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A LEAGUE: OR THE LEAGUE? All Americans, or nearly all, are for A league of nations to prevent war. Many Americans are for A league of

mations to enforce peace.

Many other Americans are for THE proposed (Wilson) league of nations prevent war.

Many Americans who are for A league are favorable to THE league scause they believe it will be either THE league or no league. Some Americans, who are for THE league, think and say that the Ameri-

cans who are not for THE league, and who say they are for A league, are not for any league, but are for no Is it true? The Oregonian thinks it is not true. It has itself accepted the proposed league, with reservations,

because it has thought that the probable alternative was no league, therefore, involved a return to the international status que The Oregonian thinks it is also not true, as the vehement partisan sup-

porters in America of the proposed league charge, that the thirty-seven United States Senators are all opposed to any league. Some of them are, subtless; but it is known that the senators who have borne the brunt of abuse for their criticism of the Wilson league are for some kind of a league; and men like Knox and Lodge say what kind.

The famous resolution of the thirtymoven senators declares it to be the sense of the senate that the nations of the world should "unite to promote peace and general disarmament," but it solemnly protests that "the constiform now proposed to the peace conuld not be accepted by the United States.

The senate has a constitutional right and duty to a voice in the making of tive when they insist that a treaty

partisan of Mr. Wilson and a severe The commission does not plan piecesimmer down to three real demands into its general scheme. for modification. They are:

The Oregonian would like to hear of the thick-and-thin supparters of THE league or nothing a candid statement of the reasons why President Wilson should not accept ause 1 and Clause 2 of the senators' plan? It anticipates any objection to llause 3 by agreeing that a league a from which any of the contracting naons may withdraw at will is worthless, or next to worthless.

Is the attitude of a president, under his oath, obligated to seek the advice and consent of the senate in the making of treaties, to be justified when he assumes exclusive treaty-making powers for the United States?

is the senate entitled to the country's car when, asserting that it is for A League, it demands consideration of certain amendments which it ould propose, and which under the

constitution it has a right to propose? one citizen, even a president, to make world which involves the gravest departure from historic American policy, which controls the national destinies many years, and which affects vitally every citizen, without any one, high or low, but himself having any-

MR. HOOVER'S ESTIMATE.

under the same kind of handicap.

may have supposed. The report of the shifting habit is too easily active American Sugar Refining company that domestic consumption in finds that he has no particular skill spicuous courage—such as that of the pany that domestic consumption in finds that he has fallen into the tranks of those who are first to be laid who rode to Napoleon when "we like tranks of those who are first to be laid who rode to Napoleon when "we looked twice ere we saw his breast tons a day is 7,300,000,000 pounds a laid off when work is slack. It would laid but shot in two"—are ad-

eighty-nine pounds per capita. All that we saved with our two-lumps-tothe-cup and two-pounds-a-month to each family regulations was sixteen

pounds per capita, or 18 per cent. If we do not curtail wheat consump-tion in 1919 someone will go without wheat. correct, there will still be a market for more wheat than American farmers can produce.

IN ADVANCE OF TIMES.

Less than a year ago the 6-cent fare question was mightily disturbing in Portland. Today the issue is some-thing else. Meanwhile an elective public utilities commissioner lost his ob because he granted the increased fare. Probably the main trouble was that Portland led off other communities with its indorsement of the principle that the public gains nothing by forcing a public utility into bankruptcy, contract or no contract. Its act was too novel. Now we find the following in the New York Evening

Sun:

The Chamber of Commerce has added the great weight of its formal approval to the demand for increased street car fares. Its resolution holds that if the transit companies in this city are allowed to drift further into bankruptcy and disaster a serious blow will be struck not only at the credit of public utility companies generally, but also at the credit of the city of New York. The fact is beyond dispute. There are only two ways out of it. One is municipal ownership with heavily increased taxation, bad service, and a field for "graff" and the other is a slight increase in fares, No one would be burdened seriously by the added pennies. The other way spells disaster.

Also the state of Washington has to act.

The session of the Washington legislature just closed removed the statu-tory obstacle and did it without a tist reports tell of larger church at-American letters, from the early '90s fight or a popular uprising.

As already indicated, Portland seems times.

NEW DRYDOCK WILL BE NEEDED. Final decision of the Portland dock ommission to erect a drydock capable of lifting a 12,500-ton vessel is an

dock and in deciding to build a second Johns. The dead hand of may be forcibly broken this year, and to be set aside for the aid of disabled orial instinct for lighter themes, less the more business we can accommodate the more we shall get. Modern tution of the league of nations in the water transportation may be established on the upper Columbia, bring- is that they should be generally so literary craftsmen of tomorrow. ing back here much of the traffic which unjust railroad rates have di-verted. It is necessary that Portland funds. The liberty loan and various resort to the old tricks of everyday Germany and its allies. The senators We should always build shead of im-are within their constitutional preroga-mediate needs.

A great merit of the St. Johns termust be made with their "advice and consent." Their advice has not been to admit of this continuous expansion. Fought by the president, but it is dissipated by the president, but it is dissipated by the president but it is ctly repudiated; and he insists that will conduce to economy in operation seems to have been a general religious mantic stories rather than tragic and their consent is a matter of form, and to the convenience of shipping awakening molens volens. The New York World, an intense which need to be near such facilities. critic of the protesting republican meal; it plans far enough ahead to insenators, says that their objections sure that each new structure will fit

The real purpose of the children's rush, and stretched the field-gray bureau of the United States department of labor is not felicitously stated theirs was no longer the joy of by those who create the impression league in the event of necessity or delicition. selves would feel complimented by this serve that no difference is distinguish-construction, or that they would be able between Mars and marmalade. There are, however, sound reasons for appetite. The pleasant savor of gal-a back-to-the-school propaganda, and lantry is gone from the one. The

hearing. Realization of the detrimental effect is more than enough. of raids upon the schools for labor had begun to dawn upon educational auparable damage which it will be quite war must taper to a speedy finis. The impossible for us hereafter adequately reading public is "fed up." Above all, is it wise to empower any to repair." This is set forth in a reuse citizen, even a president, to make cent leaflet issued by the federal chilland a few days ago, an interviewer cent leaflet issued by the federal chilwish that "no boy or girl shall have less opportunity for education during the war. "Double will be tomorrow," of fancy, to bivouac with hundreds said the French minister of public inhigh or low, but himself having any struction, "the task of the pupils of thing to say about it or to do with it, today; twice as intense, therefore, shelved for the present. In time to

task." The larger danger is not that chil- the magazine. Mr. Hoover's estimate of the world dren will fill jobs that might be held just now," added the author, "but they food situation warns us none too soon by returned soldiers, but that they will are as valuable as liberty bonds."

That there may yet be a shortage of be so unsettled by aimless employ
No matter how long we have been that there may yet be a shortage of be so unsettled by aimless employ-bread which will call for use of subment, offering no training and holdstitutes in large quantities. His stateing out no hope for the future, that ment that there would be a deficiency in later life they will possess a mini-of supply even if the crop of the mum industrial value. This has been heightened by patriotism, blazes as United States should reach a billion so far recognized by the junior countries to as dead in bushels is based, no doubt, upon exceptional opportunities for obtaining that they have announced it to be their policy to endeavor to return to clent association of gallantry—dis-The surplus accumulated in Australia while there was a shortage of ship tonnage still exists, but it will be absorbed in feeding the people of India, where there has been a wheat crop failure. There is a short crop in Argentine.

Plainly the Russians are not going to be able to produce a normal crop, to be able to produce a normal crop, to be able to produce a normal crop, water the same kind of handlean. With few exceptions those who leave where the same kind of handlean.

With few exceptions to return to school all boys under 16 years old who apply for positions. If argument falls aureole of glory seems to blaze above each consecrated warrior.

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with war-time restrictions removed, for all time. Their temporary earn. lated into best-sellers, books that are It will be interesting to watch develop- ings are in the end a loss, not a gain, incident in the United States. There will There are not many who possess resonant to be self-denial if the world is lution sufficient to enable them to reneed to be self-denial if the world is lution sufficient to enable them to reto be fed, but self-denial must be voluntary, whereas a short while ago it
must be received by regulations of a certain kind. But even those regulations
to the wages which they pay, and not
did not succeed as completely as some
the ultimate opportunities they offer.

year, or about seventy-three pounds be economy for them in the long run mittedly thrilling, but there per capita of the population. Before to forego wages now, in view of the tendency to seek again the lighter the war consumption had reached certainty that in a normal lifetime tones of life.

> school. It is appropriate that in a public shall have been augmented by time when there is general recognitive children of today. tion of the need of thrift and economy especial attention should be paid to States is an Indication that it is being taken seriously, as it ought to be.

CHURCHES ARE AWAKENING.

The answer to the question, What churches? would seem to have been though literary effort was not so pro-found in the success with which vari-ous "drives" are meeting in the coun-that followed the conflict of north and try at large-such movements as the south. The struggle to maintain the "new era" campaign of the Presby-terians, and the war emergency cam-paign which seeks \$10,000,000 for the fictional field until Albion Tourgee Fred Blau and C. H. Barnett, the latter paign which seeks \$10,000,000 for after-war reconstruction. There is here and there, besides, a note of optimism concerning efforts to raise funds for the discharge of debts on church buildings. The war apparently has not dulled religious feeling and it certainly has not abated the spirit of giving.

The fictional field until Albion Tourgee Fred Blau and C. H. Barnett, the latter from Wasco, Sherman county, were at the Imperial yesterday discussing the pending \$300,000 road bond election in their county. They say that wistble Empire," a romance of the Ku wanted for a road from Spanish Hollow—which has been called a road that begins nowhere and ends nowhere—to giving.

taken action through its legislature, of the general view of duty that gifts slavery, was not penned until 1880. A year ago the Tacoma company for foreign work have recently been it was called "Bricks Without Straw." sought a 6-cent fare through mandamus proceedings directed at the thority reports that in this denomination library displayed its set of Tourgee. public service commission of that tion the increase amounts to fully 20 state. The supreme court held that, per cent by comparison with last year. because of a definite statute fixed An increase in Methodist donations was supreme with American novel-street-car fares at not more than 5 may have been aided by plans for the cents, the commission was powerless big centenary. Congregationalists report noteworthy increases in salaries of local ministers, which is in line with tendance and increased gifts.

The breadth of the new undertakmerely to have been in advance of the ings, already exemplified by the pro- dreds of more than standard short gramme for the Methodist centenary, is further illustrated by an outline of what the Presbyterians propose to do one finds "John March, Southerner," with the \$40,000,000 which it is hoped by Cable; "Ailsa Page," a Chambers what the Presbyterians propose to do to raise in the "new era" campaign. About \$4,000,000 which will be devoted to overseas work in fields alearnest of the city's determination to ready opened will assure continuation provide adequately not only for pres-ent but for future commerce. It is cational institutions, and there will be yes in fiction, "The Crisic." an expression of confidence that Port- another half million for the rebuilding these were written and halled with land will load more ships as shipping of Protestant churches in the devas-finds its place on settled routes and tated regions. Liberal provision is surrender. that there will be business for the new made for the aid of returning soldiers. The editors know their public dock by the time it is completed. apart from governmental and other though the public may not know itself. The dock commission is on the local aid which may be extended to the must tread the boards no more. Later pended by local Presbyterian churches on they confidently expect to make for general community work. In view the gruff old blusterer bring in divithe shipping board will not always be of these larger sums, it will not seem dends until his back aches. For the on the commerce of Portland. Its grip disproportionate that half a million is immediate future, they have an edit-

of preachers' salaries. An interesting phase of the reports optimistic, notwithstanding many other same chaps who are scratching their and duty to a voice in the making of sand for this new commerce when it comes. It will not suffice to begin come and other taxes, have imposed satire and more pointed analysis, present of the treaty of peace with construction when the demand arises, members as upon others, and for a lish playwright, in a recent interview.

We should always build ahead of immembers as upon others, and for a lish playwright, in a recent interview. these would be noticed in decreased

THE FUTURE OF THE WAR STORY. Our English allies, who are not

the German as resolutely as ever, in The real purpose of the children's rush, and stretched the field-gray unithe sternly anxious days of his last But ment of labor is not felicitously stated theirs was no longer the joy of battle. by those who create the impression Blase and unutterably wearied of it that the movement is intended to va-

cate jobs for returning soldiers to fill.

It is doubtful that the soldiers them
It is singular, in this respect, to obreassured by the suggestion that their A trifle too much of either, at battle future hangs by so tenuous a thread. or breakfast, dulls the fine edge of is to be hoped that the agents of orange-peel that spices the other is no the children's bureau will have a wide longer zestful or fragrant. Enough is not only sufficient, but frequently it before.

Is war literature to undergo a simi-There thorities in Great Britain before the is evidence to bolster the belief. It armistice was signed. Even under the is grounded in the attitude of the pressure of war Herbert Fisher, presi- magazine editors and publishers-that dent of the British board of education, clique of critical czars who time the warned the people that through pre-pulse of circulation and sales to the mature withdrawal of children, espe-heartbeats of the American people. ially from the lower grades, hundreds And the word has passed down the of thousands had "suffered an irre- line, it is sald, that yarns of the world

should be their preparation for the come, he predicted, every character task." "They will not

they will earn a far greater total if they will first acquire the fundamentals of an education.

Even during the war it was the announced policy of the United States renaissance appear? It is doubtful if How long will this reaction endure do not curtail wheat consump-employment service to discourage all even the editors can come nearer to 1919 someone will go without children under 15 years of age from an answer than guesswork brings If Mr. Hoover's estimate is leaving school to enter industry. Now them. For an indeterminate period that the war to all intents and pur-poses is over, it is proper to extend the practice, and to encourage youths the reading public shall have regained even beyond that age to continue in its perspective, and when the same

The Spanish war brought forth but few novels and not many short stories, economy of human capital. The fact and these, for the most part, years that the back-to-the-school drive hope- after the brief clash with the Don had fully looks forward to the enlistment become familiar schoolroom history, of 11,000,000 women in the United The war with Spain is in no sense comparable, as a literary stimulus, to The novelists of another day, and of decades to come. doubtless will draw from the latter cource as from an inexhaustible well. But it is comparable to the civil war, with friends in California such a law will be the effect of the war upon the in the high interest of America-

Until the allies caught up the inso lent gage of Germany, the civil war first clang of arms in Europe it vanished as abruptly from the literary field as a monologist on amateurs American letters, from the early '90s down to the first gray thrust through Belgium, many a fine novel and hunstories.

On the bookshelves of yesteryear melodrama of McClellan's campaign; "A Little Traitor to the South," by Cyrus Townsend Brady; "Red Rock," a memorable novel by Thomas Nelson Page, and Winston Churchill's anal-

punctuated by artillery fire. It is the reverse swing of the pendulum. The "will be rather satiric, romantic, development, I believe."

The obvious course, for those who have not had their fill of wartime averse to coining a slangy bit of their fiction, is to seek these blooms while own, were wont to say that they were they may—for soon the book of battle "fed up" on the late war. They met will be out of season.

of the birth of Seth Green, who de-serves a monument if for no other reason than that he introduced the shad to Pacific coast waters and thus provided us with the only rival of the salmon for the title of finest food fish in the world. But Green's achievethat. He aided materially in perfecting systematic propagation of fish in hatcheries, as the result of which the immense loss of fry which nature permits was reduced to a minimum, and new varieties of fishes were admitted to waters which never had known them Perhaps no investment was ever so profitable as that which has been made in the study of fish culture. It has been estimated, for exthat a million trout can cultivated at a cost of \$200, and the returns from government hatcheries are now enormous, when calculated on the basis of the catch of mature fish. Green was one of the pioneers in a now enormous industry.

The answer to Germany's plea for more imports was enough to silence cent leaflet issued by the federal chiltwenant with the nations of the
twhich involves the gravest dere from historic American policy.

cent leaflet issued by the federal chilland a few days ago, an interviewer
sought his version of the war story
den's bureau, which also quotes Presiden's bureau, which also quotes Presi-

Secretary Baker is too small to split at the Multnomah yesterday. the Oregon democratic party, though such catastrophe would be welcomed by its great rival. The boys need a dose of harmony, so please pass the other bottle.

After all, the most useless scraps of paper are anti-tipping laws. If courts do not invalidate them, nobody pays a sort of guilty pleasure in violating

The white robin has appeared at Oregon City this year. This bird fore-tells prosperity, as nothing disastrous is of record following its advent.

Belgium was given another credit of a few millions Monday and is not straining her welcome. The little fighter is entitled to all she wants. It is well there is law to punish the

cigars and cigarettes. Even the nickel tacked on may be an excess profit. It's a nice governor who takes his

ecretary from among the newspaper men. They are honest and have the

he is a webfoot. Przemysl has returned to dispute light of way with Shrdlu on the lino- as governor?

Those Who Come and Go.

"Prohibition is going to give Cali-fornians an awful jolt," said a Port-lander, who has returned from San Prancisco. "I am told that all the champagne in Chicago and New York is about gone, and California dealers are shipping back east the wine that was shipped out to California. There is a man in the California legislature who has a bill which will permit a per son to have liquor in his home whether living in a hotel or club, but that it will be unlawful to move the liquor in a wagon, airplane, motor, or in any other way, or even have it on his person. If this bill becomes a law and a man has a stock in his cellar, he can-not move it if he sells his home, nor can he sell it to the man who buys the home. If he lives in a club or hotel he can't move it to another hotel or club. And they are even talking of a law which will prohibit anyone having liquor, unless a resident of the state, and the liquor must be on the owner's premises. If Portlanders figure on buying a few cases and leaving them would be disastrous."

"We want to spend \$250,000 on a road from Biggs to the south line of Sherman county and another \$50,000 on the Cot funds for the that the war apparently church buildings. The war apparently has not dulled religious feeling and it certainly has not abated the spirit of giving.

Sequel to wisible Empire," a romance of the Ru begins nowhere and ends nowhere—to begins nowhere and to be begins nowhere—to be begins nowhere and to be begins nowhere and to be begins nowhere and to be begins nowhere. epresentatives to meet the state high-vay commission and inquire what as-istance can be expected from the tate funds. In the opinion of Mr. state Barnett, the Biggs-Shaniko route is a better start for California than The Dalles-California highway, as there are no heavy grades and would be cheaper.

> Cleveland claims as one distinction the distribution of sash and doors and planing mill products in the region of dense population of the middle states. A. R. Teachout is listed in the industrial directory as one of the big distributors of the goods that are manufactured so extensively in the Pacific northwest. and that is why he has been in Port-land this week to see the sawmills and manufacturers of products that are sold through his agency in the Ohio town. Readjustment of transcontinental freight rates have turned the attention of buyers to the fir and spruce mills of the northwest for their stock. He was at the Hotel Portland.

> "Callfornia beaches are reaping harvest," said Amos Benson, who has returned from a trip of two months at Long Beach. "For a couple of years the war just about ruined the beach resort business, but now all the hotels are filled to capacity and they are coinng money." Mr. Benson confesses that he learned to play golf while at Long Beach and furthermore he admits that he likes it. He tried several times to enthuse, but much preferred to take his exercise in logging camps. Now, however, he says that there is nothing like golf to exercise all the muscles in the body, "and the man who figured it all out knew his business."

> "Traveling men," observed Chief Clerk Clark, at the Multnomah, "keep telling us that they do more business in Portland than in Seattle and they cannot understand it. The answer is simple if they would stop to think. Portland is the center of the great state of Oregon. Seattle is the center of the relatively smaller Puget sound district. Naturally, there is more business here."

Expecting to meet his son returning from overseas, State Treasurer Hoff arrived at the Imperial yesterday from Salem. The boy landed with Oregon a general satirizing of the serious Salem. The boy landed with Oregon things of life will be the most notable casuals last week in New York and development, I believe." reach Portland about this time. Young Hoff was a member of the 18th en-gineers and sustained fractures to two ribs and a hip.

Same idea of the travel through Port-March 19 is the 102d anniversary that 22 people arrived at one leading hotel yesterday morning and last night 19 of them were still unprovided with rooms and in the meantime other trains had brought in more passengers to add to the waiting list.

"Billy" Swope is back from a trip to San Francisco and says that Portlanders are about as thick on Market street as they are on Rue de Washington. Billy reports that a quart bottle of beer now retails at 75 cents in the city where a dime was the price in other A reunion of the Richards brothers

was held at the Multnomah yesterday. influence legislation covering his idea John Richards came from Spokane, for relief of trade and industry. At Howard arrived from Bend and W. G. one time it was estimated that 20,000 came up from San Francisco.

light, E. R. Brady, Wash., was in town and registered at the Multnomah, where the doin's were held.

Coast Lumberman, a trade paper pub-lished at Tacoma, G. W. Cain, is at the Imperial on a business trip to Portland.

he engineering department of the state

A party composed of P. W. Cotton, of Seattle; Mrs. W. C. Cotton and Mrs. W. T. Davis, of Cleveland, O., arrived

H. K. Faye, general freight agent of the Western Pacific railroad, arrived at the Benson yesterday with his secre-tary, M. A. McKenna.

Anna Case, who was formerly with the New York Metropolitan Grand Op-era company, is an arrival at the

G. H. Car(, of Carlton, Or., is at the

Conquest of Ireland. PORTLAND, March 18 .- (To the Editor.)—To settle a dispute, please in-form us how and when England came into possession of Ireland. THE STEPHENSON CO.

England acquired Ireland by con uest, which began under Henry II in 1172, though there had been previous fillbustering expeditions. During centuries of resistance. England's claim was often only nominal. Cromwell subjugated Ireland in 1649 as it never ual conquest in 1690-1.

Term of Governor Olcott.

Red Rupert chose a moist season in dry state to break into the hills, but e is a webfoot.

Term of Governor Olecti.

ALGOMA, Or. March 17.—(To the Editor.)— If Ben W. Cloott is governor of Oregon by virtue of his office as secretary of state, will not he cease to be governor when his term of office as secretary of state expires?

In other words, can he be governor for a longer period, then the time for for a longer period than the time for which he was elected to an office which office makes it possible for him to act as governor? W. O. BINNS.

It is a most question. In the ab-April weather has arrived, even if sence of a supreme court ruling The Oregonian cannot answer the inquiry

ONE WAY TO PLEASE EVERYBODY Writer Suggests Colonization of All

Tipplers in One Locality. PORTLAND, March 18 .- (To the Editor.)—Why may it not be possible to set agart or dedicate some portion of our country for the habitation of that very respectable (in point of numbers) minority who assume that an inaliena-ble right is being infringed by the pro-hibition amandment to the constitu-

hibition amendment to the constitu-tion? I concede that, as in the league of nations, there are difficulties to be overcome, and, possibly, 14 points to be settled. The first, and seemingly the most important and difficult of attainment is to induce congress to grant a dispensation, plenary induspence or something allowing the beozeites a portion of territory where they can drink to their hearts' content and that their stomachs also, California would seem to be the logical spot in would seem to be the logical spot in which to erect the temple of Bacchus. That state, it is presumed, would willingly allow itself to become the mecca of the wets, not only on account of the great number of its wine interests and its booze fighters, but on account of the very large increase in population incl-dent to the plan.

The wets, like the Mormons and lep ers, would have a colony of their own from which the drys should be ex-cluded. It should be incumbent on the California prohis to emigrate to the territory that is congenial to then sheep and the goats, occupying different territories and not interfering with each other, each should be supremely satisfied in the possession of the right to become, on the one hand, as drunk as a lord, and, on the other hand, to remain as other as a lude. Then would main as sober as a judge. Then would be duplicated the condition existing af-ter the death of a certain unpopular Wishing to know the cause of his neighbor's death, some one inquired:
"What was the complaint." The answer: "Oh, no complaint. Everybody

sutisfied." No occasion for bootlegging would exist, for there would be no wet mar ket north of the dead line. Neithe would there be occasion to build th New York, Chicago, Juarez & San Fran isco railroad suggested in a recent cartoon after the nation goes dry. The in-creased revenue incident to enormously increased population should be ade-quate to provide the numerous penal institutions and hospitals that the prevailing license presupposes. Each section, in its attempt to prove that each was carrying out the only true theory, should live happily ever after.

W. B. EMERSON.

TREE IS PIGMY BESIDE OTHERS. Yews in England Attain Diameter of

45 Feet, Says Correspondent. PORTLAND, March 18.—(To the Edi-tor.)—As a subscriber of The Oregonian for the last 18 years, I don't want you o put up baby trees for a record. The ew tree as pictured in The Oregonian not the largest yew tree in the

At Thornton Abbey, County of Lin-coinshire, on the river Hember, England, stand three trees of the yew species, the largest of which is 45 feet, the smallest 42 feet in diameter. The first branch seven feet from the ground is 23 feet in diameter, the tree

covering three-fourths of an acre.

The Bible tells that the trees of Lebanon shall be as a child may count them. That today is true as some of the tourists will tell you. There are seven of them standing, the largest of which is 35 feet in diameter and is said to date from Solomon's time. The yew tree is of slow growth, very seidom more than 60 or 70 feet high, and I have seen them when the branches fell to the ground and rooted, forming other trees.

I have a list of the largest trees in the known world, but cannot find it. In the Black forest near London is a record. The plastic mind of a 10-year-old things sacred manifest in society to-day.

War is too horrible a thing to be suggested day after day and day after day to the mind of a 10-year-old boy. If there lurks in this "subject" any good, as love of country, etc., a mind pressed too far, wearled, will discard the sacredness of all and become more reduced to the level of the savage. What we want for our children's continued contemplation are the bright, beautiful, happy, hopeful things of life, and human brotherhood.

the known world, but cannot ind it.
In the Black forest near London is a
record English oak. The top was broken
off when I saw it 60 years ago. The
noted Dick Turpin and his famous
horse, Black Bess, used it as a safe
place to go to. He chopped out a place
in the stump which housed himself and Black Bess. The government cut stage road through the forest and hen they came to the tree cut through so that the stage could drive through this oak. If standing today it is 29 feet in diameter and at 29 feet from the ground is 26 feet in diameter, where it was broken off. R. T. ROBSON.

Story of Coxey's Army COTTAGE GROVE, Or., March 17.-(To the Editor.)-Kindly give a brief of Washington; D. C. What year was it? Who was Coxey? Who was Carl Browne? Who was Kelley and what was his first name and what was Coxey's first name? Where did they organize, how many started on the march and how many landed at their goal? What was their object and what finally become of Coxy Browne and the county on order of the court February finally become of Coxy Browne and the county on order of the court February Kelley?

wealth," composed of men out of work to march to Washington in order to one time it was estimated that 28,000 men were marching to join the army, To attend the Elks' celebration last but its forces were broken up by three of Montesano, weeks' of incessant rain. Coxey was thus compelled to make his start with President and manager of the West Coast Lumberman, a trade paper published at Tacoma, G. W. Cain, is at the imperial on a business trip to Portland.

C. F. Dunn and C. H. Whitmore of the engineering department of the state. 400 men and reached Washington with governor of Ohio. He is still living and is said to be profitably engaged in business. Carl Browne was his marshal and accompanied him to Washings ton. General Kelley headed another army which reached the middle west. Our references do not give his first honest effort is made to correct the ermane.

In Other Days.

Twenty-five Years Ago. m The Oregonian, March 19, 1894. Denver.-Federal troops have been ithdrawn from Fort Logan. It is ought danger of trouble in the Cripole Creek district is over.

Brussels. - King Leopold, who so mysteriously disappeared from his country place near Namer, has finally been located by the ministry at Geneva, Switzerland. The ministry notified the would be deferred pending his return.

Berlin,-The usual March celebration in honor of the revolutionists who fell in 1848 was held here, Anarchists delivered orations. Samples of Rull Run water taken

from the stream several days ago can now be seen at the office of the water works. The pipe line has not yet been

Fifty Years Ago.

From The Oregonian, March 19, 1869. Berlin.-A bill has passed the parlia ent securing freedom of speech in all German diets.

The Cuban revolt has been in progress for three months and seems more formidable now than ever, according to the New York Times.

Virginia City, Nev.-The San Fran sisco mail by pony arrived here last evening. Wells, Fargo & Co. ahead evening. by one hour.

The smallpox in San Francisco is be lieved to be steadily decreasing and assuming a milder form.

IT GUIDES THEM TO PUGNACITY

Military Training Is Held Bad for Plastic Minds of Youth.

Plastic Minds of Youth.

TURNER, Or., March 16.—(To the Editor.)—'The 16-year-old boy of today may be a needed soldier in ten years. A little military training will not hurt him.' I find this on the editorial page of The Oregonian. Now, there are very strong psychological and pedagogical reasons why subjects, either of art or of practical value in correct character building, should not be (for continual contemplation) those of ugliness, terror, pain, etc. However, artistic a griffin might be as a work of art, one does not care to have it constantly before the mind. One would not hang in the living-room of a home of art, one does not care to have it constantly before the mind. One would not hang in the living-room of a home where it could be reviewed day after day. "The Lion of Lucerne," beautiful as it is to contemplate once in a while, lest we forget. But the subject is depressing to the spirits. It takes away the buoyancy from a day's pleasure.

Even the picture, whether actual or mental, of the sacrifice of the cross, is

Even the picture, whether actual or mental, of the sacrifice of the cross, is not for unremittant contemplation. You know the danger of a reaction when a mind is pressed too far and becomes wearied. However good the les comes wearied. However good the lesson may be, the tired mind discorded all in its effort for relief. Witness the terrible want of reverence for things sacred manifest in society to-

life, and human brotherhood.

The plastic mind of a 10-year-old tends to "transmute mental suggestion into muscular activity." What follows military training pursued to the point of a wearied mind? Savagery, mild it may be, yet shown in a disposition to assert what one considers rights by force even in ordinary affairs of life.

Cronan Case Against County. TROUTDALE, March 18.—(To the Editor.)—Could you give me the date of a trial in the circuit court in Port. land wherein one Cronan was plaintiff and Multnomah county defendant? think it was about 1898. Gittner de-fended the county. Any information would be greatly appreciated.

A SUBSCRIBER.

William Cronan filed suit against county on order of the court February finally became of Coxey, Browne and 6, 1893. On March 3, 1899, a receipt Kelley?

O. M. KEM. was filed by attorneys for the plaintiff Jacob S. Coxey was born in Pennsyl- to Multnomah county for \$350, containvania in 1854. In 1894 while living at ing agreement to dismiss the suit in Massilon, O., he organized what he this county and releasing Multnomah called "the army of the common-county from all claims.

Pailure to File Income Report. SALEM, Or., March 16 .- (To the Ed-itor.)-Regarding income tax report, please advise if a person whose income is \$2100 a year and has a wife and minor child to support should have made out a report, no blanks for same having been sent.

If so, what should be done now?

"SOMEWHERE NEAR THE WAR"

The Oregonian has assembled and published in book form-under the title "Somewhere Near the War"-the twenty-six letters from Edgar B. Piper, written from Great Britain and the war zone in October and November, 1918. The requests that the series be issued in a single volume have come from many sources; and the result is a well-printed book of 150 pages, printed on Antique book paper in large type, with wide margins and adequate illustrations.

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