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ITS USEFULNESS ENDED.

At the end of the opinion reaffirm. ing its decision in the telephone rate delegate case the public service commission rebukes the petitioners in the case for causing expense and waste of appeared in the rehearing did so upon the insistent demand of a pub c which then believed and still believes itself outraged. Believing also, as it may have done, in the wisdom and fairness of the commission, and in the righteousness of its own cause, it of course did not foresee that its agitation would be need. The august and learned attitude of the commission, after the case is all heard, can only to the conclusion that re hearings of any kind before the commission as at present constituted are a waste of time; that when it speaks it speaks-when it says that that, why that is that forever

Whatever ridiculous quality was developed in the course of the relearing was not peculiar to one side in the case. The issue here was a rate schedule promulgated in a time of decline in cost of commodities, the contract, that in its arrangewhich so enormously increased rates ment with the General Steamship in this community that they were Pacific traffic, the Union Pacific wrong and preposterous on their railroad named Portland as a termiat hand a lot of flub-dub in the form will be welcome to Portland shipof valuations which segregated pers, and they will join The Orego-properties interlocked both physi- nian in giving the Union Pacific due able mass of financial wires, which The Congressional Record and from estimated this and estimated that which The Oregonian quoted in a and presented all the non-under, former article, some employe of the standable statistical formalities and interstate commerce commission solemnities that always attend that made Seattle appear to be the only variety of flub-dub.

Let us repeat for emphasis. The tant and inexcusable. Every user of tirely. the telephone knew it and every user it justify a reprimand from the com-

tions already partly, perhaps fully, filled, is one of the things to be exhas not been in trustworthy hafids. ships here. If continued its probable result, unless it can be diverted to more responsible promotion, will be the candidacy of theorists or adventurers or

brave and firm supporter, by implieation, of the 5-cent fare permitted streetear fares to go to 8 cents without his protest-after he had been

directly through the initiative or ordinary purposes of trade. through their representatives in the legislature. It can be abolished slm

The Oregonian suggests that it is sition to buy then. time for a new deal. It now offers

ESTABLISHED BY HENRY L. PITTOCK Cities, or whether it is time to admit we are still far from the summit of and may thus actually expand their Prosperity Hill, we are on our way, navies beyond the agreed ratios. ties has completely fallen down and that a system of broad statutory re- democratic politicians, like National force Great Britain to build antiin the courts should be the alterna- tal when out of office is calamity, tion agreement is extended to auxilitive—whether one or the other of The fruits of republican policy have lary craft, we should be cautious not these things would be best it is not taken well-nigh a year to

necessary now to discuss. that the candidate for the legislareform in the regulation of public utilities.

ENDING THE REED NUISANCE.

The diligent correspondents, who observation just what is happening on the national political field, preliminary to the coming campaign, are agreed that Senator Jim Reed of hands for re-election.

No doubt Missouri has had many painful moments during the five or six years over Mr. Reed. And Mr. Reed has had a few troublesome experiences on his own account in that time. His resignation was once demanded by the democratic political organization and he was denied convention at San Francisco, after having been duly elected a district

After being thus kicked down stairs by his own party, one might assume that Reed would take the hint, and get out. But that is not time through needless agitation, the Reed's way. He never gets out; he reprimand being in both English and must be put out. That he will be re-Latin. The comment provokes the nominated by the democratic pridefeated in the election if nominated is certain.

If the republican party has its La Follette, the democratic party has sin in his pocket; Reed is not so Almost anywhere else than offense in Wisconsin for a repub-lican senator to repudiate a repubican administration; but it is different in Missouri. A democratic senator may not run amuck, and live, politically

ministration, or the senate. 'He is himself only when nobody agrees with him. How do men get that have when anything happens to go way?

PORTLAND STILL THE TERMINUS.

Proof, in the shape of the text of wer anything ever before heard of corporation for interchange of trans-In support of them there was nal port on an equality with Scattle cally and in operative practice which credit. In making the synopsis of untangle an inextrice the contract which was published in Pacific terminus recognized by the railroad and the steamship company, new rates were on their face exorbi- omitting the name of Portland en-

Portland will now be interested to The public was willing to concede with the steamships here by com- would cater to the uninformed opinthat there was but one orderly way parison with that at Seattle. There ion of those who consider the possicorrect the telephone rate abuse. may have been a plausible excuse blitty of war as That was through the formality of for the railroad to transfer its en- nated by the Washington treaties mission, as it had convinced the there was deficient depth in the gardless of consequences. public, that the commission's calcu- river channel after every freshet, save a false indication of company conditions have passed away. There in proportion to those set for other profits. It was a false hope. It may is now 43 feet of water on the bar navies by statesmen and naval exhave been a foolish one. But it was for a width of half a mile, mainte- perts. The whole purpose was to Now there will be a new flare of docks will compare in extent and number of ships fully equipped and

to be feared. The recall movement that the Union Pacific turns over to because their forces will be down to opportunists and the election of one that route war opened, the dividing tive fighting unit and that in pro-The public has in the past voted territory whence traffic flows to the lack of crew or are undermanned, its indignation, rather than its good Atlantic coast and that whence it our navy will be below the ratio to sense, in a similar circumstance. It flows to the Pacific coast has been others that was adopted as the limit of His Country. Martha, too, is a retired from office a capable commoved to the westward. Thus ships of safety. The smaller our navy is, missioner and elected in his stead a bound from Atlantic ports to the theretofore unknown man whose orient now capture much traffic it is highly efficient and ready for principal qualification was the en- which formerly flowed to Pacific ticing slogan, "Six cents is too much ports. That is the more reason for for a 5-cent ride." The public thus close co-operation between the port vented its indignation; it thus pun- and the railroads of which it is the ished a commissioner; but it did not terminus. They have a common inget the 5-cent fare. Instead, the terest in drawing business this way, and the port will do its part.

CLIMBING PROSPERITY HILL.

Evidences that the United States The great defect in the recall is its ward climb to prosperity are multiapplication, almost invariably, in a plying. The statement of Controller stroyers that is disproportionate time of public passion or resentment Crissinger shows that between Sep- the number of capital ships we had and therefore in a time when public tember 6 and December 31 bank re- in the war, and the scrapping of judgment is warped. But it will not sources, especially individual de-be disputed here that the public posits, increased appreciably, while this disproportion. We are far from service commission, as now consti- loans increased so slightly that they any potential enemy, and by brandtuted, has lost public confidence and may be said to have been stationary. ing as pirates any submarines that is at the end of its usefulness. It He sees that we are "well on the attack merchant ships the conferought to be dismissed, but dismissed road to getting the frozen credits ence has virtually insured that all by some dispassionate method. The public service commission ex- farmers for their crops does the down. Thus our destroyer force can ists by will of the people expressed thawing and sets credit free for the be reduced to the number needed to

This is a result of the increased defend our coast and commerce demand and sharp-advance in prices against cruisers. Those require-The commissioners are for farm products. Europe can no elected by the people, two from dis- longer hold off from buying wheat, tricts and one at large. Whether it flour, corn, meat. Farmers have is because of the elective system or been enabled by the credit extended and Navy Journal that the failure some other factor, the quality of by the war finance corporation unmembership on the commission has der the law passed at the last ses- auxiliary craft leaves a considerable declined since the first few years of sion of congress and by their co-op-its creation. Two capable, efficient erative associations to hold their members have been ejected; one has produce till this demand became ships of each type in a balanced fleet retired to go on the interstate com- strong enough to give them a profitmerce commission. We now have able price. Wheat is again worth on the commission the gentleman over a dollar on the farm, corn has with the inventive genius for slogans, become more valuable for food than of the fleet may be increased by the most of the girls from rolling 'em. another member who is spending for fuel, hogs have risen appreciably much time and effort in arousing and wool has doubled in price within gives this illustration: sectional antagonisms in the state, a year. Money is again flowing to and a third who is reputed to do the farm and thence to the bank. most of the work, such as it is, in The farmer may not buy much before fall, but he is getting into po-

Other favorable signs are the redefinite suggestion other than sumption of work in the Montana that the commission as now consti-tuted be abolished. Whether it is into untouched belts of Oregon timbest that a new commission, ap- ber, marketing of securities for great! Being unrestricted in the number morrow morning.

pointed by the governor, take its power enterprises, and a great inplace; or to let rate regulation be crease in building in Portland and pend on other types of vessel the eft more largely to home rule in other Pacific coast cities. Though strictions with original jurisdiction Chairman Hull, whose political capi-

This will be sad news for those themselves, but the farm credit law respect. The outstanding facts are that a has carried farmers and livestock change is advisable; that the recall men over the steepest and rockies Is inadequate and that the citizen in part of the road, everybody feels every community has a duty to see eased of part of his tax load, and there is good going on the road ture for whom he votes is committed ahead. Progress toward the summit of Prosperity Hill will soon be so fast and easy that the time is near calamity will only provoke laughter.

It is a peculiar fact, to which hisorians have frequently called attention, that great famines have nearly always occurred in district Missouri, has quite a fight on his predominantly given to the producion of grain. This is largely true in Russia today, as it was in China only last year, and as it has been elsewhere in other years. The stoniest valleys of the Balkans and the perilous mountain slopes of Switzercollapse of food resources such as has been more than once witnessed a seat in the national democratic in the more fertile regions which, taking one year with another, furnish the so-called staple crops of the world.

The reason is partly that reliance on a one-crop system breeds lack of resourcefulness, while in any extates those who practice it from making quick recovery from disaster. Dispatches from Russia now intimate that the danger of starvation will not be passed even with the coming of summer, that not until the grain harvest is made will there be material relief, and that the peo its Reed. But La Foliette has the pie seem unprepared to meet the republican organization of Wisconstoatlon with emergency crops. fortunate in his own state. It is no grain country plans would already have been made for the period be tween springtime and harvest. Particularly in a district where diversified agriculture had been the rule and livestock had been part of the farm scheme, the first Mr. Reed is never in step with his grass would have renewed the supparty, or his constituency, or his ad- ply of food. The nomads of the semi-desert countries had a stouter incorrigible menority-sure of rod to lean on in their cattle and goats than the one-crop farmers

> wrong. one wonders whether the ploneers fered from more than temporary shortage of food. There might have been poverty, but certainly not starvation. Not for more than a few weeks at a time would they have been without something with which to hold soul and body together. One the so-called apparent need of a reconstruction of their whole sysof agriculture, which has proved itself a failure by the recurrence of famine at intervals year after year.

SAFETY IN NAVAL REDUCTION.

propose to outdo the arms conference in reduction of armament. first glance appear to be,

being provided at the bends, and the battleships are set as our limit, that fic of the railroads of which it is the ready for action, the more so be- Port and the 1925 fair. There is small wage. It is also one of the results real terminus, and will welcome all cause there will be fewer of them, room for this paper to grow. the limit of safety and because their As the Panama canal has brought potential enemies are nearer to them nearer to parity the ocean rates than ours are to us. It goes with-across the Pacific from Atlantic and out saying that a battleship without Pacific ports than they were before a fully trained crew is not an effecline in mid-continent between the portion as our ships are laid up for action. The navy department shows That is the more reason for that it is already underofficered and undermanned. Reduction of personnel should not go below the point where each ship has a full comple-

ment of officers and men. By proposing to scrap 100 detrovers and to reduce manpower by 10,000, Secretary Denby seeks to practice economy without weakenoperate with the battle fleet and to

duction. But we are reminded by the Army field for competitive building. It points out that the proportion "is elastic and depends upon the nature of the campaign to be expected," and that "the fotal strength addition of vessels of any class." It

During the height of the battle of Jut-land eleven German destroyers made an attack which resulted in torpcdoing one British battleship and in forcing the whole grand fleet to turn away, thus saving the high seas fleet. More German destroy-ers probably would have torpedoed more British battleships. In spite of the Ger-man deficiency in battleships, the German total strength would have been considera-bly increased by the addition of destroyers. During the height of the battle of Jut

of auxiliaries, the powers may ex money that they save on battleships France by building submarines may submarine craft. unduly to weaken our navy in this

DECLINING DEATH BATE.

The figures of the federal census 000 in 1920 contains no surprises for deaths from cancer, about which we know almost as little as we ever did, aware. because that malady was practically prior to 1910 and figures negligibly in any of the statistics of recent

inevitably also yield to scientific prophylaxis, it would seem that the vanquishing of the so-called white plague is the next reliance of those who wish to banish sickness from the world. The progress herein made is decidedly encouraging. In twenty years the mortality rate from tuberculosis has been reduced from a little more than 2 to 1.26 per In some of the larger thousand. cities, where congestion of population presented peculiar obstacles rate has been cut more than half. The reduction is shown not only in the United States, but in the greater part of Europe as well. In Birmingham and Edinburgh, important cities of Great Britain, the tuberculosis death rate is even lower than that in New York, and London is on a par with the latter city.

The gradual conquest of tubercu losis is the product of several factors, but the important thing in connection with them is that those which have counted for most have been those which involved civic action. This is within the reach of course, the plains of America, but social organization and consequently is most encouraging. Infected milk of the west would ever have suf- has been eliminated in most communities, the water supplies of most cities are irreproachably pure, slums are slowly being eradicated, cleaner and better food is constantly obtain able: in short, conditions favorable to the incubation and the spread of the tubercle bacillus are being overcome. Incidentally, it ought to be famine districts of the old world is placed to the credit of the automocivilization has played its part in the is due to two causes-a greater inclination to seek the open air and cleaner streets, due to the elimina-

ion of the horse Nor are the figures indicating a As was to be expected, pacifists somewhat higher death rate from and ultra-economists in congress the degenerative diseases of later life as discouraging as they would on was indignant. Conscious of injury see the fact that the Union Pacific Some would follow scrapping of batthe public had no confidence in the recognizes this port as its real ter- tleships by cutting the manpower of bring a larger number of people to Intricacies of calculation with which the commission justified that injury, transcentinental traffic exchanged cut the army to 100,000 men. They judging from the experience of the past, is also likely to be solved in

> Port of Portland dock commission, man who can manage to import one, accompanies an article on how he is "Selling the Port" abroad. K. D. Dawson, manager of the Columbia

the first time. .

It still is good fashion to name a fine name for a girl baby. not be able to "Madilynne" it when

Cormick girl alone. She'll be com-

eems to be: he knows American The trouble with some peace troubled waters is that they use gas-

oline instead and then throw lighted match after it. There is one comforting grain of salt in it all. When needed the telephone is the handlest invention ever

ranking the doctor's runabout by

just one point.

Every small boy who is home doctored at the approach of spring I would be rich." should call his mother's attention to the dangers that lie in that course of medicine.

her to "Shut up and go home!" The first horticultural "robin" of

One comforting thing about this chilly weather is that it discourages

There's nothing like doing things right. In time the government may provide a chaser for every drink.

on the Federal bench. Another hollday! Yet the fellow who works today will feel better to-

The Listening Post.

By DeWitt Harry.

CCASIONALLY through some for. tunate combination of circumstances a person gains a reputation for good works, enviable though un- will go crazy about the wonderful deserved to some extent. Paul F. Nolan, who handles the cash for an and the fossil beds will attract thounsurance agency was once just such a lucky man. Nolan is a stenographic expert, and during his student days country, for we have no railroads bureau showing a decline of the was working out on speed tests. The and no prospect of getting any, so death rate of the nation from 1496 best experience for work of this kind per 100,000 in 1910 to 1306 per 100,- is to take the running remarks of some public speaker, for in this way when any one who raises the cry of those who have followed the recent the student gains exceptional schooltrend of events. The decrease for all groups is attributed largely to reduced rates from tuberculosis tyreduced rates from tuberculosis, typhoid fever and Bright's disease.
The showing in these particulars is
the more impressive because it so
much more than offsets gains in offsets gains in ospeed.

So Nolan went to the Presbyterian

Sermion as part of his test, but the
better than ever. The more loads the
trucks can carry the better it will
better than ever. The more loads the
trucks can carry the better it will
better than ever. The more loads the
trucks can carry the better it will
of operating trucks and, naturally,
reduce the freight rate. Do you
know that on many articles we have

List true that toads live to be
concerned.

church the next week and found the sermon better, but not yet as rapid as and from influenza, the recent epidemic of which caught not only this
he wished. The third Sunday found
way and the freight rate is excessional church,
sive. Besides the route is circuitous
matter of luck in keeping out of
matter of luck in keeping out of
matter of luck in keeping out of where a fiery preacher just spouted out the words and Noian admits he got the test of his life, so much so ville to the Columbia River highway. There is no mention of where a fiery preacher just spouted smallpox in the comparative returns out the words and Nolan admits he conquered by vaccination some time that he returned again and again for we can get our newspapers and let-

ing interest in a member of his con- biggest benefits that central Oregon gregation who came night after night and hung breathless on his every word, and Nolan did just this. Nolan's notebook was held below the level of the pew and few realized that he was making hooks and scrawls as the preacher talked, none less than the preacher himself. In any event the minister singled Nolan out for special attention and the young shorthand student had an embarrasing time sidestepping the minister's interest.

Under the rigid provisions of the Chinese exclusion law it is exceedingly difficult for any Chinese to enter the United States. One exception is made, a Chinaman who has a right to live in the United States may oring in his wife. That this privilege is frequently abused goes without saying. One recent case will serve as an illustration.

Classified as a merchant a local Chinese had gone on a visit to China is only about 30 years old who saved and on his return was accompanied up more than \$20,000 selling popcorn and on his return was accompanied any people possessing capacity for by a woman he swore was his wife. A wife's rights are no more than her husband's, and in this case there was nothing to prevent the Chinaman from bringing her into America, though it would have been impossible for her to have entered alone as she had never set feet on this continent.

The Chinaman, who was an old man and in delicate health, undertook this pilgrimage to the land of his birth likely in the full knowledge bile that that instrument of modern that it would be his last. The ship's doctor prescribed for him, but a Chi conquest of the disease. The result naman does not have any too much faith in civilized medicine, especially when the end appears near. One of the ship's officers came to inspect the cabin where the Chinaman was lying and found him with his head covered by a blanket. The medicine lay near y, untouched, and investigation showed that the man was dead.

The other oriental passengers on the boat were trying their best to hide the fact of his death so that less than 40 per cent is on the tax the woman posing as his wife could be landed. The minute he died she 10,000.

Massachusetts and North Dakota. be landed. The minute he died she ost all right to step ashore. In China for a few hundred dollars, while in another hearing. It had some hope three export and import traffic to Sethat the obvious exorbitance of the attle while the Columbia river bar Europe, and whose one thought is Shipping Journal, the February ly worth her weight in gold. Five, new rates would convince the com- was still an obstruction and when to reduce government expenses reon what is being done in that respect one Chinese woman slave is not conlations and estimates and theories also when Portiand lacked modern the American navy in capital ships that being wrong they docks for large vessels, but those are the limits of safety for defense port of Portiand dock commission

To a taxi-driver life has no tinsel nor does nance of a thirty-foot channel in the reduce our navy without weakening Pacific company; George Powell, or glitter. Many of his experiences in the complete reduce our navy defense. When eighteen president of the Oregon Pacific company; the professional bills. pany; Arthur C. Callan, agent of the guard against the professional bilk. Williams line, and George N. Black, His is a detached viewpoint and public indignation. That it will take speed of handling cargo with those fully manned was intended, for it is president of the Foreign Commerce eternal vigilance is the only method of any port of Portland's size. Port- to be presumed that other nations club, are portrayed in picture and of protecting his pocketbook, for he land is equipped to handle the traf- will keep their ships in all respects words, and much is told about the must stand bad bills from his own mer are registered at the imperial. A call came from a residence dis

> trict. The cab stopped in front of Perhaps the McCormicks finally the house and a wo-begone figure consented to their daughter's mar-riage to that Swiss riding master on step inside. The bedraggled indithe theory that it doesn't make vidual who seemed so out of place in a taxi were a voluminous pair of is also a newspaper editor and progrimy and patched overalls, an old prietor, has been dickering with the slouch hat, patches of bare feet lighway commission to get action on in Holland. He became Adrian VI in much difference whom she marries in a taxi wore a voluminous pair of boy born this day after the Father old coat about ready to fall apart, while from a corn-cob pipe emerged She will a dense cloud of raw tobacco fumes No wonder there was an argument with the bum. Where would such character get the price for a ride; Pretty near time to let the Mc. The driver expostulated, barred the door, but the fare opened out a coat ing home again, by and by, anyway, that had been carried on an arm and Grandfather John is satisfied, or behold there appeared with an expensive fur garment the person of a young woman.

She was trying her Hunt club mas querade costume on the chauffeur, makers who try to pour oil on and proved that as Huckleberry Fins she had nothing to fear. Anyhow, the taxi-pilot, accustomed as he was to characters, paid her one of the bes by mistaking her for a real bum.

oussing the injustices of life. Said

"If I could only get paid all I earn And these boys are nothing if not up on all the best tricks. Three of them waited on a side street until

"Americans are polite," says Mrs.
Asquith in Chicago. Therefore
Americans will refrain from telling the theater without paying or being the highway commission favored this the highway commission favored this the highway commission favored this the highway to ask each independent of the high the crowd began to jam the exists ments leave a wide margin for re- Asquith in Chicago. Therefore managed to worm their way inside Big display ads in the newspapers

sorted ships, which causes one of the observing "about-the-city boys" to be suggest that this might be a chance to annex a navy and go to smuggling. Seldom does a day go by without reports of submarines or fas craft bringing in cargoes of illicit liquor from Canada, and now the rumor is that more money is being made by "bootlegging" allens barred Judge Landis may find it harder under the provisions of the new im to bat 300 in baseball than he did migration law. While the Bahamas are far away and there is no Bimini bay on the Pacific many a rival of 'Dapper Don" Collins is getting away with a fortune in smuggling.

Those Who Come and Go.

Tales of Folks at the Hotels

"Ever see the John Day highway? nquired R. A. Ford of Dayville When that road is finished people scenery. The formation in the gorge sands of tourists. What we want particularly is transportation in our the John Day highway will be our outlet. We don't want the truck regulations to apply on the John Day highway as they do on the paved highway as they do on the paved usually the base. Bits of fish cut highways, for the heavily loaded up and placed with a little water in trucks will simply compress the a bottle are said to make a horribly gravel surface and make the road effective fluid. To this some other more until he nearly became one of the fixtures of the congregation.

Of course any preacher could be forgiven if he took more than a pass
The John Day highway is one of the could have."

> still fond of peanuts and popcorn is the result of Indianapolis having the largest plant in the world for the manufacturing of machines for poppeanuts ping corn and roasting states J. S. Hough of the Helcombe & Hoke Manufacturing company, who is registered at the Multnemah give some idea of the great amount of peanuts consumed in this country I might state that farmers grew in the United States 52,000,000 bushels of peanuts, and jobbers imported more than that amount also to supply popcorn to our customers. It took 26,000 acres of the bost corn land in Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas to raise it. Centrary to the general idea, pop-ping corn, in order to pop, must be carefully grown and, if planted near other corn, will be of a mixed quality and will not be suitable for pop-

ping. Fortunes have been made in the popoorn business. One Chicago

"Because the present generation i

\$40,000 There is a matter of about \$170,000 of bond money due the state highway commission from Wallowa county. The commission, however, does not intend making a demand for this money at present, for the reason that the commission wants to help the farmers of that county. The bond money is in the banks of Wallowa county, divided according to the capithe cash will come in handy to ennecessary. Wallowa county is peculiar condition; more than 6

Getting from Cove to Island o the condition of the roads. The chairman of the Cove farm bureau, and S. H. Weimer, secretary of the Cove commercial club, and also in the trucking business, are in town to consult the highway commission

BAR VIEW, Or., Feb. 19.—(To the Editor)—1. Have any of the recent bout the matter, although the Cove-sland City route is not on a state popes been chosen from cardinals out-coad. About 150 carloads of fruit are about the matter, although the Coveshipped from Cove a year and about 4000 crates of berries, and the pro-ducers want better means of getting to market. It is possible that some required by the highway will be devised by the highway litical parties now in Ireland and commission by which the county can what is their main difference in opin-start this year on the Cove-Island ion? Messrs, Duncan and Wei-

Cold weather has prevented work in the past six weeks on the grading it, and its indorsements showed it had passed through three or four which the county court has contracted to do in the southern end of Deschutes county, according to County Judge Sawyer, registered at the Hotel Portland. The judge, who the road between Sisters and Tumalo and Bend. The commission is talking of rushing the road from Sisters to Redmond, but while that is also wanted by the county court, the judge doesn't want the Tumalo section over-Britain or bound to it only by a delooked. At Sisters the highway, after crossing the Cascades, divides, one were an auxiliary police force comgoing to Bend and the other to Redond and on to Prineville and the posed of ex-officers of the British Mitchell country.

With sawmills operating, La Grande compliments an amateur could have by mistaking her for a real bum.

Two office boys in an elevator, discussing the injustices of life. Said state tax investigation commission. state tax investigation commission. contend with."

Former State Senator Johnson of lute separation as a republic. business, was a Portland visitor idea and suggested its willingness to the Benton county court, but the court declined, expressing a desire to wait. Now the commission has conthe season is seen at Hood River in call attention to the desire of the gov-the letting of a contract for straw-berry boxes.

| Call attention to the desire of the gov-cluded that with the approaching the Editor.) - A man and wife, having to completion of the West Side highway the link be-sorted ships, which causes one of the tween Corvallis and Albany will not afterwards the man gains consider-count in the be such an important traffic artery in abie. He later dies and the wife mar-certified to it.

Language Changes Presented. "We're going for accentury run next

Sunday.

"She has such pretty cars."
"I'm not old enough to play golf." "Woman's place is in the hor "Lift your skirt; this crossing muddy."

muddy."
"Speed limit, 12 miles."
"Having a minute or two to spare,
I telephoned home."
"Nickelodeon." "The land of the free."

Burroughs Nature Club.

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1. Is the tip of an opossum's nose ensitive to a blow struck to kill? 2. Does the estrich really hide its ead in the sand to escape its enemy? 3. Please tell me a way to tan red

Answers in tomorrow's Nature Notes. Answers to Previous Questions.

1. Can you give a recipe for a home scent to attract skunks and coyotes? No, though we know such a thing is sometimes used. Rotted

Barring accident, they n harm, but the toad is a good hider relying on keeping quiet and match-ing its surroundings to escape enemies. An authentic case of a toad 36 years old is quoted by an authority

3. If birds have their eyes on th head, can they see on object with both eyes at once? Apparently they- can see straigh

ahead, as otherwise they could not fly accurately toward a mark. Of course, it is impossible to observe low the eyes focus when the bird is in rapid flight, but from the un-erring way a hawk, for instance, can drop onto prey from a height, power to focus both eyes on the same point seems to be inferred.

RELIGION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS Laws Vary in States as to Reading of Bible in Classrooms,

LEWISTON, Idaho, Feb. 20.—(To the Editor.)—Please name (1) the states that require religious instruction in the public schools: (2) the states that prohibit it; (3) the states that allow i HENRY L TALKINGTON.

The constitutions of all states con tain guarantees of religious freedom in and the term "religious instructions popoorn business. One Chicago is capable of wide differences of in-n uses from 12,000 to 16,000 pounds terpretation. Taking the reading of daily, and we know of one man who the Bible in the schools as the basis, the laws of the states fall into two on a city corner, another who started general classes-those which forbid 14 years ago with \$60 who is worth the use of any books in the schools which may be calculated to favor the religious tenets of any particular sect, leaving it to the courts to determine whether a particular book is sectarian, and, second, those which specifically provide that the Bible shall not be excluded or which make more or less limited provision for its

reading in the classroom. According to the "Cyclopedia of Edtal stock and undivided profits, but ucation," edited by Paul Monroe, the following states have declared by law able the farmers to buy seed. County that the Bible shall not be excluded, Commissioner Johnson of Wallowa or have provided that it shall be read yesterday came to Portland and ofyesterday came to Portland and of-fered to turn over the money if the highway commission asked for it. He explained how the money will serve the farmers if left where it is for a few months, and the highway for a few months, and the highway commission agreed to have it paid over on the installment plan until June, which will enable the banks to finance the farmers at the time most home and South Dakota. Especial necessary. Wallowa county is in a provision is made by law for excusing peculiar condition; more than 60 per pupils from attendance on classes cent is within the forest reserve and during the period which the Bible is

The extent to which the reading of the Bible may be regarded as "religious instruction," in states which transportation problem is such that have no definite laws on the subject, the farmers are demanding that is largely a matter of construction by have no definite laws on the subject, the farmers are demanding that is largely a matter of construction by something be done. Ray Duncan, courts and the decisions on this point

officio Italian residents? 2. As applied to Ireland what are "republicans, black and tans, Sinn Feiners"? What are the different political parties now in Ireland and

3. A check drawn on the recently closed Bay City bank was sent a Til amook firm early in January was returned to the maker

2. The republicans are those who Third Presbyterian church. army, expressly to combat the rebel which conducted the war for Irish in is in good shape, according to A. W. Nelson, manager of the Union County Ad club, who is in the city. "The treaty creating an Irish free state. market for our lumber is in the east; There are now three parties in Ire we cannot break into the Montana land, unionists, who stood for com country," explained Mr. Nelson. "The orchardists are harder hit than the grain farmers in our county," he continued. "The reason for this is the I prepared some of the statistics for this survey, and therefore know somewith all other British nations, and re-publicans under De Valera, who re-ject the treaty and hold out for absothing of what the fruit men have to with all other British nations, and re-

3. Its travels were doubtless gov-You would have to ask each indorser.

Widow Has Dower Right. CLATSKANIE, Or., Feb. 21-TTe

vorce. They have no property, but check is not an assignment of A's ac-afterwards the man gains consider- count in the bank until the bank has ries again. When the two children are of age they dispose of the prop-erty without consulting their mother. The estate was never administered. What recourse has she and what part of the property could she recover? INTERESTED.

one-half.

More Truth Than Poetry.

By James J. Montague

THE WAY TO FAME. When Gaggitt, the vodyveel actor, Was standing 'em up in the tanks

By walking about with his coat inside out And other ludicrous pranks. The critics considered him vulgar And looked at him only to frown;

'We wonder," said they, "why the public will pay To watch such a dull-witted clown? Then Gaggitt went into the movies

And thousands of houses he packed y making his stuff quite a little more rough Than it was in his vodyveel act.

ith placards the country has plastered Which featured his face and his And shortly he found that the whol

earth around Was singing his praises and fame And, lo! the once cynical critics Wrote reams upon reams to impart o their readers the fact that this

Gaggitt could act With a clever and consummate art. Made noble the lowliest role.

And scribbled at length of the sadness and strength Composing his wonderful soul

This incident teaches, dear children, That if you are aiming at fame and hoping to shine in the Thespian line.

Which same is a difficult gam on't seek to achieve the great prizes By step after arduous step: The way to succeed—and the way that you need Is first to go after a rep.

Making It Tough. Every time business turns the corsees congress putting up a Road closed for repairs" sign.

Acquiring Wisdom The coal miners have discovered that public sympathy is necessary to success. They have deterred their strike till the weather gets warm.

Excellent Idea. President Harding is going to in stall a wireless. Evidently he wants o know what the county thinks of him without having the information strained through his secretary. (Copyright by the Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

Tribute to a Woman.

By Grace E. Hall.

dainty creature of a thousand With delicacy and skill so deftly formedmarvel that God labored thus to

fashion you And then-gigantic error of a maste mind! laced you on earth to fret your days away, Fettered with impediments of a hu-

With all its grosser details and its fou should have been a bird, with generous, flaming wings,

And such a song as bubbles from the n eestacy of wild, full joy of life: Your soul is so much like a thing in flight-Lifted forever high above this cloud-

dimmed sphere Where ordinary flesh-clad mortals blindly plod. Yes; sweet and dainty creature, you should have been a bird,

And breathed the purer atmosphere This parrow cosmic isle that others tread; Or, some gold-winged and brilliant

butterfly. Etched, momentarily, in varied hues against a lily-cup.

Ah! such a soul as yours is like a That, fallen, struggles to regain its lost estate; And, shining here perforce, forever

To touch once more the boundles

In Other Days.

reaches up

Twenty-five Years Ago. From The Oregonian of February 22, 1897 Columbus, O .- Governor Bushnell has announced he will appoint Marcus A. Hanna United States senator when Senator Sherman resigns to enter the cabinet of President McKinley.

night substantially that so far as he was personally concerned he did not care whether he was returned to the United States senate. The hop industry which has re-ceived such a backset in the state

Salem.-Senator Mitchell said to-

during the past few years on account of continued low prices, is being re-

Rev. William Arnold, pastor of the signed to accept a call in California,

Fifty Years Ago, rom The Oregonian of February 22, 1872 Trade and general business has been excessively dull since the trains stopped running because of floors in the rivers.

The city councilmen ast night about \$263.40 for lighting the town clock, though excessively liberal in some other matters.

There will be a parade today of the second brigade of the Oregon militia, consisting of Brigadier-General O. F. Bell and staff, the Washington guard, Emmet guard and Montgomery guard

Liability on Withheld Check.

PORTLAND, Feb. 21.—(To the Editor.)—A gives B a check on the State bank dated February 11, 1922. B fails to deposit or cash check and now holds it after the bank's doors are

A is liable for the amount of the check, unless a court holds that B check to the bank within a reasonable period. B has no recourse, but 'reasonable time" is not specifically fixed and required court determination. The bank is not liable, as the check is not an assignment of A's ac-

Funds Raised for Cemetery.

GASTON, Or., Feb. 21.-(Special.)-To raise money for grading and rocking the road leading to the entrance of the cemetery at East Gaston, the trustees of the Hill Cemetery associa-Regardless of whose hands the property now may be in, the widow has not lost her dower interest or life estate in one-half the real property. If personal property is regardless, the property is regardless, and the property is regardless, and financial success. A programme of vocal and instrumental ferred to she has a legal right to music was given; also dramationeadings, recitations and a pianologue.