senators, and no Senators of any other party, does our little Pendleton friend think The Oregonian should make?

## WHO DELAYED SHIPBUILDING?

When the shipping bill was first in- Lady Mabel Gore Langton, troduced, it was offered as a means accumulated 125 pounds of tea, thirtyof providing an American merchant five pounds of coffee, eleven tins of marine for commerce. At that time condensed milk, twenty-three pounds and would have done so in larger of sultanas, seven pounds of raisins light has proved valuable to all con they were gathered into the new em-pire of the Seljuk Turks. In the lat-laws which The Oregonian has ad-Any Americans who chafe at the powerful Moslem states until con-quered by the Callph of Egypt in 1375. \$59,000,000 which was then proposed ally and be thankful that things are was vidiculously inadequate, if the no worse. Except so far as ability to Arabs, Kurds and Turks during three Government was to have built a mer- buy is limited by regulation of dealer centuries, Armenia was ravaged by the chant fleet. The suggestion that the restriction on purchase and consump

changed the situation. It made imme- cently said that the government has Until Abdul Hamid became Sultan diate construction of ships an urgent bought a "sufficient supply of tea al in 1876 the lot of the Armenians was necessity of war. As these ships must around," but that "the tea will be revolutionary movement started in that ships be built by and for the ited. Unless the supply of both food the Resistance to a Kurdish raid Government. Yet the manner in which and ships increases very materially Further disturbances in 1895 were fol- argument which had been advanced do what Mr. Hoover asks. renfined strictly to the Gregorian and ships for peace. A good business man rotestant Armenians, the latter be-would have made a broad survey of ing converts of American missionaries, the Nation's potential capacity for

But these massacres were nothing building ships of all types and materito those of 1915 and 1916, when the of a Turkish invasion of Rus- signs without delay and would have sian Armenia led some revolutionists put the entire capacity of the country The Turks to use, without regard to sections or Instead, the Denman board started

lation, by enslaving the young women by favoring the South with wooden and girls in their harems and by driv-ing the old and young of both sexes with General Goethals because he, into the desert, either to be massacred seeing that the South could not deliver by the Turks or to starve. Their the goods, condemned them and pre-work was so thoroughly done that the ferred steel ships, thus raising a quesmortality is estimated as high as one tion as between the two materials, million, only a few having escaped to though both are good and both are hiding places in the mountains or to needed. Not until Chairman Hurley foreign countries. As the fugitives are got full power did the Board act upon foreign countries. As the fugitives are soft full power did the Board act upon attil dying at Aleppo and at various the common-sense plan to build as desert places, the total is growing many as possible of both types. Mean-Nothing but the measures of relief while precious months had been wasted the farmer with a crop to put in an undertaken by the house of the country of the house of the country of the count

if not instigated, by Germany. Arnold therity among a lawyer-politician, an turn for the wage outlay involved.

J. Toynbee says that one witness Army engineer and several other men. The farmhand has suffered so: guotes several refugees as saying that operation to downment building and "farm laborer," under which he apposition to Government building and "farm laborer," under which he apposition reased, all the funds asked pears in official, reports and statisfarms. The term "laborer and "the notorious Baron Oppenheim," hesitation, and the delays were caused is associated with lack of special skill pointees, and no one else.

A foreign correspondent of the Got.

chang, of New York, said that "provincial governors who show lack of vigor in executing the order to deport the Armenians are taken to task by the German officials." There were German Consuls all through Asiatic Turkey, and they could not have been ignorant of what was being done. But proved was made by Count von Bernstorff when he "submitted to the submitted to the submitte

United States Government a report of the German Consul-General at Trebizond admitting and defending a massacre of Armenians on the ground that the Armenians were disloyal to the Tuckish government and secretly were aiding and abetting Russia."

The strongest confirmation of the primary schools which

TWO EXPLANATIONS.

Behind closed doors, in Portland, ten days or so since, a group of citizens met and launched the movement for an Oregon Non-Partisan League. naivete, may or may not be affiliated with the privately-controlled and privately-directed Townley Non-Partisan League of North Dakota. "An American Citizen," writing to The Orego-

In two or three places the professor lays emphasis on the "progressive legislation" which is nearest to the heart of the Non-Partisan League.
Now Brother Spence, of the State

Grange, also writes a letter. Mr. Spence is no camouflageur, and we understand exactly what he means when he says:

The league is a non-partism organiza-tion for the purpose of securing control of the pulltics of the several states by a ma-jority, in order to get a fair deal for pro-ducers and consumers. Nothing there about "progressive

legislation" or the protracted and fruitful deliberation of the "representatives of fifty thousand organized farmers and laboring men" to procure The Non-Partisan League is going

and an inquiry.

The drift at Washington has been is a misnomer does not worry Mr. Spence. It is out to control the poli-

tive and judicial departments. Con- Nor need anybody be in doubt about rress has been in the complete control the exact political status and affiliation of those who are out to contro Further light on the relations of the politics of the Non-Partisan

### IT MIGHT BE MUCH WORSE.

In smphasizing his opposition to the Sensits military committee's bills for a war rabinet and a munitions director. President Wilson urged upon another group of Democratic Senators called to the White House teday the necessity of aveiding, as far as possible, agitation in Congress that might encourage the enemy and give the impression of discord.

Food control is no farce in England, as Marie Corelli, the authoress, has learned. The police found that Stratford-on-Avon 183 pounds of sugar during a period for which she might encourage the enemy and give the maristrate fined her 550 issues. the magistrate fined her £50, ignoring her vehement assertion that she is "a patriot and would not think of hoarding" and her prediction that "Lloyd George will be resigning tomorrow and there will be a revolution in England in less than a week."

Another lady whose hoard of food was discovered by an inspector was

trast this with the situation in Grea The declaration of war radically Britain, in which Lord Rhondda re

The food shortage has scarcely what they please is only slightly lim stead of repining we should cheerfully

# A PROBLEM FOR 1918.

One of the most serious problems ow confronting the country, as the farm season is about to open, is that of agricultural labor. Upon the wisof agricultural labor. dom shown in its solution will de pend in large measure our success in bringing the war to an early conclu Crops are needed quite as muci sion. as soldiers in order to win.

One thing the country now under tands, which it only dimly appre hended before, is that agricultu a skilled occupation. It is not answer to the farmer's call for help to open an employment bureau ir each city, and assemble heterogenous groups of clerks out of jobs, and laundertaken by the humane people of all nations and creeds can check the ing for "ships, ships and more ships." work of famine and disease.

The proof is overwhelming that the massacres were ordered by Enver They could have been avoided by Pasha and Talaat Bey, the actual putting a business man on the job was a failure. Most of the efforts of rulers of Turkey under German tutelage, and that they were countenanced, increased and the practically unanimous opinion of experts that it was a failure. Most of the efforts of these men were wasted. Employers the they received a re-

The farmhand has suffered some the Administration and its ap-intees, and no one else. and in other occupations is used to differentiate the man to whom it is applied from the craftsman who has What would seem to be a test of served his apprenticeship and knows

places where the refugees were gath-ered and saw many dead, with the ceive it, and it is believed that English before. The people will be more libwill serve the purpose better than any erally inclined toward appropriations for agricultural education, and farm-ers themselves will have a better ap-preciation of its value. The present risis is teaching that agriculture deserves to be ranked with the most ex-acting trades, if, indeed, it does not deserve to rank among professions.

#### CONTRIBUTIONS TO MORALE.

It will hearten Americans who have of oil as fuel in competition for contributed to such institutions for work behind the lines in Europe as the Young Men's Christian Association and the Red Cross to know that original expectations have been more original expectations.

Murphy, head of the Red Cross work in France, on his return to the United States recently emphasized this phase It must be recognized that America is not yet able to take a large part in the actual fighting, and that delay in doing so might have had a discour aging counted strongly upon us. Mr. Murphy

Meanwhile the people are looking to us for moral support, and I do not know of anything that approaches the Red Cross in giving the feeling of moral support to them. We are reaching great numbers of every class, as well as the soldiers.

But the effect was even more marked Italy than elsewhere. It is now known that Germans had circulated reports in Italy that America nothing about her. That was before we had declared a state of war with Austria, and Italians at the front were depressed. But when, four days afte the declaration of war, the American Red Cross shot down across the line into Italy from France sixty American mbulances, with more than 100 men clad in khaki:

That was taken in Italy as evidence that America was right on the Job; that America was a producer of miracles. That work re-built Italian morale. This is the one big thing that we've got to understand: That this is a war of peoples.

To build up and maintain the morale of nations while we are preparing for the battle itself, it is now seen, is not the least important phase of the work not only of the Red Cross, but also of the Y. M. C. A. and other organizations with similar purpose. Mean-while it is all contributing to the comshe had received at her house at fort and the efficiency of our own men.

In England, where the daylight saving plan does not suffer from its designation as the "Summer-time ovement," it has been found that the subterfuge of turning the clock ahead has resulted in material social, eco nomic and business benefits. onserved both health and coal. Obection that it would have the same effect if it were accomplished without changing the clock's hands has who had been met with the reply that people, being as they are, will not get up an hour earlier in normal circumstances, the habits of multitudes being hard private enterprise was building ships of currants, four and one-half pounds to break. But the extra hour of daycomparison with the result, and English leaders strongly urge their American -friends to adopt daylight-saving

> as soon as possible. A new destroyer recently completed at the Mare Island Navy-yard made the voyage of more than 4000 miles through the Panama Canal to an Atlantic port in 121/2 days' elapsed time, days' actual steaming time, ar average of twenty miles an hour. is some speed, but for duration it does not equal the old Oregon's voyage around the Horn to Santiago in 1898.

> hymns of hate." in view of what captured Americans will get from the Huns. Hate is wholesome over there, and a little of it here is heartening. Perhaps the bureaucrats, being young. do not recall the times the boys wou 'hang Jeff Davis to a sour-apple tree.'

There is some risk in sending good leather shoes to the Belgians, as the generous people of Livingston, Mont. are doing. The Germans are wearing wooden shoes, and will be strongly tempted to rob the Belgians.

Mr. Logan's estimate of 29,000 'breweries" is a triffe high, perhaps, but almost every fellow knows of some other fellows brewing homemade beer they are silly enough to tell of it.

Mr. Hornibrook may land the committeeman's position, but not by being called "Will." Mr. King gets there on the sobriquet, but it isn't Demo Two patients eloped from the State

Hospital Sunday, and as they are "considered harmless" it is well to leave the dog unchained. The marine architect who cleaned

up a few hundred thousands is not in the class of the French private who mde \$6,000,000.

Corn meal is reported scarce in cal trade circles, and what is a patriotic woman to do? The south wind is a Portland insti-

tution, and the harder it blows the greater the welcome. Victoria has it so bad that a man must even fear to die there on Sunday,

Imagine how the St. Louis strike is played up in the Berlin press. Hoover will not mind a few bits of

Bulgaria feels as sadly neglected as

These heavy winds sound worse than

The strongest confirmation of the facts, with unwilling hints at German indifference, is given by a German—Dr. Martin Niepage, higher grade teacher in the German Technical School at Aleppo. He visited the medium that self-government will be done about it. The supply of efficient farm help must be conserved, with due precautions that bogus with due precautions that bogus reclaims to agricultural knowledge are not made the basis of slacking.

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auxiliary plants.

The supply of fuel oil is threatened.

The seriousness of the situation is demonstrated by the fact that in order to protect themselves the Coast oil companies have practically abrogated their existing contracts. Some of them had nearly a year and more to run. The companies are now supplying oil on a day-to-day basis. Another equally serious factor is the price, now and for the future. It is reaching a prohibi-tive basis, so far as continuing the use

alue of this work in behalf of our does the supply will cease altogether. ity over us in future service in case but one or two small tankers, not usable in trans-Atlantic traffic, should be left

d strongly upon us. Mr. Murphy
low if the owners of apartment-houses,
office buildings and their tenants would
office buildings and their tenants would co-operate against wasting the heat

that is unnecessary.

If the owners of office buildings would see that every radiator in every yacant room in the respective buildings is kept turned off and no heat allowed enter a radiator where it is not ab solutely necessary and if all tenants would keep the steam turned off in such rooms as may not be occupied by them from time to time, a tremendous aggregate saving would follow. Few realize how great this saving will total. If all tenants, instead of opening doors and windows when it becomes too hot, while allowing radiators to con-tinue to circulate steam, would shut off the steam, keep doors closed and not open windows so wide, they would do their bit. Sufficient and desirable ventilation in office buildings may be se-cured by opening windows one inch from the bottom (not the top) in each room. This will permit ample circu-lation of air through the rooms, es-

pecially if the transom over the office door is kept open slightly. This is the pressing moment for con-servation along all lines. Every liftle In so far as the use of fuel is

concerned, adopt the motto "Turn off the heat when not in use." JAMES J. SAYER, Secretary Portland Association Building Owners and Managers.

Beneficiaries of Soldiers' Insurance.

PORTLAND, Feb. 4.—(To the Editor.)

1) Does the \$10,000 Government policy o go to the wife or can it be between the wife and relatives? (2) Are all wives, no matter how re cently married, to receive an extra a iotment from the Government? (3) What is the salary of a sergeant? (4) Is it the same in all branches?

SUBSCRIBER. (1) Permitted beneficiaries of a soldier are a wife, child, grandchild, brother or sister, stepbrother or stepsister, adopted brother or adopted sister of the insured, as well as parent, grandparent or stepparent, either of the insured or his wife. The policy may be drawn so any number of permitted beneficiaries may share, or so that one may get the money after the other's death.

(2) Yes. (3) For the first enlistment period. the monthly pay, including 20 per cent increase for foreign service, is \$44 for of knitted goods the best plan, in its sergeant of artillery, cavalry or infantry; \$51.20 for sergeant of engineers, ordnance, Signal Corps, Quartermas ter's Corps or Medical Department. There are other grades, pay in which runs as high as \$96 for Quartermaster's sergeant, senior grade, and master hospital sergeant (4) No. See foregoing answer.

Renting Without Lease. PORTLAND, Feb. 4 .- (To the Editor —(1) If a tenant pays his rent each month and if for no other reason than being dissatisfied, can a landlord give him. 20 days' notice to vacate? (2) The tenant, not wishing to vacate, what research has tenant? (3) Would be been than the tenant? ourse has tenant? (3) Would he be compelled to move? (4) I have been a good tenant at this house for three years and now the rent was raised, consequently I asked for the house to be cleaned and my answer was to va-cate, giving me 50 days' notice. My rent has been paid every month prompt-ly and has been accepted. I do not wish to move at this present time for various reasons. What can be done? Am I entitled to more notice? (5) If one should vacate a house any time during the month, can landlord collect for the full month or only for the number of days occupied?

OREGONIAN SUBSCRIBER. (1) Yes, if there is no agreement as

to term of occupancy. (2) None,

(3) Yes.

(4) Answer given above. (5) Probably in your case it would be held that you were renting from month to month under an implied understanding that each rental period

was a full month. Change of Status. WESTLAKE, Or., Feb. 3.—(To the Editor.)—If a man is in class I and his wife is to become a mother could he be taken into the Army? Can a direct appeal to the President be m

A SUBSCRIBER. for assignment of the registrant to class 1. In some cases such a condition discovered after classification might create a change of status and should be reported immediately to the local board. It is then discretionary whether the board reopens the case.

If the board was informed of the condition at the time classification was made, the proper step is to appeal in the manner and within the time limit designated in the questionnaire and on the classification card.

How Flag Should Hang. PENDLETON, Or., Feb. 3.—(To the Editor.)—When a flag is hanging straight down on a south wall, should the stars be in the right or left-hand corner? If in right-hand corner makes stars to the west. A READER.

When the flag is hung vertically, so it can be viewed from one side only, the blue field should be at the right as one faces it

operating with Government officials on traffic survey of the Columbia and a traffic survey of the Columbia and Snake rivers; also the action of the Chamber of Commerce on "water freights urged." I have had a little experience of the way Portland mer-chants help water traffic. In 1905, after the opening of the Cellio Portage Raliroad, the charterers of the steamer Mountain Gem were in-duced by fair promises to bring that

duced by fair promises to bring tha steamer from Lewiston to operate on the Columbia above Cellio. The "open river" people secured a clerk out of the O.-W. R. & N. office to make their The officials of tariff sheet. "Open River Association" did good work, and the boat carried plenty freight, but did not make money. After

German commissions of all that has been happening.

He quotes several German Consuls as relating hideous incidents of the deportations to him, sometimes with expressions of horror. They knew, and their government must have and their government must have known.

Can Citizen, writing to the new political tion and the Red Cross to know that original expectations have been more duestions have been more than justified. Every man returning from the front and every spokesman for our allies who has had opportunity to observe the work has been enthusiastic in its praise.

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Can Citizen, writing to about the new political than justified. Every man returning from the front and expectations have been enthus a customary. It is a first than the average, an average of one-third less oil is being read of o Celilo and from Celilo to the landing There was a clause on the tariff sheet own men, the part it is playing in loss and loss angeles and the communities that "this tariff sheet is subject to the spirits of the British, the Italians and the French, which is pendent upon oil fuel than are we. Coal to that effect. I as superintendent, canthe Italians and the French, which is almost as important, is het so well understood. Major Grayson M. P. Murphy, head of the Red Cross work purser to change our proportion of the through rats. I understand there was a lawsuit over the transaction, but I was not called as a witness.

to the Pacific Coast.

The conservation of heat in general and the saving of every degree of heat possible by the individual users, therefore, will help make the present supply that and the Lewiston-Riparia road. We lost about \$7000 with the Moun-Another thing that militates against the water lines is the neglect of the mer-chants to watch their shipping clerks. The railroads have agents to watch the origin of all shipments. and up-river merchants order goods by water: the merchant gives the order to the shipping clerk and forgets it; the clerk gets a drink (or used to), a cigar, a hat, or suit of clothes (if the shipment is large enough), and the buyer gets his goods by rail. There is no big money in steamboating on proper place where a central free our rivers as there used to be, and the operation of sea-going American vessels is handicapped by our shipping laws, and the insiduous hand of the side Improvement Association three railroads is reaching out everywhere for business and is not to be blamed | for doing 80.

The railroads are organized to get business, and are to be encouraged in developing every part of the Nation And the people must organize to de velop our natural highways (the oceans and rivers, and see that they get jus-tice and what belongs to them—and the shipper must not let a \$60 clerk route his shipments. W. P. GRAY.

Sweaters for Red Cross. LEXINGTON, Or., Feb. 2.—(To the Editor.)—I notice in The Oregonian directions for making sweaters. Do you get your directions from Red Cross headquarters and are members of the Red Cross expected to follow them? The Red Cross directions that are sent out on little leaflets call for the sweater to measure 25 inches from be-

ginning to neck.

It is very confusing to have you print Red Cross directions that are no according to the ones they send out. I wish you would explain so we will know if we are correct if sweaters are made 23 inches instead of 25.
MRS, KARL BEACH.

Official Red Cross directions for making sweaters were published in The Oregonian January 20 and repeated in The Oregonian January 28. In both cases these directions specified that a sweater was to be 23 inches long.

The Oregonian has also published sweater directions that were not strictly in accord with the Red Cross

Heed the music of the tree tops—of each tiny, singing thing;

Tune your flute and join the chorus, fall in step and hike along;

There is neither halt nor discord in old sweater was to be 23 inches long. specifications. The Red Cross will accept and distribute such sweaters. Ironclad rules are not adhered to. The Red

Cross simply offers as suggestion for making knitted goods what has proved (Sung to the tune of "Bonnie Dundee.") in the long run and in the light of From the head of the Nation this word experience with hundreds of thousands opinion. In the case of socks, the Red Cross

directions should be followed implicitly. By backing our lads who are over the as these are based on what Army experts declare to be the only suitable sock for hard service.

The Red Cross specifications change ecasionally, due to Army orders. The latest Red Cross specifications may be obtained by writing to your nearest Red Cross chapter, which in the case of the correspondent is at Heppner, Or. Until we put Oregon over the top. Address Mrs. Phil Coh, chairman.

Time for Prices to Halt. PORTLAND, Feb. 4 .- (To the Editor.) It has been mentioned that the water rates must be increased to meet the bonded indebtedness!

The price of everything is coming up.
The quality of our flour is being reduced and the price is to be raised. The carfare is higher, even the por The carriare is higher, even the pos-tage stamps have taken a jump. If there is to be any increase in the wa-ter rates it will simply result in a de-crease of water consumption. The rates were so high last year that thousands of lawns were allowed to dry up The people must stop somewhere If this water "conservation" is persist ed in, Portland will become a deser-If this water "conservation is each ed in, Portland will become a desert. It will be found there will be no increase of revenue. There may be a "contest on" then as to whether Portland or Pasco shall be called the "Ross City."

MATTIE B. ROSS.

No Night Opening of Stores. PORTLAND, Feb. 4.—(To the Editor.)—Would it not be possible for the merchants to plan to keep open until 8 o'clock Saturday night so that we could do our shopping, because we work all day Saturday and cannot get to the stores by 6 o'clock?
A SHIPYARD WORKER.

It is possible, but not practicable. Mercantile establishments are prohibited from employing female workers after 6 P. M. by an order of the Public Welfare Commission, which has the force of law. To remain open after 6 (1) It would depend upon the ground P. M. would entail employment of a separate shift in the larger stores.

> Curability of Pyorrhea. PORTLAND, Feb. 4.—(To the Editor.)
> —Can pyorrhea be cured? Three dentists have told me "yes" and two said "no." Is pyorrhea contagious and is it

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It is probably infectious and probably not contagious. The Oregonian has no superior information as to its curability. Dentists, who should know if anybody does, do not agree, as the correspondent has already discovered Doubtless it can be greatly ameliorated.

Taxes on Soldiers' Property PORTLAND, Feb. 4.—(To the Editor.)
—Is it true that property in this city
owned by a man serving his country,
either in the Army or Navy, is exempt
from all taxes and street assessments,
during his time of such service?

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## In Other Days.

Half a Century Assa.

From the Oregonian, February 5, 1868.
Washington — Kit Carson arrived last night, accompanied by one of the principal Utah chiefs, on a visit in reference to treaty matters.

Chicago - The President Rollins, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, with malfeasance in office in exacting money from revenue offi-class to aid the radicals to carry New Hampshire.

The people living along the banks of the Columbia being cut off from their usual means of communication with this upper country, have been reduced to short bread rations, Mr. Shepherd, Wells, Fargo & Co.'s messenger, arrived last evening (Tues-day) from The Dailes, having left there

quick trip. New York-A Times special says it is ascertained that the President actually issued an order to General Grant forbidding him to obey orders received from the Secretary of War.

at half past 6 Monday morning-a very

Atlanta-General Meade has revoked Pope's order prohibiting public official advertisements in papers opposing re-

construction, Twenty-Five Years Ago.

From The Oregonian, February 5, 1893.

New York—The Honorable James S, Clarkson, chairman of the National Republican Executive Committee, is quoted as saying: "In my judgment the act of President Harrison in appointing to the Supreme Bonch, espe-cially at this exceedingly critical junc-ture in National affairs, a Southern state rights, free trade, anti-pension Democrat, and an unrecanted believe in the secession theory, is a betrayal of public trust and party faith."

The City Water Company is experiencing considerable trouble by the fact that nearly every householder lets his faucets remain open day and night to prevent the pipes from freezing

The East Siders have sent a communication to the Legislature protesting against the bridge commission issuing bonds to buy the Morrson-street bridge. "It is too far south to properly accommodate central Portland. We think that Oak or Pine street is the

side Improvement Association three important matters were considerede inadequate water sup-onding act, and fire protecti

Seattle-The snow storm which is low 11 days old in not broken,

A Spring "Pome." When the angleworm comes angling forth to meet the cheering sun;

When the katy-dids are wrangling o'er what was or wasn't done: When each garden has a digger, and each digger has a spade.

It is time to get some sassal see that tea is made. sassafras and When the apple trees are blooming, and

the snowball's fluffy white, And the robins keep a hopping on the lawn from dawn till night, There's a creeping lack of energy that seemed congealed and slow. For the heart of all humanity thaws out with melting snow.

There's a promise most enticing in the whiff of sweet Spring air That is first to fill our nostrils after season brown and bare; There's a warming up of sluggish blood that faster seems to flow. When the frogs set up their barking

and the crickets start to crow Grasp the lesson that is printed on each tender leaf of Spring; Heed the music of the tree tops—of

> nature's marching song. GRACE E. HALL Liberty Loan Campaign Song.

has been brought: "To help end the war many bonds must ought So let all show their love for the brave and the free

CHORUS: If you've bought a bond, then come, buy again; Come now, buy a bond, all you maidens and men. You buy, and I'll buy, we'll all buy, and not stop

As we led in the past, so we lead again, We've led with our money and led w our men; By working and saving we'll none of us lack;

And we'll be a proud state when our MAUDE SPAFFORD BURLEY. For Parents of the Sialn

Charles Granville, in Poetry, not; they would not have us weep for them; p not; for they are as the stars that Weep n Their glory spilt upon the darkened skies Cannot be dimmed by fraity, yours er

They cannot die; shall not the best survive? double; the many too, has he seem to double; And as the phoenix soars from sehen dust Man's spirit from the dead draws living breath.

mine.

They live with us as they shall live with men men Throughout the ages in the times to be carriots and partners in the great emprise To make and keep their cherished England free.

(Only when foul is fair and fair is for And honor fails, shall men blot out Only when men shall call their courage crime
Shall England know oblivion and the

deed; men be worthy they shall never die. But shall be spirit-warriors at our need,

Limited Military Service.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 3.—(To the Editor.)—Please state what is meant when a registrant is classed for "limited mil-

It means that he is subject to call, if needed, for duty with the military forces not on the firing line, but in a capacity calling for no greater physical fitness than demanded by the work he is able to perform in civil life. is not certain that he will ever be

Hanging of Service Flug.

THE DALLES, Or. Feb. 3.—(To the Editor.)—Please inform me what is the proper method of displaying a service flag on the wall of a church or lodgeroom. Should the length of the flag be placed vertically or horizontally?

O. D. DOANE.

We know of no rule.

called.