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IS THERE A CONSPIRACY! President Wilson has again asked the Governor of California to pardon homas Mooney, convicted of murder for bomb-throwing in the San Franbisco preparedness parade. It was an at the patriotic citizens who participated in it and at the Government for its apparent purpose to get ready for war with Germany. Many people, men and women, were killed. Obviously, the perpetrators were foul. malignant and despicable creatures, and just as obviously they should be punished. The duty of every citizen to support all effort to bring the asemssins to justice, aiding the agenthem, is clear.

Mooney was arrested, tried and convicted. The judicial procedure was the entire Pacific Coast and at times regular, and the result, from the legal the whole country in marine enliststandpoint, unimpeachable. But a ments, the total being 2300 men. powerful body, the labor unions of Oregon first! Oregon is always used against him. Their effort to fice, but only in admiring explanation convict the chief witness against of the facts. Mooney, Mr. Oxman, of false witness failed.

President Wilson may or may not think Mooney guilty. It is not clear from the meager reports of his correspondence with Governor Stephens, of California. He may or may not desire to spare Mooney's life for public reasons, which are that, irrespective of his guilt or innocence, the Mooney ease has an international aspect, and the friendliness of the Bolshevik government of Russia depends on his intercession. We incline to the latter opinion, since it is unusual, if not unprecedented, for a President to in-terfere in a proceeding which belongs a state, thus assuming an extra-judicial prerogative to review, by implication at least, the findings of a state court.

True, a Federal mediation commission made an investigation and its conclusion was favorable to Mooney, but, dissociated from the larger bearings of the issue over Mooney, it can not account for, nor justify, the active Presidential interest. If Mooney and his conviction have assumed the importance of a diplomatic issue, and the President deems it wise to placate the de facto government of Russia, there is nothing more to be said. One life, or death, particularly the life or death of a murderer, is a small price to pay for peace with a state, or the powers-that-be in a state, upon whom we count for help in winning the war. It is well, however, to remember that Mooney was tried by twelve men and was adjudged guilty, and that the Supreme Court upheld the verdict, after a gareful and thorough review of the testimony and the trial pro-It is not to be lightly sumed that jurors sworn to do justice would convict an innocent man and that judges, equally obligated by their consciences and their oaths, would uphold an erroneous judgment, involv ing a grave and terrible wrong, the repeated appeals to the public to vindicate Mooney and the demands that the verdict be set aside and that he be restored to freedom as one who has committed no crime, are tantamount to a deliberate charge of criminal conspiracy against prosecu tors, judges and jurors to send an innocent man to his death.

AN INQUEST BY CORONER HUGHES. The work upon which Charles E Hughes has entered is practically the holding of an inquest on the great aircraft appropriation. A report to two decades are amazing, but our con-congress showed that down to April sumption has more than kept pace Americanized alien population, to 39 there had been expended or allot- with domestic development. ted \$691,955,272 and that the total ex-Board was \$859,839,794, a sum considerably in excess of that which had been appropriated. Of this total world. Nevertheless, we have been nearly \$335,000,000 represents cost importing more than a billion gallons plus contracts for airplane engines, a year.

Mr. Hughes' task is to find what we | 000,000 have to show for these vast sums, how only 64,000,000 barrels. The wells of should be done without wounding any much waste there has been, how much graft, if any, and how much is to be paid for work that is yet to be done. In the cost-plus contract item he off, according to the whole world, according to the paid for work that is yet to be done. In the cost-plus contract item he off, according to the A policy which would accomplish barrels in 1917, compared with 149,—all of these purposes, some of them will probably find the bulk of the will probably find the bulk of the production has advanced at a rela- appear impossible, but the general money which has been squandered by tively more rapid rate in the United outlines have been thought out by the experimenters in scrapping tools and parts which have already been also that our use of oil has grown in made, in changing designs to a total of over 2000, and in rejecting parts in traceable to development of the intera vain search for accuracy to the ten nal expansion engine, which has given tion. He proposes that immigration thousandth part of an inch. He may such impetus to the employment of in any year from any country be find much waste of the same kind in the automobile. Government has doubtless had to others do not figure largely in the plus the American-born children of compensate contractors for time lost list.

performance has lagged behind the increasing needs of Great Britain probation or atterward and whose glowing promise of 22,000 planes by that date. Then it will devoive on and in the Dutch East Indies, but, like remained alien residents after passing to put his finger on the particular rainbow-chasers who are responsible, all of whom may be expected to cannot go after it. Later, perhaps, we citizens and those who remained so

twely perfect plane and motor.

pass the buck industriously to each may count on help from the Japanese other.

While Mr. Hughes is engaged in this depressing task, some consolation may ppropriation of over \$884,000,000, investment in air war close to the sumer. wo billion mark.

In a few months, probably before duty. Mr. Hughes is ready to report, we should have a large enough air fleet in France to carry the news to Ger-many that the new forces in line with the allies are Americans, not Canadians or English, as the German propequip General Pershing with enough airmen to spread terror in the German rear and in the Rhine Valley and to give the German people food thought through the Winter.

GONE WHERE DUTY CALLS. The service stars on a single flag in ne new Portland high school reach the creditable total of 370. They are the

record of 370 young patriots who have responded to the call to duty and are fighting for their country. It is typical of the spirit of all Oregon, for the case is not exceptional.

The 370 soldiers, being high school students, are, or were, nearly all un-der 21, the minimum draft age, and

vere and are, therefore, volunteers. When we seek an explanation as to the reason Oregon fell below estiatrocious crime, for it was, and was all young men who have reached the intended to be, a deadly blow both age of 21 in the past year-we have

called to the colors in the first draft should not be deferred until that already donned the khaki. Only tack has actually been made. 717 remained in Oregon's quota. In the past year Oregon has led the

Nation in naval enlistments, contributing a total of 3700 men. In the past year Oregon has led

powerful body, the labor unions of Oregon first! Oregon is always first San Francisco, say that Mooney is in- in duty. The wonder is that any nocent, and is being railroaded to the young men were left for enrollment alliance with the Non-Partisan League gallows. They rest their contention in the extra draft. This is not said at are clearly and forcefully expressed. on an alibi for Mooney and on the dec- all in repreach, for all alike are fired laration that perjured testimony was with the spirit of service and sacri-

MR. FAIRBANKS.

Charles Warren Fairbanks once told, in a public speech at Portland, that he had narrowly escaped citizenship in Oregon—much to his regret, he was polite enough to say another environment. He became, in there is another theory. Indiana, his adopted home, for he was a native of Ohio, an eminent lawyer, a United States Senator, and Vice-President, and he was besides a formidable candidate for the Presidency He might well have succeeded in that high ambition if the Nation had upderstood his merits as well as In-

diana understood them. Mr. Fairbanks was to a great extent a victim of popular misunder- start something else. standing, inspired largely by news-He was a very tall man, and it pleased political machinery upon had a statesmanlike grasp of public something entirely different. affairs and the force and energy to make his opinions effective. He had stability in the fields of to them. He had sympathy with progressive political thought, and proved him their candidate for President in not accomplish much. was also Indiana's candidate in 1908-and when he was nominated for Vice-President the state went for the ticket in the election.

There was genuine enthusiasm for Fairbanks in Indiana. That it existed nowhere else was his misfor tune, and in nowise his fault,

ECONOMY IN OIL.

Increasing use of oil by our rapidly expanding Navy and the curtailment of supplies from abroad, together with larger use of the same product by all of our allies, point to the possibility that extreme economies will sconer or later be imposed upon pri-vate consumers. The figures of our

penditure authorized by the Aircraft National City Bank of New York show that the United States is now producing two-thirds of the oil of the a general policy by which desirable plus contracts for airpiane engines, a year. We produced 342,000,000 well as in form, while the undesirable structures and equipment, while more barrels in 1917, an increase of slightly will be excluded or will be admitted than \$227,000,000 represents contracts more than 40,000,000 barrels over in such small numbers that they can 1916. Production in 1910 was 210,- be trained for citizenship and will

apensate contractors for time lost list. Russia was credited in 1917 naturalized citizens from the same large numbers of highly paid with 75,000,000 barrels, but this is nation. All allens would be required workmen while the experimenters practically under the control of Ger-tried to hatch out the one superla- many, which also has acquired the and would be encouraged to educate lesser output of the Roumanian fields. Then he will come down to what we have to show for these hundreds of millions. He will find twenty-seven well equipped aviation camps, a large enthusiastic young airmen quirements to those of the army and American people, methods of Ameriaching to go up in the air of France, navy. We are not going to be able to can government and ideals of democ a few thousand training planes and import much oil for some time to racy. Citizenship would be granted before. July 1 perhaps 500 fighting come. Mexico's 40,000,000 barrels only to those who had passed the ex-That is the extent to which annually will be more than offset by performance has lagged behind the the increasing needs of Great Britain probation or afterward and whose glowing promise of 22,000 planes by and France. There is oil in India behavior had been good. All who

Development of oil lands in Govbe derived from the knowledge that lieve the situation, but even if neces- from those countries whose left by the old board and are trying to moment. The obvious lesson is one of desirable in every respect. ormer appropriations, will bring our The duty is personal to every con-Every gallon of fuel

> PROTECT THE PACIFIC COAST, TOO. In asking for appropriations for hydroplane stations along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts for defense against the plan which Admiral Peary had advocated for several years before the event. The voyages of the Deutschland and the raid of the U-53 had proved that submarines had been built of sufficient steaming radius to attack ships off our coast, but nothing was done for defense against them until war with Germany actually began, and then no bases on the coast

the result of hindsight. But the same weakness marks the present action of the Government. Be- fort. ause no attack has been made or establish a secret base on the coast

possibilities of the not distant future

SKIPPERS.

The Grange resolutions rejecting running one at hand for getting that which will be of rural benefit.

gret, he was polite enough to say—
for his father had in the '50s made
and to which he had attempted to
all arrangements to emigrate to the
commit the Grange, was anomalous. ar our Northwest and was prevented at the last moment by some untoward sonality more important than policy in happening. It might be interesting choosing its head. Or perhaps it to conjecture what would have been the career of this distinguished man tion one year ago was authorite. the career of this distinguished man tion one year ago was authority for if he had been born and reared in all that Mr. Spence had done. But

Mr. Spence, and several others in Oregon, have their counterparts in the meet in a world congress after the field of mechanical invention. We war. Unless our representatives at that will revolutionize some branch of broad principle which they

the general fancy to regard him as toll and which they finally perfect is stiff, formal and dull. But he was ready for the scrapheap before it has not. He had a genuine sense of hu-mor and the ability to express it. He with unflagging energy working out

It is a public fault that this inconvictions of duty, and he lived up and politics passes current for genius coupled with energy. Quite likely that accounts for the re-election of it, though he was regarded as a con- Mr. Spence. He certainly makes a servative. It is proof enough that he great show of industry in behalf of was unquestionably Indiana's leading the farmer. It is pleasant to feel that citizen, and that both factions of the somebody is working enthusiastically Republican party united to make in your interests, even though he does

A BROAD IMMIGRATION POLICY.

Part of the preparation which the Inited States will need for the period nations by alliance with them in war equire that these new laws show due regard for the susceptibilities of people with whom we shall have re-cently been comrades in arms. Yet the probability that immigrants will swarm to our shores in order to es cape the poverty and misery which be the aftermath of war which the war has called our atten-Data prepared by the experts of the tion, give warning that Americanizawith immigration. In fact, we need immigrants will be admitted and will become American citizens in spirit as barrels, and in 1900 it was be an evil beyond cure. All this

he automobile.

By comparison with our country, of naturalized males of that nation, themselves for citizenship in schools aminations either in the five years of

without passing the examination This plan has the merit of admit

ernment reserves may ultimately re- ting the largest number of immigrant. Mr. Ryan and his aides are saving sary legislation had been perfected, have proved most willing to become what they can out of the wreckage this would be more than the work of a Americans and have also proved most get full value for what is not yet ex- economy. We have not quite reached taken from the census reports show pended, to speed up production and to the point of rationing automobile that automatically immigration of make a better showing with the new owners, but notice has been given to the character which has proved least certain industrial plants to be pre- desirable would be largely decreased, which is to cover the fiscal year be-ginning July 1. That sum, added to fuel, and there should be no waste. acter could be largely increased. The con- need of restriction on those who per-oil sist in remaining foreigners and of inshould be made to perform its full ducement to citizenship is shown the fact that out of 5,942,000 foreignborn males twenty-one years of age and over in 1910, 3,221,000 were still aliens, but the division of these aliens among various nationalities is most significant.

agandists have told the Germans. Another three months' production should Department adopts after the event British; from Germany 889,000 had citizens to 219,000 aliens; from Russia 192,000 citizens to 545,000 aliens; tions.
And "What's the use?" queried the
and from Italy 126,000 citizens to
author of "Religion and Learning."
who found so many bulls in his new liability as a statistician. sia 192,000 citizens to 545,000 aliens; and from Italy 125,000 citizens to 586,000 aliens. Many of these aliens are not immigrants in the sense of people who have come to live permanently in the United States; they are merely migratory laborers who have come to make enough money in a few years to return to their native country and live in comparative comere provided. All of our most effective defensive measures have been

Under the five per cent plan the threatened against the Pacific Coast, number of immigrants from those no provision for hydroplane bases on countries which have a larger num-this coast is asked. Yet there is ber of naturalized than alien residents this coast is asked. Yet there is ber of naturalized than alien residents growing danger that Germany may in the United States could be increased, while the number from counall young men who have reached the age of 21 in the past year—we have but to recall the case of the Portland high school and every other school high school and every other school and institution of the state where particult each round in the past year—we have but to recall the case of the Portland but to recall the case of the past year—we have been said and the pleaded for the support of the peace stated that the pleaded for the support of the peace stated that the preach of the past year. Which are eduled for the support of the peace stated that the pleaded for the support of the peace stated that the pleaded for the support of the peace stated that the pleaded for the support of the peace stated that the preach of the peace stated that the pleaded for the support of the peace stated that the preach of the peace stated that the pleaded for the support of the peace stated that the pleaded for the support of the peace stated that the pleaded for the peace stated that the pleaded for the support of the peace stated that the pleaded for the support of the peace stated that the pleaded for the peace stated that the pleaded for the support of the peace stated that the pleaded for the support of the peace stated that the pleaded for the support of the peace stated that the pleaded for the support of th of Siberia for submarine and air at- tries with regard to which the situa-The jards, Syrians and Turks,

A particularly good effect of this Pacific Coast as soon as the Eastern and Southern coasts have been protected.

grants, yet accompanied by removal only one set of buttons on their pants.

But, to balance those deficiencies, they tected. friction with them. The number of a book of rules when things go wrong, male Japanese admissible yearly nor are they as dependent on their of-second during the five years ending in 1915. during the five years ending in 1915, The Grange bears in mind that the would be reduced from 1555 to 1106. The Grange bears in mind that the initiative and referendum, which it was largely influential in obtaining, still exist in Oregon. It sees no reason for building up a new machine of doubtful capacity when it has an easy running one at hand for getting that would be that Japanese and Chinese would be put on an equality with other nations and the ground of their But re-election of Mr. Spence as other nations and the ground of their state master, after repudiating the objection to the present laws would be

all that Mr. Spence had done. But for discussion of a policy of immigration and Americanization, for the subject will surely arise when the nations all know the type. He-the inventor that gathering are prepared to put for--is forever enthusiastically working ward a policy which is to be applica-out the details of some contrivance ble to all nations and founded on a industry, but never applies the prod- cessfully defend, they are likely to be uct of his brain and hand to practical seriously embarrassed in dealing with use. He invariably abandons it to the other nations and in securing adoption of American policy on other Just so we have the Spences in the momentous questions which must field of governmental invention. The then be decided.

fore the end of 1918, the general staff deficiency quickly. The readlest means airing he seems to be wanting. Army Nurse Corps and approved by women of good education, sound health and character and give them three months' training as alds to nurses. Another plan is to organize in the universities courses for girls of high school education, give them twelve months' training and put them into the hospital service, but it would the large. into the hospital service, but it would the lapse. not provide nurses till 1919.

Fourteen new destroyers have been after the war is thorough revision of named after American naval officers, the immigration laws. The intimate most of whom were killed in action, friendly relations into which this twelve of them in the War of 1812. country has been brought with other one in the Civil War and one in the Spanish War. One is Sergeant-Major William Anthony, of the Marine Corps who won commendation for his soldierly conduct on the occasion of the Yet sinking of the Maine.

It is in a sense gratifying to know the renaming fever stopped short of Liebe street. Some of the best citizens of this land have German names, sooner or later be imposed upon private consumers. The figures of our quires that we shall not permit this zens of this land have German and a suit for divorce was flied in Jan-production of crude oil in the past of country to be swamped with alien although, for that matter, many of the two decades are amazing, but our con-elements. Also the dangers of an un-worst have them; but one who lived a useful life in this community and has been given a slight honor is not to be discredited when he has passed.

Other counties can with profit Union follow Union in holding stock shows independent of fairs. This is nore a city idea than county. valry in the stock ring is bound to produce better blood, and the better that is the bigger and better the beef. Alaska claims to lead the Twelfth District in subscriptions to the third

liberty loan, having oversubscribed her quota by 240 per cent. It seems that the farther away Americans are from the scene of the war the more fervent is their patriotism. Deputy City Attorney Stadter is going to put an end to "mashing" by vigorous prosecutions. Any husband

who makes over the face of a masher knows what to expect. By devoting window space for dis play of curios of all nations, the big stores favor people who

would miss many treats. A descendant of Robinson Crusos is in the American Navy, but Noah has them all skinned" in the matter of service flags.

Are the bathing places fixed for the boys? Boys will swim and none must be lost. Girls, too. Wilkin.

It is an act of real generosity to give anybody the lemon these days. During these war days men recall the wasteful days of their youth.

If you are thinking of ice rather than coal, reverse,

A Line o' Type or Two. Hew to the Line, Let the Quips Fall Where They May.

The delectable season is here when persons are to be seen carrying coats and collars in hand and larding the I am quite in harmony. lean earth as they walk along. It may But while he now acquiesces in the have been these that provoked the late great need for wheat saving, he makes Willam Winter to refer to "the proletarians who make the world almost uninhabitable by their vulgarity."

Self-Immolation.

From the Little Rock Gazette. night. There are five in the race, a preacher, a merchant, a justice of the So i peace, a school teacher and a restau-uors rant keeper. In his speech in which week

It is conceded that the Yanks have call for action on the Helm report plan would be reduction in the not had so much military training as on naval and airplane bases for the ber of Chinese and Japanese immi-pacific Coast as soon as the Eastern

deep sea."
But other poets have spoken of the big fish, notably Job, who asked, "Canst they draw out Leviathan with an hook?" and Davenant wrote: "His hook he baited with a dragon's

Miss Delane, head of the Red Cross Schubert and Brahms songs on our vo-nurses. It is to organize classes of cal programmes, but planists continue women of good education, sound to perform those masters. We confess State

my tomato plants? I do not know what they are called, but I have seen them on the tomato plants and they 500 diameters, of nothing to brood over is the whereabouts of Kerensky, the quondam Big Bensky of Russia. Besides, the B. B. people say that Kerensky are a fellow along the control of the tomato plants and they eat the leaves off them.

(2) Is there a law in effect now that a fisherman cannot take his own wife or family in his own boat without besides along along the control of sky was a false alarm.

The Inspired Reporter. From the Charles City, Is., Press. He has been a member of the House of Representatives four years and a mitted. member of the Senate four years. Aside from this, Mr. Enger is a high type of (1) gentleman and an honorable, upright

"Mrs. Dines' unexpected return sigthe popular notion that it takes two to make a separation.

Gladys No Longer Luce. From the Philadelphia Record. Announcement was made today of the marriage of Miss Gladys Luce, a Mahanoy township school teacher, to Corporal Marvin Jones,

Scooping the Yerkes Observatory. From the Stevens Point Journal. Residents of Wisconsin will have an opportunity to witness a total eclipse of the sun on the afternoon of June 8. The eclipse may be seen from 1:30 until sundown and, according to authorities, the moon and sun, one on each side of the earth, will pass each other some time during that period.

Barring the facts that the total eclipse will not be visible in Wisconsin, that it lasts only two minutes or less and that the earth is not between the sun and the moon, the information pur-veyed by the Stevens Point paper is almost painfully accurate.

The Best Time to Hear Reinald Is on

She Never Misses. From a church paper.
Why I attend prayer meeting., To
me the Prayer Meeting is an excellent Johnson's Carbon Remover is for our machines, so is the Glendale Presbyterian Prayer Meeting for me .- Mary H.

to hurt," she reported. "I on the lower side."—Huck.

Ever Happen to You? Sir: If this ever happened to anyone else—well, there must be another car like mine. I asked her to lean out and see if the tire was flat. "Not enough to hurt," she reported. "It's just flat

THROWING TOOL INTO MACHINERY

Why the Rev. Booser's Criticisms Have That Aspect Told by Mr. Churchill. PORTLAND, June 6 .- (To the Editor.)

-Rev. Myron L. Boozer, of Grants Pass, is again quoted in The Oregenian on the use of foodstuffs in beer. He has greatly revised the tone of his last week's protest against wheat saving, and with much that he says this time I am outs in harmony.

certain other misstatements of fact which cannot but confuse the public mind. The great cause of prohibition does not gain anything by inaccuracy, no matter how inadvertent. First, in answer to my inquiry, I am

"Yes," said the Colonel. "It was a advised from Washington that no sugar great and a pleasant surprise. Mr. Taft whatever is used in beer making. I learned I was here and came to see think a little investigation will satisfy him of that. Beer is made of hops and barley. Yet he is quoted as making the remarkable statement that in the next From Great Britain 770,000 had become citizens and 449,000 remained British; from Germany 889,000 had been naturalized and 389,000 remained allens. But from Austria there were only 149,000 citizens to 460,000 allens; from Hungary 36,000 citizens to 219,000 citizens to 219,000 citizens to 545,000 allens; from Rusain 192,000 citizens to 545,000 citizens to 546,000 c

know that no fermented or distilled liquors have been permitted to be manufactured since August 10, 1917, when the Food Administration bill be The candidates for Representative in came a law, nor any corn, rye or other Baxter County spoke at this place last foodstuffs to be manufactured into

So far as the barley used in malt liquors (beer) is concerned, I stated last week that what the brewers were still

ley in beer. I do know two of these, dark shadow begins to creep over the He had a tremendous responsibility in face of the sun even thinking men keeping contented and at work loyally stand in awe of the unusual phenom-

an hook?" and Davenant wrote:

"His hook he baited with a dragon's tall—

And then on rock he stood to bob for whale."

Gus Is Is for an Awful Trimming.

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From the Marence, Is, Sentingl.

Of Beer to 2% per cent (simost a non-intoxicating standard) and has reduced them to 70 per cent of their last year's closed, for it can be neither proved nor disproved.

Perhaps the most famous eclipse mentioned in history was the one predicted by Thales of Miletus, 585 B. C.

ing subject to a heavy fine? Going out one thing that I really enjoy on a warm evening and I will be very much disevening and I will be very much disappointed to learn that it is not per-

(1) Write to extension department Oregon Agricultural College, Corval-

porhibit you from riding in your husband's fishing boat.

eyes is very poor, but I was assured
by the doctor that I would pass.

Since then I have tried to enlist, but
have been rejected because of my eyes.

Can they keep me in class I' If I go I
lose my job and get turned down when
I go to camp.

A READER.

go to camp. __ A READER. if so and you did not appeal to the district board from the final decision, Washington and waiting three weeks district board from the final decision, your case is closed now so far as the local board is concerned, and you for my part I do not propose to take doubtless will be sent to camp in due money I earn working by day's labor while my wife runs the postoffice to while my wife runs the postoffice while my wife runs th time. You have a poor stick of an em-ployer if he will not hold your job open

LA CROSSE, Wash, June 5.—(To the Sdieor.)—Please tell me just how a Tuesday.

From the Milwaukee Sentinel.

Reinald Werrenrath's first appearance was with Mme. Geraldine Farrar in concert, when Milwaukee recognized him as among the first baritones in American on Tuesday.

Deficient The Milwaukee Sentinel.

Am an experienced mechanic and have worked quite a good deal in carpenter work and can offer good references. I am a married man with a family, so would like to know if there are houses to me just now a person must go about getting into the shipyards and what the wages are. I am an experienced mechanic and have worked quite a good deal in carpenter work and can offer good references. I am a married man with a family, so would like to know if there are houses to rent near the work.

A SUBSCRIBER. Communicate with U. S. Employment

Status Change Must Be Reported. PORTLAND, June 6.—(To the Editor.)—Please state what the status of a man is and what he should do who was married at time of answering can questionnaire, but a widower now, with for

He should report his changed condition to his local board immediately.

In Other Days.

Twenty-five Years Ago. (From The Oregonian June 7, 1892.)
Washington.—The Russian extradition treaty has at last been formally
proclaimed. It is similar in scope to
all treaties negotiated by this country in recent years.

New York .- America's great tragedian, Edwin Booth, passed away this morning at 1:15 o'clock. The end was very painful.

Dr. Briggs, in a letter to be published the New York Evangelist, the first accepted expression since he was sus-pended for heresy, will say that no one should feel obliged to retire from the Presbyterian Church on account of the decision of the assembly. On the other hand, they should assert themselves and try to "rectify the damage."

Spokane.—Three more good banks have closed their doors. They are the Washington National, the Washington Savings and the Citizens' National.

The members of the Portland Rowing lub have been making much sport of heir rivals, the Willamettes, on ac-ount of the report that the senior our-oared shell crew of the latter upset their boat while rowing a few days ago. The Willamettes have come out ago. The Willamettes have come out with an explanation that it was for no lack of skill, but due to some affection of a water-tight compartment.

ECLIPSE IN ANCIENT LITERATURE Earliest Record Is Found in Chinese

Classic of 2136 B. C. DALLAS, Or., June 6.—(To the Editor.)—The approaching solar eclipse is attracting more than usual attention in this section of country just now, because one of the finest scientific viewpoints within the 65-mile wide beit of the scilings roughly located at a certain

He bad a tremendous responsibility in face of the sun even thinking men not had so much military training as the Teuts. They have not learned the useful word "Kamerad," and they have only one set of buttons on, their pants. But, to balance those deficiencies, they don't baye to sit down and look through a book of rules when things so wrous, nor are they as dependent on their officers as a baby on its surse. However, the Germans will become thoroughly acquainted with the Yanks in due season.

"Edgar Jepson, wheever he is," saiffs Dr. Rascoe. Stop your sniffing, Doc. Jepson has written a dozen or so novels, and is a very well known person in the lit'ry world. Moreover, his phrase, "plopp-eyed bungaroon" is all to the good. We're strong for Jepson.

A Milwaukee alienist discoursed at Waukesha of "hysterical suitomatism," which perhaps has something to do with an automatic pistol.

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The introducing of whale flesh as an article of food reminds a Bostonian that one of the poets has spoken of the whale, the whale, the mighty and "The whale, the mighty and free.

Is the monarch and pride of the deep, deep sea."

But other poets have spoken of the ber-drinking population over to a whisky basis. I doubt if Rev. Mr. Boozer himself would approve that. So the President has compelled the branching fish, notably Job. who asked. "Canst they draw out Leviathan with an hook?" and Davenant wrote:

"The book he halted with a dragon's country, manufactured previous to August the prophet cried unto the Lord: and he brought the shadow 10 degrees backward, by which it had gone down in the dial of Ahaz." There has been a great deal of speculation over what caused the shadow to move 10 degrees backward on the dial of Ahaz, but the consensus of scientific Biblical scholar-ship is now agreed that it was caused by an eclipse of the sun pear the noon hour. This is the only rationalistic interpretation, granting that such an incident ever occurred. If the incident was supernatural then the argument is

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J. T. FORD. FOURTH-CLASS POSTMASTER TIED Peorest Paid Worker but Can't Let Go,

Much Less Attend Conventions. PORTLAND, June 6 .- (To the Edioi.)-In The Oregonian, June 3, I notice a suggestion from the postmaster at The Dailes, that the postmasters have a convention.

I think that a suggestion for a con-vention of sewer diggers would meet with greater success. oregon Agricultural College, Corvalis, Or., giving as complete description a possible.

(2) We know of no law which would a month's salary and in a good many orhibit you from riding in your hustands fishing boat.

With greater success.

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Classification Must Stand.

RICHFIELD, Idaho, June 4.—(To the Editor.)—When I made out my questionnaire I entered no claim exemption and was placed in class L. One of my development of the poor but I were and the 2-

The department will let us have If you made no request to be sent flags, but they must be provided "With-before the medical advisory board, or out expense to the department."

pay from the Postal Department, which is less than \$1 per day, and my day begins at 6 o'clock A. M., and ends at 8 P. M., if I have good luck.

ST. PAUL, Or., June 5.—(To the Editor.)—Can a man after being drafted, classed in A-1, enlist in the Army?

A CONSTANT READER.

A FOURTH-CLASS POSTMASTER.

Your terms are apparently confused. A person in class I whose number has not been called in the draft can, on request, be immediately inducted into the Service, 247 Davis street, Portland. This National Army, but he cannot volunteer in the sense that he can select his branch of service.

Gas Masks in Navy.

PORTLAND, June 6 .- (To the Editor.)—Please explain if the Ameri-can and allied navies have gas masks questionnaire, but a widower now, with no dependents, and within the draft with shells or disseminators.

A WORKER.

JAMES CAMPBELL.

Gas masks are now provided on boats of the American Navy,