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A VICTORY FOR AMERICAN LOGIC.

in defense of the decision of the Supreme War Council gave to the Ameri- have spoken, were silent. brought about that decision, which tant fact which has been brought to aln about the recent session at Ver- the calamity of his loss would have sailles, for it proves that the United been immeasurable. States, by its intervention in the war, has been able to accomplish that which the allies had not before been able to accomplish-unity of plan and unity of direction.

other for victory over the common enemy, who would totally destroy each military chiefs. Nothing except a new party to the alliance seemed able to extort this concession to calm reason from national sentiments which have developed through centuries, and that new party must be one which all regard as equally their friend and as having no selfish aims or interests which would conflict with those of

any one nation That new party is the United States. All know that this Nation has no amhition to annex territory or to gain theater. "There's where I draw the a violent offensive in some other any separate advantage. Its desire is to destroy the common enemy, to satto destroy the common enemy, to sattion in accord with that principle of "consent of the governed" which was and therefore they heed counsel from our representatives behind which they suspect hidden, selfish motives if it came from any one among themselves. They yield to its "irresistible power and logic."

reached at Rapallo. The latter required that each decision of the Supreme War Council be submitted to before it could be executed; the who are left behind. new agreement makes the decisions reached at Versailles final. seems to be the point on which the American representatives laid most stress, and it seems to have been the substance of the plans proposed by each national delegation separately.

son, because he rose from the ranks, have provided the entertainment; and as a stalking horse, by stating that that the soldier gets it at cost-or less. able General had been offered the highest position in the British army-Council-but had declined it "on milttary grounds" and also declined to remain chief of staff in subordination to that body. When the choice was offered between standing by the decisions of all the allies and yielding the opposition of one man, per sonality had to yield to policy. The politicians were silenced by the logic of the American argument, by the unanimity of the allies in admitting that it was irresistible, and by the conthe ever-ready spokesman of the old When we review the victories which

and the defeats which the allies have Haly. There might even have been times as much as the protein content no great Russian retreat, though it is of ordinary wheat flour. unsafe to speculate about what might The central powers have had inferior

been made and acted on three years tion the war.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

A letter in the contributors' column Roosevelt for his attitude toward the tration, and impatiently demanded to may be through the open mind. know what he had ever done to aid the people, in this crisis, or any other. It was an unkind imputation upon \$2.00 the service and character of a remarkable citizen. It was said in forgetfulness, or in prejudice, or in ignorance, or in all of them together.

what Roosevelt has done, though the casion when it re-elected the recalled record is clear enough. Let us recall Gill. Then it vindicated Gill, after a only the voice of Roosevelt crying in heroic operation for the vindication of the wilderness of our isolation, indifthe wilderness of our isolation, indif-ference, timidity and self-assurance, again, Seattle is vindicating itself by three years ago, and warning America its repudiation of its vindication of of its dangers, and demanding that it the vindicated Gill. It has achieved prepare for the ordeal to come.

else denounced so boldly the machinations of Kultur? Who else proclaimed in Washington. o Insistently the duty of prepared-

ness? Except for Roosevelt, and for others of like opinion, vision and patriotism, sure of the exact quantity, though of the country would not have been the quality there is no question. It is ready for conscription. It was adopted par excellence, or, as Ole himself by Congress because the people were might say, det er udmerket, or someconvinced of its necessity. The great thing to that effect. Certain it is that He work of education was performed by Ole cares for his numerous family Roosevelt and others who were not well. Why should he not exercise the The speech of Premier Lloyd George afraid to speak. They spoke when same excellent paternalistic supervi-

Theodore Roosevelt has lately been sick. He has made mistakes, and he is not always tolerant of the opinions was deemed essential to full co-opera-of others or just in his estimate of to the election of 1920. You never tion and co-ordination among the al-their acts; but the American people can tell about Seattle. It is a little lied forces. That is the most impor- from President Wilson to the humblest careless in its actions, or some of them, citizen have reason to be grateful to light by the controversy in Great Brit-alp about the recent species at Ver, since August, 1914. If he had died,

FOR YOUR BOYS. The calls for money are, of course, many; but cheer up, for there are to be many more. While you are busy Close as are the ties among the at your daily routine, or walking three great western allies in Europe blithely along the street on an agreeand dependent as they are upon each able errand, or going expectantly to other for victory over the common an your favorite rendezvous for your regular recreation, it is a little annoying to be intercepted by a young womof them separately, their national an with a soft request for you to buy pride and jealousy are still so strong a "Smileage Book." It helps a little that they have been unwilling to yield that the young lady is gracious and supreme control of their forces to one attractive; but you go on because you commander-in-chief or to a council of are tired of going into your pocket, on the north, double up the two allied even at the request of pretty women, for causes you do not wholly under-

stand. You know all about the Red Cross many says Ludendorff told the Bundes and the Y. M. C. A., but what in the rath that Germany had three chances name of our common duty is a "Smile-age Book"? You are told it is a cou-dun had been chosen as the point of designed as a gift to our soldiers in camp, so that they may be free to attend the entertainments—shows, picture of thing. Their elab being provided at the Government west may be designed only to cover theater. "There's where I draw the a violent offensive in some other quar-

pamper the boys too much." The soldiers pay, just as you do, when they can. The "Smileage Book" sister, or even an old father-and who and restoring ex-King Constantine. denies himself any pleasure that he may add to the small sum a generous Government already gives them. ceed. That which they could not ac-The new agreement at Versailles in- There are thousands upon thousands sures quick decision which would have of just such true American boys who been impossible under the agreement are not only doing their duty to their country, but who have not forgotten their other duties, and who bravely perform them, all of them, while fol- sate for the French losses, with 3,000, each allied government and approved lowing the flag, and fighting for you, 000 Italians under arms, heartened b

No one who has ever been at a cantonment and has seen the rare and pouring across the Atlantic. inspiring spectacle of a thousand sol--five thousand soldiers-at a gathering of any sort-a patriotic meeting, a lecture, a song-fest, an en- vance. tertainment of any kind-will ever all of which, Mr. Lloyd George says, forget it. It does them good after the build ships and produce arms and were "virtually identical." All have seen the need of "an inter-allied authority with executive powers," but the visitor good. When he inquires a little further and learns the sound reather the scale as soon as they can be transported and armed. American logic led them to establish it. merican legic led them to establish it. sons why soldiers should be kept as By silencing the critics of the Vermuch as possible in camp, and not sailles decision in Parliament, the turned always away to find their own British Premier has won another vic- recreations, he will see that there is tory over the old military caste and a wise policy behind these amusement the old political crowd in both of the features which aids to keep the whole leading parties. He silenced the remarks army pleased, contented—and healthy. mant of the aristocratic army officers He will find that the Government has which has used Sir William Robert- built the theater, and patriotic citizens

> Only the citizen who thinks too little about the boys going to war, but not yet gone, or the other citizen who has done and is doing otherwise all he can will dismiss the request to buy a Smileage book with a curt "no."

"FOOD FOR CATTLE."

meat to meet immediate needs, there thing he now possesses, he says, is the is some comfort to be derived from increase of the money he earned a knowledge that our food chemists are his first real job. busy in their laboratories discovering But the best thing about the experi substitutes for these staples, to ward ence of Peter Hopley, which he re sciousness that they could not survive off possible future famine. They have lates in the Farm and Fireside, is his would incur by defeating a cabinet on such an issue. Ex-Premier Asquith, many of the foods heretofore wasted ditions. He does not think that his or used almost exclusively as fodder guard, admitted as much when he ex- for livestock can be made fit for hu- tunity afforded by "cheap lands" pressed a wish that the Premier's speech had been made a week ago. man consumption. It remains only to new country, He says that his father organize new industries and to edu-

The chemists of the Oklahoma Ag- not make the payments even at that ricultural College, for example, as the price, and the land reverted to the to be no exaggeration in saying that by bringing about the Versailles decision the United States has made the most valuable contribution it has yet made to ultimate allied success. If from the beginning the allies had taken a broad view of the war as a whole, had fought it as one war rather than had several distinct wars and had several distinct wars and had mercial cottonseed meal has shown it. result of a long series of experiments, United States. as several distinct wars and had mercial cottonseed meal has shown it sensed the German nims and the fatal to contain from 30 to 45 per cent of consequences of their attainment, protein, or muscle-building material, there would have been no fiasco at as compared with about 19 per cent Gallipeti, no crushing of Serbia, Mon-tenegro and Roumania, no invasion of for beans. This is from three to five

O. R. Geyer, who reviews the work have been done by a country so hon- done recently by American scientists, eycombed with treason and corruption in an article in the Scientific Ameras Russia was under the Czar and still ican, says that three Southwestern cars is based is. Since the Spring of 1916 the allies have had far superior force, but Texas—can supply enough cottonseed. He would go to work for wages, on it has been only partially effective flour and kaffir corn to make up the a farm, and would save his money because under divided control and country's flour shortage this year, and first of all. By the time he had ac without unity of purpose as well as that next year, should abnormal con-because it operated on exterior lines. ditions demand it, enormous quantities of these flour substitutes can be force, but have to a large degree nulli- produced in almost all of the farming teams of horses and would look for fled their enemies' advantage by unity of control as well as by operating on their insidious states. Oklahoma alone produced 30, some bargains in implements and machinery lines and by their insidious years ago—the grains of which can be of sheep and a few sows, rent a farm

morale. If the Versailles decision had four times the state's wheat produc- He would raise all his own food, get been made and acted on three years tion. There is a vast area adaptable up with the sun and work all day.

ago the allies might ere now have won to increased production of this crop. That there would be opportunities which is not available for wheat pro-

many respects. A good many prejudices will be put aside. The old notion that a product classed as "to be not to be n of a local newspaper, the other day, dices will be put aside. The old notion betrayed great irritation at Theodore that a product classed as "food for cattle" ought not to be eaten by man war and its conduct by the Adminis- is fading. The way to the full stomach

VINDICATED.

The underground news from Seattle indicates that Seattle has not been so happy over any political event in its history as it is over the defeat of Hi Let us not go back of 1914 to say Gill, except that other momentous octhe very summit of municipal virtue Who else saw so clearly the in-evitable clash with Germany? Who Hanson, the most picturesque politician and the most successful father

Ole has somewhere from ten to fifteen children. The available records are not up to date, and we are not

Scattle, it would seem, has at last shaken off the ugly incubus of Gillism. though, knowing Seattle, one might look forward with some apprehension but never is careless about the good

WHERE WILL GERMANY STRIKE?

It being taken for granted that the Germans will attempt a great drive on the western front as soon as the condition of the ground permits move ment, speculation has turned to the question at what point they will make the attack. One French military critic believes that pressure will be exerted along the entire front, but that the real offensive will be on the two wings -from St. Mihiel to the Swiss from tier and from Armentieres to the sea "Smileage Book." It helps a little the object being to capture Verdun and reconquer Upper Alsace in the south, and to take Dunkirk and Calais wings, envelop the center and descend on Paris.

A neutral who recently left Ger

But the Germans rarely do the ex tack on Italy in the hope of driving the Italian army back to the French to Private Hun: frontier, invading the entire peninsula forcing Italy into a separate peace, children at home, or a mother, or the Aegean Coast, conquering Greece will become of the pacifist

Whatever they may attempt, there is no cause to fear that they will succidedly in their favor cannot be done in 1918 with the French more determined than ever, with the British at their maximum strength to compenthe presence of their allies, and with a steady stream of American troops

The question is not whether a Ger can the allies begin a successful ad-That hangs mainly speed at which the United States car

WHAT ONE FARMER DID.

Peter Hopley made a fortune by farming. He started life without an inheritance and earned every cent of his fortune by his own unaided efforts. The first Winter he spent in the West he worked for his board. The next five years he got \$35 a month for the hardest kind of workfreighting from the end of the Union Pacific Railroad across Southeastern Colorado and into New Mexico. though he was in the midst of a gold ently he returned East and with his small savings made a payment on a farm, which he tilled diligently and extended, and in time he branched While we are conserving wheat and out into the feeding of cattle. Every

But the best thing about the exper success was due to the special oppor ernment for \$1.25 an acre, but cou The price might as

I centend that the man who pays \$20 an acre is cetting is cheaper than my fathe did at \$1.25 and I at \$25. Not only ar crops greater and worth more, but mone is more pientiful nowadays. Back in the old days we saw little of it. He now believes that the oppos tunities for the man who feeds cattle men coming back from the front with 'twos and ones "back to the soil" ringing in their popular prices. ears is based on what he has already

cumulated \$1000 he would have credit of \$1000 to \$1500. He would buy two good cows and about three method of weakening the allies' converted into flour-which was about to begin with, and start in for himself.

for "renters" with the preparation of Mr. Hopley any owner of a farm who his wife were not wasting anything, and he found an opportunity to buy cattle to feed and could show that he was equipped to feed them, the local banker would be glad to lend him and that in a few years he would have a good stake and a farm of his

Mr. Hopley does not believe in meaning about the "good old days."
As a matter of fact, he says he has sold as good hogs for 2 cents a pound as ever went to market, and he has seen corn worth practically nothing. He does not believe these conditions will ever return.

But he would not waste much time situation. He realizes the difference Matteawan prisoner, she was reading. between a low price and a real "bar-gain." It will be noted also that he does not scorn the chief ingredient in the recipe of the success of other under present conditions, believe there is a substitute for that, or for thrift He does not undervalue personal credit, and he is probably right in as-

thrifty. There is, it seems, no more a royal elf-reliant men that hard work will more I yearn for food." be rewarded. Not all of them are looking for the easy ford. Mr. Hopley is sure that success awaits those who are willing to pay the price of it, and that the price is not beyond reach. is a matter for individual determination. But nobody is going to get ahead in the world who wastes his time sighing for a return of the good old

Army in the interests of the anxious the once-husband of Maude Fealy. relatives of soldiers who are seriously ill in hospitals will be welcomed by the country. The Army and Navy withheld has been that there is a pro- role. vision in the regulations against "furlikely to be injured. The fact that officers have been busy in performpon book, costing \$1 or \$5, which is attack, while diversions would be made ance of extraordinary duties may also have accounted for failure to answer inquiries, but the War Department has tend the entertainments—shows, plo-tures, lectures, vaudeville—which are well-advertised preparations in the sult in giving out information freely, "to allay the anxiety of friends."

According to orders from Ensign Krylenko, Private Bolsheviki must say to Private Hun: "Please don't fight me," but Captain Hun, with a reyoung man in khaki who has more might hurl a battering ram at the worked out to the same degree on the than one demand on him—a wife, or Saloniki army in the hope of reaching other side. It is easy to foresee what

> sible accessory before the fact to murder by wholesale, not only of our soldiers and sailors, but of the liberty which they fight to defend

Ensign Sturtevant in an American seaplane took on ten Hun craft, and, now. as was to be expected, was shot down. Was not that American-like, to at-tempt to wallop the bunch? By and by it will soak into the Hun just what erry theaters in the 16 cantonments. Yankee Doodle" means.

What sort of reception would those undred Non-Partisan Leaguers have had if they had called on a Hindenburg with the protest they made to Beatrice Nichols, who was once a Ba-Governor Burnquist? It would have ker player. been flavored with lead.

By moderating, the weather in the East has decreased the need of heat at the same time as it has increased the supply of fuel. Whether it be heat or cold, the East always has too much of a good thing.

That Portland delegation needs to stock organization. Ida Stanhope, get into active drill, so it can storm Averill Harris, Vinton Freedley, the departments in mass formation flying wedges, hollow squares and all the forms of attack, and make Washington sit up.

Every boy and man named George Washington something, stand up! Arrange today to do a good deed to-morrow, and, like the immortal George, do not lie about it the next day. The secretary of the Grocers' Asso-

ciation says the Food Administrator cuts the profits of the business, but the woman who does the buying cannot plan with several of them. In addition,

War is costing Great Britain more than \$31,000,000 a day, nearly a tal-lion a month, but when did ever she talks will prove important in guiding care for the cost of winning when she Mr. Sothern's future policy in directknew she was right?

If anything further were needed to show the utter instability of the Russians, it is evidenced in the outbreaks throp Ames, the producer, to take against Jews, simultaneous in scattered sections.

scription treaty there will be no chance for slackers to play tag across the their work. boundary. It will "catch 'em a-comin' One of the and a-goin'.' The way things are moving and in prospect of moving, men subject to the

and draft will long remain at home. The first is not cleaned up yet. Three-cent stamps are scarce at the postoffice, but Mr. Myers has some

twos and ones in Spring colors, at If all the legislative candidates so far named could be elected, what a

One object of an east wind is to dry the surface of the garden plot, so that peas may be planted tomorrow.

great body the next session would be!

Licensing may not stop reckless driving, but jail terms will.

It's 'Lo Gill!

Stars and Starmakers. By Leone Cass Baer.

CIEE where a soapless day is being D planned I know a flock of little boys who'd adore its observance.

Reckon on soapless day divorcing couples couldn't wash their family linen in public either.

Just read an account of an actress, -for most knitters knit for the solgoing to press this is the only case into the Columbia at Troutdale.

(Cat-note: At that, I'll bet she's \$3.)

Lora Rogers said she read a head-

The several times divorced girls are having their innings over their less one's country.

Ann Winston, at the Baker, who doesn't vary an inch in weight from suming that this will be acquired by one week's end to another, and always any man who is both industrious and keeps slim and ethereal in atmosphere, says it's a struggle to stay that way says it's a struggle to stay that way called by that name had no history and since food conservation began. "There's no characteristic to suggest a name, road to success than formerly, but it a psychology in all this talk of saving will be sufficient to convince most food. The more I hear of food the

There's some philosophy in Ann's observation, at that.

Harve says the taxes on the incomes Whether the game is worth the candle all compared with the tax actorial salaries put on his credulity.

Louis Leon Hall is appearing in a new play called "Success," now current at the Harris Theater in New York, Brandon Tynon and Jess Dandy Cutting of more red tape in the are in the cast, and so is James Durkin,

Anna Held has gone South to take care of her pleurisy, and her daughter, Journal says that the ground upon Liane Carerra, is continuing with the which information has heretofore been "Follow Me" company in Miss Held's

mishing information which can be Melville Hammett, who was in Port-made the basis of a claim against the land a few weeks ago ahead of "Miss Government." Application of this rule Springtime," is on Portland's Rialto to the cases in point was obviously again, this time in the publicity inter-injust, as having less concern for the ests of the distinguished English actor, feelings of soldiers' relatives than for Cyril Maude, who comes to the Heilig the interest of the Government in a next week in his famous role of direction in which it was not at all "Grumpy." Mr. Hammett met the company in Vancouver, B. C., where they landed several days ago from a tour of Australia.

> Cafeteria where I eat is apparently doing its bit by cutting down my bit.

According to a recently returned visitor in France, any girl can get on in war work who is physically fit, able to swim, cook, mend clothing, run a dig trenches.

stern justice, for such a man is a pos- that men who remove their hats in public elevators beat their wives.

Speaking of hats: If you'd see a man chasing up Washington street with a straw lid on it would cause comment, and yet we girls are wearing ours

The Uncle Sam company, which will present "Turn to the Right" in the Libwill start on tour, opening at Camp Devens, Mass., on March 4. This company includes Frank Bacon and his daughter, Bessle Bacon, both wellknown Pacific Coast players, and

For the present the traveling shows that are booked to play the Eastern and Southwestern camps will not appear out here, and a company has been promoted to alternate between the Liberty Theater at Camp Lewis and the Tacoma Theater in Tacoma, playing a fortnight in each house. "Baby Mine" will be the opening attraction of the Thomas Morrison and Burford Hampton will be in the cast.

A Paris correspondent says that E H. Sothern, the American theatrical star, who has arrived on these shores to furnish entertainment for the United States soldiders here, made an inspec tion of several of the camps of Uncle Sam's men at the Army headquarters that unhonored superlative to January today.

Mr. Sothern was entertained by the officers in charge and talked over his he discussed things theatrical with some of the enlisted men to get an idea as to what style of entertainment that time. ing the amusements for the men in lchalet.

Mr. Sothern sailed from America several weeks ago in company with Wincharge of the entertainment programme for the American soldiers in if it is prohibited by law to wear an France. This he did at the request emblem or pin of any lodge to which you do not belong? READER. Under the British-American con- of the Government, and the two were you do not belong? given a free rein in the arranging of

> One of the authorizations include the power to lease a theater in Paris as the headquarters for their theatrical programme. All of the plays, vaudeville shows and motion picture exhibitions will first be given at this playhouse for the men on leave from the front, as well as those who have just come over and have not as ye been assigned to the trenches. While this theater has not actually

> been leased as yet, it has been selected, It is understood, and the necessary papers will be signed within the week. The first attraction will be "Baby Mine," in all probability. This is the play which has been used to inaugurate the Liberty theaters at the various training camps and cantonments of the United States.

> A company of players will shortly follow Mr. Sothern to France to begin

HOW DID ZIGZAG GET ITS NAME! Stream Formerly So Designated Was

East of Summit Prairie. PORTLAND, Feb. 20 .- (To the Editor.)-For some years I have been won-dering how it has come to pass that the beautiful and comparatively straight-running stream which dashes down the southern side of Mount Hood a few miles west of the summit of the Cascade Mountains, is now called Zignag. Not until late years has it been so called.

I kno wthat in early days the stream banker would be glad to lend him money on the security of the cattle, and that in a few years he would have a good stake and a farm of his she is knitting. All women knit. Nor and, running in an easterly direction emptied its waters into the Columbia through the channel of the Deschutes. diers. But up to the moment of The other flows west into Sandy and on record of an actress admitting 83 one of these streams runs easterly and the other to the west and enter the (Cat-note: At that Til het she's \$3.) strange that this mix-up of names should have occurred.

The immigration of 1845, while open-

looking for free land in inaccessible places where it was worth even less got clear half down the column before the mountains, followed a narrow canthan that price. He would rather be- she discovered it was about the you, hemmed in by steep banks and gin with less land in a more desirable the weather, and not the well-known cliffs, through which rushed a stream situation. He realizes the difference Matteawan prisoner, she was reading. on the other, causing the travelers much trouble and discomfort, as at each change of its erratic course the immigrants had to ford the river with in the recipe of the success of other fortunate sisters. Think of the joy of their teams and wagons, as many as 18 men—hard work. He does not, even having a lot of husbands to give to times in all. So they gave it the very appropriate name of Zigzag.

I knew the country well in the early days, and now can recall that I crossed over the Barlow road six trips between 1855 and 1861, and the stream called "Zigzag" and nothing else. At that time the stream now misso it had none.

How could the stream we find some miles west of the summit have interfered with the passage of the wagons that had already been left bethe hind at Summit Prairie? At the pioneer meeting last June I met my old friend Jabez Wilkes, of Hillsboro of actors and actresses are nothing at (since deceased), who was a pioneer of 1845, and I asked him this question "Was Zigzag east or west of Summia Prairie?" He promptly answered: "It was east." He further said: "I drove an ox team and wagon through that canyon and waded the stream 13 or 15 times. If the stream had been west of Summit Prairie we would have had no such trouble as we did have, for we had already left the wagons at the Summit, and were piloted out the rest of the way by the Cayuse chie Ellis." ED C. ROSS.

> DESERTERS IN TIME OF PEACE Those With Otherwise Good Records

Not Punished on Enlisting for War. PORTLAND, Feb. 20 .- (To the Editor.)-Please answer in your paper this question, which is important to many young men in this country who are willing to answer the call to the colors, but are afraid of punishment: What will be the punishment for a man who deserted the Army or Navy before war was declared? be restored to duty upon giving himself up?
There are perhaps thousands of men

experienced in all branches of the service who would be glad to return to the colors to fight the Kalser, but left in time of peace for possibly no reason. SUBSCRIBER.

Military and naval officers will no be quoted in the matter of treatment motorcar, take it apart and put it to- a deserter will encounter if he surgether again, swing an ax and help renders and asks to be placed back in service. Publicly, they could only point when they can. The "Smileage Book" is not for the man who has money in uncovering the French right wing and the list pocket, though it is by no means that this is our position in the war, young man in khaki who has more worked out to the same degree on the worked out to the same that worked out to the same that the worked out to to the old laws and regulations, never Man nearly knocked me down trying no condition involving dishonor, have to get into the elevator ahead of some been put back into the service in the women and babies, and then out of present time of need without punish-Governor Withycombe's opinion that sweet deference to us took off his hat ment. The deserter who had a clean any map who puts defective material and held it under his arm like a mo-in a ship should be shot accords with tion picture actor. Privately, I think officials testimonials to the fact that he has been leading an honorable life since deserting need not fear to surrender himself.

> SPRING BRUSH BURNING URGED Sowing of Seed After Fire Will Give Good Start Before Dry Weather.

TACOMA. Wash., Feb. 20 .- (To th Editor.)—Will you kindly publish these few reasons why logged-off land and land for farming purposes should be burnt at this season—between now and the first of April:

First-The fern and brush will burn s well now as in the months of July and August. Second—The fire will not run in green timber at this time of the year. Third—Fire does not burn the life out of the soil as it does later in the

Fourth-Grass seed should be sown immedately after the fire so the seed may germinate and get a good start before dry weather. The seed sifts through the ash and is partially fertil-

Fifth-Last, but not least, we do away with the dense smoke which usually hides our beautiful scenery in the Fall of the year when the tourist are in this part of the countr FRANK C. ROSS.

Willamette Valley's Coldest Day. HILLSBORO, Or., Feb. 20.—(To the Editor.)—You state that the lowest temperature on record for the Willam-ette Valley was registered at Salem. prior to 1892, in February.

Whatever the public records may show, I have a private record giving

12, 1909, when at 7 A. M. my thermom eter fell to 13 degrees below zero. This was on a cheap, uncertified in strument; but when compared with a good thermometer it has shown but little discrepancy, and doubtless was very close to the correct reading at

The Weather Bureau at Portland showed several degrees higher than the above, I believe—about 2 degrees below zero for that date.

Wearing Lodge Emblem Fraudulently SHERWOOD, Or., Feb. 19.-(To the Editor.)-For the information of quite a few, would you state in your paper

House bill No. 228 of the session of 1911 makes it unlawful "for any person not a member thereof to wear or display any badge, button, rosette, insignia or any other emblem of any order, society or organization." The penalty is imprisonment in jail not exceeding one year or a fine not exceeding \$1000, or both.

Splitting Spruce to Test Grain. PORTLAND, Feb. 20.—(To the Ed-tor.)—I note a letter in The Oregonian from Millowner, respecting the split-ting of spruce for shipping and entire-ly agree with him from experience. To get straight grain for that purpose it should be split. It can then be sawed with the grain, but the tree should be tested before cutting down, by taking out a chip at the base. We never cut a tree for boats or our weather boards if it did not split good in the 'chip' and we run 10 and 16 feet with a frow.

I am sure there will be less waste when sawed with the grain than when the series of entretainments already taking a tree haphazard and dressing down.

ALBERT O. YATES.

In Other Days.

Twenty-Five Years Ago.

From The Oregonian February 21, 1893. New York.—Wall street was again threatened yesterday by the enormous liquidation of Reading stock. The transfer in that stock alone totaled almost 1,000,000 shares

Washington.-Senator Mitchell has obtained \$500,000 more for the Portland public building clause in the sundry civil bill, thus making the total proposed appropriation for Portland \$1,000,000.

Frederick Warde, after a triple curtain call at the Marquam Grand, fol-lowing the performance of "Julius Caesar" last night, made a nest little curtain address.

The Commercial Club has been incorporated with E. J. DeHart, president; Phil Loewengart, vice-president; F. K. Arnold, secretary; R. L. Durham, treasurer, and the following for the board of governors: John McCraken, C. F. of governors: John McCraken, C. F. Beebe, A. H. Mallory, Ben Selling, D. D. Oliphant, M. G. Hall, Gus Simon, E. D. McKee, H. Battin, Eugene E. White and W. L. Bolse.

Blaine Hallock and the school will contribute one of the song numberh to the George Washigton programms at North Central School this afternoon. The number is "The Boy, the Tree and the Hatcher" the Hatchets"

Half a Century Ago.

From The Oregonian February 21, 1868. Washington.—The President and his friends are exerting themselves to pre-cipitate a controversy with General Grant-at least to provoke an issue of the latter's veracity.

Hon. Alpheus Ireland, of Myrtle Creek Precinct, died February 5. He was a member of the 1864 Legislature.

D. M. Bridgefarmer and Sarah Archie were married at the residence of the bridegroom in Yambill County, Febru-

The machinery for the woolen mills. t Ashland was shipped recently from

It is reported that the thaw has made the roads bad. They are in a horrible condition in some places.

H. G. Struve, formerly editor of the Vancouver Register and member of the W. T. Council, has been in the city for several days.

It is reported that six shipleads of rails for the Oregon Central Railway are en route. It is about high time for the surveyors to select a place to la them

SOME HUN!

Inder the ocean's wild waves of blue, The Pirate of the Fatherland anchors his gun,
Steered by a soulless and bloodsplashed crew,
Lurks the submarine of the Hun.

Let the fall of Berlin be Columbia's toast To this war that the Kaiser begun, For every American slain on that loved

Irish coast oms myriads of chattels and their Imperial Hun. Age after age the true soldier for laurels has fought, in the wide-open field, 'neath the beams of the sun;

But the military vulture of Prussia has Put the Madonna and her offspring to the bayonet in the dark, cries the Hun.

With fiery liquid flame he scorches
Nature's life from the land.
He shatters the Cross and the sanctuary of aged prelate and nun. But the Lord will strengthen real de-

mocracy's hand To put an end to king-craft and the wake of the Hun.

In fame's temple where the stainless swords of honored captains are There will be one kept outside for Humanity to shun, For the blood of the innocent and the helpless Has copper-colored the blade of the

greatest military butcher, Bill Hehenzellern, the Hun! -EDWARD KILLFEATHER. AWAKE, AMERICA! AWAKE!

War's loud-blaring trumpet is calling. Wake! wake! freedom's sons, for the fray;
Your brothers already are falling;
Stand forth to defend them today.
Columbia's sons, awake!
The sword of justice take;

For God and right we'll wage the fight To glorious victory. Ye valiant sons of freedom, rise, For truth and honor bid you go; Your country's flag in triumph flies. Strike tyranny the cong'ring blow.

Your foes before you fly. To arms! to arms! the cry With blows like rain we'll forge the Autocracy to bind.

Remember now your glorious sires,
With fury fall upon the foe,
For home and love still burn the fires
Whose flames shall lay oppression
low.
Columbia's sons, awake! The aword of vengeance take. With blows of might for God and right,

Strike home for liberty. Shall sons of France still call in vain?

Up! up! your debt of honor pay! et every voice now swell the strain, For God-crowned victory today,

To arms! to arms, ye brave! Your country's honor save. With blows of might for God and right, March on to victory,
-E. T. BARNES,

Record for Kultting Socks. CAMAS, Wash., Feb. 19.--(To the Editor.)-Talking of knitters--the best

ecord of work accomplished in that ine is by a woman who used to be neighbor of mine, Mrs. Little, whose age is nearer 90 than \$5. Since the beginning of the war she has knitted 175 pairs of sox for the soldiers. Who can beat that? This can be verified by my neighbors

by my neighbors.
MRS. GEORGE HANSLEY.

Age at Registration Governs NORTH BEND, Or., Feb. 19 .- (To the Editor.)-If a registrant reaches the age of 31 years before being called in the draft, can he claim exemption on his age? INTERESTED.

His age at the time of registration governs. Attaining the age of 31 afterward does not give him exemption.

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