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GETTING AT THE TRUTH

The Oregonian simply has got off wrong. Nebody wants to desiroly the wooden ship-building industry of the Northwest, but all who are interested in the development of this section would like to see it put on a permanent basis. At best it could not long be continued on Government subsidies which were only justified by war. Naturally and justly war contracts are being cancelled everywhere and war-time operations are giving way to the activities of peace. The Cregonian's contention that the Government should continue to build vessels in Fortland, paying the builders 10 per cent profit on a gross cost that is quadruple that of normal times, has no convincing argument back of it.—Salem Capital Joarnal. of it .- Salem Capital Journal

The Oregonian proposes to keep alive discussion of wood shipbuilding so long as there is a single unconvinced citizen or ignorant editor in Oregon, or prejudiced and unenlightened shipping administration at Wash What The Oregonian has de manded, and the shipbuilders have a right to expect, and the public approve, is that the Shipping Board carry out its contracts.

The wood shipbullders of the Columbia River were making commercial vessels, which were practicable and saleable. They were required, over their protest, to make vessels were not practicable and are therefore, not saleable. Because of its own gross blunders, the Emergency Fleet Corporation says the wood ship The wood ship is not a is a failure. The type of wood ship designed by the Government may be a

lessly and falsely of waste by the conuntrue. They do not at all help the serve no reproaches. great work of building up Oregon.

There is every reason why communities as Salem should look

red-tape, inefficiency, indifference, dilatoriness and outright discrimination with a cent of profit, they will be They have invested millions at the command of the Government, and they are to have a hard time getting their money back, to say nothing of making anything at all. They will have, besides, to find their own means of readjustment, so that they can build ships which they know will be seaworthy, and remunerative They deserve help, not hurts, from either the Government at Washington

or from anybody at home Where did the Capital Journal get rupled? It has not, even with much higher wages and the greatly advanced cost of machinery and materials, all under Government regulation

The prediction made only a short ing problem. while ago, that at the existing rate from the bonded warehouses of the lons on hand on July 1 next upon which now seems likely to be falsified by events. The amount of liquor on hand is only 118,000,000 gallons, according to a recent report of the Internal Revenue Department, and this is being

There is, in the "wet" states, of no room for prejudice or parsimony. course, a distinct movement in the Deprivation often begets sympatic direction of hoarding spirituous liquor. Advancing prices do not appear to operate as a check. The dearer the whisky, the more certain people are determined to obtain it. Only a few weeks ago the news dispatches recorded the case of a man in an Eastera city who consulted in insurance actuary to learn the number of years he might mathematically be expected to live, with a view to laying in a supply based upon his average rate of consumption. Every once in a while we read of a stock of liquors put by with similar providence. than six months to go, and only 118 .most of the people of the United States by the statutes and the proclamation and press is license to advocate an-

Some of the hoarded liquor, it to reasonable to suppose, will be tempted out of its hiding places as soon as the the bibbers and tipplers who are moted anarchy of the seas. bound to have their liquor whether

railiar cry that more liquor is being sold than ever before in the history of of the injured nation to punish, or ords in winning the high hurdle race the country. "You can get all you prevent recurrence. and A. C. Gilbert, who came home a "You can get all

tiful, else the price would not be in- tion of clearly defined laws of the drouth.

It is absurd to suppose that any peace are finally fixed by the Paris conference.

RATES STILL GO UPWARD. Two peculiarities of Government operation of railroads are that every evision of rates is upward and that all changes in rules are adverse to the shipper. That is the case with the new rates proposed for forest products from the Pacific Coast to the Middle West and East. Already half the mills in this section are closed becace business has barely begun, yet the Railread Administration gives the crew another twist.

haps the alternately blizzard-swept and sun-scorched East thinks we should be compelled to pay for the Edward N. Hurley has not been too

don't want to vegetate when the railroads were run by soul- sels of both wood and steel. While less corporations-when all rate re- the despised wood vessels have been visions were downward, and some un- going regularly into the water and grateful citizens may be incited by the carrying cargoes across the sea. Hog high cost of Government operation to Island has been devouring millions of sigh for those days, even at the risk of dollars, is not yet finished and has being called reactionaries.

ENLISTED FOR THE WAR.

Speaking of The Oregonian, we have heard some complaint the past year from Republicans to the effect that it flirted too much with the opposition. The reason is now made apparent. There isn't any opposition. The Oregonian, according to its own confession in its base of the 17th, has no political conjections but is "Independent." It throws a bouquet at itself, however, in the same writcle by saying that it "has usually found tase in accord with Republican principles." self in accord with Republican principles."

Corvallis Gazette-Times. and are not made to order for it by and still produce greater economy and any political organization. The Corgood, quick work. The limitations lican platform has to say, and then to care. join the cuckoo chorus.

If there is complaint that The Oregonian has "flirted too much with the time when the Peace Congress adopposition" it hasn't reached head-quarters. What opposition? The Democratic National Administration? Well, the sovereign American people This Salem paper denounced wood in their wisdom saw fit to choose a ships as wooden tubs, and talked reck- President who was and is a Democrat. He was the voice of America in the tractors, and denounced the builders war, and its grand commander; and as subsidy-hunters and grafters, and The Oregonian enlisted for the war. wanted an end put to the whole busi- So did everybody and every institution ise a revival in athletics which will ness of wood shipbuilding. It is hard worth the name American. The war to have patience with an attitude so could not have been won quickly, and perverse, provincial and little, or with perhaps not at all, with a divided as so wantonly and wickedly America. We have no regrets, and de-

HERE AND THERE.

submitted in Zurich a proposition that series of athletic contests ever held." pay of all city and government employes who received less than 5000 that the games will be really a subfrancs should be increased 110 per stitute for the accepted Olympic games

There, also, there was general dis-will be held next in 1920. cussion of the high cost of living, but be limited to members of the Amerithe proposed increases were not inconsequential. As already said, they gian armies, and will not, in the strict amounted to 110 per cent. The increase was approved by a large ma- open to all comers.

There is this to be said in contrast: clouded the understanding of the seri-

In Switzerland there is a grave country there would be a million gal- the month. The sugar ration is also time none were allowed to contend at the rate of one pound per person no revenue tax would ever be paid, slightly less. Cereals are unobtainable. alaried individual was plain. The food supply was sufficient for bare existence. There was no leeway in quantity or quality. If the pay was not withdrawn at a steadily increasing sufficient to procure the rations essential to life, life would cease. There was

Deprivation often begets sympathy deprivation.

the term.

is not complete unanimity of under- many of the events. standing of freedom of speech or free- were to have been held in Berlin in dom of the press. 000,000 gallons on hand, it begins to hold that the constitutional guarantee fairly safe to assume that the con-look as if the real day of drouth for permits them to write or speak that tests which the schedule calls for in would set in before the time ordained great majority, that freedom of speech capital.

archy, lawlessness or immorality. Germany put a similar construction great array of athletes from this secupon freedom of the seas. It insisted tion who have won honors against the upon its freedom at sea to commit best in the world. In 1906 one athlete public sources of supply have dried lawlessness and inhumanity. In the from the Pacific Northwest competed Fabulous prices will be paid by guise of freedom of the seas it pro- at Athens-Bert Kerrigan, of the Mult-

The thing to be striven for is a law injury received in a tidal wave befor they enjoy any of the other conven- of the seas that shall insure the high- reaching Gibraltar, the iences and luxuries of life or not, est welfare of all nations. When it jumper returned with a medal, having Judging from experience in "dry" ter- is said that freedom of the seas does taken third place. ritory, there is practically no limit not exist in fact it is meant that there At London in 1908 a great trio of to the price that a few individuals is no law of the seas in fact. There athletes from Oregon won far greater will pay for liquor when liquor is are certain customs that have attained honors and blazed Oregon's name high scarce. There will then ensue a period in is no enforcing power, no international three were Dan Kelly, who took second which we shall be treated to the fa- jurisdiction. Violation of international place in the broad jump; Forest law at sea is left to the will or ability Smithson, who broke all world's recyou prevent recurrence.

ordinate, and that every drink con-sumed from now henceforth brings us of the sea in the sense that belligerents that much nearer to the day of actual will, as in the past, establish by might moonshining industry that may spring of peace will the right to sail the seas

This, if the ideal is attained. That there are practical obstacles to for- finals, mation of such a league which may or may not be overcome, no man can deny. The goal may be given many tional sea protectorate," or "democratic jurisdiction over the seas," or omething else. There will be freelicense or anarchy.

DENMAN IS JUSTIFIED, That was a forcible argument which William Denman, ex-chairman of the cat or wear or use or put into emergency, while General Goethals, buildings, and must be handicapped seized with an illusion of grandeur, by high transportation cost in selling tried to force through his Hog Island ur products in competition with dis- steel plan regardless of expense and tricts which are nearer market. Per- to limit wood ship construction to the

privilege of living in "God's country." friendly to the wood ship, as its re-We appreciate the privilege, but we cent action proves, but over half of the tonnage which it has produced is There was a time-the bad old time of wood, excluding requisitioned vescompleted only one ship. Events are justifying Mr. Denman's opposition to the Goethals policy.

The Hog Island experience proves the utter incapacity of the Government to put through a big enterprise nomically and quickly. Waste and inefficiency are the inevitable conse-quence of spending other people's money when there is no close supervision, and the 100,000,000 Americans whose money is going into Hog Island cannot possibly keep a close watch The opinions of The Oregonian are on the job. That experience also inthe product of independent thought dicates that there is a point beyond and deliberation by The Oregonian, which an enterprise cannot expand vallis idea of "political convictions" are those of any one man's capacity is to wait and see what the Repub- to keep his eye on everything in his

Possibly Hog Island may be launching large numbers of ships about the journs. It is the most monumental The failure of the war, a match for the aircraft programme.

ATHLETICS OVERSEAS.

Plans afoot in France for a big series of athletic meets, modeled some-

what after the Olympic games, promfar more than offset the loss to competitive sport brought by the war. General Pershing, it is said, has given his approval to the proposed games

The news from overseas indicates which in the regular course of events

It is more than likely that the war will do much to modernize the time-Portland is in the midst of seeming honored Olympic games which date and trees for later consideration. back to prehistoric times, Strabo attutes for what have been considered tributing their origin to the Heralieves that teachers should manage to of anything approaching historic fact ally the percentage is not exist with cheaper food and cheaper in connection with the games is their the welfare of the Nation. so-called revival by Iphitos, King of that was not the inspiration of the Elis, with the assistance of the Sparousness of the underpaid teacher's liv- Peloponesians participated in Olympic games, but gradually other Greek states were attracted to shortage of food. Butter is rationed them and the feetival became Panhellenic. Originally and for a long one pound. The oil or fat ration is except those of pure Hellenic blood; Stightly less. Cereals are unobtainable. but after the conquest of Greece by the Romans the latter sought and obtained this honor and both Tiberius and Nero figure in the list of Roman

With the decline of Greece the Olympic games were discontinued and only in recent years have the historic contests been revived. American ath. letes have, for the last 20 years, figand understanding. Probably most of ured prominently in the games which Portland do not know the meaning of been held in this country. In 1896 only once, at St. Louis in 1904, have the games were first revived Athens, where a few American ath-FREEDOM OF THE SEAS, letes took part. In 1900 the games If another name were given to the were held at Paris, where Americans principle likely there would be less showed Europe their prowess on the misconception of the meaning of "free- track and field, and in 1906 Athens dom of the seas" and less misuse of again held the games. In 1908 at London and in 1912 at Stockholm, In our own land of freedom there Americans made a clean sweep of Some individuals 1916, but the war intervened, and it is which may incalculably injure the 1929 will not be held at the Prussian

> Portland and Oregon take a peculiar interest in these games because nomah Club of Portland. Despite an Portland

want if you only have the price; there is plenty of it," we shall be told. But the fact will remain that it is not plenperform, as one function, administraOregon and the Pacific Northwest, but will with it,

the superiority of their interests over the interests of neutrals. Nor in time were not accidents by Again, in 1912 at Stockholm, athwere not accidents, but were real products of a great country where great athletes are developed. Martin up will be able to satisfy more than and enter any port in pursuit of any great athletes are developed. Martin an inconsequential fraction of the old lawful commerce be at the sufferance Hawkins, of Portland, won third prize demand. It looks at this writing as if of any one nation. There will be in the high hurdle events, losing only the country would be dry for all but equality on the seas, definitely de- to Americans, while Sam Bellah, vaula few of the forehanded ones some fined and fully enforced by the com-months before the terms of world bined power of the natons. ner, defeated all foreign competitors and lost only to Americans in the

Portland, therefore, may be pardoned if it looks on the Olympic games deny. The goal may be given many with a certain amount of pride, as different terms. One may call it there it has been able to show to the "equality on the seas," or "interna- world just what it can produce. Now, in the reorganization of the games which war will doubtless bring about, Oregon is again ready to vie with the dom of the seas under any name, if world, as Oregon's best are now in one understands that freedom is not France and these boys have become as well versed in things military as

they formerly were in things athletic. The Olympic games have had, as a prominent feature, centuries ago and again in the modernized games, events Every turn of the screw raises the Shipping Board; made in justification throw, apparently, is a relic of a longcost of living on the Pacific Coast of the policy which he advocated of forgotten weapon, although history and renders it more difficult to make building wood ships to meet the war does not make its origin clear, and it possible the disc may have been purely a toy as is our modern quoit. javelin throw is purely militiary in character, but it is based on a form of weapon now obsolete in warfare. The marathon race, the gruelling running event of 26 miles 285 yards, is historic and commemorative of the victory of the Greeks over the Perslans in the battle of Marathon in about 480 B. C. Its incorporation in the games apparently began soon after

> That the war just closing will leave its traces on athletic endeavor already seems assured. The established events will probably remain, but they will be called upon to accept as competing features contests which are based on modern warfare. Grenade throwing seems likely to play an important part in future competition. Already the Americans have shown their prowess at this. The Yanks, refusing to accept the British and French style of stiff-arm throwing and used to hurling baseballs, showed their teachers in short order that the method employed by them from childhood on the baseball diamonds of the United States was far superior, and they proved their right to scoff at the European method of grenade tossing by shattering dis-

ice and accuracy records. Rifle shooting, too, will be one of the prominent features of the fortheating with the weapons at one hand and daily engaging in rifle combat with the boche where there was far more than a gold medal for the prize mitted.

The Austrians might have foreseen that they would be defeated when they saw that archdukes were put in command of their armies. Only one they saw that archduke won important bat-Austrian archduke won important bat-ties—Charles of Napoleon's time—and the victories in Europe while "bleeding?" Let us get away from the

Shubuta, Miss., gets on the roll of dishonor by lynching two men and two fit of the value there is in it through women—negroes—accused of murder. the efficient management of the Red dishonor by lynching two men and two get back into civil life, much "white trash" is going to revise its conduct,

There is no room to boast of progress in conservation, when children die in the New York schools for lack of food. Conservation should begin with human

Where did the Capital Journal get the necessities of life. It is not a life authority for its statement that the necessities of life. It is not a kleidae after their conquest of the Army is not at hand, but it is large, to you promptly, east of wood shipbuilding has quad-pleasant thought that the public be-The number of under officers in the and if one falls from grace occasionally the percentage is not alarming to the welfare of the Nation.

It certainly is not with great relief and assurance I have read the last statement when two and one-half months passed before I received the

> Apparent abundance simply tan lawgiver, Lycurgus, about 884 for mose nuts for the kids' Christmas lect of the War Department that has sof the understanding of the series of the understanding The appeal of Mr. Bill Strandborg the the city were to send a pound he would a cousin's death on September 28. The only notification received was the landing of his personal belongings at his

If a woman could stick a few pinfeathers in a fish and stuff it as she would a turkey, it might be a fine sub-

stitute.

Your guest on the \$1.50 slipped to a hotel man never will know who did When you say, "I'm glad to meet you," it, but he will have a great opinion of As a friend comes up to greet you, you.

Make your smile as sweet as honey in

That alleged murderer at Muskegon, That alleged murderer at Muskegon.
Mich., pleaded guilty Saturday night May be hungry for such message by hanging himself.

slam-bang finish. Davis, the bank robber, will be home

Get a Red Cross button today and ecome a "dollar-a-year" man.

War-time inflation has got into Christmas expectations. A five-day week does not help the cook or housewife any.

Any gift is "Ideal" if there is good

each did his part to bring honor to his DISPOSITION OF TROOPS GIVEN PARADOX SEEN IN SHIP-SINKING. Table and Article in Sunday Oregonian

Answer Many Inquiries. to disposition of numerous military or-ganizations in France, and those des-ignated for early return were indi-cated.

among the allies without causing trouble? It surely seems that there must be some mistake.

These same commissioners are also

the queries of these correspondents: Mrs. J. M. Barker, Portland. A Friend. Mrs. Kister, Portland. Subscriber, Hwaco, Wash. C. I. Williams, Banks, Or. Mrs. Freda Ross, Hoquiam, Wash. Soldier's Sister, Portland. Interested, Corvallis, Or. A Subscriber, Gobie, Or.
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Soldler's Wife, Dryad, Wash. M. J. H., Portland. Once Member Battery B, Clatskanie, Or. The same data answer so far as pos-Subscriber, Washougal, Wash. Fathers of 91st Division Boys, Port-

Mrs. D. Churchill, Eagle Creek, Or.

Mrs. M. D., Dallas, Or. Information is not available that an-wers these correspondents: H. B., Portland. H. H., Portland.

Mrs. R. L. Schaller, Portland.

Soldier's Sister, Portland.

A Mother, Toledo, Or.

Mrs. A. M., Dundee, Or.

A Soldier's Wife, Estacada, Or.

Mrs. H. C. E., Prineville, Or.

Anxious Mother, Woodburn, Or.

Anxious Mother, Tillamook, Or.

Service Star, Front Lake, Wash. Star, Front Lake, Wash. A Reader, Portland.

to Society to Be Scrapped. the prominent features of the forthcoming competitions. In 1908 at London, it may be recalled, Americans defeated all comers with the rifle, but
it cannot be taken for granted that
the Yanks will have as easy a time in
the future. Worthy competition will
likely be furnished by our allies, who
for the last four years have been
sleeping with their rifles at their sides,
eating with the weapons at one hand
eating with the weapons at one hand
of daind wiffering humanity, let us

In the Army which, aided by the athletic organizations of the Young Men's
Christian Associaton, Knights of Columbus and kindred bodies, will combine the accepted ather. which are contaminated and accursed, should clearly understand.

C. E. CLINE.

that society. In our fight for world freedom and democracy this fleet was acquired. Let the world have the bene-AMERICAN.

NEGLECT IN CASUALTY REPORTS Wife of Wounded Soldier Sees Gross In-

efficiency Somewhere. PORTLAND, Dec. 22.—(To the Edi-or.)—I have received the official announcement that my husband life and health, leaving birds, game wounded in action, degree undeter-and trees for later consideration. where the state of the letter reads: "Any further Information received by War Department will be transmitted

first report.

mother's door. That Polish editor who says the Jew is an agitator is a long way off. The Jew has been a persuader and efficiency from the men that stay at

stocking Christmas morn.

That murder from ambush in Baker County will not long be a mystery. Bootleg whisky will loosen the tongue of the murderer.

(1) About 1.691,751,000.

(2) Before the war Belgium was ton, and I hope that every person who has suffeed from any neglect will issue complaint that we may be able to have a Government to uphold the principle that our Constitution of the murderer.

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(3) About 1.691,751,000. duty of every American citizen to find as great or larger population, but they men who will have principle enough do not constitute nations in themselves. within themselves to see that that prin-

WIFE OF A SOLDIER.

REMEMBER. a clover bloom at dawn; Put some heart-throb in the greeting, 'twill help him when you're gone.

ciple is carried

Oregon is not lagging in the Red There's a world of help and cheering Cross call; it's her usual gait, with a In a handclasp that's endearing; That is quick and warm and hearty, though no word is ever said; 'Tisn't just the touch that lingers, Davis, the bank robber, will be home for Christmas, but what a home- But the glow of sincere spirit that lives coming!

On when years have fled.

Mrs. Spencer has returned to tell us to eat more fish. Mrs. Spencer talks sense.

If you do not find it advertised this year, it's not made and for sale.

Life is not a path enduring, Filled with episodes alluring, But a rugged trail, hard-trodden, through a wilderness of woe; But each soul has charm and power To produce some tender flower That shall yield a little fragrance as along that trail we so.

along that trail we go.

—GRACE E. HALL. 507 East Forty-ninth street North. Address of Soldier.

NORTH BEND, Or., Dec. 20.—(To the Editor.)—Can I learn the home address of a soldier of the 162d Infantry by writing the auxiliary of Company C. 162d. His home is in Portland somewhere. CONSTANT READER.

Men Who Plan League of Peace Fear to Attempt Minor Adjustment. In the Sunday Oregonian, December 22 (page 21, first section), was published a table showing the assignments press dispatches are correct in stating to divisions of various infantry and the peace commissioners are seriously other units. Also there was therein considering sinking the German fleet given latest available information as "for fear that it could not be divided

Readers of The Oregonian who are reported to be about to form a league interested in soldiers in France are urged to consult the information men-The data aforementioned answer ful-the queries of these correspondents: trouble among themselves in such a trouble among themselves in such a lty campaign. A free Christmas dinner comparatively small matter as this is being arranged and, in addition, by destroying property that belongs to their countries collectively—property quantities of food supplies, such as potate that has been bought and paid for with the blood of millions of the best tatoes, bread and cakes. the blood of millions of the best men

of their countries. of their countries.

While it is true, as far as our commissioners are concerned, that we did not enter the war for the purpose of acquiring this, or any other kind of property, it has come to us as a result of the war, just as the Philippine of the war, just as the Philippine of the Spanish-American war. We did not want them but we did not sidenot want them but we did not side-step the responsibility when it came. To destroy those ships would be simi-

Open Lands for Soldiers. TILLAMOOK, Or., Dec. 21.—(To the Editor.)—(1) To whom should one write for information concerning Oregon or Elizabeth Kimball is still in quar-Government lands that may be filed on by the soldiers that will be home after peace is finally assured? (2) Is the 55th Amunition Train, C. A. C., listed to return soon?

From San Francisco, has been put in quarantine for smallpox. The schooner Elizabeth Kimball is still in quarantine at Port Townsend with several cases of smallpox abourd.

INTERESTED READER. (1) There has been no special land settlement legislation passed in behalf of soldiers of the present war, although selling as high as \$4 apiece. Congress has plans under consideration, Soldiers, of course, now have the OLD ACADEMY DAYS RECALLED usual homestead rights, but to locate themselves requires personal inquiry and investigation of open Government LET RED CROSS HAVE WAR FLEET lands. Township maps can be obtained Writer Would Turn German Ships Over at the various United States land offices in Oregon - Burns, La Grande,

> section is not available. (2) Yes.

to require the United States of America to depart from its traditional policy of protective tariff, enforcement of the

their doings, it cannot and will not have never forgotten. His delivery was stand; nor is there any power on earth, singly or combined, able to cram such goody-goody agreement down the throat of the American people.

This Mr. Wilson and his advisers Should clearly understand.

Supreme Judge Harry Benson, Judge Should clearly understand.

Union depot at Portland. I had just learned that the train for Medford would not reach there until 11 o'clock tonight. I was feeling disappointed, when a man approached me and said:
"Are you the man accompanying a dead body from Everett"
"No." I said.
"Beg your pardon" said bat Type disappoint and bis death is distinctive and his death and his death is distinctive and his death is distinctive and his distinctive and his death and his death and his distinctive and his di

look like him.'

Now I know I should have been an epent.

GRANVILLE LOUTHER.

Warships Worth Salvage.

GRESHAM, Or., Dec. 21.—(To the Editor.)—Why sink the German warships? When millions of human beings are sending forth the agonizing cries for food and clothing. When the Red Cross and kindred organizations are earnestly appealing to the public for funds with which to carry on their maganimous work; when the taxpayers of all the war-ridden countries are being bur-lened to the verge of bankruptcy to neet the enormous expense incurred by war conditions; is it not the height of prodigality to send these ships to the bottom of the sea?

Why not scrap them and sell to the highest bidder and give the proceeds to the Red Cross G N SAGER.

Were bound, to the Red Cross.

The Jew has been a persuader and lately became a fighter, but agitator never.

With probability of snow at the end of the week, the small boy who reads the papers will figure on a sled in his replace on a sled in his respect to investigate the reason of the stacking Christmas morn.

Population of the World.

PORTLAND, Dec. 22—(To the Editor.)—(1) To settle a dispute will you please give the world's population? (2) per square mile? CHAS. E. WILSON.

(1) About 1,691,751,000.

When President Left United States. PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 22 .- (To the Editor.)—Please advise whether at any time during his time in office any one of our Presidents left United States EDGAR A. NOWAG.

In November, 1996, President Roose and Colon, neither of which was in United States territory or under the American flag. This Government, at the time, exercised control over the two cities for certain sanitary purposes. century plant his favorite flower and

Relief From Naval Duty, FOREST GROVE, Or., Dec. 21 .- (To apply to get a son discharged from the Navy, who enlisted on account of the war for four years, but is now needed at home. OLD SUBSCRIBER.

The son makes application through forth the need for him at home.

Identity of 58th Infantry. AURORA, Or., Dec. 21.—(To the Editor.)—I have a brother in France who writes his address, "58th Inf." Does that mean 58th regiment or 58th division? If 58th regiment, what division would he be in? Is it ordered home? ANXIOUS SISTER.

The auxiliary officers could no doubt is a part of the Fourth Division, in the Army of occupation.

In Other Days.

Twenty-five Years Ago. rom The Oregonian of December 23, 1893. Pernambuco-Startling rumors have ached here that the insurgent fleet at Rio Janeiro after two days of desulory fighting made a determined attack causing in force and captured the city.

Pittsburg.-A cavein disaster in the new addition of the Carnegie mine has occurred at Homestead. Fourteen or fifteen are known to be dead and many more are injured.

Portland is inaugurating a big char-

The Fall term of the University of

Fifty Years Ago.

To destroy those ships would be similar to blowing up our interstate bridge if there should be a disagreement between Clarke and Multnomah Counties over the tolis.

It reminds a person of two children who own a toy jointly and cannot agree as to the time each should have it to play with. What parent would say that the only way to settle the dispute was to destroy the toy?

Another question: If the proposed "Laague of Nations" is formed will not the result necessarily be to decrease the number of future wars, but at the same time to increase the magnitude of those we do have? INQUIRER,

Open Lands for Soldlers.

From The Oregonian of December 23, 1865.

From the Vienna Fremdenblatt: In the great republic on the other side of the cean, Ulysses Grant, the fortunate General who put down the obstinate resistance of the rebellious Southnate resistance of the rebellious Southnate General who put down the obstinate Gener

Victoria.-The steamer Continental,

Prospects for a gay evening at the Washington Guard's armory are flattering.

Turkeys are considered "out as good-sized fat turkeys are

Death of Douglas W. Taylor Reminds Classmate of Time's Inroads,

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—(To the dittor.)—The death of Douglas W. Editor.)—The death of Douglas W. Taylor, following closely the passing Lake View, Portland, Roseburg, The Dalles, Vale—but official literature descriptive of soil characteristics and tribute to the memory of their descriptive of soil characteristics and tribute to the memory of their descriptions. desirability of any particular quarter parted schoolmates.

"Doug" Taylor was conscientious and painstaking as a student. His subsequent success in the business world demonstrating the fact that Professor Three Principles Must Stand.

PORTLAND, Dec. 20.—(To the Editor.)—It is to be hoped that at the final signing of the "league of nations" the following in some form will be incorporated:

demonstrating the fact that Professor Gatch's rigid but sympathetic training and his own invincible determination had equipped him well for life's struggle. "Doug" excelled most of his school comrades in mathematics, and as a horizontal component. nal signing of the "league of na-one" the following in some form will e incorporated: Nothing herein shall be construed as Glory," the lines of which ran something like this: "The crumbling tombof protective tariff, enforcement of the Monroe Doctrine or the exclusion of undesirable Asiatic immigration.

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"Beg your pardon," said he; "you duty and his death is distinctly a loss to the community in which his life was apent. EUGENE SHELBY.

THE REDEEMED MAN. A victous savage, rude and selfish he His wit and strength made him the king of beasts; And in the jungles, where he held his feasts, Whate'er his belly craved or eye could

And lusted for, he power made him To take. He ried, "The hills their cattle yield, Mine are the fruits of forest and of field;
Aye, all is mine and all was made

for me.' For ages this bold King prolonged the were bound,

About his neck a baby's arms were And love's unyielding fetters held him fast Safe moored unto the mother child and wife. —F. W. PARKER.

Oregon City.

77th in Action.

General Pershing's report indicates that the 77th Division made no advances and did little or no fighting after November 6. It was in serious fighting the first days of November. The division is not listed for return.

Live to Be 100 Years.

Thrift Magazine, Every man should strive to live at least 100 years and die all hitched up velt, while visiting the Panama Canal in working harness. Many a man feels Zone, also visited the cities of Panama that he would like to retire at about 60 and spend the rest of his years with nothing to do but lead a gold-headed cane around by the hand. It is thrifty the undertaker his worst enemy.

Nullo Bid in 500. PORTLAND, Dec. 20.—(To the Editor.)—Please give me the correct way of playing nullo in 500. Can a bid of double nullo be made with all four playing?

The bidder's partner does not play in is commanding officer for extended either single or double nullo. In doufurlough. Send him affidavits setting bie nullo the "widow" is left face down on the table. In single nullo the bidder draws the "widow" and discards.

> Assignment of 307th Infantry. DAYTON, Or., Dec. 19.—(To the Editor.)—Please inform me whether a soldier of the 159th Infantry, 40th Di-vision, who was transferred to the 207th Infantry, Company F, would still be in the 40th Division.

The 307th Infantry is in the 77th Di-