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ETHUSELAH'S oath as to his age Would not be accepted by pro-officials of the United States Census Bureau. Dr. Wilbur L. Cressy. head of the department of vital statisales of the Census Bureau, has be ing a little investigating recently, and has just announced that his figures show that it is extremely doubtful whether any human being ever lived longer than 100 years.

The case on which Dr. Wilbur bases this ensertion is that of Noah Raby, long known as the oldest man in the country, who died a few years ago firm in the conviction that he had been on this earth 131 years and 11 months. "I have carefully looked into Raby's

case to which the attention of the cell-sys expert might be drawn. Mrs. Wonderly is now in her 108th rear. She remembers distinctly the last visit of the comet in 1835, and can talk intelligently on incidents that or-curred 20 years before the outbreak of the Civil War.

Old Texan Drank All His Life.

the New York medical record of 1834. after serving in the United States Navy a number of years he was honorably discharged in 1805. The Navy Depart-ment record states that New York and the States of the State at the States of The distinction of having weathered the 19th and 10 years of the 19th and 10 turies. He was born in Senecue, a lit-tic village along the Rio Grande, in 1950 Reptismal records filed away in the archives of the old cathedral at El Fuso prove his age.

and the depth of the wrinkles in her face and arms and hands was incred-lble. During the last year or two of her life she ate little or nothing and siept about two hours out of 24. Mrs. Elizabeth Wonderly, a Philadel-phia woman, who long ago passed the 100-year mark, and is still well and able to take daily walks in the neigh-borhood of her home, is still another case to which the attention of the cen-sys expert might be drawn.

by a flood in 1722. The aged Texan is an incessant cigarette smoker. He rolls the tobacco himself, using corn husk for wrappers. Guiterrez smokes from 60 to 30 cig-arettes a day, and has drunk whisky for more than 15 years with no perceptible bad affects in all big 120 years be has

more than is years with no perceptice bad effects. In all his 120 years he has never been sick enough to go to bed and call a doctor. A dozen more instances of extreme old age might be mentioned, but if Dr. Wilbur investigates the ones cited he will have his hands full for some time to come. to come

The census expert's opinion is arous-

SITUATION IN SPAIN IS CYNOSURE OF EYES OF NATIONS OF ALL WORLD

Struggle Between Rome and Madrid Watched Intently, and Question as to Who Shall Rule Is Uppermost in Government Circles of Europe.



RECALLED BY SPAIN

Spanish situation are being watched with undisguised interest by the entire civilized world. With the Secretary of State, Cardinal Merry Del Val. and the Spanish Minister, Canalejas, hurling at each other daily messages whose venom is but scantily hidden by the diplomatic terms in which they are couched, and his entire kingdom on the verge of revolution and civil war, the lot of King Alfonso is by no means an enviable one. "Who is to rule Spain?" is a question he probably would appreciate having answered. The interposition of the Carlist pre

tender, Don Jaime, at this crisis in the affairs of Spain will beyond doubt become one of the most serious ob-stacles to the settlement by peaceful means of the present controversy be-tween the Vatican and the Spanish Gov-







ment record states that Nosh Raby was on the rolls of the Frigate Constitution I believe the first story, that In 1820. of his discharge in 1995, to be pure le-gend, as near as I can figure Raby was

"It is my opinion that the other cases of extreme longevity reported from time to time in various sections of the time to this in various schemes is a sub-country are just as incorrect. It is un-doubtedly true that the age of 100 is eccasionally attained, but very doubt-fai whether the 105 unitk has ever been reached as exceeded."

reached as exceeded." In William may be absolutly correct in his deductions. There are, however, a number of other instances of old age of which is the report of his investiga-tion he made ao mention. Here are a few examples of persons who it is be-lived by many passed the 165th mile-trone.

"Old Bill" Born in 1803.

William Macabee, an old marin William Macabee, an old marner, who threw stones at the British sol-diers at Yorktown in 1812, is now a hale and hearty inmate of the United States Naval Home in Philadelphia. "Mid Bull," as he is affectionately termed by no mates in the home will celebrate his 197th birthday next Sep-tember. The old man has encoused the relebrate his 107th birthday next Sep-tembet. The old man has encaped the most common affliction of old age-desfines, and never asks to have a question repeated. He is found of tell-ing of his experiences, and never tires, of receiving visitors. Macabee is said to have been horn in Baltimore, Sento have been horn in Baltimore, Sep-tember 22, 1883. He was on board the Yorktown when it was wrecked off Cape Verde in 1856, and was also a sailor on the frigate Congress when it was blowm up by the Merrimac in Hampton Roads in 1862. He was 71 when he entered the Navel Home in 1874, and has lived there ever time. The case of James McGregor, af Northerite N. It is another instance

1514, and has fixed there ever unex. The case of James McGregor, of Northville, N. H. is another instance where Dr. Wilbur may be mistaken. Mr. McGregor was horn in North New-port, N. H. 1891, two years before Old full Macabee. Throughout his life he never used tobacce or liquor. His fame as the oldest freemassen in the world apread all over the country. He was initiated into that order in 1825. Noni Rahy, who, Dr. Wilbur ways, was

Noah Raby, who, Dr. William says, was mistaken in his age, was born, according towhis story, in Gatesville, N. C., in 1772. The last 25 years of his life were spent in the Piscataway poorheuse,

old Texan has been blind for the past five years. This affliction has

PNEUMATIC TIRE MAY GO

FORTLAND INVENTOR DEVISES SPOKE WITH SPRING.

Ira J. Merrill's Genius Results in Creating Wheel That Will Eliminate Much Auto Cost.

A spring wheel for the automobile, which will give buoyancy to the vehicle without the costly pneumati rubber tire, has been the quest of hundreds of ingenious inventors. Springs in the hubs, in the spokes, between bed and wheel frame, and otherwise

ave been tried. But it has remained for a Portland man to get out a spring wheel, simple in construction and efficient in prin in construction and efficient in prin-ciple, which is to be offered to the world as a substitute for the pneumatic tire, redoient with punctures and as-cending to dizzy heights in price. Ira J. Merrill, well known in local engineering and mechanical circles, has just been granted a patent for the new spring automobile wheel. In design, this wheel gives complete rigidity along all lines of force excepting the vertical, in which elasticity is required. Steel spring metal constitutes the vertical, in which elasticity is required. Steel spring metal constitutes the spokes of the which, and being set on a curved line gives best results in res-iliency. Enough of the steel metal will be used to give lateral strength and keep the weight of the machine prop-erly halamed. At the rim the spring spoke is fixed on a pivot, permitting vertical motion but rigid against any interal movement. In the hub the spring spoke is firm, giving resiliency to the outer section. Wear in the rim pivot is taken up by a brass busing

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naturally, considerable doubt among the believers in old folk's statements among

regarding their ages. 'Old BIH" Macabee was told of Dr. Wilbur's statement. He looked sober for a moment, then laughed, and said. "He is nothing but a boy: when he's as old as I am he'll know better

hers to make the cushion resilient for

all exordinary stresses there is no apparent reason why the life should not be very great, perhaps as great as that of the springs now used under automobile bed. Merrill estimates that the first Mr.

Mr. Merrill estimates that the first cost will be wall below present first cost, while in maintenance he thinks there can hardly be a comparison. He will have a solid ploce of rubber on his outer rim, to give noiseless loco-motion and also to provide the wheel with the excellent gripping surface which is had with rubber tires. But the quantity of this rubber per tire will be small, and it may be made quite hard and filled with some harder ma-rerisi to give it long life.

hard and hild with some barder ma-terial to give it long life. Mr. Merrill, whose home is at 50 First street, hopes to have his wheel manu-factured in Portland. His faith in the invention has been strengthened by most favorable most favorable comment among the mechanics and automobile men who whe have seen the device, and he intends to have a set of the wheels prepared as seen as possibl for a thorough operating test

BOYS TRAMP AFTER TROUT

Fish Reward Efforts, but Season D Too Early for Bears.

With their fishing and hunting para-phermalia, blankets and supplies on their backs, a party of Portland boys their backs, a party of Portain Boost who were solourning at Long Beach, Wash, recently made a trip into the Bear River territory near Fort Colum-bia in quest of fish and game. In the first-mamed quest they had fair suc-cess, but on the second they were sore-ly disappointed.

in the party were Len Streibig, Dell In the party were Len Streibig, Dell O'Hanlon, Walter Hummel, F. Peck, Fred McKeown and Earl Hughes, They left Long Beach bound for the fishing country on August 16 and returned on August 18 a tanned, dusty, tired, but nevertheless happy aggregation. The train was taken to Wallakot and there

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The last cance cruise of the club, some weeks ago, was productive of much good fun and good coats of tan. About 25 members were in that party. Canoe cruises are in keeping with the motto of the club: "Something doing all the time." All of the clubmen stem more progressive now than at any time for years.

Saturday following Labor day the annual Fall regatts for the members of the club will be held. Captain Allen expects to have a race between five four-oared crews.

A special single shell race, which has developed out of friendly rivalry be-tween Pfnener, Waite, Helwig and J. Gloss, will be the feature of the re-gatta. These boys are keeping them-melves in condition for the race.

A race between two crews of women will be another feature.

Captain Allen has 10 new oarsmen under his wing teaching them the rud-iments of the game. These men will be material for crews in years hence.

One of the most thoroughly enjoyed of the popular fortnightly social hops and dances at the club was held Friday night. A large attendance was on hand and a pleasant evening was en-joyed. These dances will continue un-til late in the year, or possibly all Winter. Winter.

John Fitting. a member of last Year's senior crew, who attended the University of California last year, was a Portland visitor yesterday. He is a member of the Rugby football team, which made a tour of Australia and New Zealand. Other men known to Portland carsmen were members of the party. They loft for California en the Shasta Limited last night.

The annual meeting of the Portland Rowing Club will probably be held in Notember. A report of one of the most successful years of the institution will then be read.

The hot, sultry, weather has been the incentive for most of the club members to take to the water. Last week was a fairly busy one at the club.

Ball Teams to Play for Side Bet.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 27.-(Spe-cial.)-For a \$200 side het a baseball game between Kalama and Limton will be played on the Tri-City ball grounds in this city tomorrow afternoon at 2:00 the box factory dock at Linnton in the morning at 10 o'clock, and bring the team and rocters from there to Vancouver.

Swedish Minister Recalled.

STOCKHOLM. Aug. 27.-Herman de la Gercrantz, the Swedish Minister to the United States, has, it was an-nounced here today, been recailed. He was appointed in January, 1907.

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cleatatics. King Alfonso is powerless to interfere with his mother-in-law, and the rumor has spread that the Queen attends the services secretly, which probably is un-true. However, the more suggestion has greatly injured her already waning pop-ularity. Oncer Mother Christing always yagets

ularity: Queon Mother Christina always resents the presence and pretanzions of Princess Beatrice and is not unwilling quietly to fan the flame of Indignation her domi-nating way kindled among the Spanish grandees and their families. Queen Vic-toria stanchly upholds her mother, and continues to show the utmost deference.

Improvements That Oregon Would Do Well to Imitate.

in an effort to crush in its inclutency any revolutionary move of the people shows only too clearly the seriousness of the mittin th

Captain-General Weyler, one of the ablert and at the same time most

ablert and at the same time most cruci of Spanish wilitary men, is credited with making the following statement: "The moment a revolutionary outbreak compels me as Capitain-General to as-sume the supreme commend. I want the revolutionists to know they must prepare for a merciless light. There will be noticer priseders for wounded. The walls of the hospitalls will become das-less and the comsteries will have to be

the Walton Prison is something more than our county jall and something less than our pententiary. And while I found the English people somewhat exercised over what they deemed need Streets Cleaned by Automobiles ed reforms in their prison system. I must confess with some humiliation to the great superiority of the Liverpool Rev. W. G. Eliot, Jr., Writes of Berlin's Perfect Work-Several Public prisons to anything we have in Ore-

gon. "You will be interested to know that I attended the closing debate on the Accession Declaration Bill and was present in the House of Commons at Its passage.

its passage. "I leave for Vienna tomorrow mora-ing and thence into Hungary, where we celebrate the 400th anniversary of Unitarianism in that country. I ex-pect to reach Portland October 1. I am eager to be at work again."

RUBES TO PLAY AT RANIER

Team Strengthened in Hope of Win-

ning Side Bet of \$100.

"Red" Rupert's ballplayers will leave

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and most important is probably the German system of education, at every point from kindergarten to university; and the second point is the vicious cir-cis caused in any country where the

Rev. William G. Ellot, Jr., pastor of the First Unitarian Church, writes to a member of the Oregonian staff as semi-personal, semi-public letter from Mu-tich under date of Aurors 16 Among nich under date of August 16. Among other things he says: would suppose highly to the advantage of commerce.

"We arrived at noon from Oberamergau. Munich impresses me, as do al the European cities, with its cleanliness. It is not unlike Beriln in its gen eral modern atmosphere. Its prosperity

and style of building. I can not say that either place has such charm as the smaller places like Weimer or Witand the packa like weiner of Wil-erg. But I do not doubt that there d be much to learn of a technical if. I had the time for such reseaches

Berlin Has Model System.

Poverty Less Apparent.

"There apepars to be much less por

erty in Berlin and Munich than in Lon-

ion and Liverpool, for reasons that I

have not been able altogether to as

certain. But there are two causes that

may be at least contributive. The first