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TIME'S UP.

The series of articles on the report of the Consolidation Commission, as has placed a relative at the head of printed by The Oregonian, gives only the Brunswick Academy for Girls, counts both for the withdrawal of of justice for the Government to per the high lights of that interesting Without reflecting upon the former teachers from the schools and for form which does not involve any mais both voluminous and complex. It is supposed that the cause of education so voluminous and complex that it has not been served by the appointbe discouraged by merely glancing doctrine, and shows us what we may over its pages. In a word, the commission seems to have reached the conclusion that the way to consolidate is to reconstruct the state government from the ground up. The sum of its recommendations in effect is a cabinet form of government with the Governor officer. Numerous departments are to be created, heads of which would be appointed by the Governor, and the work now carried on by the various offices and boards and commissions

would be generally reassigned.
The commission has clearly gone people of the time with three officers created by constitutional anactment. Now there are twelve elective officers: eight appointive officers, not including several secretaryships; thirtycharitable, penal and reformatory in- can be expected of them.

The later officers, boards and commissions were created in response to back of the original groundwork of state government, but to suggest wherein overlapping and duplications

But with all its complexity there are some pertinent money-saving suggestions in the report. One is a recommendation that the state contribution to the industrial accident fund be eliminated and that the state provide only certain administrative expenses. uld take care of the casualties of industry. That is the system in every other state that has adopted compensation and a great many states now

have it in practice. taxpavers by this one elimination constitutes the greater part of the entire by the Consolidation Commission. The sented a trimming from the industrial accident fund of more than \$500,000 contributed by the state. That is, as cording to current figures. The state share of the cost of industrial casualties has been increasing rapidly. Probably in another biennium it will have reached \$1,000,000 instead of the total of \$600,000 now paid out by the tax-

payers for that purpose. It is not found in the report, but it may be said in this connection that one profit from the compensation system has been so far overlooked in the state. Numerous circuit courts were created and districts formed when and where the burden of the court business was trial of personal injury cases. These cases have been almost wholly eliminated with the result that some districts could be enlarged or consoli-

It is such conspicuous examples of report is given no further consideration. As heretofore remarked in these columns, the 6 per cent tax limitation was not adopted by the people to test some potential source of revenue, which, if seized, would permit the state to run along in the same old The will of the people was clearly expressed in the late election when a special levy to meet the increased cost of government was defeated by a large majority. There is doubtless a confirmed belief that the increased cost of essential government can be met by reductions in nonessentials. There is a widely expressed waited long for that economy which every candidate puts in his platform. The time is up.

TAXING EMIGRANTS. elamoring for opportunity to return country without food supplies.

to other lands.

his taxes have been fully paid. Yet certain number of mistakes, and it is it proposes to build all the French there is a question whether it would be much worth while to throw any taxes we would lose by letting them depart without hindrance would hardly

offset the benefit of their going.

The problem of "Americanization" would be greatly simplified by an in telligent weeding-out process at this time. There are arguments, however, in favor of denying to those who left our shores without a clean tax bill the privilege of returning later on Most of them are practically certain to want to come back. A man who of cannot make headway in this land of

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agement among people whose present
sorry plight is due to lack of that very
thing. It presents a sharp contrast to
the demands of other apostles of libdeprive it of the services of the trained
teachers that it needs.

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Now Bolshevism, even when trans planted to the soil of Germany, runs true to form. The new president of \$120 a month, which for a school year Brunswick, formerly a tailor, has apister of Education, and she in turn The full text of the report calling of the new minister, it may be may be expected the Legislature will ment. But it illuminates the Bolshevik expect from Bolshevism.

However, the Bolshevik president of Brunswick does not lack certain of tional branches, which has been at the elements of the practical man. tested by the Federal Bureau of Edu-When his personal affairs are concation, undoubtedly is due to failure terned, he is no mere theorist. He has to meet the wage issue face to face. fixed his own salary at \$17,500 a year. as chief executive and only elective But this is not all. It is to be paid in ever, is intimately associated with the deserves it. daily installments. It is evident that ability of taxpayers to stand the strain,

Neither, for that matter, has the

SMALL FARMS.

A recent survey by the Department in proximity to cities, where the mar- ward with a constructive plan. ket is easy of access and large quantities of fertilizer can be obtained, many times for hauling it away. In-

the small farm, and also resulted in a \$100,000,000.

ity of the soil, which can be accom-plished in two ways-by a proper sys-

needless expenditure that should gain that ten acres in grain could not be submarine attack during the first two the ingenuity of the Legislature in but it is fairly typical of the ideas ports, where they repaired a million circumventing it. Yet here and there some persons have of small farming. sense.

countries give an erroneous impression ships. of the profits of agriculture under insistence that the Legislature make high yield may cease to be desirable foreign contracts for steel ships to be because obtained at the expense of built on the Pacific, its action would profits. Farming has most to gain in be a flat contradiction of its own praise the long run from being considered as for the fine record made by the Pacific a strictly business enterprise. Only in Coast yards. While it has incurred The experience of Canada with its ing one year with another, if farming nage by building mammoth yards on alien population, large numbers of is unprofitable men will drift out of the Atlantic Coast, Pacific Coast yards

and Empire to warn its neighbors in time because of the movement to di-the United States against permitting vert returned soldiers to the farming the enormous handicap of exorbitant a similar movement from this coun-try without making provision for col-pression among city men that a few imposed by the Railroad Administralecting income and profits taxes which acres highly cultivated will solve the tion. are justly due from the departing ones. problem. In fact, about the only The decision of the Foundation to is not They have recently earned higher small thing that a successful business build these ships on the Pacific Coast night. wages than they ever before earned man is willing to contemplate is a is itself strong testimony to the sult their lives, and they are planning small farm. But if the returned solperior advantages of this Coast over to take themselves and their savings dier is to succeed on the land he must the Atlantic Coast in the industry. have a farm at least big enough to Prior to 1917 that company was en-It probably would not be difficult yield him a labor return, to permit gaged in building steel structures on to enforce a law providing as a condi-tion of receiving a passport that the some livestock, to feed his horses, to the Mississippi River. When it emtraveler should make a declaration of allow a margin for off-seasons and, barked in shipbuilding it built yards property which he is taking with him, finally, to provide for some mistakes. for both steel and wood on both and also that he should show that all Every other business man makes a coasts. In the light of its experience there is no Balkan problem?

THE PAY OF TEACHERS.

The salary problem discussed by the superintendents and principals of Oregon schools at their convention in Portland last week is not a new one and it is growing in interest because of increasing cost of living and su-perior claims of other forms of employment. The smaller high schools in particular illustrate an acute phase the question, and the departments of the sciences are most conspicuous among these because they affect most directly the present trend of eduation toward practical efficiency Plainly, if our youths are to be taught "practical" subjects in a practical way, heir teachers must be practical men and women, and it happens just now that the kind of teacher who is fitted for the work can "do better" in in dustrial fields. He must either do this or fix his attention upon the execuagement among people whose present tive positions, such as principal or sorry plight is due to lack of that very superintendent. The effect upon the

dence teacher in most of the smaller high school districts, for example, is of nine months figures out at \$1080 pointed his washerwoman to be Min- per annum. The normal wage-carning capacity of almost any efficient methe road to some other career rather of teachers, particularly of the voca-

> Payment of higher salaries, how tates against payment of salaries suffi- organization. cient to attract competent teachers permanently.

intensive agriculture is practiced, as feeting organization and coming for

BEST FOR BOTH WOOD AND STEEL SHIPS.

This recommendation is not in any sense an attack upon the compensation principle. It is a contention, merely, that industry—the employers merely, that industry—the employers experience in isolated cases.

measures which cannot be duplicated as to farming in the country as a shipbuilders to strike a vicious blow whole. Consequently it is an error to base a National farming policy upon cific Coast by cancelling many constitute that industry—the employers experience in isolated cases. In the area surveyed by the experts testimony to the great merits of that of the department, twenty-nine farm-ers on farms of less than 100 acres success of the Foundation Company in made an average "labor income" of building forty wood ships at Portland only \$81; sixty farms averaging 286 and Tacoma. It now gives practical acres averaged \$356, and forty-six testimony to the superiority of this averaging 715 acres made Coast in building steel ships and to \$1133. The chief reasons for the bet- the efficiency of the Foundation Comter showing of the larger farms was pany by letting a tentative contract that they permitted better diversification, were better stocked, gave greater ships in Portland, Tacoma and Vicstate government is about \$\$42,000 employment to farm horses, a certain toria, and possibly in Seattle and Vannumber of which are essential even to couver, B. C., the total cost to be the small farm, and also resulted in a \$100,000,000. That fact should dissmaller cost of man-labor in proportion to gross yield.

pose of the aspersions cast on the wood ship and on the advantages of The indispensable feature of all the Pacific Coast for shipbuilding in farming is maintenance of the fertil- general by the unfriendly action of the

> .The only remaining obstacle tem of crop rotation and by keeping binding the contract is the Shipping a suitable amount of livestock. The Board, for it cannot be accepted withsmall farms which borrow fertilizer out the board's approval. The board from other industries only beg the has evinced a desire to concentrate question, and exclusive use of mineral the facilities of this country on buildfertilizers always leaves something to ing ships for the American merchant be desired. Works of the "Ten Acres marine, and to concentrate the steel Enough" stripe are based upon spe- ship industry on the Atlantic Coast, cial conditions. There is a saturation while rejecting wood ships as a fall-point in the markets for fresh vege- ure because its own designs have tables and small fruits, or even poul- failed. The former purpose will entry, and farming as a whole must be counter no opposition among loyal considered from the point of view of Americans in any section of the coun the producer of staples of the grosser try, provided exceptions are made in It is easy to see, for illustration, chant marine suffered severe loss from made to pay the most skillful farmer, and a half years of the war, when that he would need a bigger farm even France was really defending the into grow his horse feed, and that for terests of the United States. Great our meat supplies we need broader Britain recognized the duty to give The department believes that great- war. There is an even greater obliga-est profits usually are obtained where tion on the United States to give simihalf to two-thirds of the total income lar help by sharing our facilities with is derived from livestock. These are our allies in order to make good their the farms which maintain their fer- losses. It remains to be seen whether tility at the highest point, and they the Shipping Board will do its moral "intensive" only in the relative duty by approving the French contract or will selfishly take the narrow view Acre crop records in some foreign displayed in its treatment of wood

If the board should continue to dis conditions. The department criminate in favor of the Atlantic as holds that there is a point at which against the Pacific Coast by opposing a National crisis would it be fair to the maximum expense with minimum to ask the police to lock him up. expect a farmer to ignore costs. Tak- results in the shape of finished tonwhom, interned and otherwise, are the business, eventually leaving the have turned out ships at a pace and Why eat an orange when an apple is of a quality which have won the palm The subject is important at this awarded by the board while the war

a poor enterprise that cannot sur-ships on the Pacific. Thus the im vive a reasonable number of them. partial judgment of the able, success obstacles in the way of any alien who No merchant ever gauges the demand ful business men at the head of this wants to leave the United States. for goods with 100 per cent of in-Those who have absorbed the spirit fallibility, and he has no right to ex- Coast. The French government has of Americanism are welcome to re-main; others are not wanted, and the head every time. the two coasts; it desires to have the ships built where they can be built best, quickest and cheapest, and it contracts for them to be built on the

Pacific Coast. Because of these facts we need have and business rivalry. Steel shipbuild- known. ing also has been established beyond it down, and it, too, will grow and he is now enjoying will to prosper, even under the incubus of bright in his remembrance. exorbitant freight rates. It, however, behooves all the Coast cities and the back country which they serve to unite in an effort to throw off this burden.

Shipbuilding has come to the Pacific Coast to stay, and no power can take it away, if the people of this Coast maintain their rights. The French contract may reasonably be expected only the first among many, which all the influences behind Hog Island cannot take away.

DELAY IN PAYING SOLDIERS.

The justice, no less than the expediency, of granting additional pay to the discharged soldier being taken chanic is greater than this, and ac- for granted, there remains another act eachers from the schools and for form which does not involve any mafailure of new candidates to present terial increase in its expense account themselves in sufficient numbers. This is that pay already earned should Teaching remains to a greater extent be forthcoming more promptly. The than it ought to do a way station on tangle of red tape in which the pay department has become enmeshed is than a permanent profession. Shortage nothing short of scandalous. The pity of it, to the lay mind, is that it is without excuse. It can represent nothing else than incompetency in some Government bureau; the Bureau of War Risk Insurance also is coming in for a good deal of blame and doubtless

There might have been mitigating he has no confidence in tenure of and suggests the alternative of certain circumstances before the armistice office under Bolshevik rule.

administrative economies, such as rea- was signed. It will be conceded that sonable consolidation of rural high it was no small task to card index and rest of the world. The only question schools in the smaller districts. There keep trace of a constantly moving is how long it will take the people are wide areas in which the county army of several million men, and also The commission has clearly gone of these unfortunate countries to learn high schools average no more than that competent help may have been beyond the scope of the inquiry as that the tyranny of anarchy is quite twenty pupils each, and in which the conceived by the Legislature. In an as hateful as any other form of abso- average staff is a fraction less than ington. Competent help, we said, for early day in Oregon the state was jutism, and that enlightened self-in- two teachers, one of whom acts as it appears that numerically speaking governed with fair satisfaction to the terest calls for mutual concessions and recognition of the rights of all classes. agricultural science is also to be furtil twould not be so serious in the ther developed in the country schools. But the armistice is more than six long run if the Bolsheviki would only as it ought to be, and if the cultural weeks old, soldiers are returning to seize the government and let the studies are not to be wholly neglected, the United States at the rate of thouschools alone. In their attacks upon as they ought not to be, some change sands a day, and demobilization is in as they ought not to be, some change sands a day, and demobilization is in fast as their legs or hospitable trucks wires badly crossed. He either lacked would carry them. Everyone wanted the facts or he held them back. I reschool is neither as economical or as efficient as it ought to be, and it milli
The fault must lie in the method of came in time to be known as "the land the terminal agents. The car man two boards and commissions, not to education they show themselves to be is indicated. The twenty-pupil high mention the appointive heads of ten like every other tyrant. Nothing good school is neither as economical or as

Instances multiply to show that there has been, and is, gross neglia more or less public demand. But as A recent survey by the Department There may be differences of opinion gence in this regard. The New York each was called into being there was of Agriculture of 342 farms in the best as to methods by which reform will Sun says that there are "at present no thought given as to whether its functions might not be performed by an officer, board or commission already in existence. The implied function of the commission was not to go growing belief that there is a point of the normal solution of the commission was not to go growing belief that there is a point of the commission was not to go growing belief that there is a point of the commission was not to go growing belief that there is a point of the commission was not to go growing belief that there is a point of the commission was not to go growing belief that there is a point of the commission was not to go growing belief that there is a point of the commission was not to go growing belief that there is a point of the commission was not to go growing belief that there is a point of the commission was not to go growing belief that there is a point of the commission was not to go growing belief that there is a point of the commission was not to go growing belief that there is a point of the commission was not to go growing belief that there is a point of the commission was not to go growing belief that there is a point of the commission was not to go growing belief that there is a point of the commission was not to go growing belief that there is a point of the commission was not to go growing belief that there is a point of the commission was not to go growing belief that there is a point of the commission was not to go growing belief that there is a point of the commission was not to go growing belief that there are "at present the high ways that there are "at present growing belief that there is a point of size below which the farm is not a profitable venture. This does not apply to those exceptional cases where The soldiers have given efficient service and are right in expecting effithe minor cierical departments of the service. Yet failure of only a special art, but it calls for measures which cannot be duplicated as to farming in the country as a shipbuilders to strike a vicious blow a wounded man.

This soldier had lost a leg, but his a package of cigarettes. only grievance was that his efforts to help his sister had come to naught Illustrations might be multiplied in-Illustrations might be multiplied in-definitely. There is no community but is familiar with the story. Little fault would be found if the cases cited were They had lain there, lonesome and helpwould be found if the cases cited were exceptional, but they are not. We were entitled to expect improvement laxed, but it has not come.

but the suggestion leaves us cold. Congressional inquiries seldom accom-plish anything, and they are tedious affairs at best. The thing that is wanted is reform in the whole pay system. It ought to be feasible, for example, if there is a help shortage in children, of all ages and all nationali Washington, to detail competent men thes, thousands upon thousands of them from the cantonments to the job. Or pouring through the towns and villages an emergency fund might be created for payment of men whom everyone knows to have their pay but who are held up for months on technicalities Meanwhile the routine organization needs a shaking up. A vigorous busito find a way out of the difficulty.

places are almost as stringent as those They may be needed, probably are; but a man will be dead before he becomes intoxicated on the stuff he drinks in most of these places.

The vote is in and Lloyd George is returned to Parliament, which puts him at the peace table. There he will say less and do more than most of

If the municipal fish business shows a deficit, what matter? If it has taught this people the wisdom of eatng more fish, they enjoy profit in better health.

of justification for calling the American marines "Indians." The Hun cannot comprehend a man's fight.

to lose his money. His safe course is Apples are an Oregon product. Are ou eating all you should of them?

and financed the affair with a surplus,

The world has become so good there s not much to swear off tomorrow

If the Czar is really alive, as is now reported, he certainly is showing marvelous capacity for keeping a secret. Plumbers and janitors are the fel-

Will there ever come a time when

Your Boy in France.

What He is Doing and Thinking About, as Gleaned From the Stars and Stripes, Official Newspaper of the A. E. F.

Your boy in France, if this is his first Winter there, will know none of the hardships of those there a year ago. The triumphal occupation of German no misgivings as to the permanent territory is accomplished, and while establishment and development of military discipline still prevails in its steel as well as wood shipbuilding on fullest extent, there are no more this Coast and in Portland as one of trenches, no more dugouts, no more its chief centers. Wood shipbuilding tanks to be manned, no poison gas to was already established and was grow- be avoided, no more of the horrors ining and thriving before the board effaceably connected with the great meddled and muddled. It will live struggle against the most devilish and and thrive in spite of political enmity murderous warfare the world has ever Instead, the American soldier is

the power of those influences to tear high feather, and the experiences which he is now enjoying will long remain

If you haven't received your Christmas letter from the boy "over there" you will get it very soon. There was a scarcity of letter paper when the armistice was first signed, but that was quickly remedied. The Y. M. C. A., the quickly remedied. The Y. M. C. A., the K. of C. and the Red Cross saw to that. Not only are paper and envelopes available at every hut, canteen and hospital. but the workers who go out among the men in camps are fully supplied. The K. of C. alone reported a stock of 6,000. 000 sheets of paper and 4,000,000 envel-opes, and the Red Cross started presses to work in 20 French cities on 5,000,000 sheets of letter paper appropriately insheets of letter paper appropriately inscribed, with envelopes enough to put them in. The censorship is off, and the

on the morning of Sunday, November 17, at 5:30 A. M., when the order, "For ward, march," sounded along the Ameran line from Mouzon to Thiaucourt Mouzon on the Meuse just below Sedan, and Thiaucourt down in the heart of what was once the St. Miniel

An hour or so earlier the unfriendly notes of reveille had disturbed the chill November air and tumbled out of a myriad of dugouts and pup tents a stamping, growling cursing crew, who damned the Kaiser and swore at Germany, but not one of whom could have

been hired for love or money to go off on leave this day of days. Indeed, for several days before the march began officers and men who had started forth so gaily on their longpostponed leaves kept hurrying back of their own accord at the first inkling that their outfit had been among those nominated to keep a watch on the Rhine. Even men who on the strength of the armistice had decided to go AWOL (absent without leave) for a day or so, would glean the good news towns like Bar-le-Duc or Chalons and come sneaking back as

So, when the sun came up on the morning of the 17th it found them all with the things the Germans had been too hurried or too indifferent to carry along. In nearly every village the streets were littered with guns, hel-mets and cartridge belts, as though, men to receive their pay and of rela- when the armistice news came, they try could be seen, each head adorned with a spiked German helmet. The souvenir market was glutted the first with a spiked German helmet. The souvenir market was glutted the first tax be payable? Does a person pay or day, and lugers (magazine pistols), the first thousand or everything above which a fortnight before would have it? (2) Will draft registration in the contraction of the Editor. sold for anywhere from 100 francs, could be had in exchange for

less, for many weary days and nights. They woke on the morning of the 12th to find friendly Americans awarming when the strain of fighting was re-laxed, but it has not come.

There is a movement on foot to institute a Congressional investigation, Third Army, moving forward un-

ries seldom accomand they are tedious
The thing that is
in the whole pay syso be feasible, for extics a help shorters in
the state of the stat ties, thousands upon thousands of them pouring through the towns and villages Editor.)—I have a brother who is a already gay with French and American Marine and has been on the Brooklyn.

Six of the divisions of the American Army of Occupation have been in the thick of every big American fight since needs a shaking up. A vigorous business executive, not deadened by business executive infantry paraded the to find a way out of the difficulty. Fourth of July in 1917, had its memories of Cantigny, Soissons, St. Mihiel and the Argonna.

The Second, half infantry and half on sale of the "raw stuff" years ago. Marines, which made Belleau Wood a They may be needed, probably are: name to conjure with in American history, was very much in evidence at St. Mihiel, jumped in to help General Gourand in the Champagne in October and from that task hustled over to the Argonne to take the center of the line when the smash was made on November 1.

> The Third was the first American Division to jump into the fight at Chau-teau-Thierry—the division that held the Marne on that historic July 15 when the last German offensive began, and the one longest in the line during the Argonne battle,
> The Fourth is likewise a veteran of
> the Chateau Thierry salient and also was

a tower of strength during the entire irst month of the Argonne drive. The they have as much right to vote as any Thirty-second Division was one of those other woman," his wife began, indig-Thirty-second Division was one of those built on National Guard foundations.

On the Ourcq and the Vesle, one of its elements won from the French the name of "The Terrible Brigade." This waste of time. Don't you realize that a cook or housemaid never remains long division, before it took part in the Arrowsh in one position to be entitled to manding officer. Affidavits and state The man who would buy his "for- division, before it took part in the Ar- cook or housemaid never remains long tune" from an alleged gipsy deserves gonne drive, was used by General Man- enough in one position to be entitled to

Then there is the Rainbow Division, which has always been among those present at all American battles. It was part of the dam built by General Gour-Portland got the Elks six years ago and financed the affair with a surplus, across the Ourcq July 28, it pitched in at St. Mihiel, it took the Cote du Chatillon in the Argonne, and in the last great week it raced the First Division to the gates of Sedan.

The Fifth, Eighty-ninth and Nine-tieth Divisions were very much in the thick of the fighting during the Fall and for the most part, side by side At St. Mihiel the Fifth Division was in

the front lines from September 12 to 15 inclusive. During the Meuse-Argonne battle it was in the front lines from October 13 to 20 inclusive, again tak-

LIFE BETTER WITHOUT TOBACCO Five Sons Clenner Mentally and Physically for Not Using It, Says Father.

MONROE, Or., Dec. 27 .- (To the Ed-

itor.)-Ex-President Roosevelt has given us a vivid picture of a worthy life in "The Great Adventure." He did not go into details as to habits, either good or bad. Neither did our Lord say anything of the many habits that man has accumulated along the way, and yet we may adjust our course in life quite accurately from his statements. God gave to the Israelites rules to be observed, such as the Ten Command-ments and many others, and the reason given was that they might long upon the earth; that it might be well with them; that they might get the most out of life. A long, happy life is what the normal man or woman desires. Every true parent is very much concerned as to the health of his boys and girls. He desires that they shall grow up to manhood and woman-hood strong of body, keen in intellect and clean at heart. Now the question is will the cigarette improve my bog's bodily strength. Will his blood be as pure? Will his respiratory organs be preserved at their best? him in solving hard, knotty problems because of the added powers of thought? Will he be cleaner of soul?

Will it aid him in reaching the highest efficiency in the moral universe?
Every reader of The Oregonian should be desirous that the truth should prevail and that his friends should live such lives as will be of the greatest good to our state and Nation. I have five boys who have grown to manhood free from the tobacco habit and I think they are better citizens, stronger in body, cleaner than though they were slaves to it. And I am sure they all think more of me than if I was a user of the weed.

The march to the Rhine of the Third
American Army, 250,000 strong, began tending to many chores of the farm. I have no criticism to make of providing oldier boys with eigarettes when they demand them if they were users before they entered the service, but to do
anything that would encourage them to
continue the habit or assist others in
acquiring the use of them would be a
great injustice, as I believe every cigarctic cuts off a certain number of
moments or hours of human life. The impression I have received from cigarette user is that his life is from satisfactory. I think the better portion of humanity desire to be re-membered well.

"Let everything be done decently and

in order," is a good proverb. W. C. BELKNAP.

CAUSE OF RAILWAY PAY VARIANCE Car Repairers Given Large Increase Be-

cause of Shipyard Demand. EUGENE, Or., Dec. 28.—(To the Editor.)—The Saturday Evening Post contains a very interesting article by Edward Hungerford relative to Govern mental railway inefficiency. He make out a very strong case, but in one in stance that he speaks of he has his gets raised to \$250 a month and the agent is handed only a measly \$30. That this is due to inefficiency is absolutely morning of the 17th it found them all wrong, for governments cannot se marching in columns of squads along the highways that lead to the fron-Only packers have ever achieved such

results.
The Government Railway Administration was forced to give the car man \$250 per month because the shipyare would be tickled to death to get him at that figure, as he is a handy man with tools, and can do anything alons mechanical lines, but the shippard has nothing for a terminal agent to do
It is too bad Mr. Hungerford could no It is too bad Mr. Hungerford could not have given the public all of the facts in the case. We are now suspicious that the balance of the article is probably just as inaccurate as the above case. READER.

New Income Tax Law. PORTLAND, Dec. 27 .- (To the Ed! 300 keep in touch with their local boards for after the U. S. Government ceases drafting and the records are closed

(1) New income tax provisions ar contained in the revenue bill now under consideration by Congress. cannot now inform you definitely as to the period of payment, but the exemptions of the last named income tax haw will be retained, with probably a slight change as regards dependents. The unmarried person will pay on in come above \$1000; the married person on income above \$2000; a further exemption of \$200 for each child under and probably for each dependent will be allowed.

Marines in Siberia

Marine and has been on the Brooklyn, until recently at Vladivostok. He wrote October 18 that he "was 2000 miles from where he had been," but as letters were still censored he did not say where he was. We can hear nothing more from him and think he may be at Archangel, although the Brooklyn is at Yokohama. If so, can mail be sent to and received from there during the Winter? How can I learn where he is?

MRS. L.

We would guess that he is somewhere in Siberia. By no possibility has he tor.)—(1) Kindly state the number of been sent to Archangel from Vladivo-stok. Announcement has been made stok. Announcement has been made that most of the American troops in Siberia are to be demobilized. You may, therefore, hear from him soon. In writing, meanwhile, direct letters to be the the troops address. to his last known address.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat. "Where are you going to lecture to-night, my dear?" inquired Mr. Wise of

"I am to address the Cooks' and try last Summer. Housemaids' Union," she responded.
Her husband laughed.

gin as the spearhead of one of his mighty thrusts below the Saint Gobaln forest.

a vote?"

Mrs. Wise, recognizing the wisdom of the ments from relatives, telling of the these, canceled her engagement by telephone.

12th Aero Squadron.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 27.—(To the Editor.)—Please inform me in what division 12th Aero Squadron is, and if they will be returned soon? Where located at time of signing of armistice? Also location at present time P. E. M.

No announcement has been made as to this squadron.

Return of 306th Infantry.

HUBBARD, Or., Dec. 27.—(To the Editor.)—(1) Please tell me what division Supply Company, 306th Infantry, is in. (2) Are they booked to return home soon?

ing its place there on October 27 and (2) No announcement since listed Degoing through to the end. Except for a change in dates the other two divi-sions just named have the same record. (1) 77th Division.

The Oregonian, December 30, 1893, cago-Prendergast, the murderer Chicago-Prendergast, the murderer of Carter H. Harrison, will be hanged The verdict of the jury said it and the people of Chicago ap-

In Other Days.

Twenty-five Years Ago.

London-Gladstone is 84 years of age oday. He is in excellent health. Telegrams and messages and cards of congratulations are pouring to on him from all parts of the country.

The four-masted British ship Druull's came up the river yesterday aft-rnoon towed by the Ocklahams and loted by the veteran Phil Johnson, he Drumalis ranks first in size in this ear's fleet, and is the largest sailing hip Portland has seen.

The Scottish - American Investment company, Ltd., of Great Britain and reland, has begun an action in the State Circuit Court against the Port-land Industrial Exposition for \$55,000 on a promissory note. The North Paific Lumber Company is named in the omplaint as a party defendant.

Fifty Years Ago.

rom The Oregonian, December 30, 1868, The Mayor and City Council of Atanta, Ga., have postponed the municipal election on the ground that Atlanta is not yet in the Union.

Chicago-Calls have been issued for National convention of women's rights and colored men to meet in Washington about the middle of January.

Vienna-The Grecians are fleeing from Turkey on account of threatened war. Several families of fugitives have been received by the people of R manta

Work on the telegraph lines between The Dalles and Umatilla is to be com-menced immediately. The section be-tween the two points named is to be a part of the line between Portland and Bolse City.

BROTHERLY SYMPATHY EXTENDED Writer Thinks Judge Murphy Must Be Sad Over Irish Elections,

PORTLAND, Dec. 29 .- (To the Editor.)-Sad must be the soul of J. Hennessey Murphy when he reads the report of the Irish elections. Too bad he wasn't over there to tell the majority of the Irish what they wanted and things surely would have gone differsnily. The Irish never did know what was good for them, and all those capable of telling them seem to have left the little isle. Maybe the Irish would se better under British rule as the udge thinks, but the Irish at home ion't seem to agree with him, and there was a time when the judge did not

hink so himself.

Mr. Piper's article on Sinn Feinlam seemed the fairest I ever read on the rish situation, and most Irish I have not in Portland think the same. Sinn Fein means for ourselves alone, and in the light of the Irish returns the judge must be a Sinn Feiner, as he seems very much alone. J. M.

YE GOSSIP.

Pray pounce upon thyself with sharpened beak and claw And tear from thine own imperfections the cover of self-righteous-

thou hast assumed with such bigoted complacence! Step aside from the beaten path of thy pretended rectitude and view thyself in fairness; Give to thyself no charity of opinion

that thou wouldst withhold from Call thy sins, sins, and thy faults,

faults; and thy weaknesses by their real names, not thy falsifications behind a placard of "Tact," nor seek to give a honeyed coating to words of ill thou hast spoken of an-

Face thyself honestly and see for

once the creature that thou art! There are many other sins than that single one which thou, perhaps, like many others, frown upon as unforgivable;

Ofttimes (yea, very oft, indeed), that sin is born of too great a love; But the gossip's sins are ever the offspring of human venom and

The weaknesses which thou condemnest in others have replica, nine in ten, within thine own being.

Thy smug bigotry is but one degree less distasteful than thievery, Because thou hast assumed a perfec-

tion which is not thine in fact;
Thy self-satisfied and lofty scorn of
those who have strayed from virtuous paths Is in kepeing with thy small soul, which has but one eye-and that to vision thine own fancied super-

Again I implore thee, bare thy claws and beak and pounce upon thyself but once. Then shall justice, if any abide within

such as thou, force thee at last to see That one who tears to tatters the reputation of another, and who ex-tends no verbal nor mental

Is lower in the scale of human decency than is the wanton who up blushingly parades the public Wearing at least no hypocritical mask! GRACE E. HALL.

acres contained in the O. & C. grant

1. About 2,380,000 acres of a value in excess of \$19,000,000. 2. The Government is classifying the lands into power site lands, of lands, and sgricultural lands. Some aghis wife, a prominent equal-suffrage ricultural lands where classification had been completed were opened to en-

PORTLAND, Dec. 28 .- (To the Editor.)-To whom must I write to obtain my brother's release from the Navy?

He files the request with his commanding officer. Affidavits and stateat the same time.

638th Acro Squadron.

MOUNT HOOD, Or., Dec. 28.—(To the Editor.)—Kindly tell me, if possible, whether the 638th Aero Squadron is listed to return soon from France, and if not, how long it is likely to remain there?

A SUBSCRIBER,

Not yet listed for return. As it is not with the army of occupation it will probably be released in a reasonable

In Army of Occupation.

The military organizations inquired about by the following correspondents are listed in the army of occupation:
Soldier's Wife, 126th Infantry.
Sister, Ruch, Or., 18th Field Artillery
Company, Battery B.
A Reader, Laurel, Or., Company K,

110th Infantry.