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LET'S QUIT.

The forecast of a 44-mill tax levy in the city of Portland-for all pur poses-is disquieting and impressive enough to justify serious inquiry into the causes and justification of the mounting burden imposed upon the taxpayer.

The mere statement that the tax levy is so many mills does not convey a definite meaning, for the tax valuation, upon which the levy is applied, has as much to do with the total sum extracted from the property owner. As long ago as 1903 and 1904 the tax levy in Portland went to 40 mills but when, in 1905, it went down to of conflict. None will reduce its the superficially attractive figure of armament until the other does it 14.8 mills, there was no pronounced first breathing spell for the contributors to the cost of government. Meanwhile the valuation of taxable prop to \$130,000,000 and the sum raised with 14.8 mills was almost as great as that raised by the 40-mill levy in

Yet 44 mills is the higest rate ever than six times as much as it was when the highest preceding levy—40 mills—was applied in 1904.

The actual amounts raised by taxation tell a completer story. Just \$132,993. This year it is to be \$2. O99,400. In twenty years the sum got by this authority. required for school purposes in the city of Portland has been multiplied by twenty-three. In the same period the population has been multiplied by three. Stated another way it cost one-twentythird as much for schools when the city was one-third as big.
The multiple is somewhat less in
the other tax units of Portland but each instance the tax moneys raised at the beginning and end of the double decade make a startling comparison. In 1900 for city pur-poses there was raised \$210,319. The

sum now required is thirteen times as much, or \$4,126,060, The sum raised by taxes for county purposes in 1900 was \$162,200. This than ten times as much

Twenty years ago \$47,654 sufficed for port purposes. This year \$441,000 be required.

The county schools got along twenty years ago with \$163,200. To-day there is levied for that fund the way for the automobile, and Ore-

It is sometimes said, dogmatically, of road-building. The Columbia Serbia, it could have blocked the that it is natural and unavoidable that cost of government should insystem of trunk highways which will powers from Bulgaria and Turkey of the transport of the contral powers from Bulgaria and Turkey of the transport of the contral powers from Bulgaria and Turkey of the contral powers from Bulgaria It is sometimes said, dogmatically, less some loss of economy in unwhich modern statistics run there has been a marked change in the thought of the people. Twenty years or more ago the idea began to spread that government should be something more than a formal exercise powers. In the beginning this idea. was that government should perform for the people certain needed func tions that the people as individuals were unable conveniently to perform for themselves. Once started, the scope of the policy grew until it has come to include functions that the people are fully able to perform for themselves as individuals, and the has demanded that these things and the necessary things of government shall be done better and better, and consequently in an

increasingly expensive way. is not by any means wholly chargeable to the successive school ards that school taxes have been multiplied by twenty-three in twenty Vocational studies have been added; building construction has taken on a new standard; gymnasihalls, tanks, the latest devices in heating and sanitation have been added-all at the behest-at least impliedthe people. And of the \$3,999,400 in the tax sums levied for the district this year more than \$1,000,000 thereof was authorized by direct vote

of the people. The city and county government things in a better way and to accept new duties and responsibilities. Whereas twenty years ago a \$250,000 bridge across the Willamette, which may or may not have been a toll bridge, sufficed, nothing in the treas of streets and now must par to keep them in repair and to keep them clean. As an example of doing that which it is needless for governphones and there is less talk of free hopper.

Creamery and flour mill. As far as this and free that. But we have in
But Mr. Lampman has been "a possible effort would be made to troduced the playground, added to the parks, provided automobiles for city employes and done many other palladium of useful information"

large cost, its newly written history TABLISHED BY HENRY L. PITTOCK.

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Clearly the time has come for tak-ling stock, for closer scrutiny of pro-posed enterprises, for refusal to en-gage in needless activities. By need-less, it is not solely meant that which it would be sheer waste to do or pro-vide, but that which or provide, but that which private enter-prise has been doing and providing and is willing to continue to do and which can be got along without. In the matter of enlargement of

1.00 In the matter of enlargement of activities there are now but two enterprises that have unimpeachable 19.00 merit. They are port development at 2.25 and permanent reads. The port de-Sunday included, three months. 225 Sunday included, one month. 780 without Sunday, one year. 780 without Sunday, three months. 195 without Sunday, three months. 195 without Sunday, one months. 195 without Sunday, one months. 46 to bandle. They are concrete enterthe road programme is for the state to handle. They are concrete enterto handle. prises. They will pay dividends. They are not designed to assuage II. including county and state.

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WHO SHALL BEGIN?

Janan will not cease to arm so ong as the United States continues to arm, and the United States will ot cease so long as Japan continues. Great Britain will never have a navy weaker than that of any other etlen, and the United States will

That is the way with all nations than the present cumbrous affair, all around the world. Each one will This would be no bar to separate try to match the army or navy, or publication of the many documents oth, of that one with which there seems to be even remote possibility

Who shall begin trusting the others to follow, and how shall each be sure that the other disarms as erty had jumped from \$50,000,000 much as it does, and then does not ecretely re-arm?

Disarmament, about which the world has been talking for a score or nore years, is not so easy as ! The first requisite is good levied in Portland and the assessed will, which prompts the nations to valuation is \$338,000,000 or more renounce secret thoughts of attack on each other. The second is confi dence that this good will will not be mpartial, infallible international auority, which will insure that dis-

THE EXPOSITION OF 1825.

Portland is the appropriate scene For Portland is the heart of a egion which symbolizes that prog-

Four great achievements mark the 5 years which will end in 1925—the utomobile, paved highways, hydrolectric power and the airplane. The automobile has revolutionized

ortation, both of passengers eight. It has enabled every year it is to be \$1,853,129, or more family to travel on its own vehicle om its own home as fast as the away from the cause of the allies average train could carry it, and it When Serbia was the weakest

oon traverse Orego follow the route of the old Oregon trail from the Pacific ocean to the eastern boundary of the state and will suggest a contrast between the automobile and the prairie schooner over these roads many thousands

will come in their own cars.

Already one of the leading states in the use of hydro-electric power. Oregon is at the eve of a period of rapid development in that industry umbla and other great rivers of Oreon harnessed to give us light and power. The great river that flows by the proposed site of the exposi-tion may give it brilliant illumina-tion and drive its machinery without

ver a puff of smoke.

From all points of the compass people will come by air as well as eign policy road to the city in the heart of to fight. he country where airplane sprus rows. We should in five years' time e able to show airplanes made in ortland of Oregon products.

There will be other things to show n addition to the well-known will be a well-developed harbor, oc upled by many ships from many imes. There will be many indusries, consuming and producing the roods carried on those ships. And here will be the Portland rose, bor ering the road which leads to the projected exposition site. Portland squal to the occasion.

At last the much abused Congressional Record has found a champion. bridge line for that stream is worth For years the men who had some de- purchase land and equip the propconsidering now unless it costs a sire to know what was in it but who erty with buildings, machinery million or two. We have paved vast qualled before the herculean task of factories, but it is easy to conv kind of newspaper that the political capital investments are relative maligners of newspapers publish Workers would be stockholders and ment to do there is the city paving when given a free hand. There is no plant. Another, discussed, but fortunately never adopted enterprise. It consists of as many as are necesiment would be governed by princiwas a municipal street railway. At sary to print all that 531 loquacious ples of efficiency. The fact of stock the height of enthusiam over pater- statesmen choose to say, all the ownership would render no member nalism in government we heard of speeches that they write and are of the colony immune from dis-free rides on street cars and of free permitted to print but not to speak, charge for cause. In keeping with water for householders. We have

things that were not thought of veritable mine of not only valuable be made, however, to create a farm twenty years ago.

but highly interesting information." that is "self-contained"—that is, Meanwhile there has been a lack It is "an exact record of the official that will consume everything that it of watchfulness of public expendi-words and acts of our national legis-produces or produce all that it contures by the people and occasional lators, complete, unabridged, undiscarelessness on the part of officials. torted and uncensored," including But Enterprises introduced as of con-servative type have grown to elabor-the speakers and acts which they ture is destined to fail. It is prob-There is before us fain would undo.

labors of the constant reader would be much lightened, and there would be more constant readers. The ver-boaity of the congressional bores and demagogues is their best defense, for it warns away the people from be-

of an indignant populace. with many informative public documade by all sorts of people on many magazine article strikes their fancy, hey put it in the Record, also many letters and memorials from their onstituents. Thus the Record has become much more than a report of the proceedings of congress; it is a medium through which congressmen gain publicity for anything they wish publication of some matter lest they America were found growing in Peru themselves.

A publication containing in full the actual proceedings of congress ive one at least as great as that of would be more valued by the people that are now included or of the approached only by slow steps, but he first step sho when the air is full of talk about

WHY THE DOMINIONS PROTEST.

The indictment of European liplomacy that was made by Rowell, delegate from Canada to the league assembly, in protest against permitting some of the league commissions to fall under European ontrol, throws a bright light on the view taken by the new world of the statesmen of the old world; also and equally important, it sheds light on the relations of the younger members of the British empire to the

nother country. Before Germany struck, the allies went about in a fool's paradise, ignorant of the network of prope had spread throughout the world for a great national exposition in There were secret German outposts 1925 to display the progress which in all their territory and colonies the nation will have made in the even in their own governments. The first quarter of the twentieth centheir eves, but they were blind to !!

ress better than any other part of a plan to capture the Dardanelles the country. tory was a Greek city, and because Russia was jealous of Greek and of the presence of Greek troops That rebuff alienated the treacher ous Constantine, and made the opportunity for him to wean his peopl

goods to the most remote farm the allies shut in the central powers the allies left that country to shift The paved highway has cleared for itself while they sent an army of the way for the automobile, and Ore-gon has performed the greatest feats of road-building. The Columbia Serbia, it could have blocked the saved Serbia and Roumani tions, connecting with roads extend-ing through other states, northward sent to Serbia because the allies wer sent to Serbia begause the allies were o Canada, southward to Mexico and then making a treaty with Italy eastward perhaps to the Atlantic which cynically ignored the right eastward perhaps to the Atlantic which cynically ignored the right coast. One of these highways will of the Serbs and because Italy op posed aggrandizement of Serbin These blunders of strategy were thu due to old-world, territory-grabbin diplomacy and they were paid for h large part with the lives of Canadians at Ypres and of Australians and New Zealanders at Gallipoll, but in the decisions.

Other examples might be cited, but hese are enough to show that pur tune while not only their own people but those of the new nations paid the piper. Hence, in response to the demands of the dominions, an im-perial peace cabinet, in which they will be represented, is to be estab-lished in London next June, in order that they may have a voice in foreign policy for which they may have

A KANSAS SOLUTION.

An antithesis of the forty-acre farm unit tentatively put forward by the federal secretary of agricultur as a solution of the rural social prob lam is the plan of T. A. McNeal, editor of the Kansas Farmer, to develop the biggest farm in the country. Mr. McNeal's ideals are partly communistic and partly capitalistic The Kansas editor would establish a farm of 64,000 acres—a hundred

square miles-in one body, and have t managed in the same manner tha a big corporation operates its plants The "main object is to conduct the farm scientifically and use the man power to the best possible advantage." A mere matter of \$13,000,000 or so capital would be required to reading through its endless pages in the most skeptical that \$12,000,000 the search have jeered at it as the is not necessarily a huge sum, since escaped municipal ownership of tele- that they choose to throw into the farm would have a packing plant, constant reader for many, many deliver finished product to consum-years" and extols it as a "mighty era, thus eliminating numerous mid-No undue attempt would "a dlemen.

But somehow, it is to be feared We accept the ably not the result of accident or today the county hospital, with its verdict and set Mr. Lampman on a oversight that the most ancient of washed,

record of money wasted on unnecespedestal as a painstaking and indussary excavations, its unexpectedly trious reader without a peer in the the Midas touch of modernization. rious reader without a peer in the the Midas touch of modernization. Inited States. The objection to the Mr. McNeal tells the truth when he Record as a mine of useful informa-don is that the paystreak is thin and do not know how to figure costs, that the miner must dig his way that some are misfits and that a through a vast mass of barren rock large proportion of them are unable me by Adam, which appeared in The concerts in the lebby of the Multito find it. That barren rock consists to tell at the end of the year whether oregonian December 6: to find it. That barren rock consists to tell at the end of the year whether which private enterprise perhaps and many of them would not be by the giant corporation, even with might not do or provide, which spoken. The bulk of the Record nominal stock ownership, than he would be enjoyable to have, but city of farm help quite as much as abating inclination of individual pro-

coming familiar with it and thus phrase to conjure with. It represents saves the offenders from the wrath an ideal of efficiency such, one will an ideal of efficiency such, one will little home I asked for would not cost imagine, as might catch the fancy of so much as that auto—possibly a great captain of industry. But it is a safe prediction that the regeneration of agriculture will be brought about in some other way, Farming has more to lose by being deprived of the guidance of some millions of self-interested proprietors than it has to sain from the cost of the self-interested proprietors than it has to sain from the cost of the co Members of congress are not con- any great captain of industry. But |g tent with printing in the Record all it is a safe prediction that the regensoul hunger or delight a love for that they say. They also print, along eration of agriculture will be ments, any number of speeches Farming has more to lose by being occasions. If some newspaper or millions of self-interested proprietors than it has to gain from the theoretical economies of gigantic consolidation such as the Kansas scheme implies.

> Mexico, now reported to be turning to potato culture as a means of rehabilitating the food supply, is only reverting to a practice that anne hope of change, for members of tedates the discovery of America by congress Shrink from objecting to Columbus. Tubers thought to be the request of other members for superior to those now produced in et a precedent for future use against when the Spaniards invaved that country and the potato was a staple upland crop throughout south and central America, although then as now it was a cool weather product and did not flourish in the hot sunshine of the tropics. Now the Mexithis country a million pounds of seed, under a plan of the department speeches that are now published of agriculture of that country to put under leave to print. That may be a the business on a permanent footing. under leave to print. That may be a the business on a permanent footing. doctrine of perfection which can be If by any chance the potato in its new surroundings should attain the former perfection claimed for it by historians, the world will be the gainer, and the problem of what to do for a new and healthler stock will be solved. There seem to be limits o what civilization can accomplish

> > The authoritative announcement by the president of the Rockefeller Foundation that a new factor has een introduced into yellow fever control by development of a vaccine for that disease is ground for inreased hope that this tropical and emi-tropical scourge will be banished from earth within measurable It is not, however, the first news of the event that has been given to the public. Hideyo Noguchi, the Japanese physician to whom the scovery is attributed, was one of the staff of savants assigned to inestigate methods of disease control for Peru some time ago, and it is more than a year since it was said unofficially that he had made enouraging progress. Announcement robably has been delayed because of desire to authenticate results hought to have been obtained, and this conservatism increases credibil-

More than seventy thousand negroes in Chicago are ready to accept 10 per cent reduction in wages ather than be out of work with curtailments that follow, which include 'rolling the bones.' The average

such desired agency has at last been

Twelve pallbearers and a specially onstructed coffin were required at the funeral in California of the champion fat man of the world. He attained some distinction, at least, which is more than the average man

Any place used for the killing and In view of that 200 gallons of

onded whisky the government has

ust turned over to Dr. Henry Waldo

ent will be excused from the usual New Year resolutions. The "secret protection" said to be tiven to vice in San Francisco is cheduled to be exposed today. 'Passing the buck'' is well developed n the Bay city and nothing startling

can be expected. Sloan P. Shutt, famed for starting country papers in Oregon, has done it again at Uniontown, Wash. He starts them good and most of them stay that way.

Now Henry Ford is reported to be nissing. That's not surprising. A cuple of his cylinders have been nissing for some time.

The bank at Aurora recently shipped 25,000 pennies to this city. Portland needs them so some men an go to church

That Pullman porter who found \$1500 in a berth the other day had hunch that it wasn't intended as a

nws in the Pacific coast states, let's see to it that the uniform fits.

Oregon is rated very low in infant mortality. The industry itself, however, is nothing to blow about. The boy sure of a four-bladed

about other things. The rains this week are forecasted Fifteen minute intervals, probably.

Christmas is not worrying

May be Laurelhurst lots were sold for a song, but the singing was done in the high Cs.

An Irish bomb factory has been found, but the Irish navy still is un-Nothing like a baked apple to start the day with. Buy apples by

the box. Portland in 1925! Remember how the Lewis and Clark fair started?

Can they get Ireland out of the union by Christmas? Anyway, the streets are getting

Denies That She Goes About

Oregon Mist of Tenra. PORTLAND, Dec. 12 .- (To the Editor.)-Referring to the criticism of chestra gave the third of a series of

on, or sympathy. Yes, indeed, Santa Claus would be a

royally "good sport" if he gave me my expressed desire. And why not? I know of a woman who desires and im and will, no doubt, raise a "mer-y howl" if she fails to receive it. The ittle home I asked for would not cost

Possibly it is, to a man, a strange

idea that a woman whose earlier life was filled with home, home folks and home duties should miss them keenly when fate, or whatever it is generally ermed, has torn them from her heart and hands and should earnestly and sincerely long for or desire something few of a home life and companionship. So much depends, you know, upon the point of view.

point of view.

So far as the church greetings were concerned, I appreciated them for just what they were worth. It was the apparent indifference to them to which I referred. Please do not think of me as one of the "weepy ones," or that I go about bathed in a perpetual self-manufactured Oregon mist. I assure you the corners of my mouth turn upward far oftener than downward. I smiled at a little kiddle in church last Sunday, during a painhurch last Sunday, during a pain-ully long prayer and received in re-urn the sunniest dimpled smile. A turn the gunniest dimpled smile. A little girl, a stranger to me, whom I smiled at across the hotel table a few days ago, said: "Muvver, I like that lady over there, she has such nice eyes." I blew a kiss to her; she was a dear baby.

I could scatter smiles just as readily to the older folk, only I don't know just how they "would take" them.
One does not need an introduction to

One does not need an introduction to a child in order to smile at it. "To the pure all things are pure."

I mention this merely to show I am neither grouchy, nor doleful. My lone-liness and homesickness rarely appear on the surface, but are deep in my heart, like "the worm in the bud" or canker in the heart of the rose. But sometimes they get the better of me; my full heart overflows and the hot tears will fall.

WHEN JUSTICE TREADS SLOWLY Lynch Law Likely to Be Invoked and

Public Inwardly Applaud. Portland, Or., Dec. 12.—(To the Ed-itor.)—"Due process of law!" That is something that all good people de-sire. The men who were lynched in California the other day, did not get "due process of law." It is an inter-eating question—why?

Perhaps we can find an answer iome of the instances of the law's lelay that are notorious. California delay that are notorious. California has them; so has Oregon. One renowned case is that of Bill Haywood, the I. W. W. man who in August, 1918; was tried, found guilty and sentenced to a term in the pention-tiary. He has been out on bail nearly ever since. A few days ago one federal appellate court decided that he may go to the neaffectiary and ne must go to the penftentiary and serve out his term. Now an appeal a being taken to the highest court in

Two men were tried recently in Pendiston for a cold blooded murder and were found guilty. They have appealed and nobody knows how long they will be held unpunished, and experience teaches that they are Any place used for the killing and tressing of poultry in quantity is Efforts are being made to close the Efforts are being made to close the house of ill fame that is still running bett meticulously clean is a probem. However, a slaughter house is not necessary for the business.

They appear to want some neighbor to come who can testify to personal knowledge of impossible going on within the house. noralities going on within the house outward signs or strings of attomo-biles stopping there at all hours of the night; hilarity inside and outside the house; and other well known evidences of violation of the law are available, but the authorities seem

available, but the authorities seem to be powerless even to get "due process of law" in action.

Lynch law will continue to prevail in such fair states as California so long as justice is disposed to tread with leaden feet; and while we deplore it when talking out loud, many very excellent people feel inclined inwardly to applaud such acts as those of the so-called mob that strung up the California brutes and murderers. e California brutes and murd OBSERVER.

PLENTY OF FUN WITHOUT MATE Herry Grandmother Reads, Swims Dances, Smokes, Hunts and Golfs. PORTLAND, Dec. 11.—(To the Edi-or.)—My hat is in the ring. I am ore and peoved through and through have just read letter of December & ligned "Widower" and headed "Wom-

I have just read letter of December 3 signed "Widower" and headed "Women Show Their Age."

Does he think he is the only "well preserved" human being in the world? I would like to snap my fingers at him and say "pooh pooh for you and a couple of judges" for I am sure I could take some of the conceit out of him. He seems "worldly wise" and satisfied"; peace to his ashea. I am a widow and a grandmother, but I am far from being "laid on the shelf with gray hair and a wrinkle."

I can swim a mile before breakfast, am fine shot (so beware), hunt, goif, motor, dance the latest dance or the stately minute. My tailor assures me my figure is superb.

Lonely? Not a bit of it. I have frue companionship in my dearest pals, my books, the old philosophers who don't criticise or find fault. My home is my own, and none to say me nay, wrought by my own hands. My diversions are many—music, piano, or top control of the control of the but on top of the signer.

smoke my cigarettes. When I travel among the elect I carry my handsome case, but when in ye narrow west it is laid away. Oh, fear not, only a

When a "Widower" comes near I simply cannot make my "bright eyes" behave, but not for the life of me would I want to own one of them. They are either one of two things, blase, which is insufferable, or passe, which is impossible.

WIDOW.

And as there is they have the privilege of climbing up there the best way they can. Then think of the heavy expense of taking patients up there, and of bringing their bodies down again, if there is anything left after the medical students next door get the next the medical students next door get the next the medical students next door get the next the

Those Who Come and Go.

The Columbia Ladies Symphony Orto find it. That barren rock consists of words, and it convicts many of words, and it convicts many of words and it convicts many of words and it convicts many of bores and talkers of buncombe. Perish the thought that their speeches should be consored after having been spoken, but if the speakers would censor them beforehand they would be much shorter and many of them would not be spoken. The bulk of the Record momand is likely to find no more spoken. The bulk of the Record would then be greatly reduced, the labors of the constant reader would cliv of farm help quite as much as labors of the constant reader would cliv of farm help quite as much as labors of the constant reader would cliv of farm help quite as much as labors of the constant reader would cliv of farm help quite as much as labors of the constant reader would cliv of farm help quite as much as labors of the constant reader would cliv of farm help quite as much as labors of the constant reader would cliv of farm help quite as much as labors of the constant reader would of the year whether they have made any money or lost constant reader whether they have made any money or lost constant reader whether they have made any money or lost constant reader whether they have made any money or lost constant reader whether they have made any money or lost constant reader whether they have made any money or lost constant reader whether they have made any money or lost constant reader whether they have made any money or lost constant reader whether they have made any money or lost constant reader whether they have made any money or lost constant reader whether they have made any money or lost or chiefly have made any money or lost the trouble lies of the they have made any money or lost the there is no scarcity of money to read the they have made any money in the maching consists the fail to realize the fact of the Northwestern National charges a labor they have made any money to read the their director and their in proceeds the control of her baton and their in Frances Knight is their director and she had 38 girls playing under the control of her baton and their improvement seems marked at each new appearance. Of especial merit last night was a trio, violin, cello and harp, that brought prolonged applause, and the brass section showed an enhanced attack over their prior performances. One noteworthy feature remarked by auditors last night was months. performances. One noteworthy feature remarked by auditors last night was the harmony in the ensemble selections, and they stated that the girls seemed to have a certain touch that made their work stand out from that made their work stand out from that made their work stand out from that banks have refused ionns on farmers' wheat or that the federal reserve banks have refused to discount their notes though they have doubt-less scaled the amount of loans as the price fell."

I have read with much appreciation booked. All the girls are amateurs aconcert tour for which they have been booked. All the girls are amateurs and members of the Monday Musical the financial situation and its rela-

"Nineteen hundred and twenty was

"Your storm here has been severe, from all indications, and, while down at the mouth of the river we manage to get the full sweep of it, we haven't suffered any," said B. F. Stone, president of the Port of Astoria, in the Multnomah botel lobby yesterday, Mr. Stone will speak tonight at the foreign commerce dinner and will return to Astoria tomerrow morning. "Since August 26 we have had few clear or calm days, but the worst day for several Foars came Friday last, when we had a real gale, even for the ocean front. It is fortunate that the tides are low at this time, and the present indications are that the wind will blow itself out before we get the ten-foot or higher tides of Christmas time. The moon changed this week and the tide from now on will get higher. To date there have to the same assistance of the severyand the tide from now on will get higher. To date there has not been the slightest damage at Astoria."

When the new Standard Off tanker W. H. Libby kisses the water for the first time tomorrow from the Standifer ways at Vancouver, Miss Madge Libby will be on hand to formally bestow on the great ship her father name. The christening party arrived in Portland last night from New York and are registered at the Benson hotel. Besides the sponsor, there are in the group Mrs. Frances D. Vickers, Miss Libby's mother, Miss Mercedes Libby, Miss Florence Martin, Miss Clars V Elliott and Mrs. Arthur Penniman. They will leave Wednesenniman. They will leave Wednes-ay for San Francisco on the Shasta Limited and make their return New York over the southern route.

one of the best-informed men on ori-ental conditions in this section of the United States, according to reports. He is with the Marine Products com-pany of Tacoma and is at the Oregon hotel for a few days. He will lecture at the Spokane fair this week

likely to go seof free, if we are to indge from the result in similar cases.

In one of the best residence districts in this city a woman opened a disorderly house. Barrels of liggor were recently brought to her residence and later selzed by the local of the old property under his control.

Timber interests in Oregon and Supress capit thrift, large ind business.

Rebuild large to well-known timberman in this city and the son yet has a good amount of the old property under his control. Lumber is due for a more active

season soon after the beginning of 1921, from all indications according to F. H. Dunlap of Littell, Oregon, who is interested in the trade. Mr. Dunlap is registered at the Hotel Portland. The Wind River lumber company is doing a steady grind at their finish plant at Bridal Veil. Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson of Bridal Veil are at the Oregon hotell Mr. Wilkinson is in-

erested in the management of the Daniel Webster of Salem is 80 years of age but manages to have a good time on his periodical visits to Port-

and. He is a guest at the Seward Levi J. Bird and L. C. Parkhurst.

who own extensive land interests near Browning, Montana, are at the Multnomah Hotel and are transacting some deals of importance. G. H. Florence and family are reg-istered at the Benson. Mr. Florence is well known in the Canadian prairie provinces and makes his home in

Vinnipeg. Tom Nolan of Corvallis is at the Hotel Portland. He is a merchant and is restocking for the Christmas

T. Yoshida, vice consul of Japan in Portland, has taken a suite at the Multnomah for the winter months.

Captain J. A. Whiteside and Mrs. Whiteside of the U. S. navy are registered at the Multnomah. B. F. Brugeman of Juneau, Alaska, is at the Muitnomah with Mrs. Brugeman for a few days en route to Cali-

HOSPITAL SITE IS HELD POOR Writer Anticipates Million or Two for

Employes' Automobiles. pals, my books, the old philosophers who don't criticise or find fault. My home is my own, and none to say me nay, wrought by my own hands. My diversions are many—music, plano, or my orphans, my studies, French or Spanish.

At quiet evening I hie me to my cosy, corner where me true pals await me—and sh, sh, don't tell a soul, for fear "some fool may be insulted—smoke my cigarettes. When I travel among the elect I carry my handsome case, but when in ye narrow west it PORTLAND, Dec. 12 .- (To the Ed

to go to a county hospital have no automobiles; neither do their relatives. And as there is no car line up there, it means that they have the privilege You've put it on the burn.

Neighborly Suggestion.

Newberg Graphic.

Portland and the state as a whole linesets and all should unite in the effort to improve her harbor facilities.

The medical students next door get through with them.

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The through with them.

To see you come in season,

But such a downpour as you've sent

Is surely out of reason.

Of course we're not in charge of things.

But you, no doubt, could try

And bottle up a shower or two facilities.

TANPAYER.

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ONLY AFFLUENT GET ASSISTANCE Farmers Unable to Borrow on Land o

Wheat and to Sell Is Rula. HEPPNER, Or., Dec. 11 - (To the Editor.)-In The Oregonian recently

tion to agriculture, but must say that the above statements and com-ments are too optimistic. Farming is not a legitimate business, or there is a faulty link in the connection ba-"Nineteen hundred and twenty was the most prosperous year in the history of Hawail," said L. F. Parker of Honoiulu who is registered at the Multnomah hotel yesterday. "Altough we were handicapped by transportation facilities to and from the Islands the traffic was exceptly it in the said to make the traffic was exceptly the internal to the said to make reservation weeks ahead. But the fact that Honoiulu broke records in a business way proves that we are not dependent on the tourist business as many people suppose. While it is welcome we never suffer when it does not come. There has been considerable talk in the states or about the race of Hawaiians becoming extinct just like the American Indians. This may happen but it will be many years. They are missed from the centers as the Japs, Portuguees, end the centers as the Japs, Portuguees and the po

thing He Wants,

PORTLAND, Dec. 12,—(To the Edf-tor.)—May not the following sugges-tions be offered as remedies to our Promise high living at a low cost,

theap prices with high wages. Make the railroads safe for democacy by decreasing rates and increas-

Ditto with the merchant marine and Break the heart of the world.

Prosecute the packers and butchers, apartment and hotel builders, and generally all investors. More bluff, untruth and politics.

nals as insane; put it all on the po-Increase the corporation tax.

Put in jail all bourgeois. Confiscate all industries. Increase the number of state em-loyes and officials. Increase the speed of autos. reas capital, capitalists and woodmouse will punder the stores of large industries, banks and another, I do not know.

(Rights Reserved by Houghton-Miftild large industries and run

Rebuild large industries and run Promise to abolish all taxes. Promise free rides in cars, cents with high cost of building, fuel, etc., the moon, cheese and soft soal

Increase the number of county em-ployes and officials. Give an income to everybody without work and tax. Make everybody wealthy. Tax Peter to give to Paul; there-after hang Peter.

Prosecute the packers, grocers in business.

Call all profits and interest on money "profiteering."

Increase the number of city employes and officials.

More peanut politics, quacks and lame ducks.

Bolshevism propaganda and unrest More gas, hot air and bubbles. DEMOCRITUS.

FROM PEACE TO SANDY HOSEWAY Writer Asks Questions Separated by Well Known "Far Cry."

PORTLAND, Dec. 12 .- (To the Edi or.)—Some questions:
Since we are the only nation in the world that is at war with Germany low can we ever make peace with that country unless it be a "separate

once?" If "Col." House was worth \$1000 : month to this country for serving as a member of the peace conference would not the membership of Elliu Root, instead, have been cheap at a million a month? By the way, who is Col. House, anyway, or, who was

he?
Seeing that President Wilson is considering whether to present the Versallies treaty to the senate again, the question arises: why doesn't Mr. Tumulty, or Admiral Grayson inform him as to the result of the solemn referendum on Nov. 2—or doesn't a referendum really referend a thing?

Instead of changing the name of Instead of changing the name of Sandy Boulevard to "Roseway" why not change it to Sandy Road? A rose yould smell just as sweet by the

Oh, Jupiter Pluvius, Why don't you have a heart,
You've drenched us to the very skin
With your old sprinkling cart;
You've poured down tons of water,
And we'd surely think it fins
If you would ditch your sprinkling pot
And let the old sun shine.

You've put it on the burn.

I used to walk to work each morn.
To start the day at par.
But how you make me pay 8 cents
And ride the old street car.

More Truth Than Poetry. By James J. Montague

ONLY FANCY. They have established tiffin at There is Forward Tigerface, who on The hockey team, Would dash and glide and slip and

And swing his stick from side to A tower of strength, fair Harvard's human walking beam?

rom 3 to 4 each afternoon you'll see the hero sit, tempot just within his reach, a grumpet in his mitti

Where is Stroke McBrawneyarm, who
pulled the forward oar,
who sent the shell along pell mell,
Whose glant muscles heaved and And finished with an awful yell
Three lengths shead or more?
At Tiffin every afternoon he takes a
leading place.
A spoon half hidden in his hand, a

biscuit in his-face! Where is Halfback Mussumup, who in the days gone by Tore through the mud amid a flood Of arms and legs and brows and

And landed with a crunching thud On some Yale player's eye? You'll find him every afternoon at just half after three; The hand that tackled Callahan new lifts a cup of teal

Not So Ensy. Once a king was born to a throna. Now he has to take a civil service examination in order to get on the eligible list for election, and then, if he lands, go out and raise a campaign

The Sole Condition. If by paying the Raiser a pension the Germans can keep him out of the country it may be worth while to do it. Luckler Than Most of Us.

Now that John D. has received a egacy of \$500 from H. C. Frick, he you't need to lay up his car the next (Copyright, 1920, by the Ball Syndicate

John Burroughs' Nature Notes.

Can You Answer These Questions? 1. Is a dog largely dependent upon its eye? 2. What are the advantages of farm life? 3. Are hawks and vultures rapid

Answers to Previous Questions. 1. Is a nest in a hole safer than ne in the open? That a bird in a hole is safer than

bird in an open nest may well be outsted. The esgs are probably more scure from the thievish crow and he bluejay, but not from rats and squirreis and weasels. I know that the nests of the bluebird and the chickades are often broken up by some small enemy.

2. Of what are limestone rock and halk formed? Our limestone rocks, thousands of feet thick in places, the decomposi-tion of which furnishes some of our most fertile soils are mainly of plant and animal origin. The chalk hills of England, so smooth and plump, so domestic and mutton-suggesting, as Hinley says, are the leavings of minute creatures caffied globigerniae, that lived and died in the ancient

seas in the remote past. 3. Do animals respect property As for the rights of property among animals, I do not see how we can know just how far these rights are respected among individuals the same species. We know that bees will rob bees and that ants will rob ants; but whether or not one chipnunk or one flying squirrel or one

In Other Days.

Twenty-five Years Ago. From The Oregonian of December 13, 1835 rem The Gregonian of December 13, 1805. Directors of the Portland Amateur thletic club will today, it is said, lie articles of incorporation of the ortiand Athletic club as a step in rming an organization to supplant

Columbus, O.—Judge Allen G. Thur-nan, former United States senator, lied at his home here yesterday. He was \$2 years of age. The assessment roll of Multnomah ounty, completed yesterday, amounts o \$55,955,959, which is \$2,075,454 reater than in 1894.

W. W. Catlin, receiver of the Ore-gon National bank, who has been in the east for some time, returned home Fifty Years Ago, Tom The Oregonian of December 13, 1870.
Thirty thousand dollars in coin was fiered and refused for the Coamo-

olitan hotel and the ground upon Virginia. Nev.—The population of he state of Nevada, just announced, 42,636.

Bolse City, Ida.—Shipments of bul-ion from Owyhee continue at the rate of \$40,000 weekly. Six Percent Limitation. SHERWOOD, Or., Dec. 11.—(To the ditor.)—Is there a law prohibiting to levy of taxes to exceed the 6 per at limit? Who should one refer in case of a road district voting a special tax of 10 mills, to see if it can be collected if it exceeds the 6 percent limit? If advertised in notice of

meetings can it be levied by the ma-jority? G. A. OLDS. _ The sum raised by taxes in one year cannot legally exceed by more than 6 percent the sum raised in the preceeding year, but this limitation applies only to acts of tax-levying boards as distinguished from the peo-ple. The voters of any district or ple. The voters of any district or municipality may authorize a greater

Keeping Cider Sweet

CORNELIUS, Or., Dec. 11.—(To the Editor.)—Do you know of anything hat can be put in apple cider to keep it from fermenting? Or, anything that will cause it to become acid in a I do not wish to can cider to keep it

What could be put in cider to spoil it for drinking purposes after it has started to ferment. MRS. X. Y. Z. Write to agricultural college, Corvallis, Or., for bulletin on preserva-

No Felicitations from Wilson. CHEHALIS, Wash., Dec. 11.—(To the Editor.)—Did President Wilson congratulate president-elect Harding upon his election; If so in what man-

CHEHALIS.

tion of cider and vinegar making.

He did not.