John Wirtz, Knight Olds and Walter Hembree spent Sunday on the Olds farm. Mrs. Elvira Fellows, who has been visit ing friends in McMinnville, returned Tuesday to her home in Medford.

Mrs. J. C. Cooper returned from Pear-son, Wash., Tuesday, after a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Nora Doane, Mrs. Cora Kay, of Salem, returned to

her home Monday, after visiting her par-ents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wallace. A party consisting of Misses Stella Pat-

ty, Clara Irvine, Francis Smith, Jessie Manniny, Dotha Daniels, Valeria Patty, Dora Pennington, Mr. and Mrs. Hayden r.nd Messrs, France Dieischneider, John Redmond, Jesse Irvine, Ward Sitton and Arthur Pennington, spent Sunday at Baker Creek Falls.

Troutdale.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Palmer have gone to The Misses Cavanaugh set out last

Miss May Chamberlain, of Hood River, visited Mrs. Axtell on her way to Golden-Miss Madole and Miss Wiseman,

Portland, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. Conley. W. W. Harder visited this neighbor-

hood Monday, dining with his friend, Justice Harlow. Mrs. Mognott, of Phoenix, Mont.,

visiting her nieces, Mrs. Duke, Mrs. Stre-ben and Mrs. W. Hensley. Mrs. Dr. M. Volkmer, Cresswell, is vis-iting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Shep-

herd, and her sister, Mrs. C. Faucher. Rockwood Assembly, U. A., visited their Fairview brethren Saturday evening and had a cordial reception. Lunch was dain-tily served at the close of the business

Mr. Ralph E. Johnson, of Beaver Creek, and Miss Rosa Shelley, of Troutdale, were maried Saturday, August 3, at Marwin cottage, Fairview, by the Rev. W. T. Scott. The bride was attended by Misses Maggie and Emma Shelley.

La Grande.

W. W. Berry has gone to Meacham for a 10 days' outing. Mrs. E. A. Ivanhoe and son have re-

turned from Wallowa. Mrs. F. T. Abbott, of Huntington, is vis-

iting relatives in the city. Miss Fannie Sommer has returned from a four months' stay in Portland.

Mrs. Rosa Rosenthal is from Portland to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A.

The family of Dr. James Reavis has gone to Portland, where they will reside in the future.

Miss Rebecca Baderee and Miss Molly Proebstel have gone to Kamela to visit Mrs. A. Ruhnke, Mrs. J. B. Messick has returned to her

home in Baker City after a two weeks' visit in La Grande. Mrs. Wilbur Davis and Mrs. E. E. Pursel, of Union, are guests of Mr. and Mrs.

S. O. Swackhamer. Miss Lulu Gulling gave a very pleasant lawn party in honor of Miss Grace Sander-son, of Omaha, Neb.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Corey, of Dodge City, Kan., are visiting their sister, Mrs. C. H. Finn, of this city.

Mrs. T. W. Ayers left Saturday for the Coast, to spend the Summer. Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Dickson are enjoying an outing at Long Beach.

Mrs. Mary J. Lane has gone East to visit at her old home in Maine. Mrs. Jane Hartman, James and Cress Sturgis are sojourning at Bingham Springs Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Johnson and daughter, Harriette, are sojourning at Bingham

Miss M. V. Galther has gone to Beattle, where she will spend several weeks visiting.

Mrs. J. A. Marston, Mrs. Mary Webb and R. A. Strahan spent Sunday at

Miss Nance Cameron, of this city, and Norval Jones, formerly of this city, now of Baker City, were married in Baker on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Judd and Miss M. C. Roberts left Friday evening for Long Beach, where they will sojourn for a week or two.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Robinson went to Bingham, Sunday, where Mrs. Reson will spend a few weeks. Mr. Robinson returned Monday.

Grant's Pass.

Y. H. Osgood, left for Ager, Cal., Tues-The Rev. G. W. Binck, formerly of this city, arrived from Burns, Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Carithers, of Fort Sii, I, T, made a short visit this week with the

family of R. Thomas. Judge D. J. Crowley, of Tacoma, left Wednesday for home, after spending two weeks at the Champion Mine.

The families of H. L. Truax, R. M. Eberle and R. W. Clarke have returned from Colestin Soda Springs, and A. B. Voorbies and family and J. E. Peterson have taken their places.

Messrs. Claude Riddle, C. L. Clevenger and G. A. Savage left Tuesday for a three weeks' trip to Crater Lake, Pelican Bay and Klamath Lake. Mr. Clevenger will do work with his camera.

The Grant's Pass Colony at Newport will be gone several weeks,

Harrisburg . Mrs, C. Alsted has gone to Newport

for a few weeks

Mrs. Frankle Long, of Eugene, is visiting relatives at this place. Mrs. S. H. Shangle and children are zojourning at Foley Springs,

Mr. Sam May and daughter Anita, of Portland, are here for a visit, Misses Edna Mackey and Lula Sacrey spent a few days in Brownsville this week

with friends. Mrs. George Cochran, of near Shedds, is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Couch.

Mrs. C. B. Frissel, Southern Pacific sta. tion agent here, left with his wife for month's vacation at Newport, Saturday. Fred Sherrill, assistant postmaster, Anchor Alsted and Arthur Senders left Saturday on their "bikes" for a few days

Mrs. Florence Butler, of Medford, arrived here Monday for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Busey, and left the following day with her parents for an outing at Kitson Springs.

Roseburg.

F. W. Roach went to Portland this Mrs. F. W. Rouch left Sunday for Des

Mrs. Hattle Fisher, of Medford, is visiting relatives. C. W. Hess and family returned this week from Coos County.

Dr. Myra Brown Lyman, of Portland is visiting relatives and friends. Mrs. Arthur Lawrence, of Salem, is

guest of Mrs. J. M. Hansbrough. J. W. Buster, of Sheridan, was among Mrs. W. H. Drennan and daughter, of nd, is visiting relatives and friends

Miss Grace Jones, after a visit with Mrs. Iva B, Riddle and son, Julius

Riddle, were guests of Mrs. B. W. Bates, Jasper Wilkins went to Portland Wedand will be accompanied home by his aged father.

dence of E. D. Stratford. The premises were brilliantly illuminated for the occa sion, and many people were in attendance L. G. Munson and daughter, Mrs. Anderson, left Wednesday night for their home in McIntyre, Iowa, taking home the remains of Mrs. Munson, who a short time ago came here for her health.

Cascade Warm Springs.

Mrs. Ida Kelly, G. S. Allen, J. A. Cawston, Judge and Mrs. T. O'Day, Miss Hart, Mr, and Mrz. C. A. Malarkey, Fremont Morse, U. S. Coast Survey; Robert Prindle, Martin Nelson, Lather Gary, Mr. and Mrz. G. Fyank Moffett, Miss Myrtle B. Moffett, Mr. and Mrs. Pederson, L. W. Moody, E. W. Blackstone, Mr. and Mrs. Harris and son, L. R. Houston, George R. Stimpson, Dr. O. C. Hollister, Mrs. Hol-lister, Miss Florence Hollister, Portland: Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Smalley, Chicago; Rev. Eugene Botta, J. H. Fearey and con, Reileigh Stott, J. Stott, John Winslow, G. Winslow, Mr. Foster, Miss Miller, Portland: Mr. and Mrs. J. Dubeck, Fisher's Landing: W. J. Stanhope, Scio. Or.; John R. Thompson, Lent's, Or.; A. Burn-John R. Thompson, Lent's, Or.; A. Burnham and wife, Vancouver; Mr. and Mrs.
A. L. Clarke and two sons, Rainler; Joseph Clossett, Mrs. Clossett and son, Claude Winthrop, Mrs. E. R. Clarcy and son, Miss A. T. West, E. B. Latham, U. S. Coast Survey: Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Marchall, Vancouver; Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Marchall, Vancouver; Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Tomashil, Miss Neille M. Burke, Robert W. Wilson, Portland; G. C. Weigand, The Dalles; Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Wilbur, Mr. and Mrs. James Becket, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Whiteman, Portland; Robert Bell, London; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kelley, The don; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kelley, The Dalles; Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Cartelman, Mrs. E. Clossett, Paul Clossett, Miss Lucille Mona-ghan, Malone, N. Y.; Mrs. W. J. Fullam, Mr. F. Peterson, George H. Stevenson, M. E. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hausman, Miss Hausman, Miss G. R. Wasserman, M. Fleishauer, L. Gertz, Mrs. M. Allen, Miss Sara J. Baum, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hertz. man, Portland.

Independence.

Miss Cora Snell is enjoying an outing a Mrs. E. Pickel and son are visiting rela tives in Albany.

Mrs. J. R. Miller, of Portland, is visiting Mrs. O. D. Butler. Miss Elva Taylor has returned from an uting at Sodaville.

Mrs. J. H. Burton has returned from a two weeks' outing at Newport. Mrs. W. E. Cressy and son, Gould, are enjoying an outing at Newport.

Mrs. Samuel Goff and daughters have returned from their outing at Newport. Mrs. Morrill and Miss Nellie Harris visited relatives in Suver the first of the week.

Misses Hazel and Pomelia Allen, Skagway, Alaska, are visiting Miss Patte Mrs. W. P. Cressy has returned from a two months' sojourn in the Yellow-

stone Park. Mrs. T. T. Loy has returned to her ho in Kansas City, Mo., after a two months' visit with relatives here.

Mrs. William Boggs, after a two weeks' visit with relatives here started Tuesday for her home in Missouri. Miss Myrtle Scroggs returned the first of the week from Newport, where she has

been spending the Summer.

Miss Cora Thomason, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. G. W. Kutch, has returned to her home at Broadmeads.

. Corvallia.

Grant Elgin left Monday for an outing at Detroit Ed Crawford, of Salem, is visiting hi

parents in this city., Miss Mayme Cauthern is the guest of Miss Mabel Davis, at Newport. Mrs. Mary Brysen arrived in Corvaille Wednesday from a visit in Salem, Miss Helen Holgate left Tuesday for a

isit with Miss Grace Catch at Newport, Miss Louise Weber returned Monday from a visit with Mrs. C. E. Sox, in Al-

Forest Grove Tuesday after a few days' visit with Miss Carrie Wilson. Mrs. A. W. Thompson arrived Monday from Colton, Cal., and is the guest of

her mother, Mrs. E. W. Fisher. Mrs. Charles Kohn and Miss Florence Kohn, of Portland, after a month's visit with Corvaills relatives, returned to their home in Portland, Thursday. They were accompanied by Mrs. Rose Selling.

W. R. Jackson is at Eugene The Misses Anna and Louise Genzer are taking a vacation at Buxton. T. B. Perkins, lately returned from

rnia, is spending a few days with his family. The Misses Maggie and Etta Schulme. rich have returned from a three months stay at Sumpter.

Captain J. D. Marryman and family an Miss Eva Bailey are enjoying an outing at Soda Springs. William Leonhart and Miss Jessie Mar-shai, of Portland, were with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Beckwith, Sunday.

Van Mead, of Grant's Pass Mining Journal, was in the city Wednesday, the guest of his brother-in-law, W. V. Wiley. was this week increased by Mrs. J. W. Howard and daughter, Rev. Charles Booth and son Harry, R. O. McCroskey, wife and son, H. C. Bobzien and family and Rev. C. W. Hays and wife. Most of them town Monday, the guest of H. V. Gates.

WASHINGTON.

Vancouver Barracks.

Miss Whitehouse has been spending several days with Mrs. Jones. Miss Richards will be the guest of Miss Lewis at the seashore for several days. Captain William H. Chapman with his wife and two boys arrived at the post

Captain and Mrs. Wholly expect to leave In a short time for Fort Thomas, where the Captain has been ordered. Colonel Wolverton, Miss Wolverton, Miss

Griffith and Mrs. Grover with her famlly, left for Canby last week where they spend 10 days. Friday Miss Richards gave a dinner in honor of Miss Lewis, of Portland. The

guests were Mrs. Jacobs, Major and Mrs. Kranthoff, Miss Johnson, Captain Goodin and Lieutenant Roos, The Misses Gerard gave a card party

Tuesday evening to a number of the people. Their guests were Major and Mrs. Kranthoff, Mrs. Smith, Captain and Mrs. Whitworth, Mrs. Nolan, Miss Johnson, Miss Swartz, Dr. Gilchrist, Dr. Sargent, Lieutenant Fitzpatrick, Cragie Gunster Parker, Gottlieb and Mitchell,

Miss Alta Taylor, of Salem, is visiting Dr. and Mrs. N. J. Taylor. Mrs. J. C. Huston is spending two weeks

at the DuBols cottage at Seaside. M. B. Kies and family are spending 10 days on the East Fork of Lewis River. State Senator E. M. Rands and family left Wednesday for a brief outing at Sea-

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Gridley and Mrs. M. R. Hathaway left Tuesday for a month's outing at Ocean Park. Deputy County Auditor A. Burnham and family returned Monday from a week's

at Cascade Springs, Mrs. H. J. Parent, of The Dalles, and Mrs. Fred Smith, of Portland, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Downie last week.

The Mey, F. W. Parker, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, and family went to Clatsop Beach Thursday to remain three George Goddard and family started Monday for Chelan Lake, overland by

They expect to return in about two ter, Mrs. George H. Chamberlain, several was quite in harmony with some of our Mrs. Clyde K. Wintler and son, of Sp kane, are spending the Summer with Mrs. Wintler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James A.

A camping party, composed of Dan Crawley and family, Fred Siuman, Miss Maud Siuman, Mrs. O. F. Johnson and Mrs. Abbott, left last Tuesday for Grass Lake, Skamania County, to be gone two

Centralia. Mrs. W. O. Bennett and daughter, Miss Frances, left this week to visit friends in

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Strong, who have been visiting relatives in this city, re-turned to Aberdeen Monday. Miss Ida Gray and Miss Kate Gray, of Tacoma, who have been visiting Mrs. J. F. Fitzsimmons in this city, returned home this week.

Misses Helen Kallasch and Mabel Slater, of this city, are visiting at Butler's near Olympia. They will remain

Mr. and Mrs. James Gilchrist enterair. and ars. James Glichist enter-tained a number of their friends at a pleasant dancing party at their home in Salzer Valley, near the Salzer Valley mill, Monday evening.

Tuesday evening in honor of Mrs. A. E. Dearborn, of Seattle, Mrs. W. E. Barr entertained a number of her friends at her ne in North Centralia. The rooms were In Chehalis, Thursday, Sedley K. Dun-

Mrs. W. T. Dovell has gone to Scattle' to visit her parents.

Jessie Drumheller, wife and daughter have gone to Long Beach, Rev. Andreas Bard and family have gone over to Ellensburg and the coast. Mrs. Maud Garland and Mrs. Mabel

Mrs. Hugh Phipps has returned to her

Kershaw have returned from the Washue is country. Mrs. R. R. Rees returned Thursday

from visiting her daughter, Mrs. Paul Compton, in Wyoming. Mrs. R. P. Reynolds has returned from visiting relatives and friends in the Pa-taha and Palause regions. Mrs. B. D. Crocker returned Thursday

from Seattle, where she had been visit-ing her sister, Mrs. Captain Harris, who is quite ill. A. R. Burford and little daughter, Helen, have returned from the seaside. Mrs. Burford and Master Dick will re-main some time.

THE GREATEST BATTLE. Letter Examined and Answered on Another Page.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 7, 1901.—(To the Edi-tor.)—Yesterday's Oregonian combats the opinion advanced by me in a recent address, that "The battle of Gettysburg was the



Gussie-You're in an awful hurry. ssie-There's a storm coming up, and I'm afraid of getting wet.

ning, of this city, maried Mrs. Maude greatest battle ever fought measured both Herington, of Olympia. The wedding was by its far-reaching results upon the future private, only relatives and intimate friends of the world and by the condition neces-

Professor and Mrs. I. M. Gien, of Eugene, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. H. J. Miller, in honor of her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Williams, of Portland, was one city. Brysen.

Mrs. A. L. Knisely, Miss Knisely and Mrs. Briggs left Monday for an outing at Monterey.

Miss Anna Roe returned to her home in Lou Packard. The rooms were beautifully decorated. Mrs. P. R. Stahl won the prize at euchre.

At the residence of Mr. F. E. Van Rouk, North Centralia, on Saturday evening, Miss Jessie Sallsbury was married to Mr. Charles Stevens, both of Cora, Lewis County. The Rev. C. D. Spencer officiated. Only relatives and a few intimate friends were present. A supper was served after the ceremony. Miss Sallsbury spent the greater part of her life in Centralia. The oung couple will make their home at

The following are the members of Com pany F. National Guard of Washington, who are residents of Centralia: Corporal Fred W. Crow; Privates William Black. Claud C. Casaday, Levi Zane, D. J. Elder, N. S. Treat, Riley Nesbitt, Justin Minkler, John A. Slack, Charles A. Bever, Earl A. Freeman, Joseph Rudder, A. F. Maury, Albert Wyatt, Thomas M. Stuart, Cyrus E. Woods, Edward Armentrout, J. A. Manning, Lee Proffitt and Second Lieuten. ant W. J. Underwood. The headquarters of Company F is at Chehalis. The boys have their own armory to meet in and are | feared of all. The loyal people were

Chehalis.

Mrs. L. J. Sticklin is visiting in South Mrs. J. P. Bradley has returned from her visit to Portland.

Francis W. Cushman made a brief visit in Chehalis this week, Father G. Achtergael is visiting Seattle and Everett this week. Miss Lottle Smith is at home after

spending a month in Tacoma. Miss Marie Mauerman, of Gate City, is visiting Miss Urban McCauley in Che-

Mrs. Robert Bassett, of Aberdeen, disiting her parents, Judge and Mrs. W. W. Langhorne. Miss Honeywell has returned from Ta-

coma, where she attended a Summer normal school. Mrs. A. E. Winsor, of Seattle, is visit-

ing her daughter, Mrs. George A. Spen-cer, in Chehalis. Mr. and Mrs. Morris Burnett and Mrs. Mary Burnett left Wednesday to spend a week at the liwaco beach,

The Chehalls Lawn Tennis Club has been organized, with B. G. Godfrey president, and John Alexander secretary. Mr. and Mrs. John Denhof are again occupying their house on Folsom street, after an absence of a year and a half in

Portland. Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Holbrook, of Po land, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Miller in Chehalis Monday and

Elmer Scherer and his two brothers, Louis and Amos Scherer, have returned from the Klondike country, where they spent the past two years. Davye Heffley, who went to the Klon-dike in 1897, is making his first visit home. Mr. Heffley was one of the fortunate miners who got in early on Jack

Wade Creek Mr. and Mrs. A. C. St. John, Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Coffman, Miss Verona Hern-don, Miss Ruth Dixon, Miss Florence Coffman, Miss Ethelin Coffman, Frank rett and Dan W. Bush are camping in Paradise Valley, at the foot of Mount

Walls Walls. Mrs. Mary F. Green has gone to Cali-William W. Baker has gone to Pasa-

Miss Hattle Allen has returned to her Miss Cora Garland has returned to her

being present. Mr. and Mrs. Dunning will sary to make a great military struggle. His contention is, that, it is not of His contention is, that, it is not only outranked in both particulars, by other battles of the Rebellion, but by many

European battles. which measured by both conditions-not either alone-will show a higher percen-tage of the qualities mentioned, to with far-reaching results and the essentials of a great military conflict. A study of his article does not reveal with much clearness his choice among the battles of the Rebellion as the competitor of Gettysburg. He seems inclined to group two or three of the other most noted buttles and esti-

mate their combined effect.

His first effort is to minify Gettysburg He characterizes it as "merely a severe retorious, it is not probable that his victory would have done more for him than to enable him to make an unmolested re

Every victory, great or small, is cer-tainly a "severe repulse" of the defeated side, but its significance and ultimate re-

sults determine its importance, Gettysburg preceded the great victories of Vicksburg and Chattanooga. The Confederacy was making strong efforts for recognition of independence by the powers of Europe; the one thing to be most growing discouraged, while those opposing the war were becoming very bold and ag-gressive. The war debt was reaching appalling proportions, and the currency far below par. The responses to calls for volunteers were growing more and more feeble. In the month of May, preceding, the President had ordered a draft of 300,-000 men, under the conscription act, of March 3, 1863. The opponents of the war bitterly denounced it and frequently draft officers were forcibly resisted. Notwithstanding the Gettysburg victory and the improved conditions created by it, ten days thereafter, a vast mob in the City of New York defied the authority of the city and of the Government, demolished the builldings which were occupied by Provost Marshals, killed about 100 people and committed many other acts of vio-lence. Even General Wool, the Commander of the Military District of New York, could not disperse nor overawe the insur-gents until his troops were reinforced by volunteer regiments returning from Get-tysburg. A little later, President Lincoln suspended the writ of habeas corpus throughout the Union. Such was the awful condition of affairs even after the Gettysburg and Vicksburg victories. Was the Republic in danger on July 1, 1863? If not, it certainly never was, Suppose Meade's Army had been defeated, cut to pieces and scattered, and Lee had confir ued his marches through that unprotected country, what might have been the fateful results, both at home and abroad? James G. Biaine speaks of Gettysburg as "the most critical and important bat-tle of the War in many respects. It was the expectation of the conquerors to pro-claim the success of the Confederacy, from the steps of Independence Hall, and

lief which the victory brought to the North was indescribable."

Of this "merely severe repulse to Lee" James Clark Ridpath, the historian, says:
"After more than two years of indecisive
warfare, it seemed that the fate of the
American Republic was to be staked on
the issue of a single battle,"
Another war writer says, substantially:
"It was an attempt of General Lee to

to make a treaty with the fugitive gov-ernment of the United States for half the territory of the Republic . . . The re-

"It was an attempt of General Lee to transfer the seat of Civil War from the battle-fields of Virginia to the soil of the North, and it produced great consternation among Northern people." Such is not to be wondered at after the terrorizing raid of Morgan through Indiana and Ohio

"dogmatic historical statement."

A word as to its claim of being a great battle. Mr. Ridpath says the entire Confederate loss in this, "the greatest battle of the war," was nearly 30,000; that of the Federals in killed, wounded and missing, 23,186. Of the battle of Anticiam which the solitor mentioned in tietam, which the editor mentioned in comparison, he says: "The conflict which cost each army more than 10,000 men had

greatest interpreters of events.

If, as Mr. Ridpath says, the fate of the Republic seemed to be ataked upon the issue of this battle, the results to the future of the world could not be otherwise than far-reaching. With the downfail of this Republic "man's last best hope of

this Republic "man's last, best hope of

free government' would be badly shattered if not destroyed. America had been, was then, and is now, the hope of the

nations. It is expected that she will dem-onstrate the possibility of popular self-

Undoubtedly the public will regard the

opinions of the great men above question rather than the ipse dixit of the war edi-

or, however much they admire his learn-

who were capable of reading the news at that time will agree that the moral ef-fect of the Gettysburg victory was with-

out a parallel during the war. The cap-ture of New Orleans, the fall of Vicksburg, the victories of Shiloh and Donelson were

tame affairs as compared with Gettysburg, so far as their effect upon the Nation was concerned. The people felt then, and most of us, I am sure, now feel, that it

was the great pivotal battle of the war, and as such, will continue to affect po-

litical governments while the present civ-

That consensus of opinion entertained

by the masses and expressed by states-men and historians was the basis for that "dogmatic historical statement:"

believe that nine-tenths of the people

government,

lization exists.

ended in a drawn battle, in which there is little to be praised except the heroism of the soldiers." Of the losses in the three days' fighting around Chattanooga, he says that of the Federals in killed, wounded and missing was 5616, and the Confederate loss considerably exceeded 10,000. Let the reader make a minute of these figures.

The Encyclopedia Britannica says: "The

two hostile armies, each 100,000 strong, . . . on July 1 came into collision at Gettysburg. A tremendous battle was fought, lasting until the close of July 3. It resulted in the defeat of Lee with a loss of nearly 40,000 men. Meade's loss was 24,000. This battle was one of the greatest of modern times, the loss on both sides being more than one-third of the whole number engaged. It was also the turning point of the Civil War."

Allow me to quote from another im-partial source, Fisher's "Brief History of Nations": "Lee now crossed the river and entered Pennsylvania. This was the critical moment in the struggle. . . The defeat of Lee by Mende at Gettysburg

turned the tide against the Confederates. The editor recounts the importance of the victories of New Orleans, Vicksburg and Chattanooga. I have no desire, nor have I any need, to minify them, but after the testimony from such high sources as I have quoted I do not think it necessary to occupy space in further argument. All of us acknowledge their grand results and are ready to accord all honor to both officers and men helped to accomplish them.

Of the Old World battles, the editor selects Leipsic as his favorite competitor against Gettysburg. In order to give it historic importance, he assumes that it settled the fate of Napoleon as the dictator of Europe. This proposition I will not now argue, but simply offer a statement for the acceptance or rejection of the reader: Moscow ruined Napoleon, and Leipsic and Waterloo were only

death struggles.

Let us for a moment discuss their merits as battles. The combined allied armies under Schwarzenberg, Blucher and Bernadotte exceeded Napoleon's by nearly 100,000. There were only two days of battie in reality. By 9 o'clock P. M. of the first day Napoleon had determined to retreat and was planning how he could pest accomplish it. There was no fight-ng worth mentioning on the second day. Napoleon did not want any, and the allied forces, to be on the safe side, were waiting the arrival of Bernadotte. On the third day Napoleon fought on the defensive and lost ground. Ten thousand Saxons, with their artillery, went over to the enemy. At midnight Napoleon commenced his retreat, and planned to cover it as well as possible. Of course his victors harassed him all they It was a big boy cuffing a smaller one who was trying to get away. His greatest casualties were the results of accidents. Of the two bridges over the Pleisse, one broke down before daylight, and the other was prematurely blown up. Marshal McDonald swam across safely but the brave Ponlatowsky sank, never to rise, as did many others who were crowded into the stream. Twenty-five thousand men surrendered; nothing else they could do. Napoleon's generalship was wonderful, but the battle, judged by

any standard except numbers, bears no comparison with the ideal battle of Gettysburg. The editor agrees with historians that Saratoga, Salamis, Naseby and Tours were historic battles. We cannot accurately forecast the future, but the centuries are apt to place the pivotal battle of our great Civil War alongside of them. Undoubtedly so, if the republic fulfills its destiny. Tours and Salamis were fought before the invention of firearms. A few batteries could have vanquished both sides engaged in the first, and one of our warships could have demolished the combined navies of both Greeks and Persians. The battle of Naseby (1845), between the factions of Charles and Cromwell, would not rank with the great battles of the present day. It gave power to Cromwell's side until the Restoration (1860). The battle of Saratoga was to the Revolution what Gettysburg was to the war for the Union; but Burgoyne had only about 8000. en when he surrendered. Discussion of Pickett's charge is only a secondary mat-ter. The editor wisely selected Marshal McDonald's charge at Wagram, It must be remembered that the latter was not hurling bis column against any such soldiers or artillery as did Pickett, for when his 1500 exhausted men pierced the Austrian center the gunners and troops fied precipitately. Not so the Un-ton forces; they leaped forward to meet the advancing host, and they grappled like two fierce tigers with fiery eyes and cruel hearts. A great combat must have brave fighters on both side, as well as

great numbers. With this review of the editor's criticisms I leave the reader to judge whether my utterances were "dogmatic historical statements without foundation of fact."

MIRACLES WERE PLENTIFUL All Systems of Religion Have Rec ord of Them. PORTLAND, Aug. 8 .- (To the Editor.)-

In The Sunday Oregonian July 28 is a letter by a correspondent signing himself "C. J. O'R." entitled "Praying for Rain." The writer takes exception to your recent editorial on the subject, and contends that, as to the annals of Christonia and his successors, he says: "The most extraordinary prodigtes are related of tianity during the last 15 years, the tes-timony on which the truthfulness and authenticity of countles miracles wrought ("History China," volume L page 161.) in answer to prayer is based, is "universal in its extent"; "overwhelming in its force," and "constant and perseverin its duration." must be acknowledged that if "C.

O'R.," or any one else, sees fit to as-ert his belief in the truth of this statement, he has a perfect right to do so, provided, of course, that he is honest in to be wondered at after the terrorizing raid of Morgan through Indiana and Ohio with his band. Some timid people were beginning to think that Lee and his veterans were almost invincible.

President Lincoln regarded it of such importance that on the morning of the importance that on the morning of the country. These excerpts show that I

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were continued by the priests and saints, and in many have not ceased to occur even to the present day. It is also said that the miracles of Christianity are not the most wonderful. Buddhism seems to be entitled to first place in this particular. Professor Max Muller tells us that "The Buddhist legends teem with miracles attributed to Buddha and his disciples—miracles which for wonderfulness certainly surpass the miracles of any was born in Windsor County, Vermont, was born in Windsor County, Vermont,

certainly surpass the miracles of any other religion." (Science of Religion, page 27.) Many of the supernatural events be- supernatural light shone in his room, and lieved by the faithful of different religions are strange indeed. Horus, the Egyptian savior, performed great miragraved plates, with an instrument by the cles, even to that of raising the dead to life. Isis, the Holy Virgin Mother of Egypt, also performed strange marvels. Mormon." At this the Rev. Mr. Spaiding. Pligrimages were made to the temple of a Presbyterian preacher, declared that Isis, in Egypt, by the sick, and Diodorus, he was the author of the book; that havthe Grecian historian, who flourished ing some time before written a work many centuries before Christ, and wrote a history of Egypt, says: "Those who go duced to print, his rejected manusc to consult in dreams the goddess Isls re- had been lost or stolen, and had rent cover perfect health. Many whose cure has been dispaired of by the physicians have by this means been saved, and the faithful and the unbelievers clasmored others who have long been deprived of sight, or of some other part of the body, the faithful had obtained a look at them, by taking refuge, so to speak, in the arms of the goddess, have been restored to the enjoyment of their faculties."

(Quoted by Baring-Gould, "Origin Religious Belief," volume 1, page 397.)
Bacchus, son of the god Zeus, by the virgin Semele, was another wonder-perform-er, among which may be mentioned his gifts. changing water into wine. The legends relating to this virgin-born god state that on one occasion the King of Thebes sent last 18 years," referred to by "C. J. O'R.," some soldiers to seize Baccus. This they are supposed to include the account rewere unable to do, owing to the great multitude. They succeeded, however, in capturing one of his disciples, who was led away and shut up fast in prison; but while they were getting ready the instruments of execution, the prison doors Jews from a church at Langenses, came open and the chains fell from his Silesia, and after being stabbed with limbs, and when they looked for him he knives in order to show their deadly was nowhere to be found. This re- hatred of Christianity, were hidden in the

sick, the maimed, the deaf and the blind. | page 584.) These miracles were the evidence of his divinity for centuries before the time of divinity for centuries before the time of each religion implicitly believe the mira-Christ. Dr. Maurice, in his "Indian Antiquities," tells us that according to the popular belief, the divine origin of Chrishna was not suspected "until repeated miracles soon discovered his celestial ori-

Crishna, it is said, was also born of a chaste virgin, called Devaka, who, on account of her purity, was selected to become the mother of the son of the Hindoo god Vishnu. In the sacred book of the Hindoos, called "Vishnu Purana," we read as follows: "No person could bear to gaze upon Devika, from the light that invested her, and those who contemplated her radiance felt their minds distorted. The gods, invisible to mortals, celebrate her praises continually from the time that Vishnu was contained in her person."

Page 502.)
The belief in a virgin-born god-man is In The Sunday Oregonian July 23 is a letter by a correspondent signing himself "C. J. O'R," entitled "Praying for has her mythology in common with all qualities attributed to them." ("History China," volume 1, page 161.) Fo-hi is said to have been born about

3468 B. C., and some of the traditions concerning his birth are amusing. That which has received the widest acceptance is as follows: "Three numphs came down from heaven to wash themselves is a river; but scarce had they got there be fore the berb lotus appeared on one their garments, with its coral fruit upon his belief. But it must not be supposed that "the annals of Christianity" are unique in recording miracles. We find them in the sacred writings of all peo-

According to the "annals" of many an- said to be "the son of Oromasdes, which cient and modern religions, the miraculous marvels performed by the founders was the name the Persians gave to the supreme God." And Plato, himself, was were continued by the priests and saints, believed by some of his disciples to have

> was born in Windsor County, Vermont, December 25, 1825, tells us that on Sep-tember 21, 1822, as he was praying, a peared as the angelically revealed "Book of Mormon." To stience Spalding, both for a sight of the plates. After eight of the faithful had obtained a look at them, Smith asserted that he had handed them over to the custody of an angel, and they were seen no more. The members of the religious body founded by Smith, many others, claim that theirs is "the only true religion"; they also contend

some of their prophets have miraculous It would be interesting to know who cently given as an "historical fact" by "The Pelican," a prominent Catholic journal published in Germany. The number for July, 1897, informs us that several consecrated wafers were stolen by was nowhere to be found. This reminds us of a much later story told of the apostles of Jesus. "And they laid their hands on the apostles, and put them in the common prison; but the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth." (Acts v. 18, 19.)

The sacred books of the Hindoes represent Crishna, their savior and redeemer, as raising the dead, healing the sick, the maimed, the deaf and the blind.

It is a curious fact that the faithful of creed, while they reject as spurious frauds the miracles of all other religions. But "C. J. O'R." might do well to remember the words of David Humes "It is contrary to experience that mira-cles can be true, but it is not contrary

The young man stood before the great steel magnate. A moment later the latter looked up. He stared at the rough clothing, the muddled shoes and the unkempt hair of

"Well?" he said, The youth regained his presence of nind. He wanted a job because he needed it.

"Sir," he said, "I have came—" He got no further. A smile irradiated the magnate's face.
"That's all right," he said; "the job te yours. I was afraid at first that you might se one of those worthless college gra

And when the youth, the valedictorian of his class and the pride of the university, again faced his mirror, he winked at his own reflection.—Cleveland Piain-Dealer. Many Female Pharmacists.

It is a fact not generally known that there are nearly 400 women pharmacists in the United States. One of the largest apothecary establishments in New England employs women almost exclusively, giving them precedence over men, and assigning as the reason therefore that wo-men can be depended on, or, to use the language of the head of the concern: "No big heads, for mistakes, hence no suits for damages, as the result of careless reading of prescriptions." Many manu-facturing chemists employ women in diffacturing chemists employ women in dif-