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ney Castle and Shandon church, which sheltered "Shandon Bells." Belfast may soon have a formidable rival in the south of Ireland.

CAMPAIGN TO SAVE LIVES.

The Council of National Defense has highways transportation department which in pursuance of an educational campaign is now pointing out the necessity for measures to reduce the death rate in traffic accidents.

Excessive though either rate may be, the importance of holding the New York rate as a goal rather than that of Washington is shown by the fact that if the Washington rate were extended throughout the United States, there would have been killed in 1918 21,221 people, whereas the New York rate similarly extended would indicate only 12,445.

Objections to uniformity which apply with force to certain laws and customs cannot be raised as to traffic laws, particularly as they prescribe signals and define their meaning. It is essential that automobilists of the same country should speak the same language, especially in time of sudden peril.

The highways transport committee was appointed to assist in making the motorist's language a common one by a means of strengthening and increasing the nation's transportation resources.

PROMOTION BY SELECTION.

The old question of promotion by seniority or promotion by selection has been brought before congress by the war department with a recommendation of selection by Secretary Baker.

They object because they fear that promotion by seniority would mean that the power of selection at discretion would no longer be vested in department heads or high army officers than political influence and pull would be used.

A MONUMENT TO A TREE.

The Indianapolis Star tells of the dedication in the little town of Proctorville, Ohio, of a monument to the first Rome Beauty apple tree in that town. The tree was planted 102 years ago.

BUILD UP AIRCRAFT SERVICE.

Rapidly growing use of aircraft in commerce and mail service and the concert of opinion among military authorities that the next war will be one of air warfare, has led to the organization of a great capacity for making aircraft and of large numbers of trained airmen.

other nations will hold the lead which they already have and, when we have another war, we shall have to begin building from the ground up, as we did in this war, just ended.

Secretary of War Baker's objections to an aircraft department are those of a bureaucrat reluctant to part with any of his authority, backed by the army officer unwilling to admit a new claimant to military honors.

Mr. Baker's opinion runs counter to the policy adopted by Great Britain in the face of powerful bureaucratic and military opposition. Under that policy Britain rose during the war to the position of a world power.

DR. OSLER.

The seventieth birthday of Dr. William Osler, which is the occasion of a survey of his work in the Bulletin of the Johns Hopkins Hospital, is a reminder of several things.

The Bulletin contains a sketch of the character of Dr. Osler by Dr. W. S. Thayer, successor in the position formerly held by Dr. Osler at Johns Hopkins.

He says: "You can practice conscientiously all this, and then if you bring into your work a bright, vigorous, and energetic man, you will have a man who will do for you what you cannot do for yourself."

No matter what the senate may say, the fact remains that Japan is in possession of Shantung and is not likely to withdraw solely in deference to the opinion of the senate.

The membership of Germany's proposed league reads like a roll of the names of the defeated, outcast, and shamed nations.

Portland can handle the biggest of the warships. She has entertained the battleship USS Oregon, and Charleston dropped in nearly thirty years ago.

If there is no "undue, elaborate ostentation" about the prince of Wales' special train, what sort of a train would answer that description?

Yes, the soldiers of the first division love France next to America, but they are in a desperate hurry to get back to their first love.

It would be just the Seattle way to make the reception of the fleet bigger than San Francisco's. It would be an outburst of the "spirit."

A person can so easily be hit by an automobile on a crossing the wonder is that the number of accidents but that they are so few.

Have you got your government to blame for the war?

seedling of a mucen later period. The birds may have carried it there, or the squirrels, or, more probably, a child may have carelessly thrown an apple core on the ground, where without thought from any human being as to its welfare its seeds germinated and prospered and in the course of time grew into a great tree which bore fruit for an appreciative generation of comparative tenders.

To which of our millions of fruit trees shall we, if we decide to honor one symbolically, build our monument? Perhaps to the "blackheart cherry" which is said still to be flourishing on the David J. Chambers farm four miles east of Olympia.

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Those Who Come and Go.

Sometimes a traveling salesman is inclined to long for something besides a suitcase to live in on the road, and such is the case with W. J. Campbell of Salt Lake City, who is at the Oregon.

About a year ago Salem had a big celebration when the Marion-Polk county bridge over the Willamette was opened and the town chose Frank T. Wrightman to manage the affair.

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MEAT PACKERS DEFEND PROFITS.

The following communication was commented on editorially in Sunday's Oregonian, August 24, but was inadvertently omitted from that paper.

The Oregonian accepts an exclusive evidence of charges made against the packers by the federal trade commission. This is natural, because government agencies are supposed to be disinterested and unbiased.

Complete facts as to profits made by packers are officially recorded and are checked up at any time. The United States Food administration, in its report for the year 1917 to 1918, shows that the packers' profit for that year was \$14,187,000.

Figures which have been subject to audit by the federal trade commission prove that the average profit of the packers is one dollar of sales has been about 2 cents.

On each pound of meat sold the packer's profit is a fraction of a cent. It is not true that the packers are constantly extending their business by obtaining control of nearly every article of food consumption.

These cars have often been operated at a loss and they have never been attractive investments.

Every transportation service, which the big packers have, is open to everybody else. The packers' cars move on the same roads as the cars of the general public.

Packers became interested in stockyards because this was the best way to obtain efficient administration of the industry, including producers' association, actively solicited the packers to inter-act in the development of these yards.

The low rate of profit, we believe, is the most convincing evidence that the market government competition and that there is no domination of any sort.

In concluding, the Oregonian remarks: "We need to let the facts speak for themselves and to apply the rational remedy without further resort to declamation."

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In Other Days.

Twenty-five Years Ago. From the Oregonian, August 25, 1894. Seattle—An explosion and fire in the mines at Franklin caused the death of 37 miners by suffocation. The bodies have been recovered.

Wheelmen from all over the state and many from Washington have been arriving the past two days for the big racing tournament to be staged this afternoon by the Multnomah Amateur athletic club.

A new phase of the famous Terwilliger will case, involving an estate valued at more than \$500,000, came before Judge Northrup in the action of Clara-inda G. Smith, et al.

Democratic applicants for the job of immigration inspector include Willis E. Porter, William Swope and John W. Bristow.

From the Oregonian, August 25, 1889. Halifax—Price Arthur arrived today and was welcomed by Governor-General Young and Lieutenant-Governor Doyle.

Gettysburg—Governor Geary and other participants in the war have arrived here to attend the annual meeting tomorrow. General Lee declined to come for the occasion.

The anniversary hall of the Washington guard will be held this evening in their hall on Stark street.

More Truth Than Poetry. By James J. Montague. THE ACTOR'S STRIKE. Two gray haired parents sat in tears amid the gathering gloam;

A flaxen-headed little child is playing in the lane, Nor even knows her fond mamma's name.

The man who paid \$25,000 for a race horse will make a lot of money—his race is if he cuts up the horse for the best steaks that are in him.

At Newport they are already putting vintage nut sundaes on ice against the coming of the prince of Wales.

But the Government Has Quit. There is merit in the contention of the railway brotherhoods that they could not possibly run their lines without the government aid.

The Chasm. By Grace E. Hall. They speak a different language, though their thought is dressed in words learned from the same book.

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