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# GOING OVER THE TOP.

Dregon commemorated the first anniversary of America's entry into the tempts to influence a furor by war with a splendid practical demonstration which gives promise that with of democracy.

The action of the f. W. W. is dithe proud record of Oregon first. On the first day for subscriptions the total for the entire state was almost one-third of the state's quota. For the city of Portland it was more than one-third, and for the rest of the state it was almost 29 per cent, with practical certainty that unreported sub-scriptions would bring the total up to the same percentage as has been realized for the city.

The most significant fact, as show-ing the spirit in which the people are standing by their Government in the war, is the number of rural counties and small towns which exceeded their quota on the first day. Seven counties went "over the top," and town after town has doubled or trebled its share of the loan, Powers having muliplied its allotment twenty Farming and cattle counties have of civil law, the Constitution permits sprung to the front, removing any of civil law, the Constitution permits doubt that they are fully awake. Lum-

ep stirred is the eagerness with which they came forward to lend their money to the Nation. In many places they scarcely waited for the campaign to open, but subscribed as soon as midnight was past. In Portland, and doubtless in other places, they did not people demonstrated by the great wait for solicitors to call, but swarmed initial success of the third liberty loan to the Liberty Temple and handed that they are in a fighting mood. On over their money. This is not the the anniversary of the day on which manner of people who have calmly we entered the war he summer manner of people who have calmiy we entered the war he summons us nite, harrowing descriptions of the probably be found that by sinking the considered liberty bonds as a business to crosscrate ourselves anew to the horrors of war. These he does not ship Germany has raised up many investment; it, bespeaks willing sacri-great cause to which we have descriptions Investment; it, bespeaks willing sacri- great cause to which we have devoted on the altar of country.

the confident prediction that in a much of money to put millions of men in shorter period than the twenty-five the field. business days which the Government

This is the reaction of the Amerihas allotted, probably in less time
can people to the boasted victories of
autocracy in Russia and to the enforced submission of Roumania. Presof its task, the state's quota will have ident and people unite in sending been secured. But that is no cause words of cheer to our soldiers in for relaxation of effort. The drive should go on at full speed not only at grips with the enemy; also to have had his share. The book is which Germany relied for until the mark has been reached, but far beyond it. The seven banner coun- stemmed the Hun tide in its westward far beyond it. The seven banner counties and the many towns which exceeded their quota on the first day have set a new mark for the state as a whole to strive for. Oregon can do it, and Oregon should do it, thus proving it, and Oregon should do it, thus proving the battlefeld.

Stemmed the Hun tide in its westward stance that it was written, rewritten and put into final form for the printer entirely at the front.

Lieutenant Malherbe was at Verdun. This was, perhaps, the most terrible sustained experience ever unago she filled a department of that

Tuscania, of the steadily lengthening acid of their guile destroys opposing casualty lists which have come from armles in the east and clears the way France, of the news that all Eastern for ruthless force, but the spirit of consolate, drooping trees, to the roads Europe is under the heel of the Hun. freedom which is imbred among the that mount and disappear on the hill-Far from causing us to cringe before western nations is proof against that the barbarian that lives may be saved acid. Love of liberty is a primal in and that disaster may be averted, the stinct with them, and as the peril death of our sons causes new armles grows greater this instinct moves them to spring up and and the downfall of nations hardens force without stint or limit, the right other of the battling nations shall go make right the law of the world, and the Hun, even while his legions are the dust." battling their way yard by yard across

week. It will be heard in a volume of sound which is the voice of Amer-That sound will be heard across the Atlantic, and will hearten the soldiers of democracy, but will make the leagued Kaisers quail.

# A BOOMERANG.

Dakota have got into as a result of a their peculiar Socialistic state of mind so and has been previously re-

law is the provision that such mort-gages shall have priority of lieu over without interruption, which, of course,

mortgages previously recorded. It was probably a nice thing for the and thirty-five minutes. farmer who had already mortgaged his property. The mortgagee his objections. farmer who desires to borrow new spray No Mans' Land with bullets so visit. "They appear very tail and money to build a barn, or purchase effectively as to annihilate any administration, yet my low, cramped but livestock or provide other improve-ments has found it a bar. Investors them had been put out of action by quite as much as he can distinguish are loath to lend money on North the preliminary artillery fire, the sur-Dakota farms, knowing that the farm-vivors should still be able to cover phanous but authentic, chimerical but ers can go to the state for more money

mortgages into second mortgages. But the worst blow was when the Federal Land Bank shut down on weighs only 22½ pounds without the cepts it quite as a matter of course rural credits pending receipt of an waterjacket and is fired from a tripod, opinion from the Attorney General is far more deadly, for it fires 20,000 is it my languor that evokes these entitles tions pending for Federal loans aggre- ridges. gating \$1,081,500; further loans to the \$1,392,700. Whether the latter money

be done. But, he points out, the law requires the Farm Land Bank to lend only on first mortgages. If the Attor-ney General holds that the state law legally gives seed and feed mortgages a priority over Federal farm mort-gages, neither he nor the Farm Land Banks nor the Farm Loan Board can do anything in the matter,

The present prospect is that North Dakota must suspend any farther development that is dependent upon farm loans pending repeal by the Legislature of its novel law. Such acon requires time, as the Legislature does not regularly convene until next January. The fruits of this Townley scheme are to be gathered somewhat earlier than is the prospect as to other financial and economic weeds which he is inducing the farmers of North Dakota to sow. Even chain stores, with most of the subscribed capital going for promotion of politics, which is one of the Townley ventures, gives promise of a little longer life. But the farmers are certain to endure penalties for placing their trust in a bankrupt adventurer.

## I. W. W. ATTACK ON JURY TRIAL.

Admitted tampering with prespec tive jurors in the trial of L W. W. leaders at Chicago shows to what lengths that organization will go in the effort to escape punishment for its crimes, and, in so doing, to discredit and destroy our institutions. The right to jury trial is the oldest and most cherished of democratic institution and any man or institution which atment, threats or bribes is an enemy

rectly in line with its entire policy, which is to make government by any other power than its own impossible, and to establish the despotism of an I. W. W. committee. We have seen that policy carried to its logical conclusion in Russia, where the Bolsheviki-the I. W. W. of that country-dispersed by force an elected assembly which opposed their will, mur-dered or imprisoned all who resisted their tyranny, and yielded only to the superior force of Germany.

persists in the attempt to prevent selection of a fair, impartial jury. It will force resort to the alternative of martial law, which would make short work with the propagandists of an archy. When the prevalence of such bering towns have rivaled them, eras-ing the last trace of the stigma which who has many adherents within its the I. W. W. had put on them. Who has many adherents within its own borders, domestic disturbers can were use of military measures only to which the patriotism of the state avert use of military measures only if they submit in good faith to the civil courts.

### A GREAT FIGHTING SPEECH.

President Wilson delivered a fighting speech on the day when the American people demonstrated by the great This magnificent response warrants and we are responding with billions

who have

hat distance from the battlefield The Nemesis which pursues the intensifies our devotion to the Hohenzollerns and Hapsburgs is that This is the effect of the loss of in the west and nerves the western hundreds of young Americans on the peoples to greater effort. The deadly carry on the battle, to exert "force, force to the utmost, that neither this nor any cous and triumphant force which shall It portends utter defeat for cast every selfish dominion down in

Those are brave, noble words, in which the President expresses the The spirit of Oregon is speaking this fighting spirit of America. By putting them into action we shall conquer the forces of evil against which we contend.

# UNCLE SAM'S NEW WEAPONS.

If all that is said in favor of the Browning automatic rifle be trueand it has been supported by tests at The plight of farmers of North the target-the new weapon will be machine gun in the hands of every soldier. It weighs only fifteen pounds, is related by the Corvallis Gazette- or half as much again as a Spring field, and fires a burst of twenty shots corded in the Government's Official in two and a half seconds. It cools Bulletin in the form of official corre-so quickly that it can fire 350 shots without a stop. The refleman carries The Non-Partisan lawmakers, it ap- six magazines of twenty cartridges pears, desiring to show their inde- each, the weight of a magazine being pendence of capital and "Big Bia," one pound seven ounces, and two made provision for lending state money bearers carry twenty and twelve magaon farm mortgages for the purchase sines, respectively, making a total of of seed and feed. The novelty of the 760 shots for each rifle. If the rifleis impossible, it would last one hour

see could if every post were held by a man with most men, has his hallucinations. But the one of these rifles, should be able to Three strange personages pay him a

The Browning machine gun, which this meeting is no surprise This means much to the state, for on shots in forty-eight minutes from cot-March 1 North Dakota had applica- ton belts carrying 250 to 1000 cart-

The difficulty which has been exsum of \$786,900 had been otherwise perienced with some new types of The February business of gans, both machine guns and light as closed was in further addition, cannon, is to keep them supplied with ammunition in an advance has been paid over has not been dis- shell-torn field where wheeled vehicles osed by Government reports. cannot travel. The tendency is for But farmers, bankers, organizations them to devour it faster than they and the Governor have been telegraph- can be fed, especially as the soldier ing Secretary McAdoo, who is head is tempted to use their rapid-fire caof the Farm Loan Board, for relief.

Mr. McAdoo has sent a long telegram a trench impregnable against infantry expressing sympathy with the plight

not supplied by a constant stream of of rockets explodes. "A fresh and searers. Thus the limit of effective-volatile perfume escapes from a combearers. ness of the new rifle and machine gun may become a question of transport under the most difficult conditions.

## WILY WAXS.

The scheme adopted by L. A. Kent is commended to the attention of disappointed litigants generally. The plan in a nut shell is to thrash the court over the shoulders of a newspaper reporter. A decision was given in a mining

case the other day. The decision was officially transcribed from the short-hand notes. The Oregonian got its information from the written opinion. It appears that the decision was a nocturnal dialogues." disappointment to Mr. Kent, so he wrote a letter charging that the news article was "misleading, incorrect and unjust." He had heard all the evi-dence, and how the court could arridiculous in the extreme, and it would seem that the reporter had his infor-

mation from such sources.

Mr. Kent's virtuous letter was firs offered to The Oregonian. The news article which it purported to criticise ras checked with the written opinion and was found to be sustained in every important particular. He was so notified, and, of course, the letter was denied publication.

But Mr. Kent was resourceful. He took his letter to another newspaper and there got it published on a showing that The Oregonian had done an injustice which it refused to rectify.

Attempts of litigants to retry their

cases in the newspapers are not a novelty, but the Kent scheme is, perhaps, unique. He has succeeded in saying publicly what he thinks of the court and in such a way that he is probably not liable for contempt.

The matter is not of great impor It is cited here merely for the remarkable benefit it may confer on other litigants and to call attention to the fact that whenever a statement appears that The Oregonian has re-fused to correct an error it is a safe The I. W. W. will forfeit its right fused to correct an error it is a safe to a jury trial for its leaders if it conclusion that no error has been committed.

A new trend in French war litera receive the prize of the Academy of Goncourt, which a year ago gave its grand prize to Henri Barbusse's "La Seculiform with any prejudice against it is the frequent resource of the known malefactor. If judges skilled in with any prejudice against it is the frequent resource of the known malefactor. If judges skilled in wigh-honored is "La Flamme au Poing," belief in high quarters that his conduct has not been such as we have thenored is "La Flamme au Poing," by Henry Malherbe. Malherbe when war broke out was an important contributor on literary and musical subjects to magazines and reviews, in times like the present. enlisted as a private, but rose rapidly to the command of a battery of 75's. He has served with distinction, showing that his literary aspirations were had been sunk, causes one to specu-incidental to his ambition to serve his late how many others have been drawn country as a soldler.

A sharp contrast between "La all that we are and all that we have, and we are responding with billions of mener to number of meners to number of meners to number of n duce. These are quite illuminating in two crimes the central empires might have had to fight only France and cinations of the combatants—of which Russia, and that the very acts upon remarkable also from the circum-stance that it was written, rewritten

cause in which the country has enevery success which they gain in the
east calls forth new opposing forces
become creatures of "over-vibrant sensays that after the battle bas raged sibility." The army becomes a big family of "hallucines." "lend existence, personality, sorts of objects, to the mutilatcrests, to the mangled earth, to the roar and repeat perpetually the same movement, like black, whirling der

The quiet citizen has often wondered what his boys at the front were thinking about. Trying to put oneself in the place of another who has been called to face a special ordeal is common enough. It is difficult to imagin a great inferno when one has never experienced even a little one, but Malherbe's book is a powerful stimulus to the imagination. After fifty-five days of Verdun, the Lieutenant, in the intervals between crashing shells and other diversions, is able to set down

diversition of the state of the First atomotics and priversing apparatus Fharmaceutical oders impregnate the ampliated frees and trail over the blockened at pockmarked soil. All the afternoon the enemy lambastes as with larrymagenous shells that burst with the rattle of dangling thwark, deploy scarfs of mephilic vipor and disseminants insignating and punger odors of mustard incense and sandalwood.

Other days pass after this fiftyfifth. It is not strange that the par-ticipants, brave as they are and continuing to serve their guns, should begin to "see things." Malherbe, as The force of men holding a trench, level-headed, one can well believe, as every yard by moving the rifle to left apparent, shadowy but breathing, and right as a man moves a garden Since the war began he has encoun tered so many strange characters that

Is it my languor that evokes these entitle with the fire and color of life and of some hing other and stronger than life? We have been so long on the frontiers of humanithing other and stronger than life? We have been so long on the frontiers of humanity that we may cross over from one moment to another. Beyond the border everything is arripped of superficities, is reduced to its lowest terms. Ideas diminished and dis-persed still retain a raw and binding light— the efficience of a crystal affame with the setting sum. In this collapse of animate matter to which all our fallow creatures seem doodned, we naturally attribute less wital force to the organism that is se-quickly shattered than to the thought that abides.

There ensues an all-night colloquy The apparitions were Memory, Love and Death. "And," says Malherbe and Death. since we fear nothing any more and expressing sympathy with the plight attack until it has been destroyed by nothing can astonish us any more, I of the farmers and assuring them that artillery, but a force advancing far talked to them as to new comrades in anything that can be done legally will into the enemy's territory may become battle." There are three interrup-There are three interruppassionate hawthorne, swirls through the vapors and the chemical scentsjoyous, enchanting note, in the midst of a tragic and debilitating spectacle." Again a shell bursts on one of the pieces of the battery. "We remove the mutilated with raging and poig nant haste and we cover the dead with tent cloths. . . . The dull light of a lantern falls on a decapitated non-commissioned officer." And the

third time the conferees are inter-rupted by the breaking of the dawn. The air caresses the Lieutenant with cicy velvet. "My reason, which has a resumed its sway," he concludes the b incident, "wonders and smiles at these It would seem as if these hallucing tions had a beneficent effect. One who can note the perfume of the "com-passionate hawthorne" in the midst

dence, and how the court could ardence, and how the court could arrive at the conclusions as reperted was
beyond his comprehension. There had
appeared, he continued, in some of the
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the resemblance of a hell of exploding
fireworks to the "dazzling birds of
tropical islands," and "chatoyant
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more active as an enemy alien considered by the prominence serves to emphasize the earnestness of the officials in their efforts to put a quietus acquitted him. If the reputation of his acquitted him. If the reputation of his acquitted him. If the reputation of his acquitted him and others that any be dealt with summarily in time of war. He is held simply as an "onemy allen," which does not carry with it even the privilege of trial, the suspicions of the authorities and his own citizenship of a nation with which we are at war being all-sufficient. Later, if the evidence warficient. Later, if the evidence warficients it, he may be placed on trial for specific acts in violation of the expression and a very shrewd one, be interried without formal process be interried without formal process be interried without formal process. However, this is a question about the same internet his wife's and friends' testimony was accepted at face value, and the jury and the election by the use of money. His the election by the use of sampling is as clean as his record in campaign is as clean as his record in the sample ture, as we have always fought for the Senate, and the result involved the set as the Hillian and the proposition of the enemy. Now, and the jury would have convicted him. I know no acare of the kind in Oregon, and the jury would have convicted him. I know no acare of the kind in Oregon, and the jury would have convicted him. I ture is typified by the latest work to be interned without formal process receive the prize of the Academy of and appeal to the civil courts will not duct has not been such as we have a right to expect of any alien whom permit to remain in the country

Coming of sixty-one recruits from Anchorage, Alaska, who were prompted to enlist by reading that the Tuscania into the war by the same event, and how much money it has caused to be Flamme au Poing" and "La Feu" lies subscribed to liberty loans. If the in the avoidance by Malherbe of defipreoccupied with his patriotism. It is would have become involved in the true that he mentions them—by way war if Germany had refrained from of artistic contrast—but he does not barbarity at sea. Posterity may dedwell upon them. Instead, he concide that submarine war was a milicerns himself with the states of men-tality which the shocks of battle pro- vasion of Belgium, for without those vasion of Belgium, for without the

dun. This was, perhaps, the most direction. For weeks a year or two dergone by any army in any war. He ago she filled a department of that says that after the battle bas raged kind in the paper at Lents, and, fail- when well supported as it did the uneffect reform as she saw

ago, and it is already figuring how many more liberty bonds it is going moking weapons, to the cannon that to buy with the money it otherwise would have spent for intoxicants.

The London Daily News correspondent in France says that American aviators are "numerous and always but candor compels orilliant," admit that not as much can be said for American sircraft over there.

The man inspired through melan choly to commit suicide uses gentle neans to efface himself, while the man's man, really temporarily insane, is not content unless messing himself over everything. The local citizen who petitioned to

have his Teutonic name changed to something American could not have made a better choice. Travis stood for something in the days of the Lone or something in the days of the Lone
tar Republic.

When a newspaper of this sort will
stoop to misrepresent the acts intended
for the country's good at this time, it Star Republic. reaties with the alleged Russian gov-

know better if able to run a car.

A deficiency is an insidious affair and that may account for the rainfall of this season being two inches behind normal before it is noticed.

"Bullets talk!" says a local seeds man, which is a fact; and potatoes "and sich" are great shrapnel The enemy infantry continues its mass attacks, showing how cheap the

enemy holds German lives. First Sunday after Easter, and the rainfall was just enough to spot the trimmings of the bonnet.

This is not a war of hate for nor of vengeance, but the line is getting faint.

The Chinaman, by racial instinct fatalist, must make the best aviator.

It's just a question of which town goes over by the biggest percentage. Do not say "if" the Kaiser shall win when you know he will not win.

Writer Seems to Admit Accused Is

Lucky to Have Something Else. PORTLAND, April 6 .- To the Edi-PORTLAND, April 6.—To the Editor.)—In your discussion of alibis it's your half unconscious cynacism in saying that an aliot often suggests unpleasantly certain implications of probable guilt that led me to question your remarks. You admit that a good alibit is a perfect legal defense, but say the man who has to depend upon it is unfortunate, to say the least. If that is true, it is because the best possible defense has been counterfeited and supported by perjured testimony, in all countries for many generations in the attempt to clear guilty men. It is just because an alibit is the only perfect defense that it has been counterfeited so often and for so long a period.

That is the thing that is unfortunate, and not that the alibit itself is an unfortunate defense to depend upon. However, the public don't get that angle of the problem. Let me illustrate:

I have known a number of cases where a terrible crime has been committed and where there was no direct testimony. Such affairs constitute news of greatest value. Your reporters get as much of the story as possible from all sources, but usually they have to depend upon ramer and hearsay concerning the probable criminal, say concerning the probable criminal, the content of the story as possible from all sources, but usually they have to depend upon ramer and hearsay concerning the probable criminal. or.)-In your discussion of alibis it's

the resemblance of a Ben to write the "darshing birds of tropical islands" and "chatoyant sprays, happy to scindilate and to burn out like satisfied desires," is merifully spared the terrors that sane reflection might be expected to inspire. Barn birds are expected to inspire and the burn of the brutality. No doubt his view on the brutality. No doubt his view on the brutality. No doubt his view on the brutality. No doubt his view are is not an isolated one. His book, burned by the detached extracts which have reached America, seems to be important as a psychological study, no less than as a marvelous description of the most terrible conditions are popular men, and not because they man has offered to donate so many also may be compared to emphasize the earnestness of the office. On the produced by war in this or any other time.

Dr. Karl Muck, former leader of the Boston Symphony and close friend of a Count won Bernstorff, was perhaps not more active as an enemy allen than an some others, but his prominence serves in the compared to the produced by war in this or any other time.

Dr. Karl Muck, former leader of the first part of the company of the produced by a produ

but as offizers without experience al-ways have to decide, it is a misfortune that you should insist that it is unfor-tunate, to say the least, for an accused person to have to depend upon an alibi-if it is true, it carries a cynical implication, because a genuine alibi is not only a perfect legal defense, as you admit, but it is the only perfect defense unless another person can be shown to be the criminal. No human being can show that he did not compute a company to the company of the company to the company of the company mit a crime, which is why the laws of evidence require that the testimony should prove beyond a reasonable doubt that he did commit it before a convic-tion is found.

GEORGE A, THACHER.

Mr. Thacher seems to be using our tation, and if his friends and relatives tion. They are needlessly worried. had been untrustworthy, and if a motive had been proved, he would have been

manufacture, a bad reputation and di- sip? ong Oregonian has tried to make it clear that its reference to alibis did not so hat much concern their value as evidence all- when well supported as it did the unit, fortunate predicament of a man who is the support of a man who is the support of a man who is the support of Oregonian has tried to make it clear

Newspaper Scored That Tried to Make Political Capital of Wool Offer. PORTLAND, April 7.—(To the Edi-on)—Learning that the Government teeded wool, and I being in a position o know the scarcity of woolen goods it this time, I read with satisfaction of Robert Stanfield's handing over to he Government of 1,000,000 pounds of wool and his promise to urge others to do likewise with their holdings. Anybody who knows anything about the wool market today knows full well

Anybody
the wool market today knows
that this act of Mr. Sanfield was
both generous and patriotic and with
no taint whatever of profiteering. For
by holding his wool Mr. Stanfield could
realize thousands of dollars more.

Yet comes an evening newspaper of
Yet comes an evening newspaper of
a serious handicap to the democratic
cause. It was politicians who released
the grip of the British navy and reduced England to her present critical
Nearly all of the allied

to be false. The paper that printed it knows it to be false, but would rather

ould imagine.

Mr. Stanfield, in offering 1,000,000 pounds of wool to the Government in this crisis, was not animated by a higher rate of interest nor by commerrnment, she will be reminded of the

Editor.)—Anent your question in a re-cent editorial, "Do we claspheme when we say that the Kalser regards Divin-lity as his junior partner" I submit Germany will really begin.

cent editorial, "Do we claspheme when we say that the Kaiser regards Divinity as his junior partner" I submit the enclosed answer:

Not long age one of the students in one of my classes in public speaking connected the Kaiser closely with the devil, and was criticised by another student for delay so.

the reflection is on the devil; you ought not to be so severe with him."

GEORGE R. VARNEY.

The charters an

Land Grant Pamphlets Delayed. ROSEBURG, Or., April 6.-(To the ditor.)-Please publish, as an item

ties, will not be ready for distribution until about April 12 on account of delays in printing same.

As soon as the pamphlets are received at this office they will be mailed Boston Transcript. to all requesting same, a list of such requests being kept as they are filed. W. H. CANON, Register, U. S. Land Office.

powerless for lack of ammunition if tions. One comes when a magazine VALUE OF ALIBI AS TESTIMONY GREAT POLITICAL DISCLOSURE.

Eugene Man Announces What Orego nian Man Will Do Politically. EUGENE, Or., April 6 .- (To the Editor.)-The news article today on the

right now.

annoyance to the gentleman at Eugene was a discussion of the probable entrance of Oswald West into the Demo cratic primary as a candidate for Sen-ator against Will R. King, with inci-

correspondent, a friend of one of the candidates, was there evidence of The Oregonian's intent to oppose Senator McNary. There are others who think that the large space given by The Oregonian to the activities, official and publicity, of Senator acNary at Washington discloses a purpose to favor him in the primary. To all of them it may be well to say that it is not the practice of The Oregonian to attain, or seek to wn argument. In the Chehalis case, if attain its ends, political or journalistic, Mr. Main had been a man of bad repu- or otherwise, by any kind of indirec-

Meanwhile It is well to say that It would have been more pertinent and unfortunate in having only an alibi to rely upon, and he would probably have been convicted. But such was not the case.

This discussion began with the Mooney case, where it was sought to seek to please any candidate, or the sweep away with an allet possible of to print current political news and gos

# rect testimony sufficient in the eyes of the Supreme Court to convict. The TIME FOR POLITICIANS TO RETIRE

sought a wider field. She found it in North Dakota, a state that has other "bugs" than get into the grain.

Indiana certainly has its share of optimists. The state went dry only a week ago, and it is already figuring how

Taking the war, all in all, the allied forces have done very well considering the handicaps they have had through politicians. Mr. Gerard does not tell us what factor influenced the Kaiser most to start the war in 1914. I am inclined to believe that it was the legions of politicians in England and the United States. What better military data could be desire than that these two countries had more politicians than Germany had soldiers and about as many soldiers as Germany had politiclans? Such data would justify any enable Caesar in seeking world dominion. He could lick half the world before the clated.

don of kings.

condition. Nearly all of the allied blunders can be charged to politicians. While the British army was waiting this inferno to commence politicians kept on talking and nothing but the magnitude of the crisis seemed able to choke them off. Since the batis about as cheap a performance as one tile of the Marne, England has sorely needed an Oliver Cromwell to take pos well-known principle of law that sugreements made under duress are higher rate of interest nor by commercialism, and every sensible man knows, but the cheap-skate newspapers that od this it is essential that our political of the Spring scenery when a little mant and a few minutes' work will heard on Satan.

\*\*Bard on Satan.\*\*

It is to be any many of the blunders of the annear to this political aman of the president instead of in front of him. They should give to their political tune.

\*\*LARRY SHANAHAN.\*\*

\* session of Parliament, throw out all the members, lock the door and put the key in his pocket till the war was over.

JAMES G. CLARKSON.

Town Elections Under New Law. FOREST GROVE, Or., April 6 .- (To the Editor.) — At municipal election held in smaller cities and towns in Ore devil, and was crimensed student for doing so.

The criticism was couched in these words: "Don't you think, professor, that it is pretty hard on the Kaiser for election to municipal offices. In to connect his name with that of the small cities, where party lines are not drawn, how will the candidates get on the official ticket for the primary

CONSTANT READER. The charters and ordinances of towns relating to elections are not affected except as to time of holding them. Elections may be conducted just as they have been in the past. If the of news the fact that the pamphlets describing the Oregon & California local law provides for a non-partisan Rallroad grant lands, to be opened to election or it is desired to follow a non-partiy in Jackson and Josephine coun-

Boston Transcript,
Heck—I suppose you always let your
wife have the last word?
Peck—Yes, and I'm tickled to death
when she gets to it.

## In Other Days.

Twenty-five Years Ago. New York.—Warner Miller, president of the Nicaragua Canal Company, ad-mits that trouble is brewing in Nicar-agua over the canal proposition and that an open rupture is about due.

San Francisco.-The Right Rev. William Ingraham Kip, bishop of California for the Episcopal Church, is dead

When trying to report to headquar-ters from box 26, at Tenth and Davis street, last night, Patrolman Endleott received a severe electric shook. "East Lynne" is booked for Cord-

The East Side Railway Company is utting in double tracks on Hawthorne evenue to Sunnyaide.

Half a Century Age. From The Oregonian of April 8, 1868. There was a heavy southwest wind vestorday, which generally upset things and made signs unsafe.

The article which has given so much gether on what kind of Germans they are. The genuine American German-one who is essentially American, though born on German soil-lis plenty good enough for me; while on the other hand, for the German-American who, ator against Will R. King, with incidental reference to its effect upon the Republican nominee.

Only to the perspicatious eye of the correspondent, a friend of one of the toward this country would have cause to regret it the longest day of his life. I have a good many acquaintanges of German extraction whose friendship I value very highly, but they are not of the kind who are giving aid and com-

the kind who are giving ald and com-fort to the Kaiser.

Another point which your corre-spondent brings out quite prominently is that we are fighting for the love of democracy and all that it stands for. This is a very lofty sentiment, and one to be highly commended; but harping on one string becomes monotonous after a while, and when that occurs it is time to take up something different. after a while, and when that occurs it is time to take up something different. To many this means nothing very definite, but when the fact is pressed home to everyhody that we are fighting for our mothers and sisters, wives and sweethearts, to protect them from the fate of thousands of French and Belgian women, the necessity for winning the war is pressed home to all.

That spirit of optimism which your correspondent commends so highly

correspondent commends so highly might easily lead to our undoins. We are too cock-sure of ourselves. Some, on whom the country is dependent for those products of labor without which

Women in France. WENATCHEE, Wash., April 5.—(To the Editor.)—Could you give me any information as to how I might get to France and to what headquarters I Francs and to what headquarters I might write for particulars? I can drive a car, in fact I have one of my own, and have motored all over Cali-fornia this Winter.

I have passed the civil service examination and received my appointment at Washington, D. C., § I would like to use my education in such a way as to enable me to reach the "other side."

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Where mighty forests grow;
Where stately mountains tower
And peaceful rivers flow;
Where Winter touches lightly
The hills with coat of snow, And Summer gives rare roses No other clime could know,

Oh, proud Willamette River, Oh, stately fir and pine. Oh, Oregon, fair Oregon, Your Oregon and mine.

Mt. Hood stands like a sentinel, Majestic, brave and true, So rugsed in its grandeur Outlined against the blue. St. Helens like an angel When haze vells off the view; Then closer seems to hover As sunlight filters through.

Oh. proud Willamette River, Oh, stately fir and pine, Oregon, fair Oregon, MRS. DWIGHT EDWARDS.

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