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WITH HIS WORK UNDONE.

When a man dies who has completed his three score years and ten there is inourning but no complaint. As head The Oregonian, "if, in the many decanourning but no complaint. As head a family, as a friend, as an exemplar civic ideals, his death is a loss to be of a fam regretted; but it conveys no disheartening suggestion of a purpose unfulfilled. | antique 'jobs' were to be pried into, as The plans of life which he laid in his outh have either succeeded or definitely failed. The question of their wisdom or foliy is closed, and concerning them probe. there can arise no dubious imaginings what might heve been had not untimely death intervened. His fame is back. There never was a man or set of cestablished; his public services are men who paid this paper money or rounded and complete. The work of his anything else for news or editorial ut day is done. A new day dawns which terances. No man has ever truthfully requires new hands and other ideas, and or openly said he had knowledge of his departure makes way for another such transactions. The revenues generation whose right to a place in this paper have always come for their time is as valid as his was in the legitimate advertisments and subscripformer years. The death of the aged is tions. In this business it has played no sad, but it seems inevitable, and in a favorites. What public advertising it world governed like this it is as nor- has printed has been paid for at fait anal as birth. No myth like that of the and proper rates, and The Oregonian Garden of Eden is needed to account has always welcomed investigations of for it, because it is an unavoidable re- this fact. This newspaper has been suit of natural law.

otherwise does it appear when a try of man like the late H. W. Goode is called in this community more than half a to his account in the prime of life, ere century. Not chance nor luck has re-"The sun, or the light, or the moon, or warded their efforts and given their darkened," in the pride of business its high station.

have defied Rome and made the mblem of peace All brethren have The Oregonitant ern world Hellenic instead of Latin. His genius had only begun to unfold it-solf when he died at Babylon, leaving united to create and uphold them, including Mr. U'Ren, yet when Mr. U'Ren self when he died at Babylon, leaving s boomed for United States Senator or his work at loose ends. Julius Caesar had he lived even a little longer, would Governor, there springs up the same stubborn compound, seething and gurghave codified the Roman law, and, be-ing of democratic instincts, with a poling with jealousy of lovable breth-Attention, gentlemen, Messrs. Thomas and Lane and Messry Coffey, litical genius of the first rank, it is concelvable that in reorganizing the em-Devlin, Kellaher and Zimmerman, go pire he would have introduced repre- to it, the people are watching you. Mr. Mann and Mr. Belding, show your sentatve government. Augustus, who paces. Mr. Preston and Mr. Storey, step lively there, now. Mr. Bruin, get busy with those thieves out on Nob stepped into the place of Julius, with all his cold abrewdness, knew of nothwith ing better than Oriental despotism, Hill. Mr. Lockwood and Mr. Cohen, which he fastened upon the Western here's wishing success to your two-ringed circus. Now, gentlemen, please don't give the people the "little end" world with dry rot in its train. Thus the dagger of Brutus may have delayed ringed circus. .73 the progress of the human race for a thousand years. of this thing after it shall be all over. It seems idle to think that there is Heretofore the rivals have hated each r intelligible plan or purpose discouraging list of untim other more than they have loved the people. But you are such an excepeither untimely tional bunch of patriots (don't blush)

deaths. To say that the Almighty re-moves men from this world in the vigor that you ought to be able to look to of their years because he has need of them in heaven is more mockery of reathe neonle's interests first. Besides. Captain Spencer may bring Heney to son. However extensive the territory town. So, for the people's sake, be square and for your own sake be honof heaven may be, it must be densely populated with eminent personages long before this time; while the need of the BATE.

earth for ability and integrity becomes more crying every day. Undoubtedly

SIGNS AND OMENS. Students of the show windows of book this matter, like everything else of stores are startled every now and then which we know, proceeds according to to notice the appearance of a new work the laws of Nature, insentient and heedless, which cars nothing for man, on Astrology. This so-called science has no foundation in either fact or reahis feelings or his work. A tree standson, but it seems to preserve a hold on ing in the path of a whirlwind is blown the faith of the world which nothing own, no matter whether it be a pin can shake. When the earth was bepending under the weight of centuries lleved to be the center of the universe and the stars created for the excluor a supling of a dozen summers; no matter whether it bear fruit or bitter sive benefit of manking there was some seeds. Likewise man, forever strug-gling with forces of which he knows show of justification for hoping or fearing that our destinies were ruled by comes one day into the tempest's their rising and setting. But we know path and is smitten. There may be a now that our world is but a trivia higher reason for his death, but if there

we have not the slightest ground for the belief that the astral bodies are finite intelligences the premature cut-ting short of human existence must forconcerned with our lot in any particuever remain a problem and a mystery. 12 1 Before astronomy had taught us the MAKE THE GRAFT PROBE DEEP real facts about the distances and rela-

tions of the stars, almost everybody be lleved that they determined the for The Heney probe in Portland, if i should expose no graft, would harn abody nor injure the reputation of the tunes of men. Schiller makes the great Wallenstein stand in abject terror be city. But if it should expose graft, the fore the incantations of an astrologer. sson would be of high value, in deter-Napoleon, though he lived in a more enring men who would plunder the people lightened age and should have known and the people's government. botter, thought there was a particular But the prospect does not please some

we cannot understand it. To our

ersons. If they do not want an in-estigation, why not? And because star which presided over his destinies. Kepler, who was a scientist of the first cestigation, why not? The Oregonian, in its capacity as a recorder of public doings, has anrank, made a great deal of money by casting horoscopes, as it was called nounced the plan of Captain E. W. Spencer to raise a fund to bring Heney which was really nothing better than pretending to tell fortunes by the stars. here and has printed his declaration that \$50,000 can be raised if Heney will What would be thought of the director of the Yerkes or the Lick observatory, onsent to come, these persons and should he eke out his income in such a their clacquers have said The Oregoway? nian might not profit from an investiils "Child's Dream of a Star." gation.

"Let us ask this estimable and mos what was once implicit faith has beome poetic fancy. In Shakespeare's time astrology still honorable delver after fraud," BRYS B had respectable standing among the ades it has been on earth, its hands are entirely clean, and if the same cuthusciences and his plays are full of allusions to it. Most of his characters ac-cepted its dogmas, but "The lean and siasm would be displayed if some more hungry Cassius" knew better. "The it is displaying in the gas exposure, and in the plan to uncover municipal fault." he tells his friend Brutus. "is not in our stars, but in ourselves that municipal we are underlings"; while the keen and corruption in Portland with the Heney passionate Hotspur, whose intellect has not received the credit it deserves, ridi-The Oregonian invites the closest

culed astrology as he did all the other scrutiny of all lis acts, however far superstitions of his Welsh kinsman, Glendower. Though most of us would repel with scorn the slander that we believe in astrology, still we talk about our "lucky stars"; we invoke them with more or less fervor in brief incanta-tions. "My stars," is a favorite ejacufrom

which sometimes comes very lation, near to being a prayer. The poets still speak of the "cold stars" and tell us that they sympathize with our good or evil fortune, though perhaps they are no more sincers in these than in most built up by long and honorable indusof their other phrases. Sincerity is not its proprietors, who have dwelt one of the most pronounced traits of

recent poetry. An eminent Methodist divine has said publicly that two-thirds of the world That has still belleves in witchcraft. His statehis strength and the vigor of his ca- been accomplished by unremitting labor ment must be modified a little to con-

posts, advocates of compulsory temper ance, otherwise known as prohibitis ists-men and women-and the W. C. T. about highwaymen must expect to be Its advocates declare that they held strictly to the rules of evidence have neither a theory to fight nor a theory to save, but have only to do with conditions, adding: cler.

Our young men are not automatons and heir cravings and appetites cannot be regu-ated by the pulling of strings. The attempt o do it, the utter disregard of human nature individual disposition have resulted in fearful conditions that threaten the country

The canteen was abolished six years According to the most vera testimony its abolition was a mistake. It has certainly had a fair trial. It is eless, says the National secretary of e Woman's Canteen Temperance Club, to deny that the result of abolishing the canteen has been just contrary to what was expected of it; it lation, the small districts are unable to een followed, not by less drinking, out by more drunkenness and by an ase of all the evil consequences of the immoderate use of liquor. To deny this is useless; to persist in the course that results in the growth of these evils merely for the sake of theory is stubbornness of a most pernicious type.

BUINOUS SHIP-SUBSIDY COMPETITION. From Antwerp, the commercial cen-

ter of Belgium, comes a Chamber of Commerce report that will be interestng and instructive reading for the ship-subsidy advocates in this country Especially is the report valuable as contribution to the literature upon this subject in view of the fact that the chamber took a world-wide view of the questions involved for the purpose of arriving at conclusions pointing out the ourse which Belgium should pursue. The decision reached is unequivocally against ship subsidies, which, "like squirts of morphia, are soothing agents which one must continually renew and enlarge the dose. What is espe-cially feared is that, once inveigled into a grant of ship subsidies, Belgium atom of dust in the gulf of space, and may come to imagine the existence of her merchant fleet in some way allied

ntimately with the prosperity of the ation."

conclusion was inevitable. If, in the effort to build up merchant fleets, Belgium and every other nation adopted a policy of granting ship subsidies civilized world would soon whole be engaged in a competition as keen as that in the building of fighting navies. One nation after another must increase its subsidies in order to keep ahead of its rivals until that day must finally come when owners of ships would be paid by the governments of the world tore than the cost of maintaining the fleets. When the competition has once begun, the "honor" of the nation requires that it be carried to success regardless of cost. Once we have under-Dickens made beautiful use of taken to build up a merchant marine the ancient superstition of astrology in by the giving of subsidies, we must where not only meet all competitors, but "go them one better." Ultimate supremacy Ultimate supremacy would lie with that nation which would

pay the largest subsidies. When the Antwerp Chamber of Comnerce asserted that protectionism

killed the shipping industry of Amer-ica, it probably meant that the industry was killed by that excessive protection which enables the American manufacturer to charge the American shipbuilder more for materials than he charges the foreign shipbuilder, thus reducing the cost of foreign ships. which the American shipowner is for-bidden to buy and sail under an Amercan flag. This is in line with the opin-

ion of the minority report upon the ship-subsidy question at the recent sesion of Congress, when it was declared

that, if American builders were freed from the extertion in prices of material used in construction, America would dominate the shipbuilding industry, as of old. Not content with a protective tariff which covers the higher wages paid to American labor, the American manufacturer insists upon a protection which secures him in the power to sell to the foreign shipbuilder cheaper than to the builder in his own country With good reason the Antwerp Cham-

ber of Commerce volced a caustle criticism of those who would require the people to pay a ship subsidy in order to bring foreign goods into a country

Ministers who accept employ nt fro SYMPOSIUM OF CURRENT OREGON TOPICS saloons and who tell improbable storie Two English Midshipmen Who Want to Remain in the Land of the Free when insurance companies are called upon to pay \$4000 life insurance poll-

o English Midanipines who that Klaunth-Ex-Governor Geer Com-Trouble Red Tape Has Made at Klaunth-Ex-Governor Geer Com-plains About the Public Claunor for Him to Run for Office-Vagabonds and Small Towns-Gravel for Making Roads-Stockmen and Iniirond Tickets-Senator Fulton's Auto.

ARMERS and their sons and daugh- | the office he seeks, without asking ques-

the state school fund upon the basis of number of teachers employed instead of number of children of school age, as has been the practice in the past. There are some districts that have less of rural life. To the excitement crethan a dozen children, but it costs as much to maintain school in such a dis-trict as in one which contains thirty trict as in one which contains thirty or forty children. Because the money added romantic interest in the welfare of two bright young midshipmen who deserted in order to avoid the necessity is now apportioned according to popuof returning to England on the Dudconduct their schools as many me as do the large districts. The a hope, now lying at Puget Sound, and about to sall for home. Presumably about to sail for home. Presumably the middles, John Blair and John Beament is made that a child in a rural district is entitled to as many months instruction in a year as the city child, and that the apportionment should be dle, are in hiding in the hills in the vicinity of the wreck, and are being provided with food by sympathizing made according to the expenditures that will be necessary, which means friends. Such at least is the opinion of the owner of the ship, who has made coording to the number of teachers strenuous efforts to find the fugitives, employed. Such a change has been sugbut has failed to get any evidence of their whereabouts. Farmers are unac

gested in Oregon, but it would have to be brought about by constitutional amendment, for the constitution requires a per capita distribution.

The Michigan Legislature is consider

ing a bill which proposes to distribute

The celebration of Provisional Government day at Champoeg is close at hand. It will be sixty-four years May since 102 pioneers of Oregon, the names of 101 of whom have been given to granite upon the spot where the vote was taken, voted for a provisional gov-ernment of Oregon Territory. The granite shaft commemorative of this event in our history was unveiled eight years ago by Hon. F. X. Matthieu, then as now the sole survivor of the number who came on foot, on horseback and by canoe to the first hustings in Ore gon, and who by their votes sealed the Oregon country to the American Union. If the day is fine, the annual excursion to Champoeg may be commended as enjoyable alike to ploneers and to those who know early Oregon only through history and folk-lore tales. The Willamette River is at that season o the year at its best boating stage, and awakening Spring presents a moving picture along the wooded banks and sympathizing friends. higher slopes that is worth going fat

R EPORTS that the Department of the Interior ran out of wrapping The young women drilling so indus twine and then used up all its "red triously as Indian maidens-let us fortage" as a substitute seem to bear to call them squaws-will represent Oregon civilization at the James Falls Herald presents evidence to wartown Fair, whither they will later rant bellef that there is still a goodly bound, in the same manner that a frog sitting in a pool of water under supply of tape of brilliant hue on hand in the Department. Discussion of the umbrella represents Oregon climate. subject arose out of the announcement That is to say, both will be a misrepby officials of the Forestry Service resentation. While some people see something extremely "funny" in such that settlers will not be needlessly libelous presentments, they are not among those who are loyal to Oregon hampered by forest reserve regulations The Herald says that a farmer wanted to out 1200 fence posts on the reserve in a true sense and who desire to see the state trathfully advertised. and made application in December, 1905. The permit was granted in June, 1906, too late to permit of posts

cut and seasoned in time for hauling noted in the fact that when President Roosevelt delivered an address at the dedication of Pennsylvania's new Capi tol he did not once mention the build-ing. Since then the discovery has been made that in the construction of that building the most disgraceful grafts ever disclosed in transactions of that kind. There is no reason to believe that

Capitol.

bors committee of the House, is likely to be a candidate against Foraker for election to the Senate. Burton is a supporter of Taft for President. Foraker is in control of the machine, but if he goes up against a Taft-Burton Roosevelt combination he is likely to find his machine in need of repair when the campaign is over.

The Minnesota Legislature has dean initiat

ters, residing at Clatsop Beach. tions of anyone. There would seem to be where the Galena was wrecked no reason why a public office building ast Winter, have for several months and relief from the usually dull routine of rural life. To the excitement cre-coming in as large numbers as they are to ated by the wreck itself there has been Portland. The old resident and the municipal employs, who are familiar with the City Hall, have no need of directories and signs, but strangers, many of who have business with city officials, would appreciate aids of this kind to save them

time in finding the several offices.

66 M Y. My! If we just had these grav-el beds in our state!" exclaimed a Wisconsin farmer as he rode over a Willamette Valley bridge spanning a creek whose shores were covered with fine gravel to a depth of several feet. "Your Oregon farmers do not appreciate the advantages they have in making permanent customed to the profusion of profanity road improvements," he continued. with which sea captains are wont to we had gravel like that close to our highaddress their subordinates, and quite ways, as you have here in the Willamnaturally they are unanimous in the ette Valley, we would have most of our roads surfaced with it in short order, I hope that the middles will keep out of reach of the owner of the ship as long as they desire. The boys themselves not covered with it." The Wisconsin man were accustomed to being cursed, and overestimates the value of river gravel probably did not mind that so much, as a road-surface material. but they were captivated by the kind treatment they received from the farm-much inferior to crushed rock for permaers' familles when they were cast away nent improvement. Its greatest advanupon a foreign strand. They think in- tage is in its proximity to the roads and habitants of the Oregon coast are a the consequent cheapness of placing it good people among whom to live. They upon highways. As the gravel is round and smooth, it loosens under travel and gradually sinks into the mud. Crushed are intelligent boys, out of good families, and were sent to sea to learn rock, having sharp corners and straight edges, packs together and presents a smoother surface the longer it is subjected navigation, and not to perform laborious duties of able scamen. The owner of the ship feels under obligation to to the wear of travel. At the same time, return them to their homes, if he can. the Wisconsin man is right when he says His inquiries and his search have been unsuccessful, leaving him to conclude that in the gravel beds of Oregon has that the boys are sheltered in some cave or hut or abandoned settler's great advantage over such states as Wisconsin in permanent road improves abin back in the hills, from which re-

EX-GOVERNOR T. T. GEER is not a candidate for Senator and will not be. Moreover, he is not a candidate for any office, and would not think of such a thing if others did not continually suggest it. In a recent issue of his paper he says that he is "working hard every day in an effort to give the people of Umatilla County a good newspaper, and would never think of an office if the subject were not percanially in the cranium of some lop-sided individual for whose ben efit the home for the feeble-minded provided by the last Legislature was author ized, and whose greatest fear is always finding a churlish expression." The language of this denial is likely to silence the talk of Senatorial ambitions in the sanctum of the morning paper at Pendle ton, for no one wants to be considered a fit subject for Oregon's new elemosynary institution.

that year. When the time for hauling **A** T THE same time that this hot shoi comes from the ex-Governor's paper. came it was found that some particular rule had not been complied with and but 630 posts could be had. The Heran evening contemporary at Pendleton ald assumes, but does not say that this springs a boom for Governor Chamber delay was the fault of Government oflain for Senator. That is a matter which ficials, and not of the settler. The has received considerable attention among same paper tells of another settler who wanted a tree from which to make the Governor's friends, with the resul that the proposal is not looked upon with "shakes" or split shingles, and applied much favor. The Governor's friends are for permission. The permission was saving that the vote for legislative candigranted, and he cut down a large tree, dates in the primaries last Spring show used about one-fourth of it for shakes that a man can be nominated as easily without signing Statement Number One and left the rost, which he did not need. Government officials compelled as he can with signing it, and hence there him to remove the top and debris from will be few to take that pledge in the the reserve. He says the work of renext campaign. Without a Legislature moving the waste material brought the pledged to support the people's choice, a total cost up to \$15 per thousand, whereas the usual cost of shakes is Democrat would stand no chance of elec-tion to the Senate, even if he received but \$5 per thousand. Quite likely the popular indorsement. Senator Fulton has Government was entirely reasonable in its requirement that the debris be said that he will not ask candidates to sign or not to sign pledges of any kind. removed. If mon were permitted to go There is no likelihood at present that an into the timber and take what they issue will be made of Statement Number want and leave refuse tops and brush to ile on the ground and become dry One in the next campaign, so friends of the Democratic Governor see little in the situation to encourage him to get into the THE effectiveness of a parasite in de-stroying codlin moth is to be tried in Oregon if W. H. Latourette, of McMinnville, shall succeed in securing a supply of parasites recently ordered by him. The parasites are to come from California, and will be turned into Yambill County orchards. According to the Sacramento Union, the record made last year by the codlin moth parasite demonstrated that it is an effective remedy in diminishing the number of worms in apples in Northern California. In orchards where the parasite had a fair start, the number of wormy apples was reduced from 29 to 50 per cent. Because the parasites were not at work carly enough in some orchards they did not prove as effective as desired.

to see.

A rather strange circumstance is

the President had an intimation that the grafts had been perpetrated, or that he purposely avoided mentioning the Congressman Theodore Burton, of Ohlo, chairman of the rivers and har-

wasted, of blighted hopes and thwarted object of pride to the proprietors of The purposes. the runner smitten in his tracks before they are entitled to view it as such. the end of the race. The common sentiment which arises in the thoughtful foremost part in uncovering graft, and mind at the spectacle of a death like it will keep up this policy as steadfastly the late Mr. Goode's is expressed by as in the past. It will welcome Heney those forlorn headstones erected here here, or any other competent pros and there in country graveyards, as if cutor, and will afford him every facilckery at the ruthless fate or the ity in its power to lift the mask blind chance that strikes down the those who may have been robbing the promise and the bloom of youth, stones rounded upward for a little way and like to see the graft investigations then broken off roughly. So might a turned in every direction and back vareless artisan ruin his handiwork; so whatever length of years would woth the power that "scars us, makes and mars us" deal with his creatures, deaths move the heart to misgivlug; they raise problems which we may Neither rank nor power should be shun but not solve by saying with the spared. preacher that "there is a time to die," and assuming that no man dies until his appointed time has come. All the the lot of man, untimely death among the others, may have their ce in a plan too large for ou prehension; but a plan which cludes reason and knowledge both is the same to us as if it did not exist. Consolation of this sort is like the insidious comfort of oplates which stupefy but do not heal.

So far as we can see from the lowly plane whereon we stand in this life there is no plan which untimely death helps to fulfill. Many men are hurried ple, when party patriots toil and sweat away into sternity with the problems to elect a Democratic Mayor and then away into standy must be problems to elect a Democratic Mayor and then of their lives unsolved, their ambitions unachieved and their work The post Keats, when he petting the hand that gave them the undone. but struck upon his cold turnout and promising to vote for first notes of surpassing it again? Or, when young Republicans aled. lyre those first noise of surpassing sweetness whose passionate allurement ambitious to "run" things and to be big men each has a club of his own and will go to the end of time a question without an answer. Who shall say that Keats had finished his work when his soul was called to take up its jourother? Or when two gentlemen are ney to the undiscovered country? When leager to win a Council seat, not big enough to hold both (as such jobs al-Byron perished at 37 he had but just ways are), and the one calls the other found his true volce. He grew steadily servant of the gas graft and the from the time he began to write and his liquor lushers and gets a retort equally last long poem, "Don Juan," is incomparably his best. Had he lived longerloaded, would it not be strange to behold them in the embrace of brotherly he might have come to stand for the robellions, as Danie stands for the age number of detectives under civil of faith. Strange and almost malig- service rules and feeling sure his job nant appears the destiny that stilled can't be taken away, resents the suthe voices of Byron, Kears and Shelley perfor authority of a so-called Chief of with a world of unuttered melody upon Police and the frequently enforced with a world of unuttered melody upon Police and the frequently enforced mission of raiding nocturnal resorts. happy fortunes of Tennyson was the would it not be strange to see him of days which gave him time proving these things with his political

to deliver his full message to the world. Alexander of Macedon perished with great undertakings teeming in his brain. He is known to us only as a onqueror, a somewhat petty and vul- stranger to behold them as Damon and National fame. As announced in the conqueror, a somewhat petty and vul-gar species of fame. Had he lived to the age of Grover Cleveland he would have planted Greek civilization through-out Western Asia with roots too deep to be form up. He would have re-doemed the deserts, fortified boundaries and organized an empire which could

reer. There is then a sense of power of fifty-five years. This record is an vey the exact truth. It would read better in the form that "Almost everybody We are ill-resigned to see Oregonian, and they modestly think lieves in some relics of witchcraft. Few housewives are entirely without The Oregonian has always taken traces of it. A bumble bee buzzing of the window pane foretells a visitor Dropping the dishcloth on the floor has same prophetic significance. death in the family is indicated if a bird flies into the house or if a cabbage plant blossoms the first year from the seed. Stockmen abound with superstipeople and their government. It would tions about the influence of the moot upon fertility. Farmers believe that it affects their crops either favorably or disastrously, according as it waxes or necessary to teach a lesson to would-be wanes at the time of planting. Radgrafters in future. Nobody should be ishes sown in the new moon will run to favored in an investigation of this tops; in the third or last quarter they will produce fine roots.

WHAT OF THE PEOPLE?

Why cannot brethren dwell together fatal to behold the crescent orb over in unity? Is there just reason for this clash between Lane and Thomas Demthe right. Even more popular than the moon as a fotich is the horseshoe. Very likely every man in America, if he crats? Or between Lockwood and Co hen Republicans?' Or between Mant would tell the truth, must admit that and Belding, Council aspirants? Why is Pat Bruin boosting one of Lane's Nailed over the door a horseshoe brings rivals? Why all this strife between good luck. Found and cast away it in Deviln, Coffey, Zimmerman and Kel-

abject that has been long used by hu But perhaps it would be strange if man beings, superstitions of some sort are connected. Whether we would be all these things were not. For examhappier or better without them is a problem which we may speculate upon but cannot solve, for they will last longwould it not be strange to see them er than we shall.

TO RESTORE THE ARMY CANTEEN. The Woman's Cantcen Temperance

Club now comes forward seeking to undo the mischlef wrought through the influence of the most powerful organi zation of women in the land-the W. T. U .- by a movement for the re-es tablishment of the Army canteen. As stated in the circular sent out, the movement is an interesting and significant one. It was organized by the wives and daughters of Spanish War veterans in Washington, aided by others in sympathy with its object, among these being the Army and Navy League, composed of the wives and daughters of Army and Naval officers. formation of affiliating clubs The throughout the country is now proceeding under the direction of Mrs. W. J. Mitchell, wife of the department mander of the District of Columbia.

Spanish War Veterans. The work is in the interest of sol-diers. It is indorsed by Army officers of mature years, long experience and manifesto sent out, President Roosevelt

and at the same time compel the people to pay in the form of a tariff to keep those foreign goods out. In deciding for liberty rather than protected monopoly, they have considered the ex-periences of other nations and particularly remark that the greatest develop-ment in British shipping occurred since referendum. the ship-subsidy crutches were thrown

away.

A Preabyterian journal of Chicago thinks that Christian Scientists should greatly rejoice at the opportunity that the suit of Mrs. Eddy's son for an accounting of her property gives them to produce their books in court and show what has been done with the money poured into their treasury, since "it has business.

always operated to the projudice of the Nobody likes to see the new moo cult that there has been such a mystery

over his left shoulder, though this statement must be modified somewhat, about its financial transactions." that, if Mrs. Eddy, her helrs at law and amy must be taken for the truth. for there is a sect who hold that it is her followers are satisfied, it does not seem to be any of the public's business about the financial status of the There is, however, as cited by the ult. are not worthy of consideration. Chicago Chronicle, having Dowielsm in

nind, always danger of personal relighe dearly loves to find one in the road. ion splitting on a financial rock. The wreck does not always come in the lifetime of the founder, as it did in the vokes ovil. In fact, with almost every his office. Here is \$1000 of good, ase of Dowie, and as is threatened in Mrs. Eddy's case, but it is due to come at any time after the summit of the to earn. ambition of the individual whose name

is coined into an "ism" has been eached. One thing in the Glover-Eddy case is plainly apparent, and that is that the opportunity to show where the Heney's coming to Portland. money has gone or in whose hands it

low is will not be eagerly embraced by those in authority by cheerfully taking the books into court.

of Spain will be a boy. There is no "Rev." H. M. Street, the former min ister who created a stir three years ago doubt of it. by stumping the state in opposition to the local-option law, has been reported as killed by a dynamite explosion in

Crook County, but the company in which he held a \$4000 insurance policy wants some evidence of his death. seems that his horse was killed by the explosion and the theory was that coy-otes had dragged some sticks of dynamite into the road from under a log where it was concealed, that his hora

stepped on it, and that both horse and ider were killed. Many fragments of the horse have been found, but not a trace of the man. So long as there is no evidence of the death of the man,

he insurance company feels that there is a possibility that he threw a stick of dynamite at the horse and is in hiding some place awaiting the collection of the insurance. Street is the man who gave the newspapers a story about a

year ago to the effect that he was held up by three armed men, presumably anti-saloon people, and when one of them came at him with a knife he

knocked the villain down with a stone, whereupon the other highwaymen fied.

amendment by a vote of 30 ayes to 25 as tinder, forest fires would be encour noes, in the Senate, 32 votes being aged. If shakes could be procured elsenecessary. The proposed amendment where at \$5 a thousand, that price was required a 5 per cent petition for initievidently made possible by leaving deative, 10 per cent for referendum on bris in the timber, a practice that is state laws, and 25 per cent for action on municipal laws, either by initiative or everywhere condemned as dangerous. Each of the incidents complained of presents a fair subject for investigation. The Klamath Falls Herald is

Harry Draper and his bloodhounds apparently anxious to promote the inre on the trall of the robbers who creats of settlers. If it will prepare roke into a bank at Ephrata, Wash in accurate statement of the circum Friday night. Draper's record warstances and forward them to Senator rants the bellef that there is trouble Bourno, there is no doubt that the mataliend for the robbers. Certainly if agter will be taken up at once with the gressiveness and nerve will do the work, the men will be caught. Both Department, and with the President, if necessary. the dogs and their master know their

ROM Columbia County comes a pro test voiced by the St. Helens Mist President Smith's relteration that the against the practice of Portland's police Mormon Church has abandoned polygdepartment in ordering criminals out of wn. The complaint is that such prac cause it is official. Vital statistics. ice simply unloads criminals upon small-

treat they emerge at night to get food

left for them at places agreed upon by

en an error. At least the Klamath

nuve

where they confound race suicide, can r towns, which are less able to handle be said to be purely indigenous and them than are the larger citles. But if St. Helens has cause for protest against this policy, it is not alone in that particular. City Auditor Deviln offers a reward has been the practice of Willamette of \$1000 for proof that any of the \$1000 Valley towns for years to arrest suspiliquor license petitions were stolen from ious characters as vagrants and release them with orders to leave town within an est, easy money for Rev. Paul Rader hour. With such a "pass-'em-on" policy in operation in smaller towns, the crim-inal element is bound to drift into Port-Several gentlemen, once aspirants for land. Valley counties do not "float" their seats in the City Council, are not now candidates, but they are said not to suspicious characters for the purpose of ooding Portland, but because they do not have been deterred by possibility of know what else to do with them. There

thorities know that men of this class have A benedict of many years' standing no legitimate occupation, and are only and who has had much success foreawaiting opportunity to commit crime To casting such events says the next King perinit them to hang around town is to invite robbery and murder. If they could be convicted and put to work on the chain gang, no town would have reason for driv-As the Republican party could not ing them out, but the desire is to get rid elect a Mayor two years ago, Lane of them and thereby avoid crime. Appar-perhaps thinks the Democratic party ently Columbia County will have to adopt ently Columbia County will have to adopt the same policy as other towns.

DORTLAND'S City Hall is one of the few large public buildings in the metropolis that has no directory board at the entrance. To make matters worse for visiting strangers, signs on the doors of some of the offices are not conspicuous. and the stranger who has business with the municipality must hunt around until he can find the official with whom he wishes to talk. At the United States custom-house, which contains about the same number of offices as the City Hall, there is a large directory board at the entrance, showing the offices located on each floor. The office signs are placed where they can easily read, and are at the same time neat in appearance, so that they are use ful without marring the beauty of the in-terior of the building. Every private office building in the city has a directory,

which enables a stranger to go directly to

RIENDS of Senator Fulton who contemplate spending a Summer va cation at Seaside, will be interested in learning that the Senator owns a huge auto, and that the car is expected to arrive any day. The Astorian says: "It is the same one used by the Senator in Washington, and was sent to the shop for a few minor repairs. The manufacturer has shipped it, and the Senator is looking forward to the pleasure he will derive from his 'bubble' when it does arrive. It is a magnificent machine, unlimited as to speed, and made by the whose car won third place in the Vanderis no evidence to convict, yet police au- bilt cup race last year."

MALHEUR County is adopting the same policy as the Union Pacific in selecting bridge materials. Contracts have just been let for the construction of six steel bridges for county roads. The steel trusses will rest upon concrete piers at the ends, thus making a structure that will stand wear and tear for years. The railroads are replacing wooden bridges with steel structures as rapidly as possible.

UASSIA wood, for use in making ma-Q terials for spraying Oregon hopyards, is now arriving in Columbia River ports. The wood comes from South Amerlea in sticks the size of cordwood. It is taken to planning mills, where it is cut into chips by machinery and the quas-sla chips are sold to dealers, and by dealers to the hopgrowers. As the wood is worth about \$1.50 a stick, the deckhands on the river boats are mor ful about dropping it overboard than they are cordwood,

A White House Regret.

Puck. Write, write, write, Till the cowe oome over the len; And I would that my pen could utter-But no single pen can utter-The thoughts that arise in me.

Taiks just like Jim Hill.

should get good results.

has a stick in it. Officers in dry counwell to watch the soft drinks establishments.

Now the 'Democrats are having a taste of nonpartisanship in their own

Medford has the biggest bore in Ore-

gon. It will go 4000 feet deep, from one to twenty-five inches in diameter. It

Of course the "Roosevelt lemonade"

ranks. The Czar denies that he will abdicate.

ould not elect this time. The cobbler who discovered how to make ashes burn might make a fortune

if he could discover some way to make cigars out of the ashes.