

Inside Facts Obtained. "ROTARY VALVE" NEW INVENTION It appeared from the evidence today OF C. W. COMSTOCK, OF DILLEY. that the packers received advance in-formation of a postponement of action on the Borland resolution by the House

on the Borland resolution by the House judiciary sub-committee. Close watch was kept on the views of Congressmen on the Borland reso-jution by agents of the packers in Washington, their reports usually be-ing cautiously devised so that identi-ties were indicated only by initial or state. Especial attention was given to Representative Gard, of Ohio, and Rep-resentative Morgan, of Oklahoma, from whom opposition was feared. Opposi-

Inventor Says Use of Valve Will Do Away With Forty or More Parts of Ordinary Four-Cylinder Motor.

There is

Honor of Departed Comrade.

Does Not Save Slacker Husband.

To face allegations that he conspired

F. A. Ballin Talks at Luncheon of Oregon Civic League.

is in the Navy, and Arthur S. Dustan are in Company H. 162d Infantry. Sergeant Arthur and Corporal Ralph went to the Max-ican border together, and are now in France, having made the voyage to England and the subsequent cross-ceived from Sergeant Arthur Dustan in the subsequent Arthur Dustan interval arthur There is a popular fallacy that noden ships are all sailing ships, ac-H. 182d Infantry. Sergeant Arthur cording to F. A. Ballin, who spoke at the luncheon of the Oregon Civic League in the Multnomah Hotel yesterday. This situation was largely true, said Mr. Ballin, at the close of the Civil War, when a ship of 2000 tons was con-

C. W. Comstock, of Dilley, Or., is the inventor of a device recently putented, which is known as a "rotary valve" for gas engines. By means of a hollow when the war zone. They are designed, he said, only for trade along the coast MORALF IS CRIMBING MORALF IS CRIMBING of Nord Slesvig, as the Danes still call it, or Schleswig, as the Germans call it, or Schleswig, as the Germans

day. This situation was inreely thus, said Mr. Ballin, at the close of the Civil War, when a ship of 2000 tons was con-sidered large. Now, he said, the ma-jority of the wooden ships are operated by steam, and a tonnage of 4000 is con-sidered small. Mr. Ballin said the chief difficulty in the way of construction is the high wages which the employers are obliged to pay. Mr. Ballin also brought out a his new acquisition

made into an apartment house. Contractor Palmer, who built a number of houses here last Summer, has returned from Spokane, where he spent the Winter, and is in consulta-

Several local contractors also,

PASCO WILL SEE BUILDING

Apartment-House and Large Busi-

ness Block Already Planned.

PASCO, Wash., Jan. 26 .- (Special.)-The present season premises to wit-ness considerable activity in building operations. The old Koontz home on

Columbia street, which is one of the largest dwellings-in Pasco, has been purchased by E. D. Sheffield and will

be moved to the corner of Second Avenue and Bonnsville street, and with another five-room house which Mr. Sheffleid owns, will be remodeled and

ion with a number of intending home

niracts for a number of residences.

Home Building Campaign.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Jan. 25 .- (Spe al) -An advertising campaign to en-ourage home building will be launched ere shortly by the Grays Harbor

Realty Association, which is now work-ng upon plans for this movement. A

big pool of money is expected to be

ised for businesses interested in home

have

whom opposition was feared. Opposi-tion to the Borland resolution, includ-ing a flood of telegrams inspired by the ackers, was financed, according to the vidence, by a fund of \$15,000 raised on

a percentage basis among the Armour, Swift, Morria Cudahy and Sulnberger or Wilson firms. This percentage received the close at-

tention of the commissioners, who were told by Mr. Heney that it was a con-tinuation and extension of the pool known as the National Packing Comordered dissolved by the Federal pany. courts in 1912. "We will show that this undertaking

betwen the packers has continued and is now in effect," he said, "and that they apportion the livestock purchases throughout the United States on the basis of their property holdings, and that all joint expenses were met on the same basis."

## Buying Agreements Charged.

Buying agreements, tending to elim-inate competition and to permit the packers to control the Nation's food supply, long have been charged by the livestock growers in their demands for livestock growers in their demands for Governmental Inquiry Into the busi-ness. E. C. Lassier, of Faifureiss. Tax, a leading figure in the Amer-ican National Livestock Association, took the stand to tell of conferences requested by the packers to promote batter feeling between the producing and purchasing ends of the business. He said little was accomplianted, as the packers were insistent, first of all, that the proposed inquiry should be sidetracked entirely, or confined only to economic questions, with all crim-inal aspects eliminated. "I told them that if conditions are

Inal aspects eliminated. "I told them that if conditions con-tinued unchanged my holdings could go to any man who would pay the remaining indebtedness," he asserted, "for I did not want to leave my chil-dren a heritage from which they could obtain only what they were allowed by five outsiders controlling the mar-ket."

Colin H. Livingstone, representative at Washington for Armour & Co., in handling questions affecting their for-eign trade, and a business associate

organ trades, and a business associate of the late Senator Elkins, of West Virginis; Charles W. Morse, and the Guggenheims was the only other wit-ness during the day. His testimony ended abrupily when Mr. Heney pro-duced svidence of a letter he had writ-ten Armour & Co. and which was not included in the correspondence Fir-

included in the correspondence Liv-ingstone furnished the commission. One of the commission's agents accom-panied Mr. Livingstone to his office to search for the missing letter.

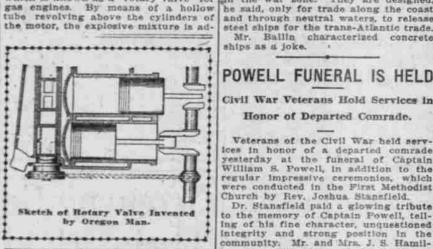
### Activity Is Denied.

While on the stand Mr. Livingstone said he had not been active against the Borland resolution. A letter from A. R. Urion, of Armour & Co., to J. unit is open to men subject to the draft, and they may enlist by the process of induction by merely applying to their Ogden Armour, said a request for ad-

ditional compensation by Mr. Living-stone for work in obtaining settlement for meat cargoes detained by the British blocade swrety must refer to his efforts on the Borland resolution. Mr. Urion asserted that he knew nothing of influence which Livingstone said he had with Sir Thomas Shaughnessy units from traveling long distances to reach the point of organization. The unit is open to any county in Oregon. and other Canadian "dignitaries.

• The name of E. Dana Durand, of the University of Minnesota, a former Gov-ernment official, appeared in the docu-

mentary evidence again in connection with the preparation of an economic justification of Swift & Co. Mr. Durand San Francisco, through its Portland representative, S. Shirek, yesterday justification of Swift & Co. Mr. Durand was asked to underiake the work of sditing the information compiled by the Swift firm. He replied he sympa-thised with their object, but could not do so until he saw the information and was certain it was to be a fair state-ment of conditions. He eventually did underiake the work, sccording to ist-ters, and refused any remuneration ex-



mitted to the cylinders, and the products of combustion removed practically without noise and vibration. Mr. Comstock says that by means of

this rotary valve, 40 or 50 parts of an ordinary four-cylinder motor can be eliminated. Moreover, the new valve Cemetery. rotates next to a water-cooled surface, and is therefore free from the ailments caused by overheating which are com-SUPPORT GIVEN TOO LATE non to cylinder valves.

Testimony of Recently Wedded Wife The new device, according to its in-ventor, is especially desirable for the T or twin type of motor, and there-fore may prove valuable in mirplane motor construction. A motor equipped

with the rotary valve. Mr. Comstock says, can be manufactured for consid-erably less than one equipped with the present style of valves. Also the motor with this attachment could be made lighter without loss of strength. to evade the draft, Russell Haynes was yesterday bound over under bond of \$5000 to appear before the grand jury. United States Commissioner Drake, after hearing the tostimony of the young man's wife, to whom he was wedded last December, refused to re-Mr. Comstock intends to offer his invention to the Government first. If the War Department does not accept held in jail.

his offer he intends to sell the device to one of several Eastern automobile Haynes sought deferred classification on the ground that his wife and sons, 3½ and 4½ years old, are de-pendent on him for support. The wife manufacturers, with whom he is already in correspondence. told the Commissioner he had done

ENGINEERS TO ORGANIZE

New Company Is Open to All Men Subject to Draft.

Members of the local draft boards yesterday called attention of Oregon registered men to the new company of United States regular engineers, which is forming at Vancouver Barracks. This

Upon recommendation of Municipal Judge Rossman and Deputy District At-torney Ryan, Governor Withycombe has granted a pardon to John Gillan, who was convicted in the Police Court

induction by merely applying to their local board. The unit, which as yet has no name, is to be similar to the 20th Engineers. The Provast Marshal-General has sent notice directing attention to the new unit as a means of saving men who units from traveling long distances to reach the point of organization. The notice directing is to be determined to 30 days, being unable to pay the fine. Gillan was convicted of bottlegging, along with George Voglesang. They conducted a place at First and Alder streets. Voglesang served his time and paid part of his fine and agreed to pay the balance, being pardoned out meanwhile, recently.

## Auto Smashes Stone Fence.

surrounding part of the building. Outside of the damage to the fence will cost several hundred dollars was hurt.

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MUKALE IS GRUMBLING call it, or Schleswig, as the Germans have named the province wrested from the Danes in the last century, and through neutral waters, to release steel ships for the trans-Atlantic trade Ballin characterized concrete

GERMAN WILLINGNESS TO SUR-RENDER IS REPORTED.

Johan Poulsen Receives Letter From Brother in Denmark Telling of Escape

of Nephew After Being Gassed.

Veterans of the Civil War held serv Proof that the far-famed morale ces in honor of a departed comrade resterday at the funeral of Captain of the German army is crumbling is found in a letter received by J. Poulsen, yesterday at the funeral of Captain William S. Powell, in addition to the regular impressive ceremonies, which were conducted in the First Methodist Church by Rev. Joshua Stansfield. were conducted in the First Methodist Church by Rev. Joshua Stanfield. Dr. Stansfield paid a glowing tribute to the memory of Captain Powell, tail-ing of his fine character, unquestioned integrity and strong position in the community. Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hamil-ton sang "The Home of the Soul" and "Some Sweet Day." Pailbearers were: J. C. Roberts, E. S. Miller, E. P. North-rup, Dr. J. L. Hewitt, William Pyte and Herbert Coffin. The final serv-ices, with the burial, were at Riverview Cemetery.

escape from Germany to Denmark. The elder brother escaped, but Peter was caught. When the German military

authorities found that he was a native

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* MRS. METSCHAN'S SON-IN-LAW

RETURNING HOME ON FURLOUGH.

LEASES NEGOTIATED MANY

builders, as well as some who are contemplating the construction of busi-iess buildings. One of these is a large they consigned him to prison for his reluctance to fight for Germany. W. W. Metzger, of Stanley S. Thomp-After ten months of captivity he was taken out of prison and drilled, then sent to the front with a Hamburg regiment. He was thus placed because the city of Hamburg is a stronghold of Prussianism, and it was expected that he could not stir up sedition or uncerfully atternet to accure son Co., Reports Activities. unsiness block to be located on Lewis treet between Third and Fourth, the blans for which are already completed.

The following leases were closed in

the past couple of weeks through W. W. Metzger, of the Stanley S. Thompon Company: Storeroom, 50 North Fourth street,

bia Shipbuilding Company, Mr. Fish, owner: the entire building at 1036 East

storeroom, 439 Stark street, leased to C. Thomas for restaurant, F. G. heeler, owner: storeroom, 42714

Kept at Home. KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Jan. 28 .-

To keep all the money possible in Klamath Falls is the aim of Houghtal-ing & Dugan, of Portland, architects, who will start the construction of the

Wheeler, owner:

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uilding.

leased to C. Rones for restaurant pur-poses, John Dellar, owner: storeroom, 65-7 Union avenue, leased to M. Taruccessfully attempt to escape.

Clausen's surprise must have been great when (the regiment having been at the front for some time) he heard the "joyal men of Hamburg" scretly planning to surpender in a body to the English at the first opportunity. While this plan was being launched Clausen was gassed and sant to the base. Here he was allowed owne liberty as a rest ow for manufacturing of mattresses Hawthorne avenue, leased to Florence Jeffery for candy klichen, Portland Trust Company, owner: southeast cor-ner Third and Oak streets, rented to W. H. LeBee, Portland Trust Company, he was allowed some liberty, as a gas victim who needed fresh air. He saw w. H. Leber, Form, 428 Alder street, leased to N. C. Kelly for delicatesen, D. P. Thompson, owner: storeroom, 427

victim who needed fresh air. He saw his chance and escaped to a near-by port, where, for the sum of 3000 marks. or about \$750, he bribed a ship cap-tain, evidentity a German, to take him to a point on the Danish cosst, a dis-tance of less than 109 miles. Once in Denmark he made his way to the home of his uncle. Peter A. Poulsen. "The people of Nord Slesvig are not Germans, though they have here under storage purposes, J. R. Rogers, owner three-story brick warehouse on Hoo street, near Baker, leased to Colum

Germans, though they have been under the German yoke since 1864," said Mr. Poulsen yesterday. "Nord Slesvig would Broadway, leased to Frank C. Savage never have become German territory if never have become German territory if Germany had not deceived the people with promises of independence. The allies may take warning from the fate of that province when the time comes Pacific Coust Biscuit Company, owner: of that province when the time comes to consider peace terms."

Washington strest, leased to Herbert 8. Pillsbury for "beanery," Charles E. ROAD WORK IS PUSHED Frost, lessor. KLAMATH TO GET CONTRACTS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION, 15 Money on New Building Work to Be

SPEEDING CONSTRUCTION. Progress on Lower Columbia Is Reported Satisfactory by Engineer

C. H. Whitemore.

new Klamath State Bank building at SALEM, Or., Jan. 26.-(Special.)-C. the corner of Six I. Whitemore, engineer for the State the near future. the corner of Sixth and Main streets, in Highway Commission, returned today after inspecting the two jobs on the Lower Columbia River Highway taken Monday, and that all contracts and subover by the Commission from the War-ren Construction Company some time since, and reports that the Commission The new building, which is to be twois taking out about 10 per cent more rock for the roads than was being taken out when the construction com-about \$15,000. The second story will be occupied by offices.

pany had charge. Rapid progress is being made on the work, considering weather conditions. About nine miles of macadam have been completed on the stretch between Even

son and Westport and about four miles between Westport and Clatskanie. It is expected that both jobs will be com-pleted by June I. L. O. Herrold, con-tractor on macadam work between Clatskanie and Galena, has about four and on-shalf miles of the work comand one-half miles of the work completed on that stretch, with five miles yet to be dona. Completion of these jobs will leave

a 10-mile stretch this side of Astoria to be completed, and this will be done by August 1, providing a hard-surface from Portland to Astoria, with the ex-ception of about 20 miles from the Multnomah County line to Goble, which s graveled and in good condition

### Grazing Experts Attend Meeting.

in construction to the one he used to ride around his farm. Licutenant Neill is expected to arrive in Portland within the T. P. Mackenzie and L. E. McDaniels. grazing experts from the Portland of-fices of the United States Forest Serv-ice, are attending the annual conven-tion of the Washington Wool Growers' Association at Yakima.

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## F-I-V-E M-I-L-L-I-O-N D-O-L-L-A-R-S.

Portland bank deposits show a fine gain over last year: December 27, 1916......\$89,104,000.00

December 31, 1917..... 94,560,000.00

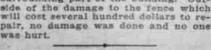
The entire Northwest is experiencing the stimulus of increased prosperity. Reports from Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon read the same-population increasing rapidly.

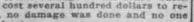
The real estate market is the last to recover from a period of general depression. Daily it is becoming more active. This is the time to buy, while prices are yet low. B-U-Y N-O-W.

## PORTLAND REALTY BOARD.

## New Store to Open March 1. The L. Dinkelspiel Company, Inc., of

## To avoid colliding with another automobile at Fifth and Jefferson streets yesterday morning. Ed Popick swerved his car into the City Hall and tore out about 12 feet of the fancy stone fence





# nothing to support them prior to De-cember 10, 1917. JOHN GILLAN PARDONED

## Portland Man Had Served 60 Days for Liquor Violation.

his



Kenneth M. C. Neill, of Arden

Craig Farm, near Grants Pass, who is a son-in-law of Mrs. Phil Metschan, Jr., wife of the mana-ger of the Imperial Hotel, is on

his way home after three years' service with the British army in France, according to a cable-gram received by Mrs. Metschan.

Mr. Neill left here in February,

term of service his value to

1915, as a private. He will return as a First Lieutenant. Early in

the British military machine, be-cause of his knowledge of cater-

pillar engines, was discovered,

and his rise was rapid. With his last promotion he was placed in charge of 53 tractors, all similar

next two weeks.





