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SET THE SHIPBUILDERS FREE.

Prompt action of the senate commerce committee in reporting favorably Senator Jones' bill taking from the amount of democratic support which the bill received raises hope that it will be passed by so large a majority as to lead President Wilson not to ward off with a veto this blow at a policy which is peculiarly his own.

The question is not one of party, although such faithful mouthpieces of the administration as Senators Simnons and Kirby come to Hurley's de-The south lines up with the Pacific coast, and both are joined by foe to the Pacific coast, and especially ficial at home or abroad, and of wood ships.

Pacific coast yards will be employed until they can begin work on private have been that he told the truth about read them? Minus description and contracts. Mr. Hurley uses an offer the cause and course of the Egyptian character study and philosophy and of an eastern company to build ships insurrection. The attempt at sup-at a government-owned yard at \$149 pression raises suspicion that there a ton as a pretext for refusing con-tracts to privately owned Pacific coast when in fact there was nothing worse charge for depreciation of the govern- for which they were paid. There was order to avoid loss. The effect is that mind and who treat alien races with public funds are used to foster the that assumption of superiority that is destroy it on the Pacific coast

was needed only a mixture of pro-very least, and that is all they ask. A Turkish propaganda and excitement of square deal requires that depreciation vague hopes by circulation of Presi-charges be added to the price quoted dent Wilson's talk about self-deter-by operators of government yards in mination in order to start a confiagraprivate yards. Pacific yards have facilities to trans-port steel at the lowest cost. Some of has told, and his criticism of British the many wood ships which are now policy has been accompanied by much carrying railroad ties east should be praise of British rule. put in interconstal service and carry steel west. Pacific yards would thus they aroused suspicion that there is escape the exorbitant freight rates much worse to tell about Syria by which the railroad administration ex-acts in the vain effort to avoid bank. There should be no hesitation on

chief shipbuilding nation of the world, censure. having passed Great Britain. Lloyds' 2,254.845 gross tons were under con-struction in the United Kingdom. 4.185,523 gross tons in the United States and 1,355,898 gross tons in all other countries. The world's total being 10,051.108 gross tons, the United

cent of the whole. The American people want to hold on the Pacific coast, which produced more than half of the war tonnage. should be temporarily idle through creation of a gap between completion of the last government ship and the beginning of work on the first private ship. That hiatus might prove fatal to its success in competition with for eign yards and with Mr. Hurley's pam pered pets on the Atlantic coast. Con tinnous operation is essential to economical production in an industry which has such heavy overhead costs ed which must maintain so large an

The Jones bill is an excellent begin-ning, but it should be quickly followed other legislation to break the dutch of the shipping board, to keep the entire industry in full operation with other nations. In this competition the Pacific coast asks no favors asks only that it be subjected to no handleaps by laws or hureaucrats.

organization of highly skilled men

SUFFRAGE IN FRANCE.

The vote of the French chamber of deputies, 344 to 97, in favor of enfranchisement of women, marks a re-markable and unexpected unanimity of apinion in that country upon an issue in the United States and in England. discrimination against women. Yet des femmes contented itself in 1916 to do with urging the country to remember. There are Indians who would no the service of women, and thereafter make intelligent citizens, and 'who

aing deep, as is evidenced by the vote. anything even approaching this support in that body before. The bill requires the sanction of the French senate, but a point has been guined. Sufand in amenability to discipline they
disclaims of intent to affect the valid-

land now have woman suffrage and cludes, Holland not long ago removed the in war. disabilities of women for membership bill proposed by the ciericals but op-posed by the so-called "advanced" porting columns. But any step for-ward will be welcomed. The out-standing fact seems to be that everywhere suffrage sentiment has made strong gains. Persons now living are likely to see it adopted throughout Europe.

TURN OUT.

Portland approaches the school electhat with which it approached the recent state and city special elections. It requires some resolution to interoneself in other than a spirited political campaign, but the duty exists nd government functions indifferently and often recklessly when issues are

left to settlement by a small minority. In tomorrow's election, unless there shall be an arousing, voting will be done by more or less especially interested elements. The neighborhoods that are to be benefited by construc tion of new buildings if the bonds shall carry will be fairly well represented; probably the teachers to whom the shipping board all authority over all questions pertaining to the schools private shipbuilding contracts gives appeal, will turn out; the friends of promise that the blighting reign of the candidates for director will par-Burley will soon be ended. Indeed, ticipate and the fairly numerous taxpayers who are constitutionally oped to any increase of taxes do their share. Yet school matters should be close to the heart of everyone. There is no public enterprise that more intimately affects the family than the school system. Its conduct ought not to be left to the few.

THE ELLIS INCIDENT.

Detention of Dr. Ellis, special correspondent of the New York Herald the disinterested middle west, while and The Oregonian, by the British take his pumpkin pie in the form of a but that i the chief opponent is Senator Harding authorities in Egypt, is an example of Ohio, who has been a constant of that blundering which often charchampion of the Atlantic coast and a acterizes the subordinate British official at home or abroad, and is a justice to "Captains Courageous" or product of that censorship which is to "Robinson Crusoe," and we look on The damage done by Hurleyism to one of the vicious products of war, the rewriting of "David Copporfield" the industry on the Pacific coast will The man who was originally respons- and "Last Days of Pompeil" as litnot be fully repaired unless the ship-ping board is compelled to redistribute ment found his match in the American the remaining contracts for govern-ment ships in such a manner that the serted his fellow-citizen's rights. Dr. Ellis' sole offense appears to

yards at a higher price. In so doing than conscription of labor battalions he omits from the calculation any to do work of great military urgency, ment yard, though owners of private military rule during the war by men yards must include that charge in who do not understand the oriental order to avoid loss. The effect is that mind and who treat alien races with space. Dead authors have some public funds are used to foster the that assumption of superiority that is rights. They ought to be protected industry on the Atlantic coast and to peculiar to small and snobbish intellect, and that fills a proud race like, ence, even if the copyright laws do Faithful, efficient service to the na-the Arabs with smoldering resent- not extend to them. Yet we shall not tion in war entitles the Pacific coast ment. Given these materials, there take this violation of the proprieties shipbuilders to a square deal at the was needed only a mixture of proto make fair comparison with tion. The match was set when the name yards. It also requires that tionals were forbidden to go to Paris bureaucrats try to silence him and

ptry. \ the part of the American peace dele-Sound reasons of national policy, gates at Paris or of the state departwhich appeal to all sections of the ment in demanding the liberation of Shantung should drive out the Japcountry and which transcend the priout interests of the shiphulders diswate interests of the shipbuilders, dic-tate that the entire shipbuilding in-dustry be fostered, and that neither the truth as a trained, conscientious rounding territory constituting in all the greed of Atlantic shipbuilders nor observer sees it, and the world is enthe shipping board's desire for politi- titled to know that, whether it recall vindication be permitted to inter-flects credit on the officials in control fere. The United States is now the of the country or exposes them to

This outrage on an American should report shows that at the end of March cause immediate abolition of censorship by the allies at the demand of the United States, and this government should begin by removing all restrictions except those against downright sedition and treason. The American consul-general to Egypt appears States was building more than 40 per to be such a human jellyfish that he should be recalled and supplanted by a man with enough backbone to dethe lead which they have gained. They fend the rights of American citizens cannot do so if the part of the industry. The British government might profit by the incident to remove the officials who try to hide crass stupidity behind an air of arrogant superiority It is such men who undo the great vork of Lord Cromer, General Alienby and their like.

EDUCATING THE INDIAN.

Education and citizenship are de-manded for the Indian in a statement after a conference of friends of the ship, as in principle it is a condition s commonly supposed that this is being Indian children eligible for education whom no provision has been made

than 6 per cent of the whole Indian population-335,753 in 1215-of the United States. If a similar situation transfer to Japan, against China's existed with regard to the entire popu-In some respects the idea of partner- lation, there would be some 6,200,000 ship between husband and wife, as it children "eligible for education," yet is recognized by French law, has left with no provision made for their less ground for specific complaint of schooling. Whatever may have been it of schooling. Whatever may have the second of the schooling of the second of the se existed there as elsewhere, and there long as a large percentage of young was when the war broke out a suffrage indians are growing up without the the langue of national party of respectable dimensions and preparation for life under new conditions. No doubt many efficient organization. It did not press thous which is absolutely necessary if its claims vigorously during the war, they are to thrive, and to develop, as

There are Indians who would not silent until the armistice was probably have no desire for citizenship, later conception of the Monroe doc gned.

Yet the younger generation has re-trine—that nations of the weste
The undercurrents have been runcently justified its desire for a place hemisphere shall be free from Eur heride the whites by its record in the pean aggrandizement-is carried Woman suffrage had never received war. There were 10,000 of these in the league covenant to the cnd that

in the states-general. Complications of course, schools. White men in ment for a great navy has been that of politics which Americans do not America get schools or know the reason the British navy was the chief support have to deal with resulted in the why. It may be that the time is not of the Monroe doctrine. It was only modification in Belgium of a suffrage ripe for granting full citizenship to all a probable cause of war so long as the tribesmen; but it is at least expe-dient that educational provision should parties, the same which in France be made for all, against the day of Europe has sought territorial ex-were in the front of the suffrage sup-

NOVELS IN A NUTSHELL.

It may serve the purpose of those who like to maintain the false aption apparently with a degree of other purpose will be served. Anapathy equivalent to or lesser than nouncement, therefore, that the plan is to be tried on an ambitious scale will arouse interest because of its novelty rather than by any inherent merit,

The novel and the short story octhe treaty is entirely rewritten and some of the conspicuously tedious three-deckers of the first half of the last century, was a failure which must have given pain to Dr. Warren's executors. The "Tales from Shakespeare," which Charles Lamb and his sister wrought on so faithfully were a poor placebo for the Shakespeare lover. "Robinson Crusoe" has been repeatedly condensed in the effort to bring it within the time limits of a specific of the construction of the treaty is entirely rewritten and some other authority entrusted with the functions now assigned to the league. That would take much time, of which too much has already been expended on the peace conference.

The world should not be called upon to endure further delay, for every day's delay aggravates the suffering of the war-torn nations and works in favor of Germany. Misery and idlemant the limits of a probably few other people in the state what the Merchants went through. Mrs. Merchant was born near Scholls Ferry, and is a daughter of pioneers. While the Merchants have a couple of boys, one at Los Angeles and the other at San Diego, the parents prefer the old to endure further delay, for every day's delay aggravates the suffering of the war-torn nations and works in favor of Germany. Misery and idlemant the sum of the merchant was born near Scholls Ferry, and is a daughter of pioneers. While the Merchants went through. Mrs. Merchant was born near Scholls Ferry, and is a daughter of pioneers. While the Merchant was born near Scholls Ferry, and is a daughter of pioneers. While the Merchant was born near Scholls Ferry, and is a daughter of pioneers. While the Merchant was born near Scholls Ferry, and is a daughter of pioneers. While the Merchant was born near Scholls Ferry, and is a daughter of pioneers. While the Merchant was born near Scholls Ferry, and is a daughter of pioneers. The was daughter of pioneers. The was daughter of pioneers while the Merchant was born near Scholls Ferry, and is a daughter of pioneers. The was daughter of pioneers. The was financial as well as artistic failures.

There is, of course, a difference beto be able to do anything resembling erary murder in the first degree. Even a suitable excuse is lacking. The idea of the publishers is that people will read the new versions who would not read the old. But why should they character study and philosophy and thrill what can there be left? And it will hardly be contended that the re-quirements of a polite education are to be furthered by the subterfuge of reading something less valuable than

the outline in a bookseller's catalogue. Better a single chapter from one of the greater novels than a purported ondensation occupying equivalent too seriously. Time has a way of get-ting even. Who now knows where he best sellers in the world?

TIME FOR PEACE.

with respect to Shantung, which illustration Professor Powers criticises in they turn. a letter published today

The "rape of China" referred to b Senator Johnson and which called forth the statement that if the Chines rounding territory constituting in all an area about twice that of Portland It also includes control of a railway line extending into Shantung and som mining concessions in the province. This lease was forced from China by Germany in 1898 and is to be trans ferred to Japan by the terms of the treaty completed at Versailles and now ready for signatures. The lease transfer is in a section of the treaty en tirely separated from that which deals exclusively with the covenant of the league of nations. The treaty will be States and the other powers.

It is purely hypothetical to conceive of an uprising in the infinitesimal against the Japanese protectorate, but if the people of Kino-Chau should attempt so impossible an enterprise as the forced establishment of a government of their own, it would be, as The Oregonian stated, an internal disturbance about which the league of amateur fliers. nations would not concern itself.

It is more conceivable that differmanded for the Indian in a statement ences might arise between China and made by the Indian Rights association Japan over Japanese operations in connection with the railroad and min-Indians held in Philadelphia. The two ing concessions. If such differences demands are placed in the order of arose both nations would be bound by their importance. Education ought to the covenant of the league to subcondition precedent for citizen-as in principle it is a condition or to the league council for adjustfor admission of aliens to the United ment. If Japan indeed attempted a States under the immigration laws. It "rape of China" the league would 'rape of China" the league would interfere to prevent it, upon conclusive fully attended to by the federal gov-ernment. Therefore the statement will as fully guarantee China against enome as a surprise that there are 22,972 creachment as it would guarantee ndian children eligible for education Japan in its proper enjoyment of its concessions. And if the league of notwithstanding the fact that nearly nations covenant were eliminated from all the treaties made with our Indians the peace treaty, as that document now promised "a schoolhouse and a teacher stands, the United States would still give formal acquiescence to the trans-Now, 22,372 children constitute more fer of the lease to Japan and would be bound morally to support its terms. The Oregonian has condemned this China is expressly recognized and though Japan is pledged to return the territory to China, yet it is not a great grab of territory and assurance

No doubt many Americans like Professor Powers, would like to see more specific endorsement of the The union Francaise pour le suffrage every people have a fundamental right Mouroe doctrine contained in the cove nant, but endorsement is clearly im-piled when the Monroe doctrine is oupled with arbitration treaties. The trine-that nations of the western

fragists no longer doubt their ultimate acquitted themselves creditably. When success in France.

The Scandinavian countries and Finth Indian Rights association conquestion. So far from no other naand cludes, they will do as well in peace as tion than the United States having ratified it, Great Britain supported it The "white man's chance" includes, from the first, and a common argu such nations as Germany retained military power. No democratic nation or is likely to seek it in the future hence recognition of the Monroe doctrine as a means for maintenance of peace simply recognizes an established fact.

who like to maintain the false appearance of being well-informed on literary matters to condense the great novels of history into a few hundred or a few thousand words, but it is seriously to be questioned whether any other purpose will be served. An provement on learne at all and can provement on a learne at all and can provement on no league at all, and can be improved with lapse of time a with experience of its working. The The Oregonian expressed the opinion when the peace conference began that the The novel and the short story occupy different places in the literary scheme. It is not possible to convert a "Les Miserables" or a "Three Musters" into a short story by any so interwoven with the peace terms process. A still-remembered attemnt process. A still-remembered attempt that they cannot be separated unless to rewrite "Ten Thousand a Year." the treaty is entirely rewritten and

bring it within the time limits of a bring bring bring it within the time limits of a bring bring bring it within the time limits of a bring it within the time limits of a ness are breeding anarchy, and they years, busy boy, and even "Uncle Tom's can be ended most quickly and efand war, and still bears the financial burden of war without many of the tween a kind of review which aims to blessings of peace. That condition tell what the novel is about, and a should be ended with the least pracpurported capsulated novel itself. One may read a recipe for pumpkin pie and acquire thereby an appetite for raised can alone justify prolonging it. and acquire thereby an appetite for raised can alone justify prolonging it.
the real thing, but no one wants to President Wilson is a balky horse. take his pumpkin pie in the form of a but that is no excuse for balking by

The bond between east and west has been further cemented by the un-veiling at Worcester, Mass., of a portrait of Eli Thayer, whose present-ment also appears on the badges of the Oregon Pioneer association at its out well." forty-seventh annual reunion. Thayer was not only famous for his champion ship of Oregon's admission to statehood, but he was also a foremost citizen of his own community, which we may now suppose to be more than a little regretful for its cavalier trentment of him politically following his stand on the Oregon issue. Worcester in now paying honor to him on the centenary of his birth, recalls that he was a leading educator, a true licularly pioneer in that field, and that in tempted real statesmanship. Events have proved the justice of his stand in the Oregon matter, and have shown that New England's fears that admission of this commonwealth to statehood would "add another slave state" and also result in election of a pro-slavery president were almost amusingly illfounded.

The most unhappy men in the world today are probably the German ministers. If they sign, they will be driven from office by the militarists. It may be admitted that The Ore-gonian might have been more explicit in the illustration it gave of the opera-the cost and they will probably be tions of the league of nations covenant driven out from office by the pacified They will be the goats whichever way

> and stand still when the rest of the world is ready to go ahead. It is the y of Americans to lead, not follow

right husband president of the world in no time.

The senate judiciary committee, con sidering a working plan for prohibition, approves a section that defines as insigned by China, Japan, the United toxicating a beverage with more than one-half of 1 per cent alcohol. ought to settle it. Anything with that lack of strength is a wash, not a drink.

Thousands of government airplanes have been sold for a few hundred dollars each, but a manufacturing company got them instead of individ-That stabilizes the market and probably saves the lives of many

Many wonder how "a young feller" like Otto Kleeman can be an Indian He is one by courtesy veteran. and the "vets" could not get along without him and his ability as adjutant.

It's fine to have a 99 or 100 per cent baby in the family, but most of this old world was made and is being who wouldn't have run by scored 75 under the circumstances.

Burleson has one desirable possession-a rhinoceros hide. Most men would long ago have thrown up the ob and got out of sight. He's a Texar all right

Some day the state of Oregon will be giving gold medals to its ploneer people. Little things in themselves, but no fakers will be able to get them.

Relative humidity, which means ar

undesirable cousin this time of yea is coming strong. She touched 49

under half an hour?

Make a date for tomorrow night at the Auditorium,

Those Who Come and Go.

"Spray from the ocean waves will be struct the six miles of coast highway in Curry county," predicts Newton Moon, a Marshfield contractor, known to his familiars as "New Moon." The contract for this Curry county job went to Moon & Co., and other contrac-tors admit that it will be some job It will cost about \$50,000 just to get It will cost about assume machinery into the place and about as much more to get it out. Mr. Moon, machinery into the place and about as much more to get it out. Mr. Moon, who is at the Benson while preparing for the work, says that construction will start as soon as possible, and when completed the six miles will probably be the greatest scenic road in Oregon, as well as a commercial road long needed. There will be little trouble getting rid of the dirt and rock from grading—all the workmen will have grading-all the workmen will I to do is to toss the material over cliff into the Pacific ocean and watch it splash.

For 72 years William Merchant has lived on the same farm, on the banks of the Yambill river, near Carlton, Mr. of the Yamhill river, near Carlton, Mr. and Mrs. Merchant are at the Imperial, visiting with other pioneers. Mr. Merchant's father came to Oragon City in 1847, and then took up land on the Yamhill, where the family has resided since. Mr. Merchant and his father cleared 459 acres of timber and brush, and anyone who has tried to clear Oregon land of stumps can appreciate what the Merchants went through. Mrs.

"There are 21 returned soldiers taking the rehabilitation work under federal auspices at the Oregon Agri-cultural college," explained Frank H. Shepherd, who has charge of that spe-cialty at the college. "We are teaching claity at the college. We are teaching the men what they want to know and what they want to do. One soldier, who lost a leg, is being taught to operate a tractor. A couple are learning poultry raising, and they are all seeking practical information. They do not want to become graduates, or try for a degree, but they are determined to get down to brass tacks in the lines which they wish to follow. During the summer vacation we are finding employment for them. For instance, one man who is studying dairy products will be employed in a creamery in Portland, horticulturists will be in the orchards. The plan appears to work out well." ing practical information.

A double-distilled pioneer is William M. Blakesley, registered at the Imperial from Pendleton. Mr. Blakesley was with his father at Brownsville in 1846. with his latter at Brownsville in 1886, making him an Oregon pioneer in the Willamette valley, and he became a pioneer of eastern Oregon by going there in 1868. Eastern Oregon ploneers mostly went there from the Willamette valley. Eastern Oregon did not get a start in population until after gold was discovered in the 1894 in Baker and pariscovered in the '60s in Baker, and par icularly in the Boise basin. Gol pioneer in that field, and that in running counter to the opinions of his own constituents he manifested have statesmanship. Events have sand of eastern Oregon, which, in time they converted into an empire of whea fields.

"The doctor instructed my wife to the doctor instructed my wise to give me two tablespoons of whisky three times a day," explained an out-of-town visitor. When I came to Port-land my wife measured out what she thought would be enough of the medthought would be enough of the medicine to last me during my trip. Since coming to Portland I haven't been able to get a spoon to measure out the quantity, and so I've had to go by guess. The original supply is exhausted and I've had to buy a quart at outrageous price. If I'm a bit unsteady it's because I can't find a spoon.

At some of the kid football game At some of the kid football games in Portland the old man present would be Judg T. H. Crawford of La Grande, for the judge loves football and foot racing and all manner of sport. His present visit to Portland is to assist in Senator Knox' advice to go cautiously straightening out the confusing and in the matter of the league of nations is all very well, but the United States should not be so cautious as to balk and still when the rest of the high.

in the movements of world progress.

The husband of a woman who can initiate proceedings and secure her decree, all in an afternoon, did not know when he was well off. That kind of hustling wife could elect the right husband president of the world state committee meeting. The man who told you how to burn state committee meeting.

Trap shooting has induced J. H. It is then to be supposed that the Davis of Seattle to some to Portland board will levy at least \$250,000 per to enter the tournament. Mr. Davis was formerly of the Washington hotel annex and now derives an income from one of the largest of Seattle's apartment houses. He is registered at the per cent. In nine years the first \$250, 100 per cent. Benson.

James Nelson, of the pioneer Nelson family of Butter Creek, is at the Im-perial, registered from Pendleton. The Nelsons are a well-known family in Morrow and Umatilia counties and Mrs. Nelson, who is also in the city, is the daughter of Jerry Brosman, an old-timer on Willow creek, near Heppner.

Al Lundborg, who was manager of the Benson before going to San Fran-cisco, where he is with the Belleville hotel, is at the Hotel Portland with his wife. Mr. Lundborg is here to attend the convention of Greeters, which will be held next week.

Judge A. J. Derby of Hood River, on of the quietest and most faithful demo-crats in Oregon, will collaborate on the minutes of the meeting of the state entral committee held yesterday, before returning to his home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Sutton, pioneers, who settled in the Douglas country when the Umpqua river had better fish-ing than it has today, are arrivals at the Perkins. They are here attending the reunion of old-timers.

Walter S. Martin of San Francisco is at the Benson. The Martin family is especially well known in California social circles and is the owner of ex-tensive ranches.

Donald Conn and A. G. T. Moore of St. Paul, arrived yesterday at the Ben-son to attend the rate conference. Mr. Conn is the traffic manager for the Shartle Ticks Shevlin-Hicks company.

Eugene Guard.

Democracy is not sectional but the foundation upon which American citizenship is built. The democratic party stands for progress and an American ate time was the second day of the sirike.

New York liquor dealers are applying for federal licenses, on a faint chance, which is a "fat chance," as much an entire than those of the republican party during 40 years of power. It now boasts of a leader that has no equal in diplomacy or states has no equal in diplomacy or states a good, and perhaps better for them.

Can a Minute Woman be read.

Judge.
"Mama," said Edith, "which the first man started to spell pealm" with a 'p' why didn't he scratch it out and start

More Truth Than Poetry. By James J. Montague

An Application

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(Two hundred and seventy-eight ersons of royal strain lost their jobs n account of the war.—Cable dis-

patch.)

Wanted—A job as a king
By a bright and experienced hand.
None is adepter at handling a sceptre,
Or giving a royal command.
With never a bat of an eye,
And an arrogance simply sublime.
I hear delegations, respond to ovations
And knight twenty lords at a time.

I have sisters and brothers-in-law, I have uncles and cousins and aunts, Who all are descended from potentates splendid. once ruled in England and

In the strictest monarchical school,
As infants they caught 'em as
thoroughly taught 'em
The wisest and best ways to rule.

My forefathers all have been reared

When issuing writs and decrees
I always look stern and severe,
But pen my initials when learned
officials:

Remark in a whisper: "Sign here!" And if the state's business goes wrong, As often it does in this game, No murmur or mutter of protest I utter But cheerfully take all the blame.

If any one cares for a king.
Who knows all the tricks of the trade, Who'll dance with civilians at local

cotillons
Or march in a swagger parade,
I am willing to work by the day
With a princess and queen—or alone,
For moderate wages—supply my own pages,

And even to furnish the throne Heroes and Ring Heroes.

After reading the story of Corporal York, we somehow can't get ready to enthuse very much over the winner of the coming quarrel at Toledo. And It's Already Overcrowded. Now that the senate has passed the suffrage amendment there seems to be no place for the militants to go but

One's About as Quick as the Other. Some people are born rich, and some stablish summer camps for boys.

The Eternal Rush. By Grace E. Hall.

Turn back the clock of time tonight, would not hurry so. There are so many things to learn, so much I want to know:
The urge of labor claims the moments that I long to spend
In strolling down life's road, unhindered in my trend.

a I'd like to pause and ask the frog why
croaking voice is his.
Is And why he dwells in marsh and bog.
not where the sunshine is: 'd like to question that small mite which vows that Katy-did; And quizz the turtle why he upon his back a lid.

I'd like to ask in accents sweet of coo ing turtle-dove;

If one may find a joy complete in murnuring of love;

I'd query of the restless sea that knows not pause nor sleep,

Who made the coral jacery that trims the currents deep.

The clock of time runs all too fast— why this unseemly haste? The days like speeding things dart past and beauties go to waste, ise we spend our strength and thought on what may wealth ad-

vance, And to the marvels God hath wrought give but a passing glance.

SCHOOL BOND COST IS NOT HIGH Writer Figures Net Interest for Ter Years at \$681,250.

PORTLAND, June 19 .- (To the Editor.)—What are apparently injudicious statements as to the ultimate cost of the school bond issue, when interest included, are being made in the cam paign

sold for a premium amounting to at least one-quarter of 1 per cent. That would automatically reduce the inter-est on the bonds from 5 to 4% per cent. The interest, then, for 10 years would be \$1187.500 be \$1,187,500.

some sort of bonds earning at least \$3, per cent. In nine years the first \$250,000 of the sinking fund would earn \$101,250. In nine years, by adding a aum of \$250,000 each year to the sinking fund and placing it at interest, the total earnings of interest on the sinking fund would equal \$506,250.

Subtract \$506,250 from \$1,187,500 and

we have a remainder of \$681,250 as the actual cost of carrying the bonds and the bonds have been paid off. We take it for granted that the man ager of Morris Bros. Inc. knows what he is talking about when he says that with such a little dobt now existing the bonds will sell for a premium. M. W.

BERRIES ARE OFFERED ON VINES Housewife Finds Some Growers Willing to Make Concessions.

PORTLAND, June 19.—(To the Editor.)—Business Woman's letter in answer to my modest one on the strawberry situation has again made m

berry situation has again made me thoughtful.

I am sorry she became so agitated over my letter and I question who is the "grouth." I fear "business woman" may be the kind who lives alone in a may be the kind who lives alone in a one-room apariment and knows not the need of pleasure of preserving fruit for a family. I thank God for this privilege as well as for "Oregon's kneedeep June."

As for being "entertained" in the country the day I went in quest of

country the day I went in quest of berries, I did not dream of it. Neither did I set my own price. I thought if it were true that no pickers were to be had, I might act in that capacity and get some berries and go home and can them. Having picked berries on my father's farm, I know better than 10 "trample the vines."

Through the courtesy of The Oregonian some letters reached me (in re-

nian some letters reached me (in re sponse to mine) from country people who have berries and garden stuff to

Washington (D. C.) Star
"Is Bliggins kind to his family"
"He means to be, but he has a crue
habit of thinking up things he considers funny and then pretending his chil-dren said 'em.

In Other Days.

Twenty-five Years Age.
From The Oregonian of June 20, 1894.
The rose fete, which this year takes he place of the annual flower show, pened auspiciously yesterday afternoon in the A. O. U. W. hall.

Mi Ki, one of the oldest and bestknown members of the Chinese cotony in Portland, died Monday arter a resi-conce here extending over 37 years.

George Morey, the convicted murderer of Gus Barry, was in happy mood yesterday morning when told the news that his death sentence had been com-muted to imprisonment for life.

MONROE DOCTRINE NOT AFFIRMED League Provision Concerning It Couched in "Wensel Words."

PORTLAND. June 19.—(To the Ed-tor.)—As a sojourner in Oregon I am enjoying greatly the privilege of readlng The Oregonian. In particular I am following with interest your controversy with certain readers over the league of nations and your defense of that project. You are fair-minded—that is plain—and the absence of partisanship is sufficiently attested by the fact that you are supporting the net fact that you are supporting the pet measure of an administration that you disapprove and distrust. It is because you mean to be fair that I venture to call your attention to certain cases in which I think you have not been so.

ot been so. An example is your rejoinder to Sen

ator Johnson. He raises the oft-renake us guarantee 'the rape of China-de. You reply that 'If the Chinese o shanting should drive out the Jap-nese or if the Germans of Posen should anese or if the Germans of Posta should rise against the Poles, the league would not interfere" since it guarantees its members only against "outside aggression." That is both doubtful interpretation and cold comfort. If the league wants to skulk behind a technicality, it could witness the hopeless struggle of 50,000,000 unequipped Chinese in Shantung against the trained armies of Japan without interference, though as an organization for the preservation of peace such an event ought to be disturbing to its equanimity. But if Chinashould come to the ald of its nationals in Shantung the league would and must interfere. Inasmuch as there is not the slightest chance that the Chinese of Shantung could "drive out the Japanese" without such aid, would not the league be the guarantor of Japanese possession exactly as Senator Johnson mays? Admitting the good faith of your argument. I am forced to conclude that you are "driven to misrepresentation" by the necessity of defending one of the most indefensible proposals ever made to the American people. Such a guarantee would be doubtful at any time. It becomes monstrous in connection with such territorial arise against the Poles, the league would

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rangements as the present treaty pre-

You assert repeatedly that the league recognizes the Monroe doutrine. I hate to take such a statement seriously, but I fear your readers may do so. vised text of the covenant mentions the Monroe dectrine and in that sense recognizes it. L. e., it recognizes that such a dectrine exists. But it does not validate that doctrine. The words are: "Nothing in this covenant shall be deemed to affect the validity of regional understandings like the Monregional understandings like the adorroe doctripe for securing the maintenance of peace." The Monroe doctrine is not an "understanding" and
never waz. It is an assertion of the
American people that has never been
ratified by any other people and that
has been directly challenged by at least two great powers—England and Germany. Its purpose is not the "maintenance of peace," but (in its later form at least) the restriction of European influence in the western homisphere, a purpose that might very well involve And this doctrine that has never war. And this doctrins that has never attained the slightest international validity, is to have its "validity" unaffected by the league with the farther plain implication that it is to be limited to "the maintenance of peace." The

Monroe doctrine is not "recognized" or validated by the league. It simply has its teeth drawn. We are credibly informed that a pro-posal to definitely validate the Monroe doctrine was emphatically voted down in the peace conference, nearly every nation opposing it for reasons of its own, the Latin-American nations, of included, are being made in the cam-aign.

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Hence the substitution, perhaps at the school board is going to handle the school funds with ordinary business accumen. The board is composed of no other purpose than to deceive the business men of a type of which that sort of action is to be expected.

It is therefore supposed that the school bond issue of \$2,500,000 will be school bond issue of \$2,500,000 will be sold for a premium amounting to at nant as a "mandate" to the American people into thinking the their cherished doctrine was affirmed when it was in fact repudiated. Roose-velt would have had the ensence of the Monroe doctrine written into the covesiold for a premium amounting to at nant as a "mandate" to the American people into thinking the business men of a type of which that their cherished doctrine was affirmed when it was in fact repudiated. Roose-velt would have had the ensence of the mandate with the coverage of the school bond issue of \$2,500,000 will be sold for a premium amounting to at their cherished doctrine was affirmed when it was in fact repudiated. Roose-velt would have had the ensence of the mandate with the coverage of the school bond issue of \$2,500,000 will be sold for a premium amounting to at the ensence of the mandate with the ensence of the mandate when it was in fact repudiated. Roose-velt would have had the ensence of the school bond issue of \$2,500,000 will be sold for a premium amounting to at the ensence of the school bond issue of \$2,500,000 will be sold for a premium amounting to at the ensence of the school bond issue of \$2,500,000 will be sold for a premium amounting to at the ensence of the school bond issue of \$2,500,000 will be sold for a premium amounting to at the ensence of the school bond issue of \$2,500,000 will be sold for a premium amounting to at the ensence of the school bond issue of \$2,500,000 will be sold for a premium amounting to at the school bond issue of \$2,500,000 will be sold for a premium amounting to at the school bond issue of \$2,500,000 will be sold for a premium amounting to at the school bond issue of \$2,500,000 will be sold for a premium amounting to at the school bond issue of \$2,500,000 will be sold for a premium amounting to at the school bond issue of \$2,500,000 people and he would have put it ove and would have found means to recon cile Europe and Latin-America to its eminently sensible provisions. But instead of his practical statesmanship we have a specialist in "points." If we are ready to surrender the Monroe doctrine, let us do it, but let us know what we are doing. And if the interpretamillions of others are making is not the only or the right interpretation, let us have a clause of which no such honost misinterpretation is possible.

This whole project isn't half baked. It bristles with "points" of this same nebulous, not to say sinister sort. We are being hoodwinked and builled into its acceptance in this premature form. Don't say that we must take it now or we never shall get it. If it is a prowe never shall get it. If it is a proposal that will not bear thinking over, if it can be passed only as a rider on a necessary measure, those facts alone would guarantee its ultimate failure. But they are not facts. The world does want a league of nations and can be instead to work a set a surgessful scheme. rusted to work out a successful scheme or it. Mr. Wilson in jamming it

for it. Mr. Wilson in jamming it through, is consulting neither our will nor the necessities of the case, but his own imperious temper.

And don't say that the world can suffer no further delay. It has suffered great and perilous delay already by reason of this measure, but the misby reason of this measure, but the mis-chief has been wrought. Meanwhile we know that France is against the league in its present form and England not for it. The precautions taken by Italy and Japan sufficiently show their faith in it. A demand that the two measures be separated would find these nations ready to acquiesce and the delay involved would be little more than the time required for redrafting—unless Wilson balks.

H. H. POWERS

Return of 8th Infantry.

ASTORPA, Or., June 18.—(To the Ed-tor.)—When will company C. 8th inited States infantry, A. E. F., return ome? REV. F. T. LUCAS.

No units of the 8th division, which mbraces the 8th regiment, have been assigned for convoy during June and his is as far as definite listings have been made.

Husband Is Army Deserter. BRIDAL VEIL, Or. June 18.—(To the Editor.)—My husband was drafted and after two months deserted, but was caught, courtmartialed and sentenced o 25 years at Alcatraz. What steps oust I take to get entirely free from im? DISAPPOINTED WIFE.

Engage a lawyer to bring suit for

The Real Reason Is Found.

Boston Transcript.

Husband (at dinner)— By George, this is a regular banquet. Finest spread I've sat down to in an age. What's up? De you expect company?

ou expect company?" Wife-"No, but I think the cook