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RESTORING PORTLAND COMMERCE,

Organization of the Columbia Pa-Portland to use the ships which Portland has built in developing Portwhile the International corporation or renowned authors and lecturers. gon products abroad. The one is the delivery company for the other, while that other will develop more business to deliver.
As the steamship company will start

will be no further justification for handling Portland shipments through better. ports, when ships are ready to lund them at Portland docks.

England. All of those sources of supquantities of animal products, including wool, also canned and dried fruit.

for which there is a great demand in Nerway. All the former sources of pamphlets, together with arguments taly. When peace raises the block- The Oregonia. out of Austria

The sole limit to sale of Oregon oducts abroad is lack of means of delivery. In farm and ranch products, output is only 30 per cent of that through some mishap had been capacity, because we have lacked denied them. means of delivery and connections with the markets. Of the annual cut of lumber, almost half must be shipped by sea, and the present scarcity of tumber and necessity for building in Europe would enable the state to double its cut, if it had ships to deliver its sales. The situation is the same as that which occurs when there is a car shortage on the railroads—sales

are restricted by capacity to deliver. The new enterprise will be Oregon's delivery wagon, and it will be managed by Oregon men in Oregon's interest. By employing American ships managed in this manner, we shall escape from the position in which we entrusted our deliveries to our business rivals by chartering foreign ships. Having begun with that policy, Portand may be expected to continue by building more vessels in its own yards as the needs of its commerce require. Restoration of Pertland's commerce

seems assured by this new enterprise. It is in the hands of able, energetic business men who know what they are about and have the means to do it. It is for the rest of the citizens to give applies to all the people of the Columbia basin, for the new steamship company will make their deliveries.

cided what kind of ships it wants. The shipping of the world is at least

employed. The French are not wait- Poland, and, as it is to be awarded to Americans. No person proposes to ing; they are contracting in Britain new Poland, it will become the great change the safety provisions of the not permit them to use.

MORE SOCIAL INEQUALITY.

The pitiful thing about the case Miss Garrison in Seattle Is that she had not yet learned that with other progress in human affairs a way has been discovered of getting rid of a wife who stands in the way of matri-

finity's purchase of George for \$50,000. off the country would have been pro-

now been deeply honored by appointment by the president of the United reindeer are bred in Alaska.

States as one of the commissioners in Men are still living who r ust internal Russian affairs.

has doubtless spoiled the promising cific Steamship company and the Pa- future of Dudley Storrs, who must be cific International corporation is the a fascinating and accomplished youth.

Deginning of practical steps by citizens The student of domestic triangles land commerce, in marketing the pro-land commerce, in marketing the pro-ducts of the Oregon country and in it is one of the inequalities of the so-General Gorgas drained the swamps,

eign products which are consumed ere more of our promising free lovers icans how to live so as to keep healthy.

One result of the peace settlement manage ships for the shipping board, from becoming diplomats, statesmen,

The article printed today from the New York Times discloses again the utter provincialism of the east. It is, As the steamship company will start with thirty-seven vessels, and as the or seems to be, practically unknown They may even irrigate the Sahara with thirty-seven vessels, and as the or seems to be, practically unknown they may even irrigate the Sahara desert and make it habitable. chipping board must find employment there that Oregon is in an advanced for its investment of several billion state of enlightenment, that here pol-dollars, no doubt need be entertained that Portland will get good service in business. Thus the Times blandly exhandling its commerce, hence it be- cuses ignorance by an Oregon schoolneoves the people of Portland to use teacher as to identity of speaker, pres the facilities offered, both for that ident of senate and local representawhich it already has and for that tives, with the expressed doubt that which may yet be developed. There many professors, clergymen, lawyers,

Let us recount again the inestimable educational advantages of the Ore-There is unlimited opportunity for gon system. The candidates spring expansion of Portland trade, for the from the people. Once sprung, a neat rest of the world is in greatest need of little pamphlet is sent to each voter the very commodities which the Ore- at state expense telling why the cangon country produces. Take so small didates have sprung and why they a country as Norway alone. In 1913 it should be nominated, all on the unim-imported \$31,600 tons of grain, of peachable authority of the candidates which 190,000 came from Russia, 160,- themselves. Later another neat little 000 from Germany and 20,000 from pamphlet teks why, on similarly unimpeachable authority, the successful sly have been cut off, and Portland nominees should be elected. Still later an do much to fill their place by shipping either grain or flour. Oregon pense and free for the asking, tells produces and Portland packs great who has been elected, but, alas! not

for these products have been for or against them, and these pamphcut off, and the market is wide open and hungry for Oregon products. Norway has not yet adopted prohibition of voting. The pleasing picture may readand has bought Oregon hops through ily be fancied of the Oregon family New York and London, but would gathering, night and morning, while New York and London, but the structure of the structure o

Italy. When peace raises the blockade, it will be true also of Germany. this thoughtfully devised system had not reached the remotest school disroland and of the countries carved not reached the remotest school district. The inquiry itself reveals that the questions had come up in the

## THE RESURRECTION OF POLAND.

One of the remarkable developments of this period of transition from war of informal national referendum. The to peace is the wonderful resurrection people are expected to devote their of Poland. That part of the republic minds to this question while they are which has been taken from Russia and Austria has been laid waste reproductions, the returning soldiers, German peatedly by the contending armies until not a trace remains of thousands ident. Wilson and congress think of of villages, and many towns are in each other. ruins. Factories have been gutted of machinery and skilled workmen have been deported to Germany. Hundreds come into possession of a great merof thousands, perhaps millions, fled chant marine almost overnight, and and scattered through Russia in the do not know what to do with it. In great retreat of 1915. Yet the new six years our ocean-going tonnage will government is barely organized when have grown from about 7,000,000 to

1,000,000 men. midst of enemies and it no sooner tion unless congress acts in time. comes to life again than it must de-fend its existence. On the west it must that a great investment of about three maintain its rightful frontier against the Germans, who refuse to give up idle and in order that we may get to Danzig, Posen and Silesia; on the work on that expansion of coreign east it must sweep back the waves of trade of which we have talked so much Russian bolshevism; on the southeast but toward which we have done so it must fight with Ukraine for part of Galicia, and on the southwest its claim to part of Silesia is disputed by the minds what to do, and they are doing it.

Czecho-Slovak republic. The great service which Poland now renders to Europe is to serve as a barrier against boishevism. Even in its misery and poverty it serves civilibring board with the explanation that it is powerless to comply because the prohibition "was in effect at the prohibition "was in effect at the begun to rise from barbarism and it furction of President Wilson," to quote a Washington dispatch. The world is so short of ships that flour saved Vienna from the Turks and was produced a ceape for distribution among various cape for distribution among various shipping companies, and they are going out to gather up trade on which our manufacturers have had their eyes.

The great service which Poland now renders to Europe is to serve as a barrier against boishevism. Even in its misery and poverty it serves civilibrium to going out to gather up trade on which our manufacturers have had their deep the prohibition "was in effect at the begun to rise from barbarism and it fact impressed on their mind that ships are only a part of a merchant marine, and a lifeless part at that world is so short of ships that flour service which Poland now renders to Europe is to serve as a league of nations that we must spell a lot of American words with the English "ough" instead of the Yankee eyes.

The American people have had their fact impressed on their mind that ships are only a part of a merchant marine, and a lifeless part at that the part is the great body of the Yankee eyes.

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one of the most effective means of fascination which caused boys in for-10,000,000 gross tens short of needs. disarming Germany is restoration of mer times to run away to sea. The Poed remains in America which Eu- Posen and Silesia to Poland. Prus- shipping board has made a beginning Foed remains in America which Europe sorely needs, because there are not enough ships. Shipyards need contracts. Workmen need employment at the shipyards. All must wait till Mr. Wilson has finished the work of weaving his own particular plan for a league of nations so thoroughly into the web and woof of the peace treaty that to separate them would destroy both; also perhaps until he has induced the allies to accept some firew plan for the management of the world's merchant marine, the interests of American industry, to keep the Krupp gun foundry in the face of such a need it is idle.

Posen and Silesia to Poland, Prussian polarity of troshing part of the surgar out of proportion to its area, but it also continues. It can no longer offer the attraction of patriotic service in war at high wages and a spice of adventure. But the men must be found and trained if the ships are to move. It is a seafaring people that makes a merchant marine, we west, Germany will have little materials to keep the Krupp gun foundry in

ing; they are contracting in Britain new Poland, it will become the great change the safety provisions of the for ships, which they tried to get in outlet of Polish commerce. It has law. But seamen should not be free America but could not, and they are been held back by German policy, which saw more profit in a long rull-lumbia the plants which the shipping road haul to Hamburg and Bremen that is ready to sail in order to gratify lumbia the plants which the shipping road haul to Hamburg and Bremen that is rea board, at Mr. Wilson's dictation, would than in direct shipment from Danzig. a grudge. The Polish port should gain commerce
fast by handling such traffic and by
government operation of rallroads will
having use of the Kiel canal as a short
cut to the North Sea. German stato ships. As the capacity of our in-

supported by the success with which

Men are still living who remember the Princes' Island conference to ad- when the whole country from the Missouri river westward far beyond the Miss Garrison by her ruthless and Rocky mountains was considered an ill-considered act has ruined her own irredeemable desert, but it now feeds low charter rates. This is possible life, taken the life of Mrs. Storrs and millions and exports a surplus to feed only with a degree of economy which millions more. It is not too much to is impossible to this government. say that Belgium was kept alive by the food of this quondam "desert." The student of domestic triangles the French failed with the Fanama will realize of course that it is easier canal, many were disposed to give up in most cases to obtain 35 cents worth the isthmus as too naturally pestilen-of strychnine than it is to get \$50,000. tial for men of the northern races, but importing direct to this port the for- cial system that ought to be corrected killed the mosquitos and taught Amer-

One result of the peace settlement which is now being arranged will be that white men will scatter to many parts of the world from which barbarsm, oppression and disorder have merly excluded them. If they will use will observe the general laws of health, they will be able to live and prosper.

AN UNEMPLOYED MERCHANT MARINE. When the contracts which the ships posed upon it by the war itself. Authority to operate or sell these ships, new opportunity.

perate or charter them. existence. meeting no fewer than nine distinct the interests of their fellow men. organizations, which shall submit ple call it "hogging." plans, these to be submitted to a sort

The American people are all at sea undertakes to raise an army of 19,000,000, and of the latter total only 4,473,328 deadweight tons, which are As of old, Poland is planted in the in private ownership, will be in operait. The British government recently The great service which Poland now handed over 137 ships to Lord Inch

world is so short of ships that flour saved vienna from the Turks and was the live part is the great body of utilis are blocked with accumulated atock, while Europe is hungry for that stock, while Europe is hungry for that participation in partition. Polish sollows Mr. Wilson forbids them the participation in partition. Polish sollows Mr. Wilson forbids them the diers have fought in the army of every nation that struggled for free-the build for foreigners and because that crime was committed, the shipping board has not yet decided what kind of shipf it wants.

The interests of American industry, to keep the Krupp gun foundry in operation. Deprived of the greatest are small matters by comparison with the great schemes which are being worked out at Paris.

It is well to know where the responsibility lies for this compulsory, walting in America. The British are not walting; their shippards are fully beared of the greatest to talk of repealing those parts of the to talk of repealing those parts of the seamen's law which secure for the seamen's law which secure for the seamen fair wages, the same freedom as a landsman, good food and healthy quarters. All desire that American nations. France is likely to distance her and Poland will come to the front.

Danzig was the great port of old

tistics show that only a small part of dustries has already passed our do-the population is Polish, but that is mestic consumption, the only oppormainly a result of deliberate crowding tunity to keep them fully employed out of Poles and coionization of Geris by selling the surplus abroad in mans, partly of cooked figures. The competition with the whole world, peace conference appears to have de- Our ships also will be exposed to mony and that with some degree of cided that Germany shall not profit world competition. Then the only by changes in population which are a chance to expand foreign trade of the competition.

ly sympathized and understood came a century ago any man who talked of into his notice was shelved by the afwe should not, we should be driven either to entrust our ocean-carrying Other than an annoying difference of opinion over the affair between has done it and returned in sound has done it and returned in sound be driven has done it and returned in sound business to our competitors, which does not conduce to commercial expansion, or to keep our merchant selves happily all around. George has pansion, or to keep our merchant marine affoat at a staggering cost. Of all kinds of business, shipping thrives best in the hands of private enterprise, for then all energy is exerted to develop business by seeking out new markets, and to retain those markets for the owner's customers by making low charter rates. This is possible only with a degree of economy which is impossible to this government.

States, which costs more, but seems to soldiers coming home in cattle cars. Now this was quite common during the customers. The war has opened a new field for furniture and Mr. Karpen is developing the South American trade.

"I'm used to living at home and don't savvy this hotel game," explained J. J. Hargarity of San Padre, which is the term and we were conferred to climb in best in the hands of private enterprise,

### SALVATION ARMY FUNDS

Decision of the heads of the Salvaion Army to bring up to date their methods of raising funds, and to depend on systematic efforts to obtain subscriptions rather than upon circulation of the tambourine, is a reminder of the immense expansion of this organization in recent years. That the Salvation Army should have so en-deared itself to the people by its work in the war is due not to mere chance out to years of preparation along lines the food which the country offers and with which the public was not famil-will observe the general laws of health, iar, People who appraised it only upon the basis of its religious activities that it stood up so well to the task im-

merchant ships or more than 70 per cent of the ocean-going shipping over thave come to know us in America."

Solutions under the American flag. Authority to operate or sell these ships. ping board has decided to complete Announcement that the army "will have been finished, the board will not lose contact with the young men granted by congress to the president emerges from the war with every senti-and delegated by him to the board, mental consideration in its favor, with on the check, not another word being will cease six months after the procla-mation of peace by the president. Un-where. It is peculiarly in a position less congress in the meantime adopts a shipping policy and provides for disposition of these vessels, they will be that it intends now to engage in "fightondemned to idleness, for their own- ing home poverty and suffering in the ers will not be able lawfully to sell, trenches of America."

Statistics alone do not convey an With the duty staring it in the face adequate idea of the work. The numput this great fleet, second only to ber of beds provided in a year for men the merchant marine of Great Britain. who would otherwise have gone shelinto the service of American com- teriess runs into many millions; the merce, the sixty-fifth congress has single item of doughnuts cooked for done nothing and has gone out of the men in the fighting zone runs into existence. The president has an-quite an amazing figure; in finding nounced that he will not call an extra jobs for jobless it has conferred a boon nounced that he will not call an extra jobs for jobless it has conferred a boon session of the new congress until he returns from the peace conference, probably several months honce. Pub. probably several months hence. Pub-lic opinion on the subject has not success has been absolute submergtaken shape, and opinion among con-gressmen is in a hazy condition. Ef-service has been too menial, if it promforts to formulate a policy have been ised comfort to some suffering mortal, made at a conference of shipbuilders, for a Salvation Army worker to perof Norway is true also of Sweden and tion book about the virtues and which organized the National Mer-

> intermediate stages to sale to and ed wine into a pig trough and the an-operation by private companies. The school work. Even the children were clamoring for political information that through some mishap had been denied them.
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> Colonel B. K. Lawson, now of cottage beings. Of course it is true, for each policy to recommend, and aims to learn what the people want by asking after. Occasionally the hog falls down, but not often. When he does he goes the United States Chamber of Com-merce to call conferences of various the limit. Perhaps that is why peo-

The \$125,000 to be raised in Portland for the livestock exposition should come mostly from popular subscriptions of one or two shares as far as possible. That plan will entail much work and more bookkeeping, but consider the grand effect of popular own-

Even Mr. Hoover cannot go on in definitely Hooverizing as to salary, and there is little doubt that he will sucseed in landing one of the "big jobs." Consider the advertising value of his name, for example, on a new brand of

If the only battleship worth having s to cost \$40,000,000, none but rich nations will be able to afford any navy. Then the poor nations in the league may combine to abolish all navies, and they will have the votes.

be so perfected that each can make the trip back in less days than it took months sixty years ago.

The contract price of 12 cents for

red ruspberries offered by the Puyallup concern sets the pace for this year, and it will be a lively gait. A jury has decided Mr. Sorenson

did not run over Mrs. Smith and con-

Cease, gedtle spri'g; ethereal bildness, cease thy eddeavors. Ha'dker-

Suffrage is sure in the next senate. Republicanism always has been and forever will be the essence of progress.

Statistics show one in nine gets a divorce. The eight of us are satisfied and content. It may be better to annex part of

the Tualatin valley before beginning the big bore. Felt like Twenty-fourth and Vaughan yesterday, didn't it?

How's this for a spring equinex?

### Those Who Come and Go.

"I have assurances that the goverment will come through with money I Oregon votes \$2,500,000 for the Roose veit highway along the Oregon coast, declared Ben F. Jones, representative of Lincoln county. Mr. Jones is her to astend a conference to be held at the Imperial at 2 o'clock this afternoon, when delegations from Ciatsop, Tila-mook, Coos, Lane, Douglas and Curry counties will discuss ways and means of bringing before the people the ideas of the Roosevelt highway. About 20 boosters will be at the conference and the first thing they intend doing is working out a publicity campaign. "Of course, if the people authorize the triangle.

There is the case of George Davis
Herron. George was once a preacher
and author. The burden of a wife who
did not sympathize with his aspirations, or at least was thought not to
describe so when another woman who sweetby sympathized and understood came

by changes in population which are a
change to expand foreign trade or to
keep our ships afloat under our flag
is to beat other nations on price. This
means low charter rates, which require economic operation unless the
sold and we won't be out anything.
The government declines to
keep our ships afloat under our flag
is to beat other nations on price. This
means low charter rates, which require economic operation unless the
taxpayer is to make good an annual
loss like that incurred on the railroads.
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the proof of the people authorize the
keep our ships afloat under our flag
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loss like that incurred on the railroads.
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Purniture won't be cheaper and may go higher, is the hopeful prediction of M. Karpen, who is at the Hotel Port-land with his wife and daughter, Miss Ethel. Strikes in the textile mills in the east will make coverings for up-holstored furniture scarcer and, conseholstered furniture scarcer and, consequently, higher. Before the war textiles were imported by Karpen, but now they obtain their supply in the United

savvy this hotel game," explained J. J. manure out, but threw in a little new Haggarty of San Pedro, which is the straw, and we were ordered to climb in Haggarty of San Pedro, which is the waterfront of Los Angeles and the place where you take the boat to go to Catalina to see divers dive for abalone shells which they have "planted" for tourists. Mr. Haggarty had forgotten "and wife" when he registered, so when the clerk called his attention to the lapse he wrote "and wife" after San Pedro. Mr. Haggarty is here to meet Mrs. Haggarty, who arrived last night from Scattle. They are at the Seward.

To start a refered to climb in straw, and we were ordered to climb in. It rained hard all night and we got very wet. Our rations were about ten hardtack and two pounds of raw sow-belly to cach man, and a canteen full of river water. But we were on our way home to God's country, and cattle cars beat walking.

In those days we had no Red Cross, Y. M. C. A., K. C. or anything of that kind; no women nurses, only in the base hospitals. Boys were detailed out of the ranks to care for the sick and

To start a referendum movement against the prohibition law in Wash-ington, Theodore A. Bell of California passed through Portland yesterday on the California Wash Mr. Bell. his way to Olympia, Wash. Mr. Bell, while in Portland a week ago, arranged to have a referendum started in Oregon and the papers are now in Salem. Mr. lacked complete information. Its tire Bell, before taking up this crusade, was less efforts to relieve poverty and suf-fering wherever found have been grow-ing constantly and account for the fact

at it stood up so well to the task im-beed upon it by the war itself.

Announcement that the army "will yesterday. The stranger wanted a percovered a traveling card of the B. P. Elks. "Lemme see that Elk card," of manded the clerk. The stranger, wit out a word, handed it over and t clerk, after one glance, placed his O.

To welcome home some Corvallis boys who arrived from Camp Lewis yesterday, a number of citizens of that place were at the Multnomah. Among them were C. E. Ingills, J. C. Lowe, John F. Allen and S. C. Elliott, Mr. Elliott, when he was in the cigar business in Portland, tried to operate a Hood River orchard by long distance but the reorchard by long distance, but the re sult was not very satisfactory.

It looks as though a "paint 'em up" campaign is about to be launched. The following men in the paint business ar-rived at the Benson yesterday: B. R. Owing to the illness of Everett Anter everal relatives came to Portland from Oakland, Cal., yesterday and registered

at the Benson. They were Mrs. J. P. Ames, who is a heavy stockholder in the Ames-Neville company. Miss Ames and J. H. Ames, a brother of Everett.

the Roosevelt highway.

Hercules mines, a couple of well-paying properties, N. Williamson is at the Hotel Portland with his wife, registered from Moscow, Idaho,

What's in a name? John T. Booz

Oregon

the Hotel Oregon.

D. C. Sprague of Wacomac, Wash., is at the Seward with his son, T. De-Wayne Sprague, a Jumberman. Judge A. E. Reames is in town from Medford on a business trip. He is at

the Hotel Portland. J. W. Bergman, banker at Florence, Or., arrived at the Imperial yesterday for a brief stay.

One of Marshfield's attorneys, T. T. Bennett, is in the city and is at the Imperial,

Dr. E. H. Smith, a resident of Lake-view, Or., is among the arrivals at the Multnomah.

## How Balloons Are Ruised.

Indiainapolis News.

The earliest balloon was one which was raised by heated air, but its use was restricted, as the means of genersequently did not kill her. Now the ating heat for the purpose was exceed-ingly limited. But now electricity has been called into the service of the hot air balloon. The Electrical Experi-menter tells how James N. Lewis of chiefs cost bore, even id the wet wash. Detroit has arranged an electrical means of heating the air inside a bal-loon. Of course, electrical connection is maintained with the ground so that the balloon is held on the end of a wire There is, thus, a restriction of balloon freedom, but captive balloons serve important military purposes.

> There's joy in the spring When the first birds sing And the crocuses spring From the sod;
> From the sod;
> There's a hope in everything When the happy tidings ring;
> "It is spring," It is spring,
> Thank God!" MERRILL ARTHUR YOTHERS.

Medford, Or,

### "Sweeney." By Grace E. Hall.

If you have a care or worry and your nerves are all a-flurry. Till you haven't any idea what to do or where to go, There's a wise man in our city who is

filled with tender pity. And he's able to advise you and to settle all your woe.

You will find him ever standing, wise

though you pender o'er it still. If you're going south he'll know

though you try hard not to East or West—you cannot fool him; he is wiser than before. Take your troubles to this being with

## Veteran Tells of Riding in Cattle Cars

and of No Provision for Future. PORTLAND, March 20 .- (To the Edior.)-I noticed in The Sunday Orego-

of the ranks to care for the sick and wounded in the hospital; the United States did not furnish tobacco, cig-arettes, chewing gum or candy; no fruit or vegetables; we never got a potato or onion during our three years' service unless we foraged it. Our ra-tions consisted mostly of hard bread, fat meat, rice, beans, coffee, sugar, no egetables except a little dried vegetables made of pumpkin, squash, car-rots, etc., which very few men would care to eat. We seldom got beef, but no canned goods, such as the soldiers get now. We had good wool clothing and blankets, and \$13 per month, with gold worth \$2.50 and calico worth 50 cents yard.

The government made no provision for the army after it was disbanded, but left every boy to hunt his own job, which we did without much trouble. 106th Illinois Volunteer Infantry.

WHAT EVERY ONE SHOULD KNOW Average Citizen Is in Need of Much Enlightenment.

New York Times From the principal of a public school n Clatsop county The Oregonian gets his communication, which seems to

Who is the speaker of the house of epresentatives in the state legislature Also the president of the senate in Oregon? Who are the representatives to the state legislature from Clatsop coun-ty; the senators? What is the number of the present congress? How is the number determined? These questions have all come up in our school work." Our Portland contemporary seems rather inclined to birch the inquiring school teacher. The legislature had been sitting forty-six days when the writer penned his questionnaire. The

E. J. Adams is at the Imperial. Mr. Adams, although no longer connected with the road-building branch of the state, is as keenly interested in highways as he was when a member of the commission. He is here to help boost the Roosevelt highway. ing citizens could answer in regard to their own county and state the Clat-sopian's inquiries? How many clergy-

New Republic.
Stand any afterneon on Fifth avenue,
New York City, and size up the condition of the passersby. You see shopgirls in thin cotton who are under-What's in a name? John T. Booz arrived, in Portland from Chicago yesterday and not one of the deputy sherilfs, department of justice agents or folice tried to stop him entering the city.

Miss Clara Bellinger, nurse with the United States naval reserve forces, is at the Seward. Those in the service have to register that way, it helms one of the sount feetory hands who overflow at to register that way, it being one of the rules.

Lee Wise, in business at Ilwaco, which used to be the summer resort greater cleanliness of the people later for Portlanders before the Oregon beaches were accessible, is at the Hotel them in a very different class. You hear a good deal about the queens you see, but really, the city streets of New York in 1919, streaming with people who have dun clothes to match dun Before all the empire makers of the 50s die let us hope air service will be accompanied by his son, arthe 50s die let us hope air service will rived from Cranbrook, B. C., and are at faces, make you wonder what's the use. Or longer in the civil war.

### In Other Days.

Twenty-five Years Ago, The Oregonian of March 21, 1894 Ottawa .- A bill was introduced in the house of commons today abourned as an official language. abolishing

Salem .- The price of wheat dropped a cent today. It is now 39 cents

Considerable flax is being sown on Polk county farms

You will find him ever standing, wise decisions ever banding.

To the multitudes that wander and are subjects of his will:

If you have not made decision he will catch your straying vision, And he'll then and there decide it. reservoir was ordered started.

From The Oregonian of March 21, 1819, Washington, D. C.—The Navy Register totals the number of government vessels at 203 and 26 of this number the eagle eye far seeing:

He will point the way of wisdom with his cunning semaphore!

Statistics

his cunning semaphore! Statistics give the present population of Montana to be 35,000 persons and that of Utah 80,000.

The Willamette, which was for time so low as to prevent larger ves-sels from going upstream beyond Portland, has now risen enough for the cus-tomary navigation to be resumed.

The Boise Statesman of March says: "All Indians about Bolse leave tomorrow morning for Fort Hall res-ervation and the town will look better without them strolling around in their uncouth garb or no garb at all, as the

NEXT: INSPECTOR OF FLYWHEELS

Tax-Restive Correspondent Points Out John Office Seekers Overlook.

PORTLAND, March 20 .- (To the Edior.)-City office holders, drawing fat, salaries, are "Inspecting" the chief traffic crossings, and reporting that so many people and vehicles pass and re-pass Fifth and Washington streets daily and at "peak" periods, and so many pass and repass Seventh and Morrison streets, and so on.

Now this is edifying, doubtless, and interesting, too; but it would be more edifying and interesting to know how ediffing and interesting to show now many inspectors busiled themselves at this business, for how long a time and at what salaries, and why taxpayers are compelled to pay the bills for this and other luxuries of officialdom.

These sinecure jobs are scattered throughout the public service, both local and federal. Mon and women everywhere are scheming to get on the public payroll, in order to enjoy comfort jobs, at short hours and good pay, free from the drivings of a taskmaster boss whose everywhere or the free from the drivings of a taskmaster boss, whose eye is constantly on the balance sheet. And the office holders who have landed are continually trying to make new activities for themselves and more berths for their taxeating confederates. All this at expense of taxpayers.

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bett building the other day, the office holders renewed their "drive" for a boiler inspector and deputies (at big salaries). No disaster like this ever happened in Portland before, and none may again. The Corbett building owners hire able men, presumably at good wages, to keep the water in the beiler and to protect the building from dam-age and the owners from law suits, and boiler insurance underwriters hire ompetent inspectors to guard their in

urance risks; but this does not satisfy ne office-holding crowd and the legion andidates for office. When the flywheeel of Samuel Jackon's Journal automobile son's Journal automobile "blew up" several days ago, scattering destruction and injury, the episode clearly opened new opportunities for public service and "good" salaries. Why not an inspector (and deputies) of automobile flywheels? The incumbents of these new jobs could "protect" life and property from flywheels in most edifying manner, and draw fat salaries, and sit in winter-warm and summer-cool of newspapers "were carrying columns, and even pages, about the legislature. The members from Clatsop had been nominated nearly a year before," and so on. "What are they teaching in the public spheods."

again, who examine people who purs and repass at street corners: If the "gents" who stand in front of clear Colonel B. K. Lawson, now of Cottage
Grove but once upon a time warden of
the penitentiary when Oswald West, as
governor, declared martial law on a
fence at Milwaukie, is at the Seward.

Charles Pankow, a merchant of
Marshfield, is at the Hotel Oregon, and
reports that Marshfield is as busy as
ever, netwithstanding that one of the
big mills has shut down.

Interested in the Bunker Hill and
Hercules mines, a couple of well-paying

Sopian's inquiries? How many clergymen, lawyers, doctors, bankers, merchants, professors, could answer correctly all or a majority of these simple
questions?

These things ought to be taught in
school. They ought to be known by
every intelligent person. A good many
millions of us, thinking no small beer
of ourselves, need to go to school to
learn the rudimentary facts of our contemporary politics.

Poor Folks Make Dull Crowd.

New Poorsbills

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short of possibilities. It would be interesting for them to record how many
of the passers at street corners:

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These and repass at street corners. know how many men need shaves, and the beauty doctors would be grateful for statistics. And so on. But as the office holders are studying o' nights devising new jobs and duties, they may supply us such data later on—for sal-ary considerations.

Great is officialdom, and waxing daily greater. And high are taxes and mounting yearly higher,

FRIEND OF THE PEOPLE.

Increase of Pensions. VANCOUVER, Wash., March 19.—(To he Editor.)—Referring to your reply o "Veteran" as to dute of pension increase, permit me to inquire if the pension referred to includes Indian war veterans. In case it does, will it be necessary for me to make application for such increase of pension?

INDIAN WAR VETERAN.

The law referred to affects the pensions only of those who served 90 days

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