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FACTS WHICH SOME SENATORS

FORGET. If the United States senate continues to be as "cocky" as Mark Sulitvan says it is, a public rebuke is in store for it. If the republican lead- face value nowadays. Want of cupiders actually contemplate an attempt the league of nations, they will per- man's snares. mit exultation at their victory over President Wilson and vengeful desire to destroy his work to overcome their reason and their sense of duty

The Versailles treaty cannot b scrapped without the consent of the signatories, which include Germany paper files against the ravages and all the nations which fought of time, suggest the importance of Japan. against Germany other than the the newspaper as an original record of the fruits of their victory and the please only their enemies and would to find his reward. be resented by their friends.

the senate will ratify the treaty, any regard to it. By the treaty Germany is bound to do certain things; it canwill not consent to undo that which which the militarists would fain reduce the treaty. The most that we can properly ask is that it be revised in those particulars wherein our naional interests are injuriously af-That treaty is a fixed fact

with which we have to reckon. scrapped as easily as the glib irreconfact, over forty nations already being members. It is in operation, has performed some services and is performing others, some of great join it, nor are its members likely consent to its dissolution unless the United States presents a superior substitute, or to agree to its reconstruction unless convinced that the change would be an improvement They will also want assurance that States is supported by the whole treaty-making power before they yield a point, for they had a sad experience with a president and

olution declaring that peace with rmany is restored. Germany owes us a bill for destruction of American life and property at sea-the very offense for which we declared war. It that was made in early time. is small by comparison with Ger-many's bill to the allies, but not to be despised, especially as its payment declare peace before Germany had he allies. Germany is so reluctant to pay that our chances will be far er if we pull together with the other creditors than if we act indeote with the allies as to priority.

peace and an association of nations the tangled threads. If the precipitancy and self-assertion of the senat should make the tangle worse and should injure the nation's interests, the people would administer as se-vere a rebuke as they gave President Wilson. Not many years have passed since the people stood behind a president and rebuked a reactionary and obstructive senate and they would be ready to administer discipline again occasion should require. will not view with tolerance the spectacle of a band of irreconcilable sen ators trying to pull President Harding around and dictating to him. They know what they want and they look to the president and the senate to work together in getting it for

VICTIMS OF SWINDLERS.

A revelation growing out of the killing of one swindler of national tively poor, whose envy might have to various conditions of soil and complete to be a vulnerable mate and it has a long season point, but that they confined themclassical wire-tapping game, they flag. had fleeced one individual of \$60,000. From another they got \$50,000. It choose floral emblems, Tennesses they avoided arrest. Part of the been the latest to record its preferplan was to incriminate the victim in advance by making him party to grape of Oregon are among the few an openly dishonest transaction. The which are distinctive of the com man of presumed respectability who had bribed a supposed telegraph operator, for example, is not in a posi- setts is another, the poppy of Calition to complain just because the fornia a fourth and the pine cone latter turns out to be not a real op-of Maine a fifth. But most of the erator, but only a member of the other states have been content with gang.

It is this phase of swindling that feit money if they believed they The sick engineer swindle involves erty of the entire west. willingness to take advantage of the misfortune of another. No man of which have chosen emblems action sound morals ever tried to buy a has been taken by the legislature gold brick. The polished confidence In four the people have voted inman evades arrest because those formally and in the remainder se-

piece with himself. Ponzi and 520 Per Cent Miller played the same tune on a different string. They had a scheme to "beat" someone else and they made their dupes their partners in the transactions. Swindling will largely go out or star-flower, will seem to have of fashion when there is general solved the problem. ecognition of the economic fac that there is not very much worth having that can be had for less than ity and honesty are an excellent pro-"scrap" the Versailles treaty and tection against the get-rich-quick

Recent researches made under th direction of the New York public library, in the hope of discover ing a method of preserving news of historical events. It is because

Though there is no prospect that recorder of significant events there the Chinooks, whose friendship for peace settlement that the United the making of history without realis one of the pleasing recollections State makes cannot be made without lizing the value of that which they of our history. Young Macdonald not make a conflicting bargain with books of statesmen like Thomas no mean achievement in itself in the this country. If that were attempted Jefferson bear a certain quality of forties, and at length shipped from vidious position of standing with as if in the knowledge that they for the Pacific ocean. At Honolulu Germany against the allies for an- were to be read by posterity; where- he reshipped for a voyage to the nulment of at least parts of their as we ourselves prefer to make our northern Pacific, presumably under treaty. Many of its terms have al- own appraisements of current events, an arrangement with the whaling eady been executed and others are The temper of a community, the in- skipper that he would be set ashore in course of execution. The allies timate aspects of the problems that on the coast of Japan. Previous acbeen done, though the German of the moment, are revealed in sum the western coast of North America wastebacket yawns for the scraps to in the transient records contempo- may have furnished a background citables assume. That, too, is a fixed to be regarded as news. The musty eign missionaries early in the seven It cannot be scrapped by a to have been duplicated in previous were always imprisoned when decision of the United States not to periods. Even in the early thirties, as caught, were sometimes maltreated writing to the editor to tell him to their homes. that the race was on its way to perdition because of the prevailing donald, who was half Indian, should immodesty of feminine attire. Just in the first instance have turned now a relative scantiness of apparel sailor and in the next have conceived alarms the pessimists. In 1868 or what amounted to an obsession to any agreement made by the United thereabouts there was an outcry visit a country in which all foreign- always that of New York. He men against the stuffiness of garments ers were unwelcome. The spirit of of the mode, that was held to be sinful because of that which it sug-gested rather than by reason of any-it will be concluded that he derived lery." Hulled corn, he says, is experience with a president and gested rather than by reason of anyit will be concluded that he derived
senate which work at cross purthing that it revealed. We are able much of his quality of curiosity from to deduce from these circumstances his adventurous father. In any All the complications growing out that mankind may not be headed event, Macdonald the younger, an down hill after all, else it would Oregon half-breed, thus became the have reached the pit bottom long first teacher of the English language ngo. The alarmist stands convicted in the land of the shoguns. But he

is but the replica from a pattern a little English which they had So it will be a hundred, and a thousand years from now. Yet those to employ this as a basis for further be despised, especially as its payment who are concerned lest posterity would be virtual justification for our shall fall to profit by the experiences making war. If congress were to of today will be interested in knowdeclare peace before Germany had ing that the newspaper of the by the fact, now well understood, acknowledged the debt and agreed present is threatened with destruction that he contrived to disarm suspito pay, it would throw away one of tion because of the ephemeral nathe means by which payment can be ture of the material of which it is honors in his captivity and to enlist exacted — the state of war — and it would sacrifice the advantage to be gained through co-operation with and that contained a large proportion of rags, has been replaced by the wood pulp that economic conditions have made necessary. But by of Nagasaki and threatened to bomcomparison with the old paper, its bard the town unless eighteen ship-life is sadly circumscribed. And in wrecked seamen, also held prisoners, the book world the situation is es-

sons for leaving the initiative as to which may be presumed to contain of the country given by Macdonald the picturesque as well as the prac- ized a state and instead of choosing important messages will be reprinted to Glynn and by the latter conveyed tical in language. to the secretary of state as the agent from time to time, while newspapers of the president, as was the intent of will not. It is a disquieting thought hastened the expedition under Comthe constitution, for much care by that, unless some inventor comes to modore Matthew Calbraith Perry most pure Spanish and is a relic of lated by desire to enjoy the pecuman is needed to straighten out the rescue with a process for preserving newspapers, their use in research will be denied to students and historians, and vast quantities of valuable material will be forever

Ambitious inventors may profit by knowledge that it is not as easy as it may seem. The problem has en-gaged the attention of experts for a worth while to find a solution. A now pending would be resolved easily enough if the world had always had ing them had always been known

A NATIONAL PLOWER.

There is material for a new con troversy in the effort to obtain adoption of the aster as the national wit:

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The states meanwhile continue to is not particularly surprising that with the white passion flower having ence. This flower and the Oregon monwealths by which they have been hosen. The mayflower of Massachu emblems that would be as suitable to a good many other states. The makes it so difficult to combat and rhododendron, carnation, rose, gol-that furnishes a lesson to those who denred and violet each has been would keep out of the net. Nine chosen by more than one state. The times out of ten there must be desire dogwood of Virginia more nearly to get something for nothing, or to approaches perfection in the Pacific get something dishonestly, as a back- northwest than in the southern ground for the swindlers' work. The Atlantic states and is found in nearly ancient greengoods game flourishes all the states of the union. The because there are individuals here Kansas sunflower is common not and there who would pass counter- only to the entire prairie region, but to the southwest, and the Indian could do so without being caught. paintbrush of Wyoming is the prop-

In thirty of the forty-five states whose money he fattens on are of a lection has been left to the schools. Congress has been frequently importuned to designate a national flower, but has failed to act. If it has been waiting for a nomination appropriate both in its symbolism and the universality of its habitat, the aster,

EARLY OREGON AND JAPAN.

Announcement that the Eastern Washington Historical society is preparing to publish a manuscript by Ranald Macdonald is a subject of concern to all who are interested in the history of the later years of the fur-trade period in the Pacific northwest. It is more than that, how ever-a reminder of the part that a man of Oregon birth played in in troducing education in new-world methods into the ancient kingdom of

The story has been told as a rowants to scrap it is Germany; to the there were no newspapers in the of Oregon," but it is hardly likely other signatories it is the guaranty olden days that there are now so that it will ever seem less romantic many gaps in the annals of those when related by the man himself charter of their security and liberty. times. Though the number of offi- who participated in one of the Though some are not satisfied with cial documents grows apace, and strangest adventures ever recorded some of its terms, they do not want though the Congressional Record The very circumstances of his birth to destroy it, for they know that by and other records are always with marked Ranald Macdonald as a man so doing they would lose more than us, the modern historian seeks contained they could possibly gain by a new arrangement. The American people object of his desire. And here, if George, near Astoria, and afterward will condemn a policy which would he is patient, he is almost certain with the Hudson's Bay company at Fort Colville, and his mother was the daughter of Chief Concomly of are a thousand who contribute to the white traders in the early times are doing. The formal diaries of ran away from home as a youth citizens like Pepys and the note crossed the continent to New York, having been weighted and measured, that port on board a whaler bound confront it, the seeming trivialities cidental relations between Japan and rarily called news. It is the task of for the kindly reception that he rethe philosopher to assemble and in- ceived, although he was held in capterpret them in the perspective that | tivity. Among the pupils in the first they attain with the passing of time. It will be discoverable, for illus-tration, that the minds of men and away on the western coast of what women have been occupied with is now the state of Washington. But very similar problems ever since Japan had elected a policy of isolatheir acts and opinions first began tion, after having expelled the for files are always revealing in ways teenth century, and contemporaneous that are most unexpected. The cur- knowledge of foreign peoples was rent agitation for and against the limited to that obtained from occafashions adopted by women is shown | sional shipwrecked mariners, who one old newspaper tells, people were and occasionally aided in returning

The wonder is that Ranald Macat least of want of originality. He found in the country men who knew learned from previous British and Dixon line, but the latter is also good American castaways and he was able sessed a remarkable faculty for making his way in the world is indicated cion, to procure for himself many Glynn of the American brig Preble, formal writing, however much it who anchored in 1849 in the harbor may be employed in intimate conver-

modore Matthew Calbraith Perry

one years old when he shipped from New York and twenty-five at the time of his delivery from imprisonment. His feat marks him as one of the truly remarkable characters in early Oregon history. Although romantic aspect of the adventure has been adequately handled, there will the authentic account of his experiences as told by himself. There is the manuscript is being edited, as to Japanese facts, by a Japanese who is also Japan's commissioner of ress made by the Japanese in study of western culture, long hampered flower of the United States. The by the circumstance that there were particular form, aster spectabilis, no words in their language in which to represent western religious and tually to all North America. It is philosophic thought, has been marrelated to the Chinese aster, but is velous when it is considered that this has been accomplished in a period people of less than seventy-five years.

Macdonald landed on the shores 1847; in two years he had so far eduern methods that when Glynn threat- is greater in Texas than it is in New attempt resistance, as they previously on a basis of percentage. Both speak would have done, and by the time "American" and by the same token Perry visited the country interpreters who had been taught by Macdonald were available for the promotion of negotiations between the American commodore and the Japanese authorities which resulted in the opening of the ports of the country to commercial intercourse with the

Macdonald was as has been said. a figure in the heroic age in the history of Oregon. There were united in him the enterprise of his fron-tiersman father and the fateful bravery of his Chinook grandfather. It was Concomly who vigorously opposed the surrender of Astoria and of his braves to defend the post against a British warship in the war of 1812. Concomly never quite understood the reason for what he supposed was surrende; and his confidence in the "Boston men" was sadly shaken by the outcome of this affair.

JOHN BURROUGHS ON FREE VERSE. The absolute good taste and the fied than in the last article written by the great naturalist before his It was a scathing criticism of socalled free verse, printed in Current Opinion, and it will appeal strongly to all who deprecate the effort to degrade true poetry from its high estate. Burroughs calls it "shredded prose," but a good deal of it was not even passable prose, as, for example so-called "poem" by Carl Sandberg, an extract from which follows: My shirt is a token and a symbol, more than a lover for sun and rain, my shirt is a signat, and a teller of souls.

can take off my shirt and tear it, and so make a ripping razzy noise, and the people will say. "Look at him tear his shirt."

can keep my shirt on.
I can stick around and sing like a little and look 'em all in the eye and never be faxed.

Burroughs saw the insincerity not nly of the vers librists, but also of the cubists and the futurists in art. Their trick, he pointed out, consisted in the avoidance of difficulties. Their falsification of nature, as in the pictures of the cubists, is not art, but crudity, and their pretense is either bluff or ignorance. Viewing the whole movement, as Burroughs did, as a preposterous commercial proposition, one sees it stripped of its claim to popular symoathy and attention. Its pretense that it got its charter from Whitman lines that Whitman wrote at least had meaning, which specimens like another that Burroughs cited did

Helios makes all things rightnight brands and choice, as if destruction broke over furze and stone and crop of myrtle-shoot and field-wort destroyed with flakes of iron, the bracken stems.
where tender roots were, sown
bright, chaff and waste
of darkness to choke and drown.

The public that knew Burroughs hiefly as a naturalist may have overlooked his adventures in literary criticism and production. It is not he wrote poetry of high quality, in no respect resembling the free verse which he denounced. The movement to erect a suitable memorial to his memory will gain rather than lose converts by an understanding as to new but evanescent literary school.

spective merits of the English and enough offices to go around. merican languages will be interested in a by-product of the debate asks a writer in an eastern newstions several examples.

In Texas they call relatives "kins that there are two kinds of hominy in many parts of his state, distinguished by the names "lye hominy and "grits." The green corn of th north and east is the "roasting ear" of the region below the Mason and Kansanese. More truly local is the term "hack" for "carryall" and the latter in its turn is a provincialism

not much employed in the west. Not only in Texas, but in some other parts of the south, "evening" conveys the meaning of our "after-noon." "Tote," which the writer cites as the Texas equivalent for "carry," probably still lacks the seal of excellent usage even in Texas and is unlikely to be found anywhere in may be employed in intimate conver-sation. Both "lockup" and "cala-boose" are localisms. There is an interesting difference between them. nowever, that illustrates the Amerisentially the same, except that those plausible theory that the accounts can willingness to take pos

"Lockup" to the government at Washington, mere transfer of the act to the thing executive tion of the American continent. As Ranald Macdonald was twentying use is suggestive of modern ought to be.

respondent also mentions, is not peculiar to Texas as a synonym for "state prison." It is almost univerpeople who know that penitentiaries than half that number of offices have little to do with penitence. further significance in the fact that "Two bits" is not the prevailing word for twenty-five cents, even in the pro- west, and fresh eggs are not known fessor of the University of Tokyo, as "yard eggs" except in a few locall-who is also Japan's commissioner of ties. The fact is that provincialisms historical interpretation. The prog- of speech in the United States are rapidly taking care of themselves with destruction of frontiers, with dissemination of standard literature through a universal mail service and particularly as the result of travel between communities, indulged in by an ever increasing proportion of the

The correspondent wants to know of one of the Japanese islands in or the New Yorker"? He cites certain census reports which show that cated his jailors in the spirit of west- the percentage of native Americans ened them they knew better than to York. But the issue is not solvable both speak English. Isolated examples prove nothing. The body of the literatures of both nations is, the same and the spoken languages are substantially alike. In the end words which commend themselves, by propriety, or by picturesqueness, or mere habit, will prevail, but it is unpriety, ikely that the language of either country will ever depart far from a common standard. Our few provincialisms but add a temporary piquancy to our language, without doing it harm enough to cause seri-

FOUNDING THE PERFECT STATE. The citizens of Tavistock, a small

but highly organized community in New Jersey, have laid the foundation for a perfect state, reminiscent, too. of the earliest government in Oregon. At a recent election held in Tavi- 51 per cent of all Methodist rural stock to incorporate the colony as a village it was discovered that there vere nineteen electors. So, when the charter was prepared just nineprofound sincerity of John Bur- teen offices were provided for. roughs are nowhere better exempli- | Everyone is happy now in Tavistock. Those who cannot be mayor or chief as well as a religious servant, and i of police or members of the village is one of the purposes of the comcouncil are fain to be content with munity drive to provide assistance death, which occurred on March 29. jobs as health officers or justices of so that trained men may be fur the peace. But the point is that no Lished for community work. citizen has been neglected. The news reports omit reference to salaries and other details of ways and means. But these are inconsequential mat-

rather than emolument that mo-

tivates the better class of politicians. Americans in Oregon, then residing guished. The imperfect records of union, showed the smallest decline. the period leave much to the imagi-

cation The Oregon country, long neglect-ed by statesmen in Washington, had just begun to attract attention in the east. President Tyler sent a representative in the person of Lieutenant George Wilkes of the navy to examine into the condition of the region and report on its needs. One of the most human documents in the prepioneer annals is the official narrative, in the course of which he recounts that he advised against the formation of a commonwealth on the ground, among others, that there was not population enough to go around. He "could not avoid calling attention to the fact," he says in his report, "that after all the various officers they proposed making were appointed there would be no subjects for the law to deal with." cannot be said, in respect for the verities of history, that this argument alone brought about the downfall of the plan, but it may have had at precisely where he stood on the least sufficient weight to turn the scale. The idea that there might be law but no one for it to deal with, WHAT IS AN AMERICAN LANGUAGE? as Wilkes cannily phrased it, seems Pundits who take too seriously the rot to have occurred to those New Jersey folk who created precisely

It was even so two years later when the organization movement was which concerns the authenticity of revived. At one of the meetings prethe American language itself. What, liminary to the convention at Champoeg which will be commemorated paper, constitutes American with re- by Oregon pioneers next month and spect to speech? He is himself a which occurred two years after the Texan and he reminds his readers visit of Wilkes, it was still believed that the language of Texas is not by an influential minority of the An erican population that there were not enough independent Americans in the colony to warrant the enterprise they were about to undertake The Rev. Jason Lee, head of the spoken of as "hominy," though even Methodist mission, whose faith had this Texan ought to be informed been proved by works, was yet a counselor of delay. So then was George Abernethy, steward of the mission and afterward governor under the provisional regime. Both ridiculed a government as foolish Mr. Lee told a and unnecessary. story to illustrate his point. It was a tale of the efforts of the people of a Canadian community in he had been reared to organize a company of militia. All of the citizens of military age being present, they proceeded to elect officers, whereupon it was discovered that only one private soldier was left. "Well," said the soldier, "you may march me, you may drill me, you may face me to the right or to the last. left, or about face just as much a

you please, but for mercy's sake don't divide me into platoons." The events which afterward camto pass in Oregon indicate that our forefathers were not much impre by Lee's story. They went ahead

is a a single governor they elected an committee of three. Nor which visited Japan in 1853 and ex-acted a treaty of commercial rela-the times of discovery and occupa-bers of Oregon's first legislature rea substitute for "dungeon" it is his- the amounts of their stipends to the sleuth club by sending in the first torically interesting and its diminish- fund from which it was to be paid. solution of Joe's cryptic message to Four constables were chosen and American ideas of what a prison four justices of the peace, as well as supreme judge, sheriff, clerk, a ma-But "penitentiary," which the cor- jor, three captains and a legislative committee of nine. It is recorded that fifty-two sympathizers with the | yielded some highly interesting mesgovernment movement attended the sages. Mr. Bonneville's letter reads:

> were created. honors were not fairly won. It is true that the magistrates and constables had nothing much to do for a long time afterward, but it is also true that the legislature levied no taxes and that even its successor, chosen in the following year, when the population had been more than doubled by the noteworthy immigration in 1843, resorted only to indirect means of compelling citizens to contribute to the public treasury. If, said the lawmakers of 1844, there are those among us who don't want to be governed, let them have it their own way. But the benefits of govern-ment were withdrawn from noncontributors to it and the security of their persons and property was left to the mercy of chance. Non-par ticipation in the responsibilities and the burdens of government was thus made unpopular in the simplest pos sible way

It is a long way from New Jersey to Oregon and a fairly long time since the issues of offices and taxes were first debated in Oregon, but we gather from these historical events that human nature in various

The passing of the picturesque ircult rider is known in recent Methcentenary literature, but it here are more than 11,000 charges which have not more than two points to a circuit-which is to say that the ministers in charge have no more than two parishes to care for and are not compelled to wander afield as the old-timers did. Nearly churches are stations, whereas half a century ago nearly all were circuits. A new conception of pastora duty is partly responsible for the new order. The modern minister is regarded as a community builder circuit system has virtually vanished in the west; it survives mos largely in the Ohio valley, from which a large number of the oldters. Office means preferment and time circuit riders of the west were

it suits us to believe that it is honor recruited. The report of the department of Eighty years ago this spring the agriculture revealing that the aver age price of plow land in the United chiefly in the Willamette valley. States has declined about 7 per cent were about as numerous as citizens in the past year, taken in connection of Tavistock. They, too, conceived with the average price of farm that government would be good and products, shows that there is a logithey set themselves to the task of cal relation between land prices and organizing themselves into a com- crop prices and also that investors from the legion of calls that would monwealth. A respected citizen may make a mistake who do not owning property, had died and there buy on the basis of returns for a was no machinery for the legal ad- period of years, rather than a single phone is never given out by informaministration of his estate. This was crop. The most noteworthy adthe ostensible reason for calling the vances in land prices during the war. in the books, yet for the last week of first meeting ever held by Americans for illustration, were in the states so some person has called up several west of the Rocky mountains to conlet it not be supposed that there those states, because of decline in were none among them who opposed the relative value of those commodthe scheme. In that time there were ties. Kentucky, South Carolina and folks who counted costs. Govern- Georgia suffered the heaviest dement, they hinted, was a luxury and declines, which were not, however, that it is a return to primitive art It may be that there were among states in which diversified farming their neighbors those who had not been nearly stable. Iowa, which has In any event the movement lan- the highest priced farmland in the

> Having eaten onions to their hearts' content in response to the plea of the department of agriculture, the people are hoping that the next plea to get busy and consume a surplus of something may come about watermelon time.

> Once in a while the New York po lice solve a murder mystery, as is shown by the capture of the Elwell murderers whose crime was committed a little more than ten months ago. But there are a lot of other murders yet unsolved.

King Albert of Belgium is about to fall through for want of entries. is too bad to be compelled to admit that the professional yacht racers are name to the oregonian and I the only ones who have sporting gladley answer it. NOTICE if the

The reason why the Germans are drinking 750,000,000 gallons less beer a year than before the war is not that they are losing their taste for beer. There are not so many Germans to drink beer as there were

Judge Landis, who fined the Standard Oil \$29,000,000 for violation of the anti-trust laws, has just fined a man \$25 for shooting a robin and the chances are that the \$25 fine will be collected.

suit 100,000,000 Americans ought to suit the people of his country, but it is quite evident that he has had no The persistence of the daylightsaving movement in the cities may

A Chile editor says that goods that

in the lawns this summer, now that seers, they being allowed to coast it has been discovered that a very good quality of beer can be made

help to account for the movement

away from the farm, where day-

After all, the main issue is not so

Anyway, a late spring means a good fruit crop and that is some-thing, now that spring is here at

The list of draft evaders is not going to contain the names of meny men we know, at any rate

good many problems would settle

The Listening Post.

Code of Gen and Joe Is Solved.

bers of Oregon's first legislature re-ceived \$1.25 per diem and subscribed M for membership in our select Of destribute and write Gen, as published in The Listening Post a week ago. This secret code displayed so that all might read in a department store appointment book, "Relative to Lipman's 'Note Book.'

I'm not Joe nor Gen, but I have their message deciphered (I hope). "U" and Yet it will not be said that their letter following are dummies, 'square is end of words preceding the letter which 'square' follows, thus: "'Gen: Atut rursquare cedul Hush-

otutelul Rursquarecomum 20-Joe."

"Resolves itself into: "'Gen: At Reed Hotel Room 20." A search of the directories fails to disclose any Reed hotel, but there is a Read hotel. Looking on the Read hotel register any guests for room 20 fail to appear, but there are two names-one Joe Mallen and the other J. Gannon of Dennison, Mont .- that rented rooms there the latter part of March. Now, does Reed hotel refer to some other place, or does Mr. Bonneville's solution fail?

Newcomers to Portland are Mrs. L. S. and her mother of the Campbell-Hill hotel. Mrs. L. S., recently of Indiana. relates the story of her favored real estate agent. In the rainbow-like chase for the vacant home treasure she has met flocks of assorted salesmen, but wants to award the rubber toothpick to a retired railway brakeman. Mrs. L. S. pithily observes that times and places is pretty much the real estate must pay or this man could not have left his big railway ncome. The ex-brakeman seems to be endowed with a super-perception, for as soon as his client explained that she wanted a small bungalow or should be noted that "passing" is a house in a nice neighborhood (Mr. relative term, since it is reported that L. S. works for a local bank) he

caught her thought at once. "I have just the place for you," he gurgled as he steered them into his auto and the sun of hope rose high. As they sped toward their elusive goal he enlarged on the beauties o the little home he was to show, confiding that he had long had his eye on the place as his ideal. And no wonder, for when they arrived it was right at the rallway yards, where he could see it each day as he came off his run. Mrs. L. S. asks where would be the 'deal home of an ex-butcher or garbage man.

After several sleepless nights Mrs E. Hickman vows she can tell of the meanest person in Portland. Hickman is manager for the telephone company and his path has had many more thorns than roses since the decision of the public service commission awarding his company an increase in rates. Many persons seem to want to hold him personally re sponsible, and it is evidently one of these who is causing the insomnia in the Hickman home.

An unlisted private line serves th telephone chief in his apartment, this for special purposes and to get away encroach on his private time if permitted. The number of the Hickman tion operators and does not appeal up with a mocking laugh when the phone was answered.

The only feasible explanation of the number getting out would be through the agency of some bolshevist operator. Mrs. Hickman insists that is a mean way to take revenge for she, a real innocent, has to suffer; but she derives some satisfaction from the thought that the mys terious caller also has to stay awake "But I hope they don't learn where we live and dynamite the building," she moralized.

The following, addressed to The Oregonian, came from a small town in Moro county. Across the top of the page the writer requests: "Don't delay this very long," so he evidently yearns for action:

"Dear Sir:-Can you tell me I can get a lovley girl hoes folks Owen a nice rantch and how has plenty of Money. So I could get the rantch and her to? I have about Fifteen Hunderd Dollars with witch I can start Something if I onley had some good place To put it in to.

"This is also for the girl who wants to get married. Just send your gladley answer it. NOTICE if the gri is over 31 Please do not apply.

A scene so ghastly never swept The young ladey muust be between the age of 17 and 24 and not mutch moore for I am hart Brocken. "A Subscriber.

"P. S. Put this on the first page if

possible." He admits that he wants to start something. Possibly this will be disappointing to the girls over 31, but

Above the shell and smoke. appointing to the girls over 31, but certain prejudice.

The ad, not in The Oregonian, read, "Wanted, ten solicitors, salary and ommission." The address given was But I hear the clang of broken chains on the east side. One young chap, badly in need of work, called up and was assured that a position was open for half a dozen men. He rounded up I hear the shouts of George's men, three others.

street place they found an old man who offered to put them to work at Can't you read the record upon the \$5 daily and commission soliciting backers for a new scenic trip he had worked out. The scheme, as reported, was to use airplanes to pull sleds up the side of Mount Hood for sight.

Or in front on the firing line? the side of Mount Hood for sight back. That there was a fortune in

it the originator was certain. About this time his son appeared and confirmed their belief that his father was a little hazy on some much the actual rate of wages as the subjects. There had been hundreds productivity of the workman who of men coming after the promised job. Some may have gone to work. The young fellow who reported this In gleeful ignorance, rules unaware, walked back to the center of town With no least consciousness of art to save the 8-cent carfare.

Ray Hagen of the International Harvester company puts a hard one He would like to know whether the Baker hotel, across from the city hall, was named, a la popular cigar, If the strikes would only hold off after our mayor, or because there is a bakery store underneath or for some other reason. THE SCOUT.

Scribes

By Grace E. Hall.

works and plays, Fancies and faiths, religions, and of Of superstitions, always, through his days;
And sometimes truth is in what he indites, And then again 'tis nonsense that

But here and there some mind conceives a scheme To spread a new philosophy by pen. shall arouse another's better o dream, Thus shedding cheer upon the paths

he writes

of men; Uplifting minds that, left alone, might grope
In depths abysmal, nor find a goal. And those who write of joy and love and hope Shall serve as real physicians of the

Tis not enough to find a better way For self alone-it must be freely shared: The man who thinks to live his little Apart and independent, ne'er has One-half so well as he who, having Still proffered of his scanty earthly store To those who, heavy laden anad dis-

Life is no complicated, gruesome plot, Meant to enslave and handicap and blind:

tressed, Paused in their passing by his hum

But there are men who meet it with that thought, And face it with a dogged air, to Just why it yields not to their bent

And curse it when it still persists to hold To plain philosophy; when reason, still So misapplied, turns angrily, and Through its own petty hurt then loudly shouts
Its maledictions and its earthy

doubts. Life is all kind and lovely: Fruits and flowers-Seasons and change and growth and winds and rain; The peaceful passing of the measured

Upon their courses, ne'er to come again: The trees, the hills, the creatures in the wood-There is no hint of friction in the In all of nature's schemes there la but good. And peace and order-save for war-

ring man. The gifts for all, laid at the gate of Man swift appropriates through cunning stealth; Adds to his own and other lives the strife That breeds like maggots in the greed for wealth; Scorns, too, the universal brother

thought. That must have been the keynote of our birth. And, heedless of the awful havon wrought, Holds to his self-made theories or

earth. It was not meant to hinder or con This scheme of life so simple and so plain; But men in blindness stubbornly re-Simplicity, and choose to war for gain; The scribes write on, each of his song. his creed, And men in passing pause, some-

And pay a moment's tribute to his screed-And then forget, in worry, what he wrote! 'Tis thus the songs of dreamers meet with scorn. There is so little time, it seems, to hear; Yet in some burdened heart sometimes

New truth, because of words of faith and cheer; Let no one write who dips his pen in gall.
The world has now a far too bitter trend. But let each scribe send forth his urgent call For men to pause and call each other-friend.

THE TRIUMPH OF THE RIGHT. hark to the tramp of the army As it shakes the earth with its tread! With a stainless flag and a triumph and the King of Kings ahead!

Oh, it isn't the allies of whom I sing, Though they covered half the world; Nor the German giant's war machine, Where the bombs of hell were

will God knows they slew enough to slake But these have time and these have

And these have loyal sway. But the war I sing includes them all And the rest of human clay. The world itself is a Waterloo,

'Tis a battle for women, a battle for men.
A battle for every child; 'Tis a fight against might and disease and sin.
And deluded souls gone wild.

With every state gone dry; And I hear the roar of the Russian As our mission bands march by. when they got to the east Market I hear the angels tune their harps

For a final jubilee. With hope in every line?

-WILLIAM STEWARD GORDON.

WHERE IGNORANCE IS BLISS. Ere keener greening of the leaf buds The treble vocalists and deep bas-

In waggish incongruity of tune. or sin.

These mimic choristers do strangely The direct notes in quaint concentered din.

O, gargling bolsheviki of the pool, From mine own lips surprising tones might start In bubbling bliss, sans rhyme or right

or rule, Had I but half your honesty of