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A GENUINE PUBLIC MARKET.

The housewives' committee on the public market is on the right track when it considers a self-pricing system for the public market, if by that expression is meent that prices shall be fixed by bargains between individual buyers and sellers. There is no place in a genuine public market for either maximum or minimum prices. The only regulator should be and that the ultimate solution will be supply and demand, absolutely free from restrictions by law or by private combination.

In practice the public market has not performed the functions of such an institution. There is no excuse for maximum prices where trade is unrestricted. If an article is so scarce and at the same time in such demand that a person must and will pay a fancy price for it, that is an affair for the agreement easier. It is plain, for ii-buyer and seller, and increased supply lustration, that if a certain gesture great teacher and scientist. Osfer did be trusted to force down that scarcity by storing or destroying a large quantity of that article, that should go to jail just as soon is the law can put him there. If the high price is the result of agreement among sellers not to sell cheaper, the same penalty should be visited on them and they should lose heavily by their rapacity. Maximum prices have ments of hospitality as well as the dic- where he went a few years ago, and in fact been minimum prices, for growers rarely cut them and if a grower who is not in the combination asks a marketman to sell some second grade fruit below the maximum price,

he is met with a cort refusal. The trouble with the market has been restriction of supply by storage standing among market men not to sell below the maximum, and co-oppractice the city defeats the prime purpose of having a public market, for that is to let buyer and seller fix it will be worth while to find a solu-prices. If the market master were to devote his energies to breaking up unlawful combinations and schemes to heard or destroy food, he would have plenty to keep him busy, and

prices would take care of themselves. Official price-fixing is a pernicious, un-American practice of recent growth. It was started by the trusts, who could do it to their hearts' content, since they had no serious com-petition. It spread to certain manuselves. When the duced a demand greater than the possible supply, the government fixed prices for the only purpose for which the practice is justified—to meet a war emergency. The war is over, but growers and dealers try to keep up war prices, and the city helps them with its maximum prices.

Housewives unconsciously encour age the juggling tricks which draw ney from their purses. aside those with whom the habit of ordering by telephone is incurable, if they go to market they too readily pay what the dealer asks. The orthodox practice in marketing is to offer less and finally agree on a price. The general range of such dealings fixes a renuine market price, which is a composite of the opinions of many buyers and sellers as to what an article is worth. Marketmen may rebel against such an innovation at first, but it is up to the women to bring about a revolution. There is no need for the market master to intervene for the protection of the producer. He is well

able to take care of himself. Organization of the Market Producers' association by dealers in the public market is evidently the answer to the demand of the women for a genuine market. If the dealers should this country and abroad, as one of our to the character of the monument has been their practice, they will fall were made when General Pershing primarily to give voice to the people's foul of the law, and the law officers was pushed ahead by Roosevelt, but reverence for the Rome Beauty, or of city and state should take action. the latter's judgment has been abundfor apples in general, or whether the There may be some particulars in antly sustained by the general's conwhich they can "assist the authorities duct of the war. Even when a man and join with the public in creating wins by favor, there is a fair chance take root in this congenial soil. The proper conditions," but no assistance is needed from their association in creating "equitable prices"; any combination among them is more likely to create inequitable prices. All that is needed in order to create equitable.

What of lavor, there is a fair chance important point is that a monument that improper influence would prevail in more than a few of the thousands of cases which would come before a without the spirit of the late Joyce kilmer, who fell heroically in France, needed in order to create equitable. needed in order to create equitable oughly corrupt or subservient to and who once sang: prices is open bargaining between politicians. While such influences I think that I shaded and the process of the correct of the ch individual buyer and seller without dictation to the latter by any as-There should either be an public market, or Yamhill street should be cleared.

A burst of enterprise has struck the ancient city of Cork, Ireland, since Henry Ford decided to build his tractor works there, and its chamber of commerce has published a neatly bound handbook of its trade and com-

thelters "Shandon Bells." Belfast may on have a formidable rival in the south of Ireland.

CAMPAIGN TO SAVE LIVES. The Council of National Defense as a highways transport department

campaign is now pointing out the necessity for measures to reduce the death rate in traffic accidents. Its dished by educational methods than by relying wholly on compulsion is based on the experience of New York, where in 1915 there were 659 deaths from this cause, in 1916 there were 644, in 1917 there were 714 and in 1918 there were 679. The city in 1915 began an educational campaign but did not persist in it. With the declaration of war in 1997 there were other preoccupations, and the death rate began to increase. But Washington, D. which had neither an educational campaign nor a police force as effec-tive as that of New York to enforce the traffic ordinances, suffered much more largely in proportion. rate increased from 52 in 1915 to 82 in 1918. Allowing for a population of 425,000 in Washington and 6,000,000 in New York, the traffic death rate should have been 48 in Washington in 1918, instead of \$2, to keep it down to the New York rate.

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 ex-tended throughout the United States, there would have been killed in 1918 21,221 people, whereas the New York rate similarly extended would indicate only 12,450 for the whole country. The committee of the Council of National Defense believes that this eventually will make an impression upon unicipalities throughout the country. found in adoption of uniform traffic ordinances.

Objections to uniformity which apply with force to certain laws and stoms cannot be raised as to traffic laws, particularly as they prescribe signals and define their meaning. essential that automobilists of the whole country shall speak a comm language, especially in time of sudden peril. The common stake of automo means in one city that the driver is price. But if somebody has produced about to turn to the right, and in another that he will turn to the left, the stranger is not only at a disadvantage but is quite likely to inflict injury on others not immediately involved. The automobile invites and stimulates travel, no city can expect every visitor to master-suddenly a new strange code, and the requiretates of safety call for conformity with by every pupil who has come in concommon practice wherever possible, tact with him.

The highways transport committee now being done to promote life-sav-ing. In addition to the great number eration of the market master with killed annually in traffic accidents, them by fixing a maximum. By this many thousands are incapacitated for a many thousands are incapacitated for productive work. The problem is both humanitarian and economic. And it will be worth while to find a solution for it.

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 The objections to the seniority rule have often been stated by succession of secretaries of war, and President Roosevelt dwelt on "the facturers, who fix the price all along the line to the consumer, ostensibly to service and the nation, of refusing to but actually in many cases to capture a larger share of the aggregate profit are opposed to the selective system. Certainly that proportion of them is not in danger of growing into "reed to the selective system.

spectable, elderly incompetents." They object because they fear that promotion would go by favor, not by merit. They expect that power of se-lection at discretion would no sooner be vested in department heads or high army officers than political influence and pull would be used. The war department plan aims to neutralize facoritism by entrusting promotion to coards of five officers appointed by the president, which would be limited selection among officers recommended by their superiors and would examine them. If this process should not result in filling the vacancy, it

would be filled by sentority.

That system, fairly administered, hould eliminate favoritism as nearly as is humanly possible. In fact there is good reason to believe that where lection has been followed, the number of cases where influence outweighed merit was far smaller than is popularly supposed. General Leonship, yet Wood is recognized, both in ago. night occasionally sway the judgment of the board, it is highly improbable

BUILD UP AIRCRAFT SERVICE.

laws, which stiffed industry as soon as a great capacity for making aircraft some distance from the original it sprang up. The old port is now and of large numbers of trained air-prosperous, well frequented by ships men. These are the foundations on that is a different matter. David of the British navy and of the Atlantic which commercial, military and naval McLoughlin, son of the old factor lines. Queenstown was the American air fleets must be built. If measures whom we all delight to remember, naval base in the anti-submarine cam-paign, and will live in the memory of many a "gob." The book is well il-lustrated, among the pictures being army and navy, this foundation will hose of such famous scenes as Blar- simply crumble away. In that event more probably was an adventitious matoes?

ney Castle and Shandon church, which other nations will hold the long lead seedling of a mucn later period. The which they already have and, when birds may have carried it there, or we have another war, we shall have the squirrels, or, more probably, a to begin building from the ground up, child may have carelessly thrown an as we did in the war just ended.

> merely because food is consumed by the fighting forces. The number of aircraft employed in commerce promises to exceed the number used for war to the same degree that the tonnage of the world's merchant ships exceeds that of the world's mavies. As the same degree that the tonnage of the world's mavies. As the same degree that the tonnage of the world's mavies. As the same degree that the tonnage of the world's mavies. As the same degree that the tonnage of the world's mavies. As the same degree that the tonnage of the world's mavies. As the same degree that the tonnage of the world's mavies. As the same degree that the tonnage of the world's mavies. As the same degree that the tonnage of the world's mavies. As the same degree that the tonnage of the world's mavies. As the same degree that the tonnage of the world's mavies. As the same degree that the tonnage of the world's mavies. As the same degree that the tonnage of the world's mavies. As the same degree that the tonnage of the world's mavies. As the same degree that the tonnage of the world's mavies are to matters to the same degree that the tonnage of the world's mavies. As the same degree that the tonnage of the world's mavies are the same degree that the tonnage of the world's mavies are the same degree that the tonnage of the world's mavies are the same degree that the tonnage of the world's mavies are the same degree that the tonnage of the world's mavies are the same degree of the world's mavies are the same degree of the world's mavies are the same that th with ships, commercial aircraft will one symbolically, build our monu-become an auxiliary and feeder of the ment? Perhaps to the blackheart fighting forces. Hence they need the cherry which is said still to be floursupervision and encouragement of a Ishing on the David J. Chambers

part with any of his authority, backed Lafoliott near Wheatland, said by by the army officer unwilling to admit a new claimant to military honors. named Hewitt, close to seventy-five It may be wise to keep military air- years ago. Of apples we have some men under command of the army, but scores of great age—as ages run in they should be treated as a distinct this new country—but none that can equal in rank with infantry, boast the fine old age of 102 years ry and artillery and supplied It would be interesting to know where with machines by a distinct aircraft the oldest apple tree in this region department.

Mr. Baker's opinion runs counter producing capacity, and also about the Mr. to the policy adopted by Great Britain care which has prolonged its life. For in the face of powerful bureaucratic with a few exceptions, the long life and military opposition. Under that of a fruit tree is not an accident. policy Britain rose during the war to affectionate attention of someone who tioned air supremacy, propoto continue it, has engineered flights things is implied in nearly every tree across the Atlant'e and from Egypt that has attained a ripe age and is to India and is preparing to cover the still in fruit. world, while the United States is only talking about it.

DR, OSLEB.

The seventieth birthday of Dr. Willam Osler, which is made the oc asion of a survey of his work in the Bulletin of the Johns Hopkins Hospital, is a reminder of several thingsof the progress of medical science, for one thing; of a certain phrase at-tributed to Osler which was garbled in the spirit of its re-telling, of a new word which has found its way into the language if not into the dictionbilists themselves in this should make aries, and of the power of a personreat teacher and action of declaring offer a suggestion of the state o that he said, that men ought to be chloroformed at sixty, but he did point out the importance of availing oneself of the opportunities of the vigorous and fruitful years. And that he did not himself at sixty cease to be useful to his fellowmen is shown by the esteem in which he is now his colleagues at Oxford.

The Bulletin contains a sketch of was appointed to assist in making the the character of Dr. Osler, written by most effective use of the highways as Dr. W. S. Thayer, successor in the a means of strengthening and in-position formerly held by Dr. Osler creasing the nation's transportation at Johns Hopkins. After reviewing resources. That the problem in war the achievements of this American or destruction of produce in order to time was chiefly one of material does man of science and summing up what sustain prices, open or secret under-not detract from the value of the work they have meant to medical education, he says:

If you can practice consistently all this, and then if you can bring into corridor and ward a light springing step, a kindly glance, a bright word to everyone you see, arm passed within arm or thrown over the shoulder, of the happy student or collegue: valcome makes your testable a Mecca—if y an do all this, you may begin to be to othe he teacher that "the chief" is to us.

That Dr. Osler could have found time to do so much aside from the purely professorial duties of his calling has been the wonder of those who do not understand that the truly busy man nearly always has time to do one thing more. It is the idlers who are always "rushed to death" and are never getting anything done. The in-fluence of the personality of this physician and teacher would be difficult to estimate; yet the inspiration which he has managed to convey to others is quite likely to yield dividends long after he is gone. He has een in particular an ideal teacherand incidentally it will be noted that he had to go to another country obtain the reward which a great teacher deserves

A MONUMENT TO A TREE.

The Indianapolis Star tells of the ard Wood was promoted over the heads of many other men, and it was openly charged that President Roose- first Rome Beauty apple tree in that openly charged that President Roose-velt was actuated by personal friend-town. The tree was planted 102 years We are without information greatest generals. Similar charges and also as to whether it was designed

I think that I shall never see
A poem levely as a tree.
It would be difficult to overestithat they would succeed as a rule. If mate the importance of fruit trees to they should, there would be such an uproar as would soon effect a change. any community. The time-worn story of the planting of the first fruit tree that we like to hear over and over again. Doubtless if any of the origi-Rapidly growing use of aircraft in nal stock were still in existence on ommerce and mall service and the the site of the old Hudson's Bay comconcert of opinion among military pany post at Vancouver it would be authorities that the next war will be the one to deserve the monument, if merce, perhaps in hope that it will won by the power which begins with any were erected to a tree herenbouts attract other American manufacturers supremacy in the air constitute fair Unfortunately, though, there is a disto expand the old city into a Cleveland notice to congress that it must act on pute on that point. There is no doubt or a Detroit. It shows Cork to have the matter this year. That is the only that "Jimmy" Bruce planted some grown into a thriving port with its conclusion to be drawn from the result of struggle with political unrest and civil war and with stupid, restrictive the march as left us in possession of the old reservation, but at laws which stiffed industry as consists.

supervision and encouragement of a separate department, like the agriculsural department and the shipping board.

Secretary of War Baker's objections to an aircraft department are ling in 1847. Or perhaps to the walthose of a bureaucrat reluctant to nut on the land now owned by Mr.

Tafoliett near Wheatland, said by the Sacret Mr. Wrightman to manage the affair. It was one of those open purse, open ment of nursery stock brought to the Cross. It wasn't any small to the Red Cross. It wasn't any small sum that the organization cleared on the day and the man to whom is due much of the credit for it is stopping at Next spring there ought to be plenty

It would be interesting to know where stands, and something more as to its few days while having an eye treated Mr. Watterson lays the present high price of eggs to the cost of feed and the shortage of hens throughout the country. "The price isn't any higher than it should be when you consider the supply and demand," he declared. enses the spiritual values of natural The poultry raiser came to Oregon three years ago from Spokane. Pre-vious to that time he was advertising man on a newspaper down in Nashville. There is speculation as to whether Tenn. the Ohio tree may have been the

product of the thoughtful kindness of 'Appleseed Johnny," who was going about the country planting apple seeds about the time that the tree in question was born. But this is hardly tenable, since it is admitted that the tree is of a named variety, and we ave not yet succeeded in producing a thoroughbred apple. On the score of title to the honor of a monument in Oregon, there will be conflicting pinions, even after historical doubt have been resolved. Between individuals, "Jimmy" Bruce and Henderson Luciling will have rival supporters. Between trees, we are as Yet unable to offer a suggestion. And among variand growers who have put the state on the map, pomologically speaking, there is wide variety of choice. Some of the old-fashioned varieties that Luelling brought with him have remarkably justified the wisdom of the old nurseryman. New-fangled apples

have come and gone, and it is worthy of note that not a few of the kinds that were good in 1847 are good today. We are in favor-if not of an expensive monument-at least of some ormal recognition of the oldest fruit voman most instrumental in ducing fruit growing into the Oregon country. Let the horticultural historians get busy, that honor may be

cal school for ordnance officers will soon be dissolved. The people want were almost

cal school for ordnance officers will soon be dissolved. The people want expenses cut, but not with an ax.

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. Unless the senate is prepared to follow up the logic qf its action. China will be no better off, but some very serious consequences may occur to the United States.

The membership of Germany's proposed lengue reads like a roll of the international cave Adullam club. It includes all the defeated, outcast, sorehead nations.

Four weary stock men from Heppner for the Menther from Heppner were almost out of luck yesterday morning when they pulled into town at a constantly extending their business by obtaining control of nearly every article of food consumption. The large packers do not control any single food product. Such items as they handle, whether closely related to meats or not, are obtained in the open market in competition with other buyers, and are handled in a legal manner and along lines that are open to everyone.

They say Leroy Alexander, of Pendicton, tries to imitate his father, but it's too much for him, he simply can't do it. The elder Alexander, whose first name is Reuben, is one of the most widely-acquainted men in the state and runs a big general merchanidise store up where they "let' er buck" Young Alexander is registered at the Imperial.

Portland can handle the biggest o divi- the warships. She has entertained cruisers in plenty since the Baltimore 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 vould answer that description?

Yes, the soldiers of the first diision 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 outbrurst of the "spirit." A person can so easily be hit by an

automobile on a crossing the wonder not at the number of accidents but that they are so few. If that prospect near McMinnville

be only another feather in the hat of More than ever you need to keep your eye on Pasco since they have

egun to find two-headed snakes up The Tillamook fair opens tomorrow and in these automobile times every

day ought to be a Portland day. This probably is the best time to naces in this con trariwise old world.

Has the hot trail already cooled, hat the troops are to return from Mexico so soon? The forecast for this week is "nor-

cellar early. This is the weather that brings out

David the pentatomidae to ruffle the atmosphere. Another war! A Vermont man has

cicked up a new comet. Have you got your government

Those Who Come and Go.

to begin building from the ground up, as we did in the war just ended.

Conditions governing aviation require that it be under separate control, and that it be not subordinated to the army and navy. Production of aircraft should be no more under exclusive control of these departments than should production of food, merely because food is consumed by the fighting forces. The number of aircraft employed in commerce prometiculously accurate as to matters.

Child may have carelessly thrown an apple core on the ground, where without thought from any human belocined to long for something besides a sultcase to live in on the road, and such is the case with W. J. Campbell of image grew into a great tree which bore fruit for an appreciative generation of comparative tenderfeet. This askety deposit vault for a companion the loss of a valuable diamond ping 1847—perhaps it is much more than that. It is well to be fore coming to Portland his bedroom

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. much of the credit for it is stopping at the Seward. Mr. Wrightman has a farm near Salem, but recently he has been connected with the C. K. Spaulding Lumber company.

of hens in the United States, despite the scarcity this year, according to A. P. Watterson, who has a poultry farm at The Dalles. He is at the Perkins a

Roads down the valley are thickly pated in dust, according to U. Selig who drove in from Falls City yester-day with his wife and two children. Grading has already been begun for the hard-surfacing to be put in be-tween Salem and Dallas Mr. Selig runs a store in the lumber town, while his son, Maurice, who came to Portland with him, attends the University of Oregon. Maurice is just back from a vacation at Newport. The family will pass several days at the Oregon hotel.

rimony. He registered at the hotel Saturday with his bride of a few hours and will spend his honeymoon there. Mr. Scott is just out of the army and is tree in these parts, and of the man or assistant manager of the Umpqua ho-

bestowed where it is due.

The present congress is in danger of going to extremes in the reaction from its predecessor's prodigality. It cut from \$20,000,000 to \$7,000,000 the appropriation for salvage of \$500,000, under the propriation for salvage of \$500,000 ordnance bureau of the war depart-ment, the total of such property and working hours to making it pleasant material stored in the buildings and for tourists who travel for pleasure

yards and left over from the war being \$3,006,000,000. The smaller sum allowed for salvage is said by the Army and Navy Journal to be utterly insufficient. All manner of costly material, such as guns, is exposed to the weather, sergeants have been put in charge of depots worth many millions and the newly organized techniyards and left over from the war and other folks who travel for reasons being \$3,000,000,000. The smaller of business necessity are necessarily Pour weary stock men from Heppner

sister, Miss Arline Hoerr, who will return home Wednesday. The latter is a
student at the University of Oregon.
Their father is engaged in the lumber
business at Lebanon.

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business at Lebanon.

First glance at the Imperial register would almost convince you that someone had got his poets mixed up. The reason is simple. Before the town of Hiawatha you will find the name of Robert Burns. Hiawatha, apparently doesn't refer to Longfellow's hero, for the same trains and are treated in the same trains and are treated in the same trains are treated in the same trains and are treated in the same trains are treated in the same trains and are

Most people would have to look on the map to find out where Dunevin, New Zealand, is located, but Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Spence and Miss Spence, who are at the Imperial, could tell you in a minute. The reason is that it's the place they make their home.

Before getting ready to face the rush Before getting ready to face the rush on the opening day of school when he has to supply most of the youngsters of Eugene with text books, Morris Schwarzschild is passing a day or so in town, enjoying life at the Oregon. Mr. Schwarzschild has a large stationery tore in the university town.

Corvallis couldn't have had much of

Corvains comant have not made not the Cooper family left in it yesterday, for a good share of it drove up to the Imperial Saturday night. In the party were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Cooper and Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Cooper. With his three daughters, the Mis

Sybil, Elsie and Lena Jones, E. R. Jones of Shreveport, La., is touring the west, stopping yesterday at the Mulinomah. They are accompanied by Miss Leshe of They are accomp Plaquemine, La.

From Alaska to sunny Tennessee is a long jump, so Dr. Arthur G. Jacobs is taking his time about it and stopped at the Benson yesterday on his way home to Memphis. He is accompanied by his family.

e forecast for this week is "nor-weather. Get your ice into the Sask., way up in the middle of Canada, are taking a long vacation trip. They stopped at the Portland yesterday, reg-istering as the Misses J. Little, L. B. labister and A. B. Shaw:

T. H. Austin and family of Anaheim, Cal., motored to the Multnomah on their way to Vancouver. B. C. They live near the Mexican border and are making their entire trip by automobile. making

A. S. Frieze is a Fossil stock man at the Perkins over the week-end.

MEAT PACKERS DEFEND PROFITS Low Rate Declared Key to Low Price

to Public. (The following communication

commented on editorially in Sunday's Oregonian, August 24, but was unadvertently omitted from that paper.)

CHICAGO, Aug. 14.—(To the Editor.)

We have read with a great deal of interest an editorial in The Oregonian of July 12. This article, printed under the heading "The Food Combination," criticises meat-packing organizations in the light of reports submitted by the federal trade commission.

The Oregonian accepts as conclusive

evidence the charges made against the packers by the federal trade commis-sion. This is natural, because govern-ment agencies are supposed to be disinterested and unbiased. But in this instance the commission conducted this investigation, not with the idea caseertaining and making public all the facts, but rather with the idea c suppressing all evidence which by misrepresentation or instruction could not be used against the packers, as though it were a prosecuting attorney seek-ing to convict, rather than a govern-ment agency charged by the presiden with the task of making a thorough survey of the most industry from producer to consumer. These are serious charges to make against an accredited government agency, but Swift & Co. has published an analysis of the commission's report which supports our ar guments and exposes the methods used by the commission. No fair-minded person will accept the commission's report as final until he has studied bogsh sides of the case and reached an dependent conclusion. We shall be glad to send copies of this pumphiet free of charge to any person requesting them. It is of course impossible in the space of this letter to answer all of the commission's charges quoted in this editorial, but we do wish to reply to the most serious misstatements

This paragraph in particular has ar

rested our attention: The packers frequently tell what a modest profit they make on each animal killed, but that is only profit on turnover. They may turn over their capital 10 or 12 times a Year, multiplying their published profit 10 or 12 times. Nor do they tell of the profit on the many other commodities besides meat products in which they deal. By telling only part of the truth they deal. By telling only part of the truth they arouse suspicion at to the mature of the part which is untold.

Complete facts as to profits made by packers are officially recorded in government documents and they may be checked up at any time. The United States Food administration, in its re-While the Perkins hotel is getting a port for the year 1918, says: "The coat of paint all over the interior and is blossoming forth in new carpets, its elerks are also getting rejuvenated on vacation jaunts. Eugene Farmer, who leave the packers subject for this control during the first year of such regulation from November 1, 1917, to November 1, 1917, to November 1, 1918, as shown by audited achas been clerk at the hotel for eight ber 1, 1918, as shown by audited acyears, has just returned from Seattle,
where he passed a week. He was no
sooner back at the desk than George
1. Thompson, another of the greeters,
departed for Roseburg for his vacathe food administration of 5.6 per cent ion. Mr. Thompson puts it all over or considerably less than the maxi-on his fellow clerk, for he has been mum allowed by those rules."

This means that if the packer sold still; the engine throbs and hums, meat without making any mency at all. The ten-theeled messenger of death r assistant manager of the Umpqua hotel. The hostelry has just opened up a coffee shop for the accommodation of tourists coming in at almost any hour of the day or night.

In the lobby of the Oregon yesterday

it is not true that the packers are constantly extending their business by obtaining control of nearly every article of food consumption. The large

lieve we have effected material sav-lings for the consumer in this way,

Miss Ruth Hoerr, of Lebanon, was at the Portiand yesterday before leaving for the middle west, where she will attend normal school this fall. She was accompanied as far as Portland by her accompanied as far as Portland by her were actually forced to provide their the construct accompanied as far as Portland by her accompanied as far as Portland by her were actually forced to provide their the construct accompanied as far as Portland by her were actually forced to provide their the consumer in this way.

Is dressed in words learned from the self-same book;
One quotes the meaning that to him is brought, although it has to others not that look;
But as his mind responds to visual heed, heed, were actually forced to provide their the consumer in this way.

Only one motive prompted the pack-ers to invest in refrigerator cars; to obtain efficient service for fresh meat. Although it has to others not that look;
But as his mind responds to visual heed, were actually forced to provide their.

ducer, packer and consumer profit by economy in management, and its resulting benefit to the market. In the case of at least the Fort Worth and St. Joseph Stockyards, the livestock insphere the fall to grasp the crux of what they solicited the packers to interest themselves in the development of these yards.

The low rate of profit, we believe, is the service of the

Morris that there is no domination of any sort.

In concluding. The Oregonian re-marks, 'We need to learn the whole truth about the food combination and to apply the rational remedy without further resort to declamation," and sug-gests a comprehensive survey of the whole problem by such a man as Charles E. Hughes.

The packers would welcome such an investigation covering all phases of the industry from producer to consumer, and have repeatedly recommended this course. This association pledges its wholehearted co-operation as well as that of its individual members in any chance to buy them out?

Are the earnings of the light and power department of the street car company separate from the earnings of the course. This association pledges its course. (3) If they are losing money all the time, why don't they go into the hands of a receiver or give the city a chance to buy them out?

wholehearted co-operation as well as that of its individual members in any comprehensive survey such as suggested by The Oregonian.

In the interest of fairness we believe that the readers of The Oregonian will wish to know the facts on both sides of the case. We are anxious to meet squarely all questions that may arise, because the packers justify themselves on actual conditions and on sorvices rendered, and not at all on general denial.

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Association.

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Passing Show.

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We learn without surprise that beer was successfully used, the other day, in putting out a Lambeth fire. Being unable to distinguish it from the fluid usually employed, the flames promptly subsided.

Secretaries of State.

BAY CITY, Or., Aug. 23.—(To the Editor.)—Please tell me the name of the secretaries of state in Washington and Idaho.

MRS. C. R.

Idaho, William T. Dougherty, Boise:

In Other Days.

Twenty-five Years Ago.

m The Oregonian, August 25, 1894. Scattle—An explosion and fire in the mines at Franklin caused the death of 37 miners by suffocation. The bodies 7 miners by suffoca

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 Amsteur Athletic club.

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

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

Fifty Years Ago.

From The Oregonian, August 25, 1869, Halifax-Price Arthur arrived today nd was welcome by Governor-General Young and Lieutenant-Governor Doyle

Gettysburg-Governor Geary and oth-

or participants in the war have arrived here for the observance tomorrow. Gen-eral Lee declined to come, but Colonel Walker Harrison, a confederate, is here 'The brick work on Captain Ankeny's

building on Front street has be pleted.

The anniversary ball 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. gray haired parents sit in tears

amid the gathering gloam;
A whiskered sheriff knocked withouthe's come to take their home. He holds a mortgage in his hand, He holds a mortgage in his hand, which, back in '17
The couple placed upon the farm to buy a limousine.
And now the crop of hay has failed, the price of gas is high.
And there is nothing left for them but kiss the place good-bye.
But hold! the wayward son walks in—ho's just about to cough
The money that is requisite to pay the mortgage off—lalas, the finish of the play must still be left in doubt

be left in doubt A walking delegate appears and calls the hero out!

A flaxen-headed little child is playing in the lane,. The villian, whom her fond mammah once spurned with deep disdain, To reap his devilish revenge, abducts the tiny maid

ion. Mr. Thompson puts it all over on his fellow clerk, for he has been min land by those rules."

Hotel employes at the Multnomah are congratulating Scott Wheeler of Roselurg on his recent venture into matimony. He registered at the hotel atturday with his bride of a few hours and will spend his honeymoon there. This means that if the packer sold may be and hims, for Scott is just out of the army and is meat without making any money at all. The reap his devilish revenge, abducts the tiny maid and the hard the hard commission prove that the average profit of the packer on every dollar of sales has been about 2 cents.

On each pound of ment sold the packer's profit is a fraction of a cent. This means that if the packer sold will there be time? Our hearts stand still; the engine throbs and hums, meat without making any money at all. The ten-y healed measurer of death.

so small a margin of profit. The packers' volume of sales alone makes it possible. The man who susgests says rags are royal raiment when breaking up the packing industry so as to divide profits among more peo-

breaking up the packing industry so as to divide profits among more people is suggesting a change which would inevitably lead to a higher rate of profit and increased prices.

It may seem surprising that the packers have been losing money on their beef operations, after crediting sales of hides and all by-products as well as sales of meat. Yet this is the fact.

Again, The Oregonian says, "The food of the nation, above all things, should be free from absolute control by any small group of men. The people can-

She joins the Actor's Equity before the final curtain! A Bonanza The man who paid \$26,000 for a race

At Newport they are already putting as they handle, 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 couldn't possibly run the lines worse than the government did.

The Chasm. By Grace E. Hall.

fully existing they speak a different language crials. We be-

One quotes the meaning that to him is brought,

The low rate of profit, we believe that the ing-pot; the most convincing evidence that the ing-pot; that there is no domination of any sort.

Each through his speech makes very plain the facts is Is greatly changed in life's queer meltor lacks.

Organization of Telephone Company. PORTLAND, Aug. 24.—(To the Edit-or.)—(1) Is the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company a separate com-pany, is it connected with the eastern companies in a financial sense Are the earnings of the light and pow

(1) It is a separate company opera-