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THE SHIPPING BOARD'S ORGIE.

\$4,000,000,000 on ships, its authority It requisitioned over 400 steel ships, of 2,900,000 deadweight tons, which were under construction or contract for private owners, a very large pro

Coast. These ships constitute two-thirds of the total tonnage delivered. There were well-developed shipyard on the Pacific Coast and the Great Lakes, all of which were well organized and had skilled shipworkers. Approximately 96 per cent of the steel ships delivered under contracts made by the Emergency Fleet Corporation to November 11 came from these

yards. Practically all established shipyards on the Atlantic Coast were filled with naval contracts or with private contracts made before the war.

It was necessary to contract for the building of new yards and to make ship contracts with new and inexperi- to the Russian question." enced organizations.

The established yards on the Pacific fulfilled their delivery promises.

As to the new yards, their contributically nothing, and their cost of pro-

armistice, contracts for 160 of these these matters, ships were canceled. Of the ninety-50 per cent of their cost, it would be an excellent bargain.

The total cost of the steel ships will be approximately three times that of similar ships in a normal pre-war in British vards.

a ton without cost of supervision.

to November 11.

The five contractors are: The American International, of Hog Island; the hem Shipbuilding Corporation with ing Corporation, of Wilmington, N. C.

At the three fabricated steel ship-Newark, cargo ships, \$206.

been launched, twenty-two launched.

been placed in construction, 107 laid and they cannot be obtained from a United States in 1919 that definite Failure to the extent of 66 per cent

driven.

been made up of men with a knowl- if the chaos in Russia were not a farmers will need all the help obtain-edge of shipping or shipbuilding prob- source of disturbance for the coun-

number of collateral matters. It is building at Groton, Conn., and juice," as he left Mexico. Wilmington, N. C., three, four and

Senator to the good service done by them and would regard an allied the Pacific Coast in supplying ships to army as deliverers. Army, and contain a condemnation

by the board's activity.

Those sanguine people who believe that, when anything is wanted, all that is necessary is to establish a Government board and give it a big appro priation, should think again. Shipping Board was to have given us American merchant marine as swiftly as a magician waves his wand. It has given us a number of ships which are so loaded down with excessive cost that they cannot be kept affoat in competition with British and Japanese vessels. In order to be in a four-fifths of their cost should be written off

Part of this loss no doubt should be charged off to the war as the result of war prices and wages, but by far the greater part should be charged to the extravagance, ignorance and mis-management of the Shipping Board.

MARKING TIME AT HOME.

The war cabinet of our run-bywireless Government is to meet every Hurley, and-so says the Associated Press in making the announcement such other of his (the President's) diplomatic, political, economic and military advisers as the President deseconomic and ignates to attend."

Mr. Baruch is the head of the War industries Board and he is a onedollar-a-year man who has justified The United States Shipping Board the President's confidence, and more, has been authorized to expend nearly Mr. Hoover is the Food Administrator, and he has performed a difficult to cease six menths after peace is pro-claimed. McCormick is a politician and a qualified expert (presumably) on American opinion. Doubtless the President has reason to think he is also an expert on world affairs. Mr. Hurley is portion being in yards on the Pacific head of the Shipping Board. He is

as good as his several predecessors.

Altogether the President is likely to e as well advised at Paris as at home In any event, he may be sure that not all the gentlemen whom he has summoned to conference will worry him unduly by insisting upon his acceptince of counsel he does not want to take.

So everything seems to be proper ing favorably at Paris. The war cab-inet will discuss—the Associated Press reports - "blockade, shipping also food relief for Europe, and the provision of raw materials for the restoration of the devastated regions, and will probably also give attention

We look in vain for some intima tion that the war cabinet will also Coast and the Great Lakes rendered discuss the grave domestic problems built in the United States. For "ship" excellent service and have practically that now harass the American people, to a mariner means something more such, for example, as reconstruction As to the new yards, their contribu-tion in finished ships has been prac-ment of millions of men who are out of the word. It is not only a craft of work, and the restoration to work, that floats and carries cargo, but it duction exceedingly high.

Contracts were made for 721 wood cargo ships without proper investigations of soldiers who were taken from their jobs and want them back, or rying a greater spread of canvas than the ship without proper investigation of soldiers who were taken from their jobs and want them back, or rying a greater spread of canvas than the ship was the ship way the ship. tion as to the responsibility of the con- will soon be wanting them. We look is possible in any other way, the ship tractors, their knowledge of the work in vain also for some sign that the was a popular craft in the days of or the probable source of their supply of materials. Upon the signing of the ton is giving adequate attention to the factor of time did not enter so

America is asked to give \$100,000,two accepted, two have sunk and ten were compelled to lay up for repairs it is doing nothing to enable the un-

THE RUSSIAN EXPERIMENT.

similar ships in a normal pre-war various governments of Russia. Inperiod and nearly five times the cost cluding the Bolsheviki, to send deleto San Francisco, long before the gates to a special conference was Panama Canal was built. Contracts for 35 per cent of the steel tonnage on a cost-plus basis were let to five shipbuilding concerns on the Atlantic Coast; that is, for 513 ships of 3,600,000 deadweight tons. Their cost is estimated at \$745,000,000, but the Paris conference instead of a september of 2,600,000,000, contracts for 35 per cent of the steel gates to a special conference was made by President Wilson, it was presented to sailors, and went far toward maintaining the high morale that characterized the old American merchant marine.

Shipbuilding, in the restricted sense. will be nearer \$1,000,000,000, or \$275 arate conference at Prince's Island. ton without cost of supervision.

This plan was violently opposed by the Aryan. That it is not likely to Of these 513 ships only four out of Foreign Minister Pichon, of France, be revived would seem to be indicated 103 promised had been delivered prior who said it would be a "contract with by the news that the Aryan at the crime," but it was in line with the idea of Mr. Wilson.

The British government has made Merchant Shipbuilding Corporation, of a complete change of front since the poration, of Newark, N. J.; the Bethle- of a new Parliament. It refused to ive yards, and the Carolina Shipbuild- London and arrested him and held him as a hostage for the safety of the The average cost of steel ships per foreign diplomats in Russia. It vowed ton in the whole country is about vengeance for the murder of its naval in head winds and by extra labor on the Pacific Coast about \$185. attache at Petrograd, and was ap-The cost at the Bethlehem yards parently most determined to stamp out will probably be \$270 a ton for tankers, Bolshevism. But the British soldiers go home and get back to work. yards, which the contractors operate new campaign to chase the reds centage fee, the cost per ton will be: no attractions for them. There is a Hog Island, transports, \$340, cargo deep tinge of radicalism among the ships, \$267; Bristol, cargo ships, \$240; British workmen, and they overlook the hideous crimes of the Bolsheviki fighting for labor. The British public Ninety-three ships promised, none generally is tired of war, wants to stop buying war bonds and thinks it One hundred and sixty-four to have has "done its bit" for the peace of the world. Armed pacification of

nation in this frame of mind. in the amount of steel erected and of it is known that Mr. Wilson is averse an important factor in crop producof a nation, we can understand the an's Land Army of America and the speed, which increases the percentage act in harmony with the President in face of the demobilization of the Army of overhead cost.

all matters relating to peace. If he shows belief that there is no likelihood The Shipping Board has at no time were to follow his own inclination and of overproduction of food and that tries of which the affairs must be set. A summary of the work done by It has scattered its energies over a tied at Paris, Mr. Wilson would prob- these organizations last season now

five-room houses for shipworkers at suggests that suppression of Bolshev- prejudice against the labor of women. a cost of \$4000 each, which cannot be ism would be a comparatively easy It is incidentally interesting to know sold for more than 60 per cent of their task for a well-equipped army of per- that the official record for picking haps 200,000 men. They have been up potatoes in the field is now held These are the main, but by no means beaten repeatedly by the Czechs, who by a New Jersey farmerette, who all, of the counts in the indictment are far inferior in number, and have filled 125 baskets with potatoes in one which Senator Calder made against met frequent reverses from hastily day. The honor was formerly held the Shipping Board in his speech in raised, ill-armed bodies of Russians, by a man, who admits that he will the Senate. They are a record of They were quickly routed by the allied have hard work to regain his laurels. flagrant waste of billions of dollars force at Vladivostok, and have not The Land Army held a National conof dismal failure to build that been able to budge the Archangel vention in Philadelphia a few days bridge of ships for which our Army force, which they greatly outnumber, ago and took a stand for payment had been calling when the fighting The joy with which the people wel- upon a piecework basis whenever por They include a tribute by an Eastern cates that the population is against to earn equal pa

the Army, and contain a condemnation of the Atlantic Coast for failure in that should bring the factions together, it 100,000 boys on farms. Popularity of gard.

His strictures on the Shipping Board say they will have no dealings with crease in 1918 to 210,000 working letting contracts for many wood the Bolsheviki, and there is no reason members, all of whom were ships are no reflection on that type of to expect that the latter will step on farms. It will seek in 1919 to in-They reflect on the board for down or agree to an election for an crease this number to 500,000, having first shown favoritism to sec- all-Russian constitution, and govern- in the interests of food production tions which had neither material nor ment, since that would surely mean and of the boys themselves. suitable designs, and for then forcing their own extinction. If after a dis-its own designs upon Pacific Coast agreement the allies should decide to their activities under Government builders in place of the tried and leave Russia to her fate, it would re- direction, exercised through the De proved designs which were already in main a center of disturbance for other partment of Labor. Normal export of nse. Not until a late day, and then countries, and a fine opportunity foodstuffs to Europe before the war only in part, did it adopt the Peninsu- would be open for Germany to ex- was about 5,500,000 tons annually, far or Ballin designs, which have ploit and gain practical control. The This was increased in 1918 to 11,-

has been injured rather than helped will be as ready to exploit other na empire.

MISPLACED CONFIDENCE,

The public will give various in charges of disloyalty against Senator La Follette.

One explanation will be that the eges and is willing to throw the mantle of its protection around a ators who now stand by him are Re- dlers. publicans, some of whom have hated La Follette with an unholy hatred. Another explanation will be that the war is over, and it is well enough to forget some unpleasant things.

lette speech at St. Paul. It is:

explosives aboard and that any law of the United States was ever violated by any American citizen who took passage on the Lustiania. It is an evertasting lie that the 114 American citizens who went to their graves unknelled and unsung upon that memorable day of German barbarity were there to uphoid the doctrine of capitalism or of meney-making.

I say that that speech at St. Paul was disloyal in spirit, disloyal in words, disloyal in effect, and disloyal of a set purpose.

tion of misplaced confidence by the Senate.

THE LAST WOODEN SHIP.

It will require a little familiarity with nautical technique to appreciate the statement in the dispatches that I when the Aryan was destroyed by fire in the South Pacific on Christmas day exclusive than to the landlubber, falargely as it does now into our calculations.

The Aryan was a long way from were compelled to lay up for repairs it is doing nothing to enable the un-after a voyage of less than 1000 miles. It is doing nothing to enable the un-mployed of America to feed them-the Chatham Islands, which are selves, except to tell them to find jobs. louse, France, but there was a time when American square-riggers were to Although the proposal to invite the be seen in every ocean on the globe, various governments of Russia, in-

Shipbuilding, in the restricted sense, eased in 1893 with the launching o be revived would seem to be indicated time she was lost was sailing as a her sale to her Pacific Coast owners. in pursuance of the growing tendency rigging. Experience has indicated that recognize the Bolshevik Minister to the advantages derived by the fullrigged ship from greater spread of sails in the most favorable conditions are more than offset by difficulties made necessary in handling

Nevertheless, there is no sailor with mind above the deck which he \$240 for cargo ships, \$430 for trans-ports. feel that when Germany was defeated their work was done. They want to terror to work, but it was the most inspiring picture, in full panoply, with as agents of the Government at a per- through the great plains of Russia has every inch of sail drawing, that it is possible to conceive. There is nothing left on the sea which will compare with it. With the passing of the few remaining full-riggers, the busi-The salient points about these three and take at par their pretense of ness of scafaring will lose not a little of its romantic charm.

FOOD NEEDS IN 1919.

It is indicative of earnest intention steps are being taken to foster inter When this is the situation and when est in two organizations which were

ably leave Russia to "stew in her own confirms their importance. The Wom an's Land Army, for example, suc But the course of events in Russia ceeded in overcoming widespread come any force hostile to them indi-sible, thus giving women opportunity

The Boys' Working Reserve carried its organization in 1917 into more

proved successful, and it rejected the junkers and captains of industry have \$20,000 tons, and the sacrifices which

St. Helens type of steam schooner. Inot changed their nature because their the increase entailed at home will The wood ship industry of this Coast government has changed, and they help us to comprehend the magnitude tions under the republic as under the view of Herbert Hoover's estimate that 17,500,000 tons will be needed during the present year. It will hardly be possible to fill the order unless all the agricultural resources of the country, including agricultural labor, are terpretations to the action of the utilized to the utmost. It means that, United States Senate in dismissing the without war-time compulsory restrictions, we must increase our surplus by more than 50 per cent over the quantity which we were able to spare

Senate is tender of Senatorial privi- under the pressure of the emergency Both armies continue to make an appeal to patriotism, and also urge position to compete with British ships member who talks foolishly and wildly the benefits derived by members from anywhere; for who at times is not healthful work in the open air. Both guilty of indiscreet speech? Another are striving rather to fill the farm explanation will be that Senator La need for seasonal help than to fur Follette has made his peace with the nish permanent employment. Th The Republican organization and has been latter positions, it is believed, will be taken into camp. Nearly all the Sen-filled sufficiently by returning sol-

THE LOCAL PAPER AND THE MAN. Mr. Hornibrook has sold the Albany Democrat and new men, capable and Yet, for the sake of the record, it of experience, will do their best and Wednesday at Paris, It consists of is proper to reproduce part of the succeed with it. There is, however, Bernard Baruch, Herbert Hoover, comment of Senator John Sharp a lack of personality about the paper Vance McCormick and Edward N. Williams, Democrat, on the La Folsince Fred Nutting left it that mitisince Fred Nutting left it that miti-As I read the speech made by the Senator from Wisconsin in St. Faul, it was a series of false statements which must have been consciously made. I find in this speech a charge that the Visited States went to war to protect Morgan interests of some sort or other. I find in that speech a charge that we went to war and sacrificed our children that rich Americans might ride on munitioned and armed ships. It is an everlasting lie that these United States went to war to protect any Morgan interests of any sort. It is also an everlasting lie that the people of these United States ever sont their boys to be fed as cannon fedder in Europe in order that American citizens might ride upon munition ships. It is an everlasting lie that the Lucitania was armed or had dangerous explosives aboard and that any law of the United States was ever violated by any American citizens made to the Control of the Control I at the United States was ever violated by any American citizens made to the Control of the Control I at the United States was ever violated by any American citizens made to the Control of the gathering and discimination of news. Oregon is full of examples. One looks for it and discimination of news. Oregon is full of examples. One looks for it and discimination of news. Oregon is full of examples. One looks for it and discimination of news. Oregon is full of examples. One looks for it and discimination of news. Oregon is full of examples. One looks for it and discimination of news. Oregon is full of examples. One looks for it and discimination of news. Oregon is full of examples. One looks for it and discimination of news. Oregon is full of examples. One looks for it and discimination of news. Oregon is full of examples. One looks for it and discimination of news. Oregon is full of examples. On head discimination of news. Oregon is full of examples. On he call discimination of news. Oregon is full of examples. On head discimination of news. Oregon is full of exa gates. Personality counts for much in One looks for it to our near-that in the Hillsboro Argus as is accompanied by M

Of Mr. Fisher, of the Capital Jour nal, the same might be said in compli ment if one dares risk the danger of a What would be the bite. Journal without the Hon, Jim Stewart or the Coos Bay dailies without the Maloneys and O'Brien? Ford Baker has put his life into the Tillamook Headlight, just as has Clark Wood in It will be well to watch the future Headlight, just as has Clark Wood in ourse of La Foliette to see how he the Weston Leader, and nobody but a justifies the extraordinary manifesta- Humphrey can run a Jefferson Review or a Bede a Sentinel at Cottage Grave.

These are but few names taker at random from scores of Oregon papers that show the value of individuality in the daily grind. The new men at Albany will make a go of it, for they are young and able; but they must make their own standing and make their readers forget Mr. there passed the last wooden ship ever Nutting. At best anywhere it is a matter of "Sic transit gloria mundi."

> The Federal Board for Vocational Education answers a quite general demand by its issuance of a bulletin on the subject of "Vocational Education for Foreign Trades," in which it is pointed out that there are several weeks before he can lell in the groups of students to whom such again. Captain Tharaldson was training would be available, and valuable, and that not only schools and foster courses of study calculated to those who are employed during the fellow man. day in business houses where they come in contact with some of the structure of training in the peculiar tell a similar story.

The form of government proposed for the German republic resembles that of the United States so closely as to be decidedly flattering, but there are a few things which the Germans will be wise to omit. One is the sen-Bristol, Pa.; the Submarine Boat Cor- armistice, especially since the election to strip the mizzenmast of its surplus lority rule by which a blockhead or a crank gets to the head of a committee Another is the continuance in office of a Congress for an entire after its successor has been elected. By studying American experience Germany can learn in other ways how not to do it.

> The proposal of an income tax to obtain money for readbuilding sounds Bolsheviky. Most of the users of highways pay now in license and other tax and the man with an income in five figures does not wear surface much more than the fellow with a pushcart. It's a poor way to drag money from the man who has it under guise of law.

apostles was named Judas, and that yesterday, Two hundred and forty-nine to have Russia would require men and money, to increase food production in the they may be put in his class and may meet as untimely an end.

If Chairman Hurley, of the Shipping Board, actually intends to make for ships low enough to permit rates competition on the Pacific, he must Actual construction work is pro-change of front on the part of a gov-gressing at 40 per cent of normal ernment which has shown a desire to That this is being undertaken in the much on the job.

Arrest of a "sticker" in a meat plant on a charge of cruelty in killing an at the Oregon. animal seems humorous, but, as the royal headsman, would say, there's a way of doing these things with neatness and dispatch.

No matter what they may say, county officials should not have au thority to fix the pay of assistants. Any law giving that power opens the way to favoritism and abuse

A man is not compelled to attend a boxing match, but when he does he should not be charged opera prices for tent-show goods under the guise of a "benefit." There is little comfort in knowing

Portland's death rate is the lowest you read of the passing neighbors and friends on both hands. Scarce a day goes by without a pro est from some state against the

Do not dare grumble at the rain Think of Noah's wife those half a dozen postponed washdays. Not much is heard of disarmament

Burleson telephone autocracy

while the nations dispute at Versailles All the burglars are not in

Some have fleeting titles, Come home, Woodrow. The animals

are restless.

Those Who Come and Go.

You can't hide joy and enthusiase Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Scott, who liv at the Multnomah, made no pretense o concealing their emotions yesterday concealing their emotions yesterday when, having mourned as dead their only son, a letter mysteriously arrived from him. Young Scott had made what was to him a veritable walk of torture. as, released from his German prison pen, he made his way to the allied lines. Weak, worn and diseased, he could but send them a few lines. He will be unable to travel for a long time he said, and presumably is in a hospital in France. Young Scott enlisted, under an alias, in a Canadian regiment, runan anal, in a Canadian regiment, run-ning sway from his home so to do. The Canadian registry office reported it was unable to find him, and it was be-lieved he was in an upmarked grave. If there are happier persons than the Scotts in Portland they would like to

You might take Lieutenant-Colonel Pringle, of the Canadian army, to be a burly artilleryman; you might fancy him as a portly quartermaster, or even as a jovial, good-hearted infantryman So it comes as somewhat of a surprise when he greets you to find that he is an army chaplain. Colonel Pringle has just returned after four years spent on the battlefield of France. How many times he has been in action with his men he scarcely knows himself. But he wears a collection of ribbons indicating medals, and positively refuses to discuss them. He was a much-sought-for guest at the Benson Hotel yesterday. En route for California, he is accompanied by Mrs. Helen Campbell, of Seattle his present

It was cots to the right of them and cots to the left of them at almost ill the Portland hotels yesterday. as does that of Mr. Dugger in the Scio Tribune. Nobody but a Wood-sildes, guests speedily accumulated, ward could run the Newberg Graphic and hold the subscription list, and as than the supply. Hence when Mr. Bag and Baggage asked for a room and and Baggage asked for a foom the bath, he was told he could have a cot, with or without—a room. At at least two of the larger hotels guests had to be doubled up even to take care of standing reservations. And the late-comers got cots. The situation was comers got cots. The situation was somewhat relieved during the evening

The legislative season at Salem at which Fred J. Brady is not an honored member of the "third house" can searcely be recalled in the minds of "oldest inhabitant." Mr. Brady opened the session in good order, but was forced to beat a rapid retreat to Portland when influenza trapped him Mr. Brady is recovering slowly, his thoughts are at the Capital. Brady once sat in the legislative halls as a representative from Multnomau County. Invariably it has been his habit ever since to attend the Legislature for the purpose of giving ad-

Captain F. Tharaldson, who was familiar figure at the Multnomah Ho-tel before he was taken ill with influenza, is recovering at Vancouver Barracks, but it will be at least six weeks before he can lell in the lobby courageous spruce production physi-cian who was decorated by the city for colleges but private interests should foster courses of study calculated to open. Captain Tharaldson took charge qualify young men for work in this of the hospital, so far as the Army growing field. Emphasis is placed was concerned. He is of the type that upon the need of opportunities for loves to be doing something for his

When the snows begin to fall in Eastern Oregon and Eastern Washingproblems of the subject manner, and ton, the stockmen and the wheatgrow for engineers who require training in essentials of foreign commerce in ormake a trip still further south to Callder properly to represent American fornia. Not one of the leading hotels interests abroad. Attention is especially called to the fact that untrained men will stand little chance under competitive conditions of the future, and that not only a basic education will be essential, but also a superstructure of training in the reculier.

> Oregon walnuts are a favorite with Oregon walnuts are a favorite with M. Pincus, of Los Angeles, who is now at the Multnomiah. Mr. Pincus has a standing order for the nuts to be supplied at his table at meals. He begins with nuts for breakfast, and the last meal of the day produces more nuts for him: Is it any wender that Mr. Pincus will order at least a carload Mr. Pincus will order at least a carload Subscensible. of Oregon walnuts while in Portland? Confident that his office will not b

riegislated out of existence is George T. Cockran, the portly legal luminary and Water Commissioner of the First inches. District. Mr. Cockran puts La Grande as his home town on the register, but it might just as well be Pendleton or Baker, where Mr. Cockran is equally well known. Lieutenant E. F. McDaneld was re

duced in rank yesterday to Private Portland. Citizen McDanield. Mr. McDanield is staying at the Portland for a few days to acclimatize himself to the loss of puttees before he travels on to Salt nected with the O.-W. R. & N. Admitting that the hotel business i

so good these days that a man actually gets tired, "Wes" N. Matlock, of Pen-dleton, owner of the leading hostelry loyalty in the garb of religion, he calls himself an "apostle." Such men forget that one of the original twelve of roundup booster, was at the Imperial

In consultation with Portland leaders in Red Cross work is Judge W. H. Hollis, of Forest Grove. Judge Hollis is making plans for the conversion and is not included in the estate. Real of Red Cross effect in Washington estate held jointly goes to her direct. County, similar to the changes effected Real estate in her name is hers, no matin Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Small, of Tillamook, managed to escape to Portland in the estate. before slides blocked the Tillamook line. He is a well known canner in Tillamook County. They are registered PORTLAND,

and husband" on the register at the line fence so that surplus water will but the effect was just the same. The perhaps causing demand the perhaps causing demand the perhaps causing demand to the perhaps causing dema telephone calls were all for Miss Green- erty?

Judge John S. Coke, who despite the undoubted prestige of his name, was one of the unlucky four Republicans in the last elections, was registered Marshfield at the Imperial yesterday.

R. A. Booth and daughter Barbara were at the Imperial yesterday. Mr. Booth is one of the leading citizens of Eugene. He was almost United States Senator from Oregon once.

Edward F. Tucker has returned to the Hotel Portland, entirely recovered from the effects of the severe operation he underwent

Leslie Butler, the Hood River banker, his step-children you would be his sole who would prefer to be known as a neir. son yesterday.

HONEST BUSINESS IS DISCREDITED

Strong Implication Seen in Bill to License Real Estate Business. PORTLAND, Jan. 23 .- (To the Edior.)-A bill now before the Oregon Legislature, if enacted into a law, will be a public notice to all who may read that a man engaged in the real estate business in Oregon is an outlaw not deserving the respect and confi-dence accorded to men in other lines

of business or professions.

The bill introduced by Mr. Gordon of Multnomah County requires the real estate broker to secure a license and ure now before Congress is enacted. ile a bond of \$1000 with the Insurance emmissioner to guarantee that he fraudulent manner, and with the fur-ther restriction that he file a recom-mendation signed by not less than ten fresholders as to his reputation before he can secura a license.

Any person may file a complaint with the commissioner charging dishonest practices by the broker and such charges are to be heard by the com-missioner. If the broker is found guilty his license shall be revoked for a period not longer than six months. My objection to this bill is that it discredits and dishonors men engaged in an honorable and creditable business. If a man commits a crime or defrauds another he should be punished detrauds another he should be punished for his wrongdoing regardless of his business or profession. Our statutes are now quite sufficient and anyone wronged may invoke them in his perhalf.
There is now a discriminatory law on

our statutes that ought not to be, requiring the real estate broker to have written contract from his principal in order that he may collect his commis-sion for services performed. May I not ask, if curs is an honorable business, conducted by honorable men

and this is a beneficent law, why not extend to men in other activities of

It is a notorious fact well attested by men engaged in the real entate business that the public conscience is a field ripe for missionary effort, as to duties and obligations to the real estate broker for his services, honestly ren-dered. Because some brokers have gone beyond reason and right is no ground for placing discriminatory re-strictions against the whole body. Bet ter results will follow if we lend encouragement to men in right doing rather than by humiliating restrictions. I trust the real estate men of Oregon will get busy and demand of their Rep. resentatives fair and honerable legis lation as affecting their business. BROKER.

SACRAMENTAL WINE NOT BARRED. National Prohibition Amendment Permits Its Manufacture and Sale.

PORTLAND, Jan. 23 .- (To the Edi or.)—Recent dispatches quote Cardinalibons, of the Catholic Church, as to the effect of the pational prohibitie amendment recently ratified by the requisite number of states. The eminent cardinal voices the fear that under this amendment it will be impossible for churches that use fermented wine in the sacrament to procure the same when national prohibition has become effective.

The amendment, by its terms, doe nothing in the way of prohibition ex-cept to prohibit the manufacture, sale, transportation, exportation and imp tation of intoxicating liquors for "bev erage purposes." Nowhere does it pro hibit the traffic in intoxicating liquor for any other purpose. It does not in-terfere with the manufacture, sale, transportation, exportation or importa-tion of such liquors for legitimate scientific, pharmaceutical, or sacramental purposes, which will doubtless be regulated by careful rules which the Congress will authorize Any church that uses fermented

wines in the sacrament will find that its right so to do has in no way been interfered with by this amendment, and that it will still be able to procure au wines for sacramental purposes when

national prohibition goes into effect. EDWIN RAWDEN, Superintendent Oregon Anti-Saloon

Inches of Rainfall.

ST. HELENS, Or., Jan. 22 .-Editor.)-(1) How many inches of rain-

(1) Number of inches of rainfall since September 1 is carried daily in Oregonian columns under weather report

Total to January 22 is about 18% (2) The person serving dishes a sec-

nd helping unless meal is very infermal (3) Information concerning this can be secured from Genevieve Thompson, United States National Bank building,

Valuation of Estate.

PORTLAND, Jan. 23 .- (To the Editor.)-When the husband dies, are the household furniture, auto, life insur-ance in favor of his wife and the real estate with deed made out jointly ap-praised to the existing full value and considered as the estate left by the deceased? Is the full value of the hor which has been bought by money earned during marriage and doed made out in wife's name, included in the estate to be appraised?

A SUBSCRIBER. The insurance policy, if made out in favor of the wife, goes directly to her ter whether the husband is dead or alive. Personal property is included

Drainage of Water. PORTLAND, Jan. 23.—(To the Ed-itor.)—Can a person drain the water off his place into a barrel placed at a

If above cannot be done lawfully, what must one do to get rid of surplus water, as only outlet is through adjoining property?

A READER. Surplus water may drain off to other property if from natural causes, such

from roof drainage, kitchen, etc. Drain-Mr. age of this water will depend on vari-Inheritance by Step-Children.

NEWPORT, Or., Jan. 21.—(To the Editor.)—My father died without making a will. There are three children. I am his only legal child. The other two children are his step-children. What part, if any, of his estate are the

H. Levine, an American who is in business in Yokohama, passed a day at the Perkins in the course of a business trip over the country. SUBSCRIBER. Unless your father legally adopted

Suggestion as to Mask Wearing.

In Other Days.

Twenty-five Years Ago.

From The Oregonian, January 24, 1894. Washington.—The duty on sugar and oal has been abolished for the present, at least insofar as the tariff bill now under discussion in the House is concerned.

Washington -- A policy of non-interference in the affairs of Hawaii may be adopted by the Government if a mesa-

Berlin. — Rejoicing is general throughout Germany and stocks have gone up as a result of the announcement that a reconciliation between the Kaiser and Bismarck has been effected.

Improvement of the west end of Jefferson street by the labor of men at present unemployed has practically been decided upon. It is estimated that about 200 such men can be given employment for a short time.

LIMITED MASK LAW THE THING Suggested Ordinance Would Apply to Those Who Congregate.

PORTLAND, Jan. 23 .- (To the Editor.)-I think that a modified mark ordinance as follows, might be a means of good to the city, if it is really the case that the mask is the remeey: "Be it decreed that any customer, potron or worshiper entering a store, of-fice, streetcar, dancehall or church be

ompelled to wear a mask."

As those are the people that are nost likely to spread the disease, they are the ones that should be looked after. By this arrangement it would be necessary to wear the masks only when they were in the places mentioned.

By the original ordinance employed n stores, offices, etc., would have been compelled to wear masks continuously or eight hours each day, which does not seem reasonable, seeing they are not a menace like the crowds of pa-trons that jostle each other in the aisles and would seem to be the chief carriers of the disease.

There is a mask that is very easy to adjust, which is kept in place by slipping the tape loops over the cars instead of those tied with the two strings at the back of the head A CITIZEN.

VALUES.

Tis strange, the price we place on this and that. The gilded things of life of little worth: The glittering stone, the gergeous dress, plumed hat-Mere baubles of which there is never

dearth. Which pleases most, and straightway makes appeal, mpressing on the mind a need of it Until the mind, o'en, seems the need

to feel 'Tis strange, among the multitude of Which litter up the earth and rouse

our greed, How few there be which bring us lasting joys, And oh, how very few of them we need! Yet, if of baubles we should be bereft And food and raiment made the daily monl.

How little beauty in the world were And oh, the sad starvation of the

GRACE E. HALL. 507 E. 49th street, North.

Loss of War Sovings Stamps FOREST GROVE, Or., Jan. 22,- (To the Editor.) - Last May I lost a registered war saving stamp and imme-diately reported the same to our post master, who furnished me with a blank in June, which I signed. I have made a number of inquiries since, but as yet have received no information concern-ing it. Please advise me what course to pursue to obtain duplicate. It seems that six months ought to be ample time in which to adjust this matter.

Presumably the correspondent filed an application for a duplicate certificate. If this was not done, such an application should be obtained from the nearest postmaster and mailed to the address given thereon. The applica tion blanks state that no duplicate certificates can be issued for at least three months. H. G. Duraud, assistant postmuster of Portland, says he is aware of a number of applications for duplicate certificates having been mailed in Portland the last six months. while so far as he knows no duplicates have been issued to the original owners of the war saving stamp certificates. The matter might be expedited by addressing a communication with full details, stating date of less and date of mailing of application, to the Secretary of the Treasury. Division of

Loans and Currency, Washington, D. C. Damage by Dogs. PORTLAND, Jan. 23.—(To the Editor.)—Several of my neighbors kner dogs that come over to my yard and scratch the grass and dirt all over the walks and ruin the bushes. Is there any penalty for poisoning or shooting such dogs? Or would I have a good case for damages or a suit against them for keeping a nulsance?

ABUSED NEIGHBOR. There is a severe penalty for choof ing or poisoning such animals. would have a case for damages, but quickest action might be to appeal to Oregon Humane Seciety to pick up the dogs, which by city ordinance are pro-

hibited from running at large. Soldier's Civil Rights.

BANDON, Or., Jan. 21.—(To the Ed-tor.)—Can an enlisted man be sued? Also, what is the law in regard to payment of interest on debts by enlisted men during the actual period of war? Is the time counted or extended during period of war? I am behind on payments on property bought before WRT. The soldier may be sued, but the

ourt is authorized to stay proceedings. The effect of the law in your case is to preclude so long as you are in the service, foreclosure, unless it should as stream, rain water, etc., but not if appear to the court that you have the means to take up the delinquent in-

Lumpy-Jaw in Cattle. HERMISTON, Or. Jan. 22.—(To the Editor.)—What causes lumpy-jaw in cattle? Is it contagious is there any

cure? The disease is infectious and is produced by a parasitic micro-organism known as the Ray fungus. For further nformation consult your county veterlnarian or write to State Veter inarian, Salem, Or.

Fiber Wool Is Obtained.

The great peat bogs of Sweden are fur-nishing a new material that will be of great aid to the textile industry of that Mrs. J. J. Carr., of La Grande, is shopping in Portland and making the Benson Hotel her headquarters.

J. M. Crawford, of Walla Walla, was a late arrival at the Portland Hotel yesterday.

Dean Hayes, of Eugene, is at the Portland.

Suggestion as to Mask Wearing.

PORTLAND, Jan. 23—(To the Edition of the Edition)—Allow me to say a word about this "flu" quarantine and mask business. Why not compel those who have the "flu" to wear masks for 10 days are being built for spinning the peat fiber and for its further treatment, won't spread, for, believe me, people it is said to produce a fabric that is will stay four feet and some away from them.

J. M. ACHESON.

The great peat bogs of Sweden are furnishing a new material that will be of spread to the textile industry of that country, according to the September Popular Mechanics Magazine. Planta first they are allowed out of quarantine and the "flu" won't spread, for, believe me, people it is said to produce a fabric that is difficult to distinguish from pure