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WAYS TO ELECT PRESIDENTS.

If the proposed Norris amendment to the constitution of the Hallad States is designed simply to the terms of president, vice-presient and congress, so that they will begin early in January, is all to the good. That plan differs funda-mentally from one under which the president and vice-president would of the nation as a whole, the win-Although the presidential electors may have served a useful purpose in the early years of the reublic, they have become a fifth wheel to the coach under the contions of this day. Originally they were chosen by the legislatures and had actual discretion in elections. The convention system of nominan has made them mere dummies their only function is to cast their votes for candidates for whom the popular vote has instructed them to vote. The result of the

uld decide is open to the strongest objection. States of large popugroup of states that voted as a the government would be domi-Prussia, with three-fifths of the opulation, dominates Germany, entralization would go on apace intil the nation would be converted from a federal union of sovereign into a centralized republic like France.

her of candidates for each party's democratic party in the south would be tempted to scize the opportunity to capture the presidency by concentrating on a southern man, who might be picked from For either nomination or election particular sections, interests or classes would concentrate n order to put over their own man or to make terms in a compromise. The field would be thrown open to crop of new parties, which would tope to snatch final victory by preventing any candidate from gaining majority at the election and by thus throwing the decision into the house. The necessity of a nationwide canvass would enormously increase the cost of a primary cammaign, though the radicals ceaselessly inveigh against large cambalkn expenditures.

Meeting of a new congress in the which The Oregonian has fre-quently urged and which Reprehave been defeated and whose man. Scattle, which has the next lowest people may clearly understand the expires on a set day. Such ratio of imports to exports. When a heinous crime has been Bulky then are irresponsible and the The disparity between Portland's committed against them. In this freight,

of the government in a position as from here would certainly bring in- most the turn of a hair prevented mier as is compatible with our sys- tribute this port's small imports to of 1918. tem. As leader of the party charged with conduct of the government, he should have the principal part in framing and carrying out the legislative programme, and the memiliative programme and the me

ther points in the United States:

anday included, one year ... \$1200 end, it would be an improvement, eign traffic. Nothing but artificial wholly unjust and victous. Gerithout Sunday, one year ... \$1200 end, it would be an improvement, eign traffic. Nothing but artificial wholly unjust and victous. Gerithout Sunday, one year ... \$1200 end, it would be an improvement, eign traffic. Nothing but artificial wholly unjust and victous. Gerithout Sunday, one year ... \$1200 end, it would be an improvement, eign traffic. Nothing but artificial wholly unjust and victous. Gerithout Sunday, one year ... \$1200 end, it would be an improvement, eign traffic. Nothing but artificial wholly unjust and victous.

When about two-thirds of the covernment's expenditures are fixed charges, it is no small achievement ships from the in economy for the budget bureau the most cargo. to make estimates for the next fiscal year that are \$500,000,000 less than the expenditures for this year. Though less than one-sixth of present expenditures, that sum is equal accused of wild extravagance.

war allowances cannot be further point which Dr. Albert seemingly reduced, and the people would overlooked in his address at Lincoln doubtless protest against with- auditorium. He regarded and deas the medium through which the drawal of federal aid for roads and fended jazz, in its several phases, states cast their votes for president other forms of co-operation with an inocuous phenomenon related to tions with the Chinese and to acand vice-president, it merits sup- the states. The manner in which popular style, and assured his audiport, and the proposal to change fixed charges can be reduced is in- once that it was far less morally

THE ENGLISH WE READ.

The correspondent who, taking sorrow. his fellow-Americans to task be-

the only English we know." It work of a number of states with yole of a number of states with a population, depriving them an needs. Holding no brief for state states. The southern demorates in the regression of their individual as states. The southern demorates in the regression of their policy with regard to the negro yote. They might by intimidation drive the negroes to the policy to the by means of this controlled vote, and expression and testors of the party total and offset turesque. Its sins, often the product the large republican majority of a populous northern state. An organization like Tammany could, by to be venial; they do not constitute therefore the U boat was justified stillance with the padrones who conground for indictment of all. The in sinking her; that the munitions large blocks of votes among discriminating reader, though he ignorant foreign-born, work may have cast his textbooks aside up, causing the ship to sink rapidly But if reporters added not a line

block, such as the solid south, and clans, the writings of savants and German torpedoes. Sages, to which the newspaper gives Germans have pated in much the same way as space from time to time, our "storehouse of phrases and expressions' would always be full. President encouragement to the excellent habit, which the correspondent enother evils. There would be a num- got Asquith, and Rudyard Kipling. and George Bernard Shaw, and fate, nomination and the probability of nomination by plurality instead of stresses of our language, are not infrequently reported. not mentioned the debates in consermons of ministers and the lecphrases without which our English would be static, and not the dyna-

mie vehicle it is. quest for the excellent in speech. able to say as much. It is to the discriminating reader, heretofore alluded to, that these observations are particularly addressed

SEND SHIPS WHERE CARGO IS,

land to second place among Pacific distance, ports in total tonnage of foreign more than 2000 persons to their fanuary after its election and con- trade during the fiscal year ending fate. equent abolition of the short ses- June 30, the disparity between imsion of the old congress is a reform ports and exports leaves much to time as an example of the success be desired. The percentage of imports for the five principal ports is: ganda in muddling the minds of Sentative McArthur fathered in the last congress and in the first session of the present congress. We have comma 46.63. Value of imports for that those at the head of the govrepetition every two years of the July and August implies a healthy ernment should sharply define the evils arising from legislation by a increase for Portland, but the port issue between this nation and any for the asking.

demptation to fillbuster cannot be percentage and that of other ports particular President Wilson signally resisted. The new congress should may be directly attributed to the failed. The sinking of the Lusitabe required to carry out the populack of fast passenger-cargo ships nia was such a flagrant breach of heaven and Bill Klepper was bemere and like the populacy of the popula ber election, without delay, not to the advertising at public expense just cause of war, and during the after the popular passion has had a which the shipping board gives to immediately succeeding days the tear to cool nor after new issues its lines. Until recently the board nation was in the mood to fight, but seats when grown to man size. Miles arisen to obliterate the mem-ory of those on which the people Portland on the maps contained in actually helped Germany to confuse voted, The most stable democratic its advertisements, but when its at. the American people's minds and to combination,

ountries of Europe put a new tention was called to the omission cool their just anger, legislature to work within a month after its election, and do not seem to suffer from the promptness with which it enters upon fulfilment of passenger liners from Portland rules. Serbia and Roumania overcaused diversion to Seattle of at run, and millions more lives sacri-Effective working of the govern-least 150,000 tons of export cargo ficed. By not striking at the enemy

bers of his cabinet should have the vantage in freight rates, the excess ploitation of the misdeeds and disright to sit and speak and answer of Portland's export tonnage over sensions of the allies, depreciation questions in either senate or house, that of Seattle in spite of this tend-

JAZZ AS A CAUSATION.

So far as mortals are concerned, cause and effect are one. They are to the total for a year at the time the Siamese twins of logic, not to when a billion-dollar congress was be separated by the sharp edge of specious contention. Clearly, to men who are interested in trade The cost of the public debt, na- correct the effect one must first with China will find worthy of contional defense, pensions and world minister to the cause, and it is this sideration the suggestion of Mr.

be elected directly by all the people which calls itself progressive, no most significant of these is that the perfect peace. Local government of the nation as a whole, the win- item is to be found which spells crime rosters of today are crowded is so complete, contact with the ners being those who had the largners being those who had the largest national popular vote. The one
plan would preserve the individualsome by their certainly injurious efdon known as jazz. So common is my of the states as voting units, the fects spell less prosperity, therefore this parallel of plight and predilectory to the mass of the people. Bandits broadens the mind and provides popular vote deciding for which less revenue. Unfortunately the tion that investigators pass it by candidates the votes of the state public mind seizes more readily on without comment. To them it is should be counted; the other would schemes of glittering promise than the completed sum of the old probfurther centralize the government on the laborious but matter of fact lem of cause and effect. The decay and stable that throughout and to the disparagement of the states. and outwardly unattractive work of of elder standards, the breaking since the war its currency has resaving money, which means lower away from the tenets which Dr. taxes and larger incomes for the Albert is pleased to call prudish,

> his fellow-Americans to task because only too often after leaving school they "confine their reading school they "confine their reading," obviously undertakes to prove too much when he says that this one much when he says that this of the business and what they have to self into a packing in the packing box tied and of the business. This is one market and study of developing a market and while fit coast. They are so confident of a long time and should be given the factory backing the idea is willing to over to a sit is now, a grimacing thing of the business. This is one market and study of the business. This is one market and while the dents frequently come to the Packing of the business. This is one market and while fit coast. They are so confident of the business. This is one market and while the dents frequently come to the Packing of the business. This is one market and study of the business. This is one market and study of the business. This is one market and study of the business. This is one market and study of the business. This is one market and study of the business. This is one market and study of the business. This is one market and study of the business. This is one market and study of the business. This is one market and study of the business. This is one market and study of the business. This is one market and study of the business. This is one market and study of the business. This is one market and study of the business. This is one market and study of the business. This is one market and study of the business. This is one market and study of the business. This is one market and study o "Still, this is the English we use," solution of those problems which as the correspondent observes, "and arise from disregard of high per-It sonal standards.

with the same effect in any state, but particularly in those where foreign-born citizens congregate. The presidency could be appropriated by a few populous states or by a few populous sives by a torpedo, all persons on presence of explosives, not to the

Germans have reiterated this theory so often during and since the war that they even convinced hureau to get it. Wilson was and is a master of Eng-lish. President Roosevelt was a some men who fought bravely in able act because she carried munident Harding has, we believe, given tions, which was true so far as small arms ammunition is con-Direct nomination of candidates for president by popular vote of the dictionary. The words of H. G. several parties would tend the same with the fraught with with the fraught w cerned, and that those who traveled

the plain principles of international We have law and as to the facts, was not armed, as they alleged car gress, nor the speeches of our ried no explosives, as they alleged, statesmen at the hustings, nor the and the ammunition that she did carry could not explode on impact tures by various noteworthies—and of a torpedo or on its explosion. The yet these not infrequently possess Lusitania was a merchant ship of true literary value and even oftener and to the stock of new words and to capture. International law rean enemy nation, therefore subject quired the captors to put a prize crew on board and sail or tow her to one of their own ports. If they We commend the correspondent's could not do this without risking loss of their own ships, they migh As to his perception, we are not sink her, but they must first provide for safety of the lives of all passengers and crew. They com plied with none of these conditions ome risk attending the emergence of the U boats to the surface, they did not show themselves, but dis Gratifying as is the rise of Port- charged two torpedoes from a safe stage. then made off.

The subject is of interest at this there are I. W. W. she can have when a heinous crime has been Bulky packages should be sent by

In a letter, that interesting young Portland singer, Harriet Leach

says: "May I have just an inch or two closely analogous to that of a pre- creased imports, we may fairly at- final German victory in the spring of space in which to write an an- corporation is controlled by the wrote in a recently published letter where they put letters from readers, ment. that he took exception to a state-

ment I made in an interview printed right to sit and speak and answer of Portland's export tonnage over questions in either senate or house, that of Seattle in spite of this tend. To whatever extent direct voting of the mark, all have been used to decive the American people into for president would advance this end, it would be an improvement, but a decision by national total vote in place of an aggregate of state (not only to hear concerts out to decive the American people into belief that the Versailles treaty is wholly unjust and victous. Germany not habitually; and mode decive the American people into an intervent people into the ping board, and no effort should be and disarmament. This evasion any talent, be it an ability to sing, spared to secure such provisions in proves the German people to be un- or to dance, or to play a musical force of a husband of a Turkeys grouse and walled the case of a husband of a Turkeys grouse and walled the case of a husband of a specific provision as will report to the control of the case of a husband of a specific provision as will report to the case of a husband of a specific provision as will report to the case of a husband of a specific provision as well report to the case of a husband of a specific provision as well report to the case of a husband of a specific provision as the case of a husband of a

ping board, and no effort should be spared to secure such provisions in proves the German people to be unnew shipping legislation as will repetitant and malevolent, and to compel the board to run its best remain a potential danger to the ships from the ports that supply the most cargo.

and disarrament. This evasion any talent, be it an ability to sing, or to play a musical instrument, or to cook, or to sew a finstrument, or to cook, or to sew a finst seam, or to nurse, or to garden, or to write, should be developed. If it is more than a mere to parallel, the finstrument of the same of the substant of a further seam of the world with her, leave the first where an eagle veloped. If it is more than a mere to parallel, the finstrument of the same of the same of the same of the same of the substant of a further seam of the case of a husband of a further call the case of a husband of a further same of the value village. Possibly a very young baby no heavier than a lamb might be carried off if left where an eagle veloped. If it is more than a mere to parallel, the case of a husband of a further call the case of a husband of a further call the case of a husband of a further call the case of a husband of a further call the case of a husband of a further call the case of a husband of a further call the case of a husband of a further call the case of a husband of a further call the case of a husband of a further call the case of a husband of a further call the case of a husband of a further call the case of a husband of a further call the case of a husband of a further call the case of a husband of a further call the case of a husband of a further call the case of a husband of a further call the case of a husband of a further call talent and turns out to be a girl outfit and now wherever his wife then it should be given even greater outfit and now wherever his wife is appearing she looks up a bread-casting station and sings so that the country of the country Portland merchants and shipping Wright and me than appears on the

inat everybody who loves music should learn to make it. But I do think that girls should not study for carreers unless they are peculiarly gifted with musical ability, and unless they have health and patience and money to carry them to the place they cover. The same and money to carry them to the place they cover. The same and money to carry them to the place they cover. The same and money to carry them to the place they cover. The same and money to carry them to the place they cover. The same and money to carry them to the place they cover. The same and money to carry them to the place they cover. The same and money to carry them to the place they cover. The same and money to carry them to the place they cover. The same and money to carry them to the place they cover. The same and money to carry them to the place they cover. The same and money to carry them to the place they cover. The same and the place they cover the same and the place they cover. The same and the place they cover the pl Arnold, the American commercial for careers unless they are pecuattache, that they form some or- marry gifted with musical ability, as ganization to promote business rela- and unless they have health and quire and spread information about to the place they covet. Too many

Stars and Starmakers.

By Leone Cass Baer.

an entirely different thing. The more people who take up some form Mr. Wallace plan of musical study, the better for the malo Saturday. whole world. The study of music broadens the mind and provides they should care for their teeth is pleasure that one can always share with others. I am sure that Mr. Wright will agree with this."

Telling children why and how they should care for their teeth is the mission in life of W. J. Brownieth of the mission in life

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"If I am not free and at the surunspeakable potentiality. Neither would rather do business with
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with any other reality treated, than there will be no afternoon performthem to vote. The result of the bouse of phrases and expressions," he nor anyone else is competent to house of phrases and expressions," be nor anyone else is competent to house of phrases and expressions," be nor anyone else is competent to dissociate the malign relationship, with any other nation, and they other nation, and they with any other nation, and they other nation, and they other nation with any other nation, and they other nation, and they other nation with any other nation mit and in business are graduates of our other nation with any other nation in American colleges. The most in tack to the cawstimation of the says. "But if I come up nationally the nation in American colleges. T merchants would inspire good will that would be reflected in their every minute she could get away perial yesterday. colume of business. China is the

course between the highest type of Chinese and Americans. Portland

Blackstone is an American, a Chicage man of French and Scotch an-Mankind generally, knowing cestry, and he lays no claim to roman generally, wonders how a supernatural powers. He prefaces man could compel a woman to many of his tricks by saying, "Now, crossing a state line, even at the "point" of a pistol, if she were not disposed to go.

"Holiday liquer load seized,"

"hose citizens who loses of magic art is on a par with long and the hose of the saw miles and content of the saw miles the first terday moraing and was surprised to find there was almost none or the white stuff here. The snow, achiever ones the says that to his way of thinking the man or cording to Mr. Golden, is not deep enough yet to interfere with the operation of the sawmills. Bend opening do not worry much about travel with him hundreds of miles, some folk say this can't be done." were preparing for a wet Christmas those who tell children there is no

Irvin Cobb has been appointed : Tryin Cobb has been appointed a major in the officers' reserve. Being a Kentuckian, he will be entitled to be called colonel, nevertheless.

"All of us like to be footed, says the rallroad crosses on a wooden the rallroad crosses on a wooden the rallroad crosses on a wooden the resilience and the resilience and promise to live a better life, was magician as it would be for a doc-"All of us like to be fooled," says tor or dentist or lawyer to tell profice long enough to rescue his hat.

Several Seattle phone users are

Clara Phillips evidently sub-

walls do not a prison make, nor

tain the "Georges" and "Warren"

Alice Robertson says politics is

when the majority is against her.

Thought for the day: While

Russia wants workers, Well

Why an express rate on marks

The earth came up and hit

The boy reared as a pet hogs two

"Dry" and cold are a seasonal

snow is on the ground, the street

rennially in the Seattle breast.

thing like this,

husband and is the pretty blonde in the act who holds the umbrela suing for return of what they call which he fills with magic flowers. excess charges. Hope springs pe- She also appears in a boudoir scene which he calls up by magic. They have two magnificent Russian wolf hounds, one of which, Count Charascribes to the statement that stone del, formerly was one of the kennel belonging to the late czar of Rus-Both dogs are doclle creatures and one appears in the act. Mrs In his refuge in far-off Siberia Blackstone's professional name is Bill Haywood perhaps has leisure Nourse and prior to her marriage to reflect that home was never anyshe was a headliner in vaudeville in a banjo specialty.

This is the time of year when we John D. O'Hara is taking the role feel like lynching the prophets who of Lightnin', left vacant by the predicted that it would be a "light death of Frank Bacon, in the play winter," ater in Chicago. In addition to this The Clemenceau-Harding chat company John Golden has two other as cordial enough, but it didn't atcompanies of "Lightnin" on tour in this country. They are headed by Milton Noble and Thomas Jefferson. The Chicago troops has one not for woman." It surely is not week more to go in that city and then will move to Boston.

> That much-heralded and longpromised successor to "Irene," James Montgomery's new musical play, will open at the Vanderbilt heater on Christmas night. It will be called "Glory."

This arrangement necessitates the removal of "The Torch-Bearers." which has been coaxing in the public at that house for the last several months, and, accordingly, the satire on the little theater movement will llwaco. begin its last two weeks there on

ew son. The father is at present kins. "Little Nelly Kelly." The with nother is professionally known as Lelia Rhodes and is a cousin of days.

Those Who Come and Go.

Tales of Folks at the Hotels

Broadcasting is only in its infancy. Can You Answer These Questions according to A. B. C. Scull of the Radio Corporation of America, who is registered at the Multnomah. This asleep on the water: swer to some perfectly nice person United Fruit company, General Elecnamed Wright of Oregon City, who tric and Westinghouse Electric & ground. Manufacturing company and is an Notes. to The Oregonian, on that page important factor in radio develop-In the opinion of Mr. Scull it will not be long before rural just before my recent concert at large central broadcasting stations, | Certainly not habitually; and most

the states. The manner in which fixed charges can be reduced is indicated by the decrease of interest on the national debt by about \$150.
500,000 and by provision of \$345.
500,000 for reduction of the principal during the next year.

In the programme of the bloc which calls itself progressive, no most significant of these is that the job is being done under the esti-mated cost. Weather permitting, Mr. Wallace plans to return to Tu-

Like the Pied Piper, George D helping out in cases of need. My wife has been Christmas shopping marshal checked out of the Im-

was checking up how old he was and the total disclosed him five years short. Mr. Hawley thought a moment and then explained the five years had been spent in Nampa

There were eight inches of snew at Bend when Ray Goiden left the central Oregon metropolis Tuesday night. He arrived in Portland yesvields to any negative emotions, and lately went on a higher than the same of the law governing these to Carruthers street to C may have to look to the weather bureau to get it.

Santa Claus, or who tell little girls that their dolls are stuffed with sawdust.

Tryin Cobb has been appointed a

magician as it would be for a docnamed after the lather of S. A.
Young, who is registered at the Imperial. Mr. Young is a mining engineer who lives at Seaside, and
he was an unsuccessful candidate
for mayor a few months ago.

Lee B. Bouvy, M. D., of La Granda is registered at the Imperial. He reports that when he left home here were six inches of snow o ground and the farmers wer Since then the depth has d. The snow is particularly relcomed in Umatilla county, where here was insufficient moisture.

county, is at the Imperial, regis-tering from Canyon City, the cele-brated one-street town of central assistant, has been escorting a prisoner to the hoosegow at Salem. J. W. Bixby of Idaville, which used to be a whistling station on the Tillamook railroad, is registered at the Perkins. Idaville is now grow-

he Perkins. Idavine is now of the most thanks to the activity of the would improve our magneting day.

We all read, and read a good deal;

We all read, and read a good deal; in that vicinity. There was plenty of snow in The Dalles yesterday morning when F. F. Warmoth left, coming to Portland and registering at the Hotel Oregon. Deep snow, even, doesn't Interfere much at The Dalles and silver thaw

William J. McGinley, supreme sec-retary of the Knights of Columbus, is registered at the Hotel Portland from New York. Mr. McGinley is making an official tour of the coun-

fonday next. brought Mrs. Hodge to Portland for treatment in a hospital yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. Charles King have a Mr. Hodge is registered at the Per-

the winter in Portland.

Burroughs Nature Club.

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1. Do horses have cellar bones?
2. Do water birds swim while

should be used to plant an acre of Answers in tomorrow's Nature

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Answers to Previous Questions, it will not be long before rural 1. Do eagles carry off young communities will be able, through children?

> 2. Where is asbestos this or any other country? In North America it is mined in Canada, Vermont, Virginia, South Carolina and Staten island, N. Y Often asbestos is found in localities

base of the tail. When the tail I these glands are squeezed and these glands are squeezed and the flued shot forth. It does not hit

CHARACTER FIRST ESSENTIAL Control of Negative Emotions Is

Step Toward Cure of Crime. PORTLAND, Dec. 6 .- (To the Editor.)-J. J. Sanders of the Ari zona state prison writing in the Specialty Salesman magazine says "If the men's forward and religious movement would insist on everyone being efficient in the science of lem of cause and effect. The decay of elder standards, the breaking since the war its currency has reasonable file of elder standards, the breaking since the war its currency has reasonable file of elder standards, the breaking since the war its currency has reasonable file of elder standards, the breaking since the war its currency has reasonable file of the manifest of the substitution therefor of a grows at such a pace and the possibility of its further growth is so philosophy have combined to bear sorrow.

Sorrow.

Jazz, as such alone, is not especially fearful, and so Dr. Albert would be good business to study the customs of its people, that our merchants may know what they have to find a sack weighted with they buy and what they have to consequently the concern cannot be said to be tied in a sack weighted with they buy and what they have to consequently the concern cannot be said to be tied in a sack weighted with they buy and what they have to consequently the concern cannot be said to be tied in a sack weighted with they buy and what they have to consequently the customs of its people, that our merchants may know what they have to consequently the customs of its people, that our merchants may know what they have to consequently the customs of its people, that our merchants may know what they have to consequently the customs of its people.

crime and its remedy.

nation has been scientifically nation has been solentificatly ac-cumulating wealth while character has been allowed to rustle and hustle for itself as best it can with-out the aid of science. It is all very well to accumulate wealth, but why not apply scientific principles

why not apply scientific principles to the building of character as well? Character should be the first thought of a people striving for a fixed place in the race of nations. Character of a constructive quality cannot be builded upon anger, fear, jealousy, worry or despondency. If these things are allowed to rule and there is no scientific way by which the individual can eliminate them, emotions these things cause will remain as one of the chief reasons for wrong doing. Ignorance of psychic laws governing emotions is more to be blamed than anything more to be blamed than anything efficient navy to maintain the positional more to be blamed than anything efficient navy to maintain the positional more to be the navy."

can, and science speaks from experience. Love and courage are the positive emotions and Christian witues. No person can truthfully say he is a Christian who is ignorant of the law governing these victors. fully say he is a Christian who is ignorant of the law governing these virtues.

Carruthers street in the southern

fear, jealousy, worry or despond- large elk.

Fear is a habit formed in early Fear is a habit formed in early youth, and parents who teach their children fear, even of the slightest degree, are building in that child the very thing that will in time cause the grown-up to be one of the many who are struggling the many who are struggling the many who are struggling the property of the many who are struggling and now word comes that Charles through life just getting by because of the fear that is impressed upon their minds in their early real fight of life and placing them in a mental condition where will-power is impossible in the power is impossible in the con-structive decree. DR. INNES V. BRENT.

REASONS FOR POOR ENGLISH

Correspondent Suggests Habit of Reading Newspapers Is One, PORTLAND, Dec. 6.—(To the Editor.)—I find three reasons why we do not use better English: Lazi-

ness, narrow reading and a limited vocabulary! I shall say a few words about each of these points. Cy Bingham, high sheriff of Grant ounty, is at the Imperial, regisering from Canyon City, the celerated one-street town of central regon. The sheriff, who is accompanied by H. L. Kuhl as first ssistant, has been escorting a so full of knowledge (when we eave school) that there is absoleave school) that there is absolutely no room for more. If we were not so self-satisfied, and if we would refer to our grammar and composition books and do some reading from time to time, we would improve our English every day.

> yet our English does not improve What then is the matter? That can easily be answered. We confine our reading to one kind only, newspa-per-reading. The English that the per-reading. The English that the daily papers presents to us is not the best. Still, this is the English we use, and the only English we know. Then, too, this reading adds nothing new to our storehouse of phrases and expressions. We simply singnate, as does the water in a tarn when no fresh water is added. But the reading of many different

K. L. Goulter of Hwaco, Wash, who recently was awarded a railroad construction contract in the
middle west, is at the Hotel Portand, with W. J. Mumford, also of
Iwaco.

But the reading of many different
books will not be such a wonderful
help to us in improving our language, if we skip over all the bigwords. We seem to feel that it is
entirely too much trouble to look
the words up to guage, if we skip over all the big portland, bec. 6.—(To the Edwords. We seem to feel that it is tor.)—An attorney while arguing entirely too much trouble to look a case to the jury stated that a certhe words up in a dictionary. If we do add a new word, we are too timid to use it, for fear we will be criticised. We content ourselves, then, with the few words at our command, and shun all new words,

as we would shun something evil.
These, then, are the main reaso
why we do not use better Englis

More Truth Than Poetry.

By James J. Montague

THE WISER COURSE.

In the days of the Ottoman rule That a man who'd suggest that the sultan siep down Was fed to the dogs of Stamboul. When the dogs had consumed haif a

hundred of such.
And polished each traitorous bone No person whose prudence amounted

Made wanton attacks on the

Whenever the sultan was pleased with a maid (Which he was, every fortnight or two), To his glittering palace she straight

was conveyed And the wedding bells jangled anew. And though her young man and her parents might feel That such things were not all for

All show of annoyance they strove to conceal.

For they knew what it meant to protest.

But now when a citizen says with a

To his dinner companions some "It's time that the sultan was run out of town!"

The others cry fiercely. "That's right! And the sultan, as soon as he hears the had news, Cuts his twentieth honeymoon

And promptly embarks on an aero-For a Mediterranean port.

For the sultan, despite of the gems og his fes.
Is a cautious and sensible lad.
And he knows that the folks to the
north of Suez
Are a murderous lot when they're

He may hate to go off to some mean

For all of the rest of his days Without any harem or sceptra or crown, But he knows he'll be dead if he

Any State Will Do.

stays.

Perhaps one reason why so many women kill their husbands is that if they tried to divorce them instead they would have to go all the way to . . . Spoken in Haste.

Separator McCormick's observation that in this country "there is a job for every man" was made before the last election separated a number of gentlemen from their positions with Marke Separated. Uncle Sam. A Large Order.

As far as we are able to gather, we will not be able to satisfy M. Clemanessa unless we send an army over to annihilate what is left of Copyright, 1922, by Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

In Other Days.

Twenty-Five Years Ago. From The Oregonian, December 7, 1897. Statistics which have been pre-

Oregonian, which will be January 1, show that Orego produce more gold this year the Klondike produced during the working season of 1896-1897,

Of all the flour shipped from the Pacific coast to Asia, Portland ships 40 per cent, San Francisco 40 per cent, and all others, including

Hon. D. Logan of Yambili county no person can possess a strong lately went on a hunt in the Coast character who gives way to anger, range mountains and captured seven

Sickness and death have made an

bridge have been approved by the board of engineers of the Pacific const. The conditions of the ap-proval are that the bridge is to be feet above high-water and the eastern terminus be two blocks above or below Asylum

street, FIRST SNOW O' WINTER. First snow o' winter is fallin' today, See how it whitens the hours; And I just out o' the gardens o'

May Laden with honey and flowers. Heart stop your beatin', be silent, be still. Sleep little heart o' my breast; Winter, old robber, must plunder

All o' the things I love best. Seems like a flutter o' blossoms in spring, A shower o' peach and o' cherry;

Heart you must laugh, you must dance and sing.
You must be mad and be merry.
These are not petals o' snow that

you see, Summer has only come in: If I am dreamin'. Ever the dreamer I've been

First snow o' winter is fallin' today, Winter, you surly old schemer, Seems like a gardened mornis' o' May To warm the heart o' a dreamer,

Heart we are happy for all o' our Catchin' the petals that fall;

Privileged Utterances in Court. a case to the jury stated that a cer-tain witness was a liar. Has the witness an action against the attorney? ELLIS LUNDSTROM.

Whatever is said by counsel in a egal proceeding, pertinent and ma-

terial to the matter in controversy, is absolutely privileged and no ac-Postmaster Bradford of Juneau, why we do not use better mostly and lasks, is in Portland for a few heedlessness, newspaper-reading and lasks, is in Portland for a few heedlessness, newspaper-reading and Cyc. 383. Answer by Northwesters are portland.

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