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STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

The prosperity of a city depends upon the improvement of its streets and the opening up of new thoroughfares in order that home builders can buy a lot and build a house. This is evidenced in Astoria during the past two years Considerable complaint was made at the opening of Franklin avenue to the eastern limits of the city, and that \$7,000 of the cost of the improvement had to be paid out of the general funds of the which has not been clearly marked by city. The opening and improvement of the writers on international law, bethe street was resulted in the building of tween extending an asylum to belliger thirty new residences at a cost of not ent vessels in obedience to the dictates less than \$50,000 nearly all of which has of humanity, and permitting a belliger. been spent in Astoria. The improvement ent to make such use of a neutral port of Irving avenue will result in the buildas amounts to the use of neutral terriing of at least a dozen new and handtory as a base of military operations some residences. against the other belligerent.

But the public is informed, that, owing to the financial condition of the city, it will be impossible to undertake any more improvements this year, especially where the assessment against the property will not pay the cost of improvement. There are several other streets that ought to be improved. Grand avenue from Eleventh to Eighth, and Eighth over the hill to Young's bay ought to be improved, but again we are met with the fact that the assessement against the property will not pay the cost of the improvement and it can not, therefore, be made

If the property in the city were asnessed at its actual cash value, as the law says is shall be, all of this property would be assessed at sufficient amounts to pay for the improvement and every property owner along the street is ready and willing to pay for it. The fault length of time than the twenty-four then does not lie with the city, but in the violation of the laws of the state relative to assessment and taxation, a synopsis of which is published in another column. The assessor of Clatsop county is no more to blame than the assessors in other counties in the state. They have formed a sort of trust and all agree to violate their oath of office and the express laws of the state. If property along these streets were assessed at its actual cash value, instead of about twenty-five per cent, the city could nake the improvement necessary provide homes for its people. An illustration of this may show the Astoria. Four lots on the hill are assessed at \$170. The owner has been offered \$600 for them. It costs to improve the street along one of the lots, \$85. The city can only assess for the improvement 75 per cent of the assessed value of the property, or \$30. The property owner pays \$30 for the improvement as other property in the business portion of the city is compelled to do. The usual assessment under the system in vogue, compells the owners of small homes to pay more than their proportion of the taxes of the city and of sessed valuation of the property.

be that the assessed valuation will be partment and the Dawes Indian commission, and so faithfully, successfully and ncreased 75 per cent and the tax levy will be reduced to less than 10 mills. acquit himself that it is not a bit sur-This will be an inducement for settlers prising that he should be selected to to locate. It will show these two coun ties to be the wealthiest in the state outside of Multnomah, and will bring in thorough sympathy with the chief Rogers' drug store. capital there for investment, Wealthy counties with a low tax levy is an in executive in his railroad rate regulation

ducement to capital. It is time that the and other progressive policies. Inciold moss-back ideas of Clatsop county dentally, it may be recalled that the be eliminated and new, modern ideas be prospective secretary of the navy was the only republican elector chosen in Maryland at the recent presidential

election, and it is understood that he is It is a recognized principle of internato succeed Senator McComas as the state leader of the party. It is objecttional law that armed ships of a belli-

gerent are to be admitted into the tered by some that Mr. Bonaparte is not ritorial waters of a neutral for refuge, conversant with naval affairs, but it is whether from chase or from the perils the man of first-class executive ability of the sea, says the P. I. But, as statwith broad and liberal views, who makes ed by Attorney General Cushing, in the the best head of a department, not the eventh volume of the Opinions of the expert trained in one special service Attorney General, page 122, "it is a Gen. Tracy had no training as seaman, question of mere temporary asylum yet he became the father of our modern accorded in obediance to the dictates of navy, neither was Secretary Whitney ex humanity and to be regulated by speci- perienced in naval affairs, and Secretary fic exigency. The right of asylum is. Morton himself was a railroad man nevertheless, presumed where it has not when he took charge of the service From the standpoint of past experience The custom has been, in modern times. Mr. Bonaparte's appointment is a splen-

to limit the stay of belligerent vessels did one. in a neutral port to twenty-four hours. OUT OF THE ORDINARY. save where she is in urgent need of repairs. This is when the belligerent is merely seeking a temporary asylum, pro-Epitome of Anecdotes and Incidents With Comments By a Layman. posing to resume her voyage and partici-Mary Ellen Lease has been held up pate further in the war then on. During the civil war the United States inand robbed. It ought to be a einch to rob her she wears pockets. sisted strongly on the twenty-four hour limitation. There is a distinction

Mr. Bryan is going abroad to study. He needs it. When he learns more he will talk less and be less tiresome.

-0-Rojestvensky is not entirely without laurels. There is his victory over the fishing smacks.

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A San Francisco woman has sued for divorce because her husband tried to stab her with a hat pin. She probably considers him effeminate. -0-

Philadelphia did not send the liberty bell to the Portland fair. Some enterprising alderman must have that nailed dition to wage war either on Japanese down for his own use.

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A Pittsburg constable is to receive 1,009,000 glasses of beer in payment of a above statement is true to the best of debt. There are lots of people who my knowledge and belief. from who cross the border into neutral would charge nothing to help him colterritory to avoid pursuit from the other lect it.

-0-It now developes that Smith, the San Francisco defaulter, lost his money by loaning it out at a high rate of interest. There are times when the money lenders in the port of Manila for a greater get theirs.

"The benefit creator sent the germ

No Secret About It.

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It is no secret that for cuts, burns, courageously did the Maryland lawyer etc., nothing is so effective as Bucklin's Arnica Salve. "It did not take long to cure a bad sore I had, and it is all O. supervize the navy department, espec- K. for sore eyes, writes D. L. Gregory. ially as Mr. Bonaparte is known to be of Hope, Texas. 25 cents at Charles

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cured 4.287 23 . S. Bonds to secure circulation 12,500 00 Stocks, securities, etc., 73,380 00 Other real estate owned 6,000 00 Due from National Banks (not reserve agents) 8.295 59 Due from state banks and bankers ... 79,017 82 Due from approved reserve agents 93,819 68 hecks and other cash items. 107 70 Notes of other national banks 1.245 00 Nickels and cents..... 441 39 Lawful money reserve in bank vize Specie Legal-tender notes 450 00 129,950 06 Redemption fund with U.S. treasurer (5 per cent of circirculation 625 00 LIABILITIES. Capital stock paid in \$ 50,000 00

Surplus fund 50,000 00 Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid 29,408 91 National bank notes outstand-12,500 00 ing Individual deposits subject to cates of deposit 150,912 66 ertified checks 363 00 596,024 63 Total State of Oregon, County of Clatsop, ss: I, S. S. Gordon, cashier of the aboveiamed bank, do solemnly swear that the

S. S. GORDON. Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of June, 1905. V. BOELLING,

(Seal)

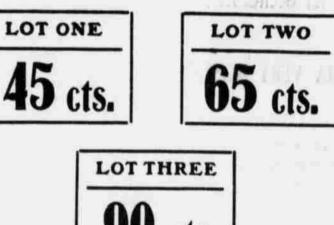
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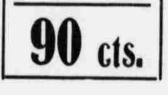
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THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 1905.

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hours established by custom as the limit of stay of a belligerent vessel. they should be interned. It is the duty of the United States to protect them. but to see that they do no take any further part in the present war. The proper attitude to be adopted by the United States toward belligerents and their warships was laid down by Mr. Clay. when secretary of state in a letter to Mr Obregon, dated May 1, 1828, in which

Thus, while the Russian vessels have

the right of asylum in our territorial

waters of Manila, it would come dan-

gerously near the line of rendering ac-

tive assistance to Russia to permit those

vesels to make such repairs as would

enable them to put to sea again in con-

vessels or on Japanese commerce. The

rule which should apply to warships

should be identically the same which ap-

plies to a beaten army or fugitives there

belligerent. In such cases the laws of

nations requires the fugitives to lay

down their arms and take no further

If the Russian vessels desire to stay

part in the war then on.

he says: The government of the United States has been sincerely disposed to perform and which would build up the city and toward both belligerents all of the offices of hospitality enjoined by humanity and

the public law and consistent with their methods of assessment in the city of friendship for both; but it can ont permit, neither under allegations of distress, either real or feigned, to perform acts incompatible with a strict and impartial neutrality."

This might have been written with special reference to the situation now presented at Manila. Humanity and laws of nations both require that an and the city pays \$55, and the property asy-lum be extended to the disabled reecives the benefit. If the property Russian cruisers and to their wounded were assessed at its actual cash value A strict regard for the neutrality rethe lot would pay for the entire cost of quires that the Russian vessels be inthe improvement, as it should do, and terned and permitted to take no further part in the war, unless their commanders elect to leave our protection within twenty-four hours.

A SPLENDID APPOINTMENT. The annoucement that Mr. Charles J the county. A man owns a small home Bonaparte, of Maryland, is to succeed worth \$1,000. The property is assessed Paul Morton as secretary of the navy at \$250, or 25 per cent. Another man will be welcomed by all friends of the owns a lot on Commercial street that is Roosevelt administration and by all assessed at \$3,500. He has been offered Americans who desire honest, efficient, \$21,000 cash for it. His property is as intelligent government. Mr. Bonaparte sessed at 15 per cent. The small prop. who by the way is a grandson of Jerome erty owner derives no revenue from his Bonaparte, the brother of Napoleon, is a property, it is his home. The large very able and industrious lawyer, but property owner receives \$2,000 a year in has found plenty of time to interest him rents from his property, or the rents self in various reform movements, is an amount to nearly as much as the as active member of the National Civie Federation, and, although a genuine re-

The constitution of Oregon, article 1, publican, who has successfully taken the section 32, provides that "all taxation stump in several national campaignshall be equal and uniform." Not only has always been so independent of the are the laws of the state violated, the party machine that he has occasionally oath of office of the assessor violated, been accused of being a democrat. A but the constitution of the state is vio- personal friend of Theodore Roosevelt through their association as civil service

Jackson and Josephine counties will reformers the president naturally select assess the property in those counties ed Mr. Bonaparte to undertake special as the law contemplates, at its actual and difficult tasks in connection with cash value, this year. The result will the investigation of the post office deto perform a service," says Dr. Gibbs. Can you guess whether he is a doctor of medicine or theology ?

A Chicago court disposed of a divorce case in one minute. However hard Dakota tries she can never keep pace with Chicago.

teacher in his district not to teach his U. S. Bonds to secure circulachildren physical geography from the tion text books. He said that the bible gave Premiums on U.S. bonds all the information about this world Bonds, securities, etc that it was necessary to know.

Meanwhile the Japs appear to be doing what they can to show that it is more pleasant to be a prisoner of war in Japan than a patriot in Russia.

Rear Admiral Enquist says that be ntends repairing the Russian ships. If he is going to make it a business he will have plenty to do.

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