# The Oregonian

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and it will be easy for him to spare voung Oscar from the immediate imperial circle. It is, indeed, the royal at the peculiarities of non-partisanrustom of all great conquerors to be- ship and the inconsistencies of its exstow on subjugated nations the bene- pression. Among other of its vagarles fits of rule through near kinsmen. It is the unanimity with which the is something more than the practice bogus non-partisan press declares of that diplomacy which devises inand insures, or is intended to insure, fairs and resents criticism of Demodynastic permanence all around. ters way to keep a firm hold on other states and at the same time to gather together as many thrones as possible tisanship as with the pretense of non-

The eldest son of the Kaiser is as- organized non-partisanship of Oregon sured of the German succession, un- is to promote the fortunes of the less, of course, the empire through a Democratic party. There is no word revolution or otherwise should decide of complaint from the humbug nonto end the long reign of the Hohen- partisans when the present National mollerns. But there are five other Administration is partisan, only when royal princes, and, if Germany is to the state administration is partisan, conquer the world, what more natural as it sometimes is. than that a kingdom should be pro-vided for each of the sons, to say and others of its kind, think the Prestpothing of a son-in-law and numerous

Caesar founded a dynasty, though ning of a royal line, though he, too, of party? only an anemic direct heir, who dled in young manhood. But the Kaiser is not troubled about the succession, and has made abundant provision in the way of male issue. There are, indeed, stories that clashes be tween the Crown Prince and his roya sire are frequent, but their quarrel are evidently not over the succession. The Cmr, indeed, had the right to name his royal heir, but that privilege is not given to the Emperor. Perhaps it is fortunate for the eldest Hohen sollern son that his crown is other-

As the Moscow campaign was an trretrievable disaster for Napoleon, so the Russian enterprise of the Kaiser may involve him in difficulties from which he may not recover. As the mbition of Bonaparte to rule through his brothers resulted in uniform failure, the Kaiser may be wise enough nish project would appear to indicate that he thinks he can achieve what

Napoleon could not. There were four brothers and three sisters of Napoleon, most of them possessed in some measure of the Bonaparte ambition, selfishness and ability; and there was a mother who retained to the last her desire for maternal central, but who never forgot her common, if not plebelan origin, and who looked forward to the day when the purple would be taken from all of On their own account at least two of Napoleon's brothers would have been conspicuous men, and one sister had qualities of real greatness. The intrigues of brothers and sisters, their constant demands upon the greatest Benaparte for favors, and the determination of Napoleon to manage the demestic and other affairs of his near elatives, are a part of the Bonaparte

trolling relation to the Napoleonic

King of Naples and then King of cien Prince of Canino; while his in-Grand Duchess of Tuscany; Marie an increase Pauline received the title of Duchess per cent. of Guestalia, and Marie Annunciata Caroline married Joachim Murat, a en classified as "agricultural labor-Napoleonic General, who became Gov-ers" in the same period was 129 per ernor of Paris, Marshal of France, cent—from 661,103 in 1900 to 1,514.- formin in search of clear skies. and, finally, King of Naples. When not yet taken the bold step of making himself Emperor of France, but was, his own stepdaughter, Hortense Beau- in 1910 is 337,522. harnals, to his favorite brother, Louis, union that was not happy. this union, however, came the Napo- the significant comment that the de- July and August are rainless, with King of Rome (Napoleon II), without issue, the heir to the French throne in female farm laborers was general (Napoleon Charles) having died. The way by which Napoleon III secured the throne, and lost it, and the Prince

The difficulties between Napoleon and Joseph were chiefly over the Joseph had no male heir. and neither had Napoleon (until much fifter, after his divorce from Josephine and his marriage to Marie Louise); plan to which Napoleon never agreed, at work on farms. and from which Joseph never de-The Napoleonic purpose at first was to name the son of Louis, have been engaged in farming in Eu-but the newer idea of an Austrian rope than in the United States. How-

and he later issued an imperial de- "land army," The number is still falls on the plateau between the two as a professor of modern languages, Mark Twain in the spirit world would township,

liant orator, had contracted a mar- | jobs. riage beneath him (in the Napoleonic too. 45 m of 1815. It was Lucien who, in 1750, case of women than in that of men.

No Bonaparte is today on any throne, and it would be difficult, without an encyclopaediac search, to say who is the successor of the first Bona-It was the fashion of Naparte. poleon I to find crowns for his broth- will permit the assignment of volun- remain only the disturbing possibili- effort of the kind desired. But disers, his relatives and his Generals consulting the people concerned. 'self-determination of peoples." Kaiser may be wiser. He at least goes through the form, or proteose, consulting Finland as to its new King.

### MORE HUMBUG NON-PARTISANSHIP.

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In discussing non-partisanship, The Orecontain says: "A still mature judgment
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The Oregonian has long marveled against partisanship (that is to say, It cratic partisanship in National affairs. Let us say that The Oregonian does not find fault so much with non-parpartisanship. The sole aim of the

dent should summon to the service of the Government, for the war, high statesmanship, demonstrated efficiency, proven leadership, from the body of his imperial ambition to be the begin-loyal American citizens, irrespective

> Or should some men be chosen because they belong to one party, and other men ignored solely because they belong to another party?

# BEING A VEGETARIAN.

Whatever the scientists may sayand they disagree on the subject-as the sustaining power of a vegetarian diet, it is certain that the man who can live on the product of his own garden stands a better chance of being happy during the coming year is behave himself. There is a dispo-than he who, through habit or other-sition in some quarters to take advan-

wise, demands other foods.

An Englishman, head of a family of six, writes to a London newspaper that he, his wife and four children by the call to war. The time to check diet consisting entirely of raw veger and Germany found this out early in sideration. He was a teller of stories, to them by Mark Twain, and a series men'who are members of tables made of grated turnips, carrots, the war. When the authorities were not profound, but essentially pure. If with fruit salad, toast and porridge, spirit ran wild for a time. It was Americans are not subtle. He was a ceived from the same dead author. All the vegetables used were grown in harder to suppress it after it had had non-transcendentalist in a time when and which are published in Azoth, a the home garden and stored for Winter its way than it would have been to use. The writer says that they use prevent it in the first instance. neither tea nor coffee.

It seems to be a case of "If a man likes that sort of thing, it is the sort of thing he would like." It is not probable that the diet in question would commend itself to many persons, and it is even possible that most of us would not thrive upon it. But think how fortunate one would be who could learn to like it! No grocery bills to pay. No danger of being accused of hourding food. Just a labor in the garden and one's board bill is paid.

se who can thrive on vegetables are lucky. They are about the most independent people in the world.

# THE WOMEN'S LAND ARMY.

Difficulties in the way of making history with which the world is not further use of the labor of women on familiar; yet it had a vital and con- the farms of the United States, according to reports of investigators, which he discusses the relative chances have not been entirely overcome as for observing the eclipse from various the result of experiments made-last most accessible points in Oregon and season. It will surprise most persons, Spain; Louis was King of Holland; however, to learn that the number of many people have an entirely erro-Jérome King of Westphalia; and Lu-women engaged in agriculture in the neous idea concerning the climate of United States in 1910 is given by the these states: "Oregon used to be nick. fant son by Marie Louise was made United States census for that year as named the web-foot state-suggesting King of Rome at birth. The eldest 1,897,050, whereas in 1990 the num- a country where it always rains." But Marianne Elisa, was made ber was recorded as 977,326, showing it does not always rain in Oregon, as Marie an increase in ten years of nearly \$5 the astronomer is at much pains to

The increase in the number of wom-107 in 1919. It is true that most of Napoleon was First Consul and had these were employed on their home ton and Oregon east of the Cascades, farms, but by no means all of them says Professor Townley, "is very sim! exertheless, the sole ruler, he gave corded in the census as "working out" fornia." The rains continue later in

sonic line, for after the death of the tailed percentage increases were "use- the exception of "occasional" thunder ful mainly to show that the increase showers. Imperial, his son, was killed in the have been errors in enumeration, by The observer will have the greatest Zulu war (1879) is no part of this which too many children were classic mathematical chance of finding clear eph insisted that under the fully. It shows that nearly one-sixth of the Blue Mountain region, the as-

much larger proportion of women There are the Continent, the figures for 1911 of course, with its topography.

For the bitter controversies in the for Great Britain and Ireland give designation "webfoot" was designation to the figure of the course, with its topography.

liking. Lucien, an aggressive poli- largely a question of finding competician, a born democrat, and a bell- tent workers and fitting them to the to win the war. Timber and under- legendry of European civilization. He "doubted nothing." He was perhaps estimation), and he sought to cancel women "working out," a special need West. The interlying region contains decicism. it, and persuade Lucien to marry the of suitable housing facilities. This stretches entirely devoid of timber exwidow of the King of Etruria. The problem was only partly solved last cept for the scattering growths which fellow University" may be considered teacher has given him permission to impart his knowledge of his present president to co-ordinate under his suwas at odds with his brother, only to camps in central locations. Conditions subirrigation systems along the creek preserve Longfellow's birthplace. The life—"little as it is"—to the world. pervision all the energies of the Govberger of living are more important in the camps in central locations. Conditions subirrigation systems along the creek preserve Longfellow's birthplace. The life—"little as it is"—to the world. Pervision all the energies of the Govberger of living are more important in the prosecution of the war. Camps in central locations. Conditions subirrigation systems along the creek preserve Longfellow's birthplace. The life—"little as it is"—to the world. Pervision all the energies of the Govberger of living are more important in the camps in central locations. Conditions of living are more important in the prosecution of the war. Camps in central locations. Conditions subirrigation systems along the creek preserve Longfellow's birthplace. The life—"little as it is"—to the world. Pervision all the energies of the Govberger of living are more important in the camps and washington. The life—"little as it is"—to the world. Pervision all the energies of the govberger of living are more important in the prosecution of the war. Camps in central locations. Conditions subirrigation systems along the creek preserve Longfellow's birthplace. The life—"little as it is"—to the world. Pervision all the energies of the govberger of living are more important in the prosecution of the war. Camps in central locations are locations. The life—"little as it is"—to the world. Pervision all the energies of the govberger of living are more important in the prosecution of the war. Camps in central locations are locations. The life—"little as it is"—to the world. Pervision all the energies of the govberger of living are more important in the prosecution of the war. The life—"little as it is"—to the world. Pervision all the energies of living are more important in the prosecution of the war. The life—"little as it is"—to th

> the Mayor of New York in 1917, indipowers were capable of earning satis-

factory wages. But it is also the opinion of stu-

### SUPPRESSING BOWDYISM.

Police magistrates all over the counligerence that wants to get at the the "masher" hasn't a friend left in the country.

One of the latter gentry was arrested in Chicago recently for mis-conducting himself in the presence of American poets was expected, not as woman streetcar conductor. The anagistrate before whom he appeared sent him to the workhouse, and the Chicago Post quotes him as having punctuated the sentence with these other two poets together. He "was easy remarks:

Your type of rowdylam must be curbed. Men have been called away to the front, and patriotic women have been taking their places. I propose to throw every safeguard around women conductors, particularly those who work at night on our cars.

There is no excuse for rowdyism. The least that a stay-at-home can do sition in some quarters to take advantage of the employment of new and inexperienced men on police forces whose membership has been depleted have lived for fourteen weeks on a it is in its incipiency. Both England parsnips, beets and cabbages, together busy with war preparations, the gang he was not subtle, it was because Winkler makes claim to having re-

VIEWING THE ECLIPSE IN JUNE. The forthcoming eclipse of the sun, on June 8 next, will be an event of especial moment in the Pacific Northwest because the central line of the moon's shadow, or the path of totality of the eclipse, lies along the approxi mate course of the western reaches of the Columbia River, which it crosses s short distance from the point where the river changes its course from a outherly to a westerly direction. Interest will be further heightened by the occurrence of the event in June, in a delightful time of year for an

outing.

Sidney Dean Townley, an astrone mer of note and a professor of higher mathematics at Stanford University, has written a monograph for Astronomical Society of the Pacific in Washington, Incidentally, he says that show by data from the official records, and the eclipse will have served one good purpose if it gives publicity

"The Summer climate of Washing were so engaged. The number re- lar to the Summer climate of Callthe Spring and begin earlier in the The director of the census in his Fall in the northern section than in analysis of the figures for 1910 made the southern, but the months of June,

The astronomer has considered the was the second son of Louis, the first throughout the United States and was chances of obtaining an unclouded not confined to the South," and, con- view of the eclipse from such points sequently, it did not involve a question as Heppner, Baker, Goldendale, Quinns, of race. He admits that there may Squally Hook, Blalock and Rock Creek fied as farm laborers, and he makes an weather at the point where the path allowance for probable errors, which of totality crosses the Columbia, near reduces the whole number of women the mouth of the John Day River, but engaged in "agricultural pursuits" to here he must make allowance for the 1.338,959. Even the smaller number, possibility, rather remote at the parhowever, will be a revelation to those ticular season, of encountering a sand who have not studied the subject care- storm. The occasional thunder storms law of primogeniture the royal line of all the women employed in goinful tronomer points out for the benefit of should be vested in him. It was a occupations in the country are actually prospective visitors from the states farther east, are not to be compared It is commonly supposed that a as to frequency with those of the East, much larger proportion of women There are "perhaps two or three, a The climatology of Oregon and marriage and a direct successor super- ever true this may have been as to Washington is intimately associated. The was derived naparte family, the greatest mem- only 120,000 as the number of women from the occurrence of rain in a relaher was not wholly blameless. He doing agricultural work. There was tively minor area. The course of our was extremely angry, for example, at an increase of 44,500 between April, storms is mostly from west and norththe American marriage of the youth-ful Jerome, at Baltimore, and sought 2,000,000 women in England at pres-ture is extracted by the Coast ranges to have it nullified. Upon appeal to ent under the military law as war and the Cascades. Still more is conthe Pope, this request was refused, workers, 60,000 are enrolled in the densed by the Blue Mountains, Little

as President of the Council of Five Hundred at Paris, saved the day for he need to take charge of the Longfellow Society, who will do the President to take charge of the President to take ch Napoleon by closing the sitting, at a lark, this would not be tolerable where will be numerous points from which nate such time as they may be able Then he puts in a word for the meditime when Napoleon had obviously women's labor is employed. Social to choose. The fewest rainy days in for the instruction of young and old ums when, after denying that there lost control of the councils of France, questions of a more or less pressing June according to a table presented in as many communities as possible, are such things as ghosts, he writes: nature are also interwoven with the by Professor Townley, occur at Fort without fees or dues, and in according to a table presented without fees or dues, and a table presented without fees or Success of the women's farm labor June rainfall is lightest in Kennewick the university management. It aims movement would seem to depend —0.28 of an inch. But the June rains at an ideal, and it seems visionary. largely upon not attempting too much, are light along the path of totality Experience has not shown that volun-and upon thorough organization which after the main range is crossed. There teers are dependable for sustained teers to the work in which they are ties of gathering clouds, which might cussion of the subject will be profit-likely to be productive in the best only threaten rain but would interfere able, as has been said, if it only serves formerly held by men, including the June 8 is rather early for thunder some but old-fashioned American heavier forms of labor, would be forestorms, sithough these have been who graced the nineteenth century. omed to failure. Yet one venture, recorded in exceptional years in May started by a committee appointed by Professor Townley's conclusion is that "unless the Summer is backward" cated that women who were wisely early June will be a favorable time for assigned to tasks within their physical an auto trip to Oregon."

# A LONGFELLOW REVIVAL?

Formation of an International Longdents that the widest field for women's agricultural activity lies on the farms fellow Society, with the avowed purwhere they are members of the family, pose of creating a fund to save the rather than in any extensive plan of birthplace of Henry Wadsworth Longworking out." Women living in farm fellow to the people, and the estab- in hand, knapsack, holster, cape and homes will serve best by educating lishment of a "Longfellow University" all the themselves to obtain greater results as a memorial to the poet, will serve rider. in already tried departments. Many a good purpose if they only revive a statue in Washington (D. C.). now excel in farm management, and somewhat flagging interest in the cost will be about \$50,000.

the farm garden movement last sea- works of one of the leading figures

It is interesting to not son owed a large part of its success in American literature within the to the planning, as well as the actual memory of men and women who are labor, of women. Women's opportunity in the crisis is large, but it does fellow's was essentially a healthful and bishops and various conferences, unnot follow that there must be a return a wholesome influence. He lived in a to primitive conditions or that we period when our literature was at its should revert to a peasant system in best. One cannot think of him withwhich both men and women joined out at the same time recalling marriage between imperial families Republican partisanship) in state of in identical physical labor of the hard- such names as Lowell, Holmes, Whittier and Hawthorne, who were his friends and intimates. There was a time when their works were on every shelf. A glance at any library from which these books are now omitted, try seem to be showing appreciation or in which they give mute evidence of their duties in time of war by in- of being unread, will raise grave flicting heavy penalties for all forms doubts whether our literary taste has of hoodlumism committed within their improved. It is certain that their jurisdiction. They are drawing a sharp place has not been worthily filled by distinction between the spirit of bel-

It was a pleasing and well-nigh nemy and that which simply tries to universal custom in the schools of a make trouble at home. Street gangs past generation to-require, even of the are being broken up; "toughs" of younger students, something more all kinds are being sent to jail; and than a medicum of cultivation of the memory, and some of our old-fashioned taskmasters were in the labit of setting prodigious tasks for evidence of higher culture in a limited sense, but as a matter of course. Perhaps Longfellow contributed as much then to our youthful joys as any to remember," partly because of a certain facility of phrasing and an altogether agreeable literary style-whatever the critics may have said about t-and also because better than any other writer of his day, he gave expression to the emotions of Americans. There was in his work none of the subjective method, for example, of the Russians, and while he was surpassed by some of his co-laborers in the literary vineyard in certain technical excellencies, he was outstripped by none of them when the spirit of of Kant. But that which he wrote was popular, and it exercised a direct and uplifting influence upon the lives of many men and women, and, al-though Longfellow was a factor in the early spread of foreign culture in the United States, he was first of all an American of Americans.

It would be difficult to overvalue the influence of "The Building of the Ship" in welding the Nation. good poetry now. As, for example: Build me straight, O worthy Master, Staunch and strong, a goodly vessel, That shall laugh at all disputer, And with wave and whirlwind wrestle.

And its concluding lines, which have been recited by more schoolboys, perhaps, than any others in the language Fenr not each sudden sound and shock, ris of the wave and not the rock; Tis but the flapping of a sail, and not a rent made by the gale! In spite of rock and tempest's roar, in spite of false lights on the shore, Sail on, nor fear to breast the sea! Our hearis, our hopes, our prayers, our tears Our faith triumphant o'er our fears. Are all with thee—are all with thee!

We would be poorer if the simple tale of "Evangeline" had not been written, and American literature would lose a distinctive flavor without "Hiawatha" and the "Courtship of Miles Standish." And "The Village Blacksmith" showed the almost infinite possibilities of a commonplace topic, with its moral that may well serve for all time:

Thanks, thanks to thee, my worthy friend, For the lesson thou hast taught! Thus at the fluming forge of life Our fortunes must be wrought hus on its sounding anvil shaped. Each burning deed and thought. Or, in the lines which occur earlier in the poem, and which contain a pro-

found philosophy: Each morning sees some task begin, Each evening sees it close; Equiphing attempted, something done, Has learned a night's repose.

It would be interesting to know whether the "Psalm of Life" is read as much as it used to be. It and "Excelsior" were in every scrapbook and almost every reader half a century or more ago. The former has a property of "quotability" which poems in the language possess. Tell me not in mournful numbers. things are not what they seem," Dust thou art, to dust returnest, was not spoken of the soul," "Art is long and time is fleeting," "let the dead past bury its dead," "footprints on the sands of time," and "let us, then, be up and doing," arouse memories of a time when they were on the tongue of everyone. And this, which

also rings true today: In the world's broad field of battle, In the bivounc of Life. In the bivouse of Life, se not like dumb, driven cattle! Be a hero in the strife!

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cree of separation, and Jerome accepted it and became King of Westphalia, and contracted another marriage with Catherine of Wurttembers.

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STATUE FOR BISHOP ASBURY. The current issue of the Pacific Christian Advocate has on its first page a photographic reproduction of the proposed statue of Bishop Asbury, taken from the working model of the sculptor, Augustus Lukeman. Appropriately it represents the great father of Methodism in America as on horseback, with book (perhaps the Bible all the paraphernalia of the circuit The proposal is to erect th The

It is interesting to note that the Methodist Episcopal Church (North) dertaken to raise the greater part of the sum, while smaller portions have been assigned to other branches of the Methodists, such as the Free Methodists, African Methodists, and Clearly the geographical split so on. in the great organization is gradually healing. Time is doubtless approach when the Methodist Church "South of God" and "North of God" will know no such division.

As Francis Asbury was the founder of Methodism in the American col-onies, by commission from John Wesley, so was he the original itinerant. He traveled ceaselessly day and night, with unparalleled devotion, in the interest of his church, and he lived to see it grow from a few hundred members, when he landed in America (1771) to a powerful organization of 250,000 members and 2000 preachers when he died in 1816. The available statistics are that the aggregate Methodist membership, all sects, now 7,472,000 communicants in the United States.

Itinerancy is, so to speak, the trade mark of Methodism. To an extent the practice has been abandoned, yet it is the rule that the minister shall go where he is sent, and serve willingly in any field. When the missionary spirit dies from Methodism, it will not bo Methodism.

# THE GHOST OF MARK TWAIN.

Who shall say whether the planchette or the ouija board is the better medium of communication with the spirit world? Perhaps the literary critics will be able to decide after comparing "Jap Herron," a novel ing the school is a Catholic priest, which Miss Emily Grant Hutchings and he has as assistants a secretary all that he wrote is taken into con- and Mrs. Lola Hays say was dictated others were failing under the influence monthly periodical devoted to the study of the life beyond. The firstnamed work was conveyed, so the "amanuenses" say, by means of the ouija board; in the latter instance the author employed a planchette. Taking advantage of the greater latitude permitted by the planchette, he has illustrated his writings. Inasmuch as Mark Twain was not noted as an artist in this life, the rather inferior quality of the sketches will not excite wonder; but we still may be permitted to marvel that his literary style, both in the novel and the messages, reveals against loss. so little of the genius of the old days on earth.

Of the two, the gullible will find nore interest in the letters which Miss Winkler says she found pinned to her bedroom wall after an evening of exorimentation with the planchette. We note again the employment of the health. conventional mediumistic properties in these revelations. Miss Winkler had her mother sleep with her a few nights after the communications began mysteriously to appear, and the result was a brief message from the author: "Mother breaks current." It is singular how fussy the spirits come o be after a sojourn on another plane. Mother withdrew and the notes were resumed. At first they were "silly, which ought to be evidence by itself that Mark Twain didn't write them, but they afterward became intelligible, if not up to the Mark Twain standard. Only once does the writer strike the veln of self-deprecators humor that the author himself mined so well, when he used to disarm illfeeling by making himself the butt of his kindly jokes. This is in a description of the state of happiness found in the other world and of outward conditions there. He trenches upon the field of theosophy, for example, when he says: This plane is full of beauty and love and

This plane is full of beauty and love and truth. We ourselves are of a rather remarkable nature, beautiful, of course. I don't want to seem stuck up, but I know that I am beautiful.

I look nothing at all like the physical or astral. Sam Clemens. I am an egg (in form, that is is I am not an embryo chicken)—a beautiful egg—shining, with a bright, rosy, golden light. I describe myself because that is easiest. As everybody else looks like me, in describing myself, I describe all. We radiate a sort of phosphorescent light, visible only at night. Thus, day and night are all one up here. At day the sim lights us; at night we light ourselves.

But, alas! he does not illuminate the understanding of his friends on earth. He is hazy as to details. He has not gone beyond the reach of the sunsome sun-for there still are day and night on the plane to which he has attained, but he does not tell us where it is, although the planchette is ready to his hand and it is fluent enough for other purposes. What the world It would be the better for all school-expects from its departed spirits is boys if they possessed the acquaint-particulars—definite and understandance with Longfellow that some of able-and it gets only trivialities their fathers had. "The Wreck of the Mark Twain in the flesh had an under-Hesperus," "The Belfry of Bruges," lying purpose in all his humor. His popularity was due to the thought that popularity was due to the thought that Revere's Ride" were once on every underlay his funmaking. He made tongue, as the collections of the game of the shortcomings of his fel-"Poems" were on every parior center low-creatures, but he did not knowtable. The influence of his poems ingly disappoint their cravings for bet-It is inconceivable that house dots the landscape of every

Now we are told that he has reached The plan of the projected "Long- the "mental plane," and that his Da bill creating a war council of

You mortais never really see us. If we want to appear to you for something or other, we fix up an elemental to look like its. . Don't think you are being cheated. Remember that although it is not your deceased relative who is standing there, still the warning comes from the relative. The alemental acts as a medium.

Those were not the days of sense. Any wholesale attempt to pitchfork women into all the places are the dream of the astronomers. But fellow himself, but in the other wholehimself, but in the other whole-but old-fashioned Americans but several of them. He is "composed discussion of defects in war preparaof evil thoughts." There is the Devil of Lies. "You can easily imagine how and Wadswarth was the cock enormous he must be. Every lie told adds to his stature." There are other devils-of murder, and drink, and of greed for food and greed for gold. But there are counter-influences which give us reason for joy. a lie is told the Devil of Lies grows bigger, "but every time a lie is worked off (according to the law of Karma), he shrinks just so much." Even so, some of the devils get too big for their own comfort and presently they divide, which accounts for the vast number of devils in the universe.

> that "true happiness lies in helping that no co-ordination is necessary and others." No one, says one of the planchette messages, can realize the true power of co-ordination by executive earth and its contents and dwell there edict. This has no precedent in the or go crazy. You have your choice." But the spirit writer says repeatedly that he is happy, though he is aware of the conditions on the earth about which he writes. He is more contradictory than a spirit ought to be.

More messages from Mark Twain are to be expected. The wonder workers seem to have selected him as their bright particular star. Past experiit, he will tell the world in plain know.

The high value of the Army trainsoldiers who have practically no ac-quaintance with the tongue of their framing the machinery for co-ordinatbut as their usefulness is obviously restricted by their lack of more complete knowledge, they are studying hard to atone for the deficiency. In this artillery unit alone there are about 100 Poles, fifty Italians and several each of Greeks. Russians and Armenians and one Persian. All are volunteers. All are also eager to learn. The chaplain who is conductof the Y. M. C. A. and two enlisted to them by Mark Twain, and a series men'who are members of the Young

> At last China is to have a chance t actively into the war. But it is that the republic has made little or no progress in military preparation What an army it could send across the border into Siberia if only it were efficiently trained!

Although the United States is charging the allies more for money than formerly, Uncle Sam is not in any sense a profiteer. It costs more to borrow money on short-time loans, and he is simply protecting himself

The Kaiser's son, Oscar, having been assigned to rule over Finland, will take his new job as soon as travel becomes perfectly safe. If there is anything the young Hohenzollerns do know how to take care of, it is their

There is a new kind of lip service. It consists of not using them to repeat scandal circulated by friends of the Kaiser in this country, "Idle prattle may lose a battle" is a good motto for these times.

The Russian revolutionary army has

captured Jamburg, but until it has demonstrated that it can hold the place there need be no hurry about changing the name to Jamgrad. Overpayment of income taxes is acceptable to Uncle Sam, not only for the money it brings into his coffers,

but because it reveals a new set of patriots behind the firing line. the production of spruce. Colonel Disque's figures are encouraging. Now

the obvious thing to do is to keep up

the pace until the war ends.

Montenegro, never having valued peace much in ordinary times, certainly is not going to seek it while there is a chance for as much good fighting as there is now.

The first consideration in fabricating a war costume should be comfort for the worker, for comfort will add to efficiency, no matter what may be said about style.

he expected to get into the open country, perhaps behind the present German lines. Accounts from Switzerland seem to

said. There is a man in San Francisco who wants to be called a Bolsheviki. at a dock in Portland without a license? Which shows how true it is that there

is no way of accounting for tastes. The really great day for Russia wil The Administration Coordination Bill.

William H. Taft, in the Philadelphia Public Ledger.

CENATOR CHAMBERLAIN introduced He also introduced a bill creating a production of our arms and munitions of war. These bills, though favored by the members of the Senate military committee attending the investigations, have been vigorously objected to by the President and the Secretary of War, The reason for their opposition was supposed to be that war work was proceeding well, that no such new coun-The messages, however, contain a cil or board was necessary, and that certain philosophy that ought to have the correlation desired or desirable was and Wadsworth made strong arguments to show how much time in getting ready had been lost because of a lack of correlation.

Now, as out of a clear sky, the Administration, through Senator Overman, has put in a bill to authorize the President "to co-ordinate and consolidate the executive bureaus, agencies and offices in the interest of economy and more effective administration of the Government." This seems indeed to have been And whether it comes from Mark a "Roland" for the military commit-Twain or not, it is not hard to believe tee's "Oliver." It abandons the view

in utter happiness. "No man is ab- history of the country. The bill gives solutely happy but the insane. Look the President the authority to unite defor the happiness of helping others, partments or divide them up, to trans-There is no other way. Help others for bureaus from one to another department, to consolidate them, to create new ones with new powers, to transfer appropriations for the same function to new agencies; indeed, to melt all the present structure of the great executive departments and divide the molten mass into new departments, bureaus and agencles for the better carrying on of the war and the more effective exercise of his powers as commandermuch of literary excellence. But all in-chief of the Army and Navy. He is will be forgiven if, having found his given specific authority to employ by voice, as it were, and an ear to hear executive order any additional agency or agencies and to vest therein the perlanguage things it most wants to formance of such function as he may deem appropriate. Thus the President may create an office and its duties and appoint a man to fill it in the same ing camps as "melting pots" is illus- executive order. The only limitation trated by such incidents as the one is that the office shall not last longer reported from Camp Wadsworth, near than the war, and the duties of the of-Spartansburg, S. C., where an artillery fice created shall have some relation chaplain has voluntarily established a to the carrying on of the war. The school for the teaching of English to whole purpose of the bill seems to be adopted land. Most of these men ing war agencies and to exclude the have picked up enough to understand Senate from any power to confirm cothe military commands given them, ordination. The creation of an office is ordinarily regarded as a legislative function. The Constitution permits Congress to dispense with confirmation

Doubtless the ability of Congress thus to abdicate its functions and that of the Senate will be said to rest in the undefined "war power." This has never been supposed to permit the amendment by the President of the civil structure of the Government, especially when war is not flagrant 'In the country, when no foe has set foot Senate can be in constant session withunfortunate for the cause of liberty out interruption and when both houses have shown indubitable evidence of their earnest desire to provide any new legislation needed in carrying on the war. It was for this end that the war council and the munitions bills were introduced.

by the Senate only in case of "inferior"

offices.

If these bills are not adequate or suitable, why does the President not suggest the changes he wishes in the departments and the bureaus, and the new offices or agencies he wishes created? If he or Mr. Baker has any definite plan of better co-ordination, why should it not be presented for consideration by the legislative branch of the Government and its action in a constitutional way? Not one definite proposal of this sort has been made to Congress.

These circumstances prompt the suspicion that neither the President nor Secretary Baker has now any definite plan of better co-ordination, and that their chief desire is to rid themselves of the necessity of sharing with Congress the power and respon-ibility of waging war. With such dictatorial powers they might experiment, and after much lost motion might frame a satisfactory co-ordinated agency and find men to conduct it successfully. Neither the President nor the Secretary of War, however, has made such con spicuous success in proper co-ordination or in selection of competent coordinators as to make it safe for us to put Congress on the shelf and vest such autocratic powers in them.

Senators opposing the war council bill have urged that it was invalid, in that it cut down the powers of the President as commander-in-chief. If so, what have they to say of the validity of a law in which Congress delegates to the executive such a large part of its legislative powers as this Administration bill?

It is good to hear that the President has asked Republican and Democratio members of both houses to confer with im on this general subject. There is not the slightest reason why out of such a conference may not come a satisfactory compromise. Doubtless the President needs new agencies to help him bring all the great war functions into correlation. But this can be done cavalry is encouraging. It looks as if Congress in a state of suspended animation or fighting Kaiserism with Kaiserism,

License to Peddle Smelt.

agree that the Teuton offensive is RIDGEFIELD, Wash., March 7 .- (To about to begin on all fronts, but as to the Editor.)-(1) Does a man having where it will end, nothing at all is license to catch smelt have to have said. in the state of Oregon or the city of Portland? (2) Can a man sell out of his boat

(1) A license would be required to peddle in the city of Portland. It costs be the one when a little red school- \$15 for three months.

(2) He can sell out of his boat an the dook without a license.