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#### A MISTAKE

N DECLARING a boycott on Olds, Wortman & King, the State Fed-It is a character of blunder that is unfortunate for the cause of la-Every move made in behalf of the worker ought to be such as to commend itself to the judgment and sympathy of the public. It is by such a policy that the cause of organized labor will appeal to the good will and support of public sentiment, and public sentiment is a powerful agency in furthering any movement, whether in behalf of labor or any other cause. Following such a polley, a policy attainable only by wise and prudent conduct on the part of labor leaders, much good can be accomplished through organization.

In the case of the Portland firm, the boycott is declared on the ground that nonunion as well as union labor is employed on the building the firm is later to occupy. But the firm has literally nothing to do with the construction of the building. It is not even to own the building when it is completed, but is to be merely a discharge any employe on the building, or to exercise any influence in be employed. The firm is under contract to take the building when it is completed, and to occupy it under a lease for a given term of years, " It has no more responsibility in determining what laborer may or may not be employed on the work than does the governor of New York or the king of the Canibal Islands. Under the circumstances, to attack the firm with the boycott is to do so without cause, without provocation and without even a justifiable pretext. With equal justification, the Oregon federation might declare a boycott against a firm in Germany or Alaska, against the Portland establishment to have been launched. It was probably the result of lack of information on the part of many who participated in the action. If, under the circumstances, the plan be carried

## CONCERT OF PARTY ACTION

is the object almed at?

to be obtained when the whole party in selecting candidates. participates in selecting candidates. If a few make the selection and good people in Oregon who take a though by a light total vote, San thousands are not permitted to take different view. They recall that the Francisco has voted in favor of part in the proceeding, it is not party men on these farms have as good a bringing in water from the Hetchthe party. The convention, or as they a right to vote on the question of against the purchase of the Spring style it now, the assembly, will, if who shall be the party candidates as Valley company's plant for \$35,000,held, present the same old faces and has the hot air artist of the Opti- 000. While there will be considerthe same old names. Those who have mist. It was ragged regiments of able regret at seeing the water of held office, those who are in office, farmers that fought the Revolution- this noted locality diverted to this and those who want office, or their ary war and made this government use, its acquirement seems to have friends, together with a small sprink- originally. They were marching been an urgent need of the city. ling of those who get into the sacred barefoot through snow when men of San Francisco has been under the tive of Worcester, Mass, is 51 today. circle by accident will be there. They the type of many assembly fuglemen thumb of a private water monopoly. are the men who are loudest now in were either tories or hiding in a corn for many years, and the action now clamoring for the convention plan. crib. It has been farmers who have taken is chiefly remarkable for the Some of them have been beaten for shouldered muskets when the counoffice under the direct primary plan, try had to be defended, it is farmand for that magnificent reason want ers who have been chief advocates the direct primary destroyed. These and chief payers for public educaare the men who for the most part tion, it is the farmers who furnish talk about "concert of party action." | 41 per cent of the raw material for They think they are the whole party. our vaunted manufactured products, They think they ought to be per- it is the farmers who are feeding mitted to do the whole business for the world, and it ill becomes any the party. They think that unless man or any newspaper to deny them they do the whole business, it is not or seek to deny them the right to yet pending in an appellate court. If birthday anniversary. properly done. They think that when a voice equal with all others, in the they do the whole business, it is conduct of public affairs. "concert of party action." In short, their mistake is in assuming that they are the whole party, and that the many thousands of ordinary Republicans who do not go to the convention, never saw a convention, and never hope to be permitted to sit in one as a delegate, are mere voting rich of Rhode Island decides against automatons, whose participation in any river and harbor bill, none the business of selecting candidates will be passed, of course. Rhode Isldestroys "concert of party."

and office seekers. It was framed ment; they don't desire inland water- adopted this plan has discarded it. and adopted for the express purpose ways; and this is enough for Aldrich of getting tid of "concert" by the few and his followers. Yet there will Republicans of the state have "con- bor improvement, and Aldrich and mile high in a monoplane is surely vention disgraces that the few got matters in state quo, and not to ac- over the heads of the Republicans of to tolerate the way the horses slip and

whilshed every weeling (except Sunday) sud there is no "concert of party." When ent and persistent in their demands, every Sanday morning at The Journal Build a few insist that the masses of the and eventually they will win. Rhode fit candidates, and that only a spe- the country always, cial few shall do it, that is not "concert of party"; it is concert by a clique, a ring, a machine or a class, and is the old story that the few are superior and should rule the many -the many whom the few claim are inferior and incompetent.

#### PINCHOT'S PLAIN TALK

would surrender great natural deliberate betrayal of the future." Mr. Pinchot insists that this mistake created for political purposes, in eration of Labor made a mistake. should take affirmative action to protect these resources, and says:

'Unless congress acts, the waterpowers will pass into the hands of special interests without charge and even if his sympathies were with the without limit of time. So with the Liberals. phosphate deposits on public lands, when the withdrawals which now he enormously valuable coal deposits in Alaska, which the present law would sell for \$10 per acre. The danger of bad legislation is no less serious. The special interests must no longer be allowed to take what they choose out of the great property of all the people. Those who steal public lands steal homes from men and women who need them. Congress can stop the pillage, or con-

gress can let it go on. This is plain talk. And Mr. Pinchot probably knows pretty well what he is talking about. He is no mere theorist or dreamer, but a very practical, far-sighted man. Whether he has been wise and exactly right tenant. The firm of Olds, Wortman in every particular or not, is not E King is powerless to employ or the main question; his general idea and policy in respect of conservation of resources is right, and congress determining who shall or shall not will neglect a great and imperative duty to the people if it does not adopt, in the main, his recommendations and pursue his policies.

#### ATTACKING THE GRANGES

DEAVERTON grange has protested unanimously against the proposed assembly. It is, along with other granges, an organization The Dalles Optimist assails and belittles. To the Optimist's ridicule of the granges, the Oregonian plays second fiddle.

exercise influence on public affairs, throne there were 178, and it was Perhaps, they ought to ait down and proposed to make that the maximum And rolling is the damp, cold snow, permit office holders, office seekers number, but George II, advised by His underclothes are made from wool. and ex-office holders to control all William Pitt, made 388 new peers, public matters. Perhaps, because mostly successful tradesmen and see those old cripples paw and dance; these grange members live on the other wealthy bourgeois—bankers. What makes those cripples rave and out, it will do more harm to organ- soil and grow products for feeding brewers, contractors, merchants. ized labor than to the boycotted the country, they should be disfran- Pitt needed them in his business. A chised, be deprived of all participa- man who had been a cart driver was tion in political affairs, and be per- made a peer by Salisbury. There are He mitted to do nothing but cling to the now nine brewers among the peers. plough handles, buck sacks of wheat There is one American, Lord Fair-ONCERT of party action' is and haul their products to the hun- fax, son of a Maryland physician. a phrase much used in the gry towns and cities, each in its Perhaps the brainlest among the demand for an assembly. proper season. This, in effect, is peers is Lord Crewe, the son-in-law But, is it "concert of party the contention of the Optimist which, of another eminent statesman, Lord action" that is desired? Is it not in turn, is trying, by an unlawful Roseberry. Many peers are rather rather the "concert of action by a subterfuge, to overthrow a law that poor, dull creatures, but on the clique, or a part of the party" that gives the men on farms as well as other hand there are really noble the office hunting gangs in towns men among them, and fine states-"Concert of party action" is only and cities, the right to equal voice men, according to their lights.

But there are thousands of mighty

## ALDRICH, DESPOT

T IS RUMORED that Senator Aldrich will not allow any river and harbor bill to be passed at this session of congress. If Mr. Aldand, and Wall street, do not need The fact is the direct primary law river and harbor improvement, What was enacted by the Republican do Morgan and Rockefeller care masses and others in order to secure about the Ohio, the Mississippi, the the "commission plan" of municipal "concert of party action" that would Columbia, or other streams, or about government, and their experience be a concert by the whole party, and harbors? The railroads are not asknot a concert by a few office holders ing for river and harbor improve- So far, we believe, no city that has and installing "concert" by all. It be a good deal of pressure in favor beaten before long, all right, but it has served that exact purpose and the of appropriations for river and har- is not a very easy task to do it. A our of action by the whole party" Cannon may yield to it, to some exand are rid of the convention squab-tent. They will probably dole out a bles, the convention riots and the little money, about enough to keep

in the selection of party candidates, remain idle. They should be insist-

#### THE BRITISH PEERAGE

OWEVER the elections may go in Great Britain, even if the majority, there is no prospect of the abolition of the house of lords. Indeed, this election, whatever the result, may make that body R. PINCHOT speaks plainly more of a figure in British governand to the point, in defense ment than it has been. If the Libof his conservation policy, erals win, the house of lords will and in opposition to the ele- not attempt again to reject or amend ments and forces that, as he believes, a financial bill, a tax bill, a "budget," but in other respects it wealth and resources to grasping will retain its rights and privileges. monopolists. The Tawney amend- Neither will there be any attempt, ment to the sundry civil bill in the in the case of a Liberal defeat, to last session of congress, he says, increase the number of lords by sevwas more than a mistake—it was a eral hundred as has been suggested. Lords have been quite numerously should be corrected, that congress times past, but the British people would not expect the employment of such means now, nor would King Edward, who is a careful and wise statesman, resort to such means,

The house of lords has its use in the British government, and some protect them are removed. So with of its members are really fine, able back porch, while Henrietta's pesceful statesmen. These are in the minority, however, and many members never attend a sitting, and would not know what to do if they did. The lords are popularly supposed to be a hereditary body, and of long lineage, but this is true as to only a fraction of them. Any king or queen can create a lord of anybody. proper amount of respect. So, natur-As Burns said: "A breath can make ally, I am a friend to her. Give me queen can create a lord of anybody. them, as a breath has made." William E. Curtis recalls Disraell's contempt for hereditary lordship, saying that and acts like she isn't sorry that I am he believed that the only pedigree worth boasting about was that of the "Lion of the Tribe of Judah." In one of his novels Disraeli, newly created Lord Beaconsfield, makes the leading character say:

I never heard of a peer with an anof this country are to be found among the peasantry. The gentry, too, may lay some claim to old blood, but a peer with an ancient lineage is to me quite a noverty. When Henry VII called his first parliament there were only 29 temof them took their seats fliegally, before they had been attained. Of those 29 not five remain. We owe the English would aid a lady in distress like that, peerage to three sources-the spoliation of the church, the open and flagrant sale Henrietta's bare footsteps. She is com-of honors by the elder Stuarts and the ing to let me into the pantry for the borough-mongering of our own times. the existing peerage of England.

This was plain talk, but Disraeli dared to talk plainly. Nobody knew his power better than himself.

Possibly, the 900 members of the Elizabeth raised the peerage from against a firm in Germany or Alaska. Beaverton grange, and the several 30 to 60. The Stuarts increased it has back against a turnip patch, thousand in the other granges ought to 168, but in 1688 there were but to bow low and make no effort to 150. When George I ascended the his underclothing's made from sheep.

By an overwhelming majority, no good reason for any large city paying tribute to a private water company.

Another regrettable instance of the law's delay is seen in the case of the Pittsburg boodlers, convicted year before last, but whose cases are there is any good reason why they should not suffer the punishment inflicted on them by the trial court, Thirty years ago he was a telegraph they are entitled to a speedy decision to that effect, but if on the other hand they are guilty and were properly convicted, they should be paying the adjudged penalty. Pro- fessional appearance was made 18 years experiments in steam railways had ing of the British museum in 1759, one tracted delay in decisions of this ago. tracted delay in decisions of this ago. kind tends to subvert justice and kind tends to subvert justice and versary is today were: Jean Baptiste ever, the locomotive was successfully which originated in a bequest of Sir bring the law's processes into con- Moliere, (1622) 'celebrated French dra- used in South Carolina, and within a Hans Sloane. The Sandwich islands tempt

Boston and Tacoma are among the cities that are just commencing will be closely noted by other cities.

Paulhan's record will probably be "away up."

Once more the lash is cracking

into when all the power of running complish very much. However, the Oregon, But perhaps they may not the party was entrusted to them. forces in favor of river and harbor be whipped into submission as eas-Unless the whole party takes a hand improvement should not give up, or lly as in the old days of boss rule. Conditions have changed.

President Taft, it is said, favors party haven't seuse enough to select Island and Wall street will not rule an inquiry into the cost of living. How would it do to begin at the top and make an inquiry whether the cost of a president, some \$330,-000 a year, is not too much?

> Great news; some prices have Liberals should win by a safe dropped a little. But not enough yet to make much difference in the consumer's pocketbook.

### TANGLEFOOT

By Miles Overholt



It is awful cold tonight. I wouldn't vrite this at 10 minutes to 12, but I have nothing else to do and I am kind of lonesome. I'm writing this on the snores are wafted to me through the key hole. I would not stay on the back porch at 12 o'clock at night, but circumstances with a padlock on them will not allow me to do otherwise.

The whole trouble arose over a little misunderstanding. You see, we have a lady cook—a real pretty lady cook I might say. She is not as stout as Henrietta and she treats me with the proper amount of respect. So, naturally, I am a friend to her. Give me enough treatment like that and I am as gentle as a lamb. I am not proud and when a cook person tickles my chin alive and well, why I will roll over and play dead or do any other cute little trick like that.

Well, I went into the kitchen this morning when Henrietta was out of the house and attempted to assist Annabel in turning, the flapjacks and in so doing my right arm strayed away and kind of got around her waist somehow cient lineage. The real old families and stayed there. It was purely accidental, but I couldn't get it away.

It was at this moment that Henrietta came in

And that is why I am out here. It was all a mistake, of course. Any man should go to the rescue of a poor poral peers to be found, and even some orphan girl who has two or three flap-,acks to turn before breakfast. I have never yet fallen so low but what I But more anon, the feller says. I hear balance of the night.

ABE HENSTEP.

You see that man with nervous glance With symptoms of St. Vitus dance, Who stops occasionally to swear lie's wearing woolen underwear.

ee that man dodging to and fro

The wool that's in their underwear.

I knew a man of brilliant mind And then, pour soul, he passed away,

The clothing tickled him to death. He utilized his dying breath By saying softly: "Friends beware, And don't buy woolen underwear

Though men may come and men may go, Chough lightning strike the friends know, And milkmen reb us of our sleep, We won't wear clothing made from

## Is This Your Birthday?

Mrs. Ella Flagg Young, the only woman superintendent of schools in the large American city, celebrates in Chicago today her sixty-rifth anniversary action at all, but action by a few of right to their opinions, and as good the narry. The convention or as they youth for her work. She is a native of Buffalo.

George M. Reynolds of Chicago, who has the distinction of declining the secretaryship of the treasury and is nopresident of the ...merican . ankers' association, is 46. William H. P. Faunce, president of

Brown university since 1899, and na-He is a graduate of Newton Theolog-

lateness of its occurrence. There is of Lake Forest who reaches the age of 41. He was born, reared and educated in Iowa.

Tulio Larringa, delegate from Porto Rico in congress, is 63. He built the first railroad in Porto Rico and is one der, who had done almost, if not fully, and Manchester railway and the trial of the prize linguists of Washington. John T. Watkins, congressmen from Louisiana, who fell sick six weeks before he should have graduated and thus A road was soon built from Philadel- of a failed of a college de ree, is 56 today, phia to the Susquehanna but the cars et' He was married on his twenty-fifth

philosophy in Harvafd and writes books of Baltimore lest Philadelphia steal its on metaphysics for recreation, is 44, western trade, and they decided to build operator and railroad .. gent in Califor- river. Work on it was begun in July,

William Norris, actor, native of New Baltimore & Ohio railroad, York and or high chool pupil in The first steam locomotive was San Francisco, is 38. His first pro- brought from England in 1829, where Of the men of histor, whose anni-

## Letters From the People

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Protect the Horses. Portland, Jan. 14 .- To the Editor of

# COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

#### SMALL CHANGP

Dr. Cook seems to be nearly forgot-ten already. And perhaps that is what he desires.

Somebody might acquire some notori-ety by denying that the cost of living has increased.

Mr. President: It is more important to serve the people than to harmonize a wrangling party.

It will take a long time to reform the world to the point of getting it to live chiefly on sour milk.

There are slower cities than Portland; pay-as-you-enter cars are just begin-ning to be used in Baltimore.

After all, the baby crop is the most interesting and important one. And it is one that supplies a year round har-

Roosevett is after a white rhine. But President Taft perhaps thinks he has captured a white elephant in the Ald-rich-Cannon policies. Congress is going to consider the cost of living problem, and may find it so serious as to require, in its judgment, an increase of salaries for its mem-

As if to refute slanders of some of earth's astronomers, some new canals have appeared on Mars. That planet meems able to get big canals on short

Thomas A. Edison predicts that by the year 2110 the common laborer will be able to live as well as the man with an income of \$200,000 does flow. But this is a long time to wait. It is pretty safe to make predictions about what will happen 200 years hence.

At a meeting of the publicity committee of the Roseburg commercial ciub, says the News, "steps were taken to start a publicity campaign that has happen 200 years hence.

Oregon." A monthly "booster" periodical will be maintained.

#### OREGON SIDELIGHTS

Drain has abolished its occupation

Baker City has its first woman bar-Hood River is going to try to get

Several artesian wells have been sunk with success in Harney county. A fellow at Corvallis was so hungry

Ashland Fruit Growers' association did a business last season amounting to \$50,000.

That it is possible for a preacher to be a good editor seems to be in process of proof in the case of the Albany Her-ald. Brogan will have a big lumber yard, a capitalist from North Dakota having bought a large tract of timber near

Medford Mail-Tribune has refused a big advertisement for the Meler & Frank company of Portland, because it

believes that people should patronize home merchants. Douglas county has begun the fight in earnest against the formation of the proposed Nesmith county from portions of Lane and Douglas counties. There will also be a good deal of opposition

in Lane county. Another evidence of progress in civilization; the number of lynchings in the United States was less in 1905 than in 1908. But there is plenty of room for a still better record in 1910.

The many man is happy. He is selling every spear of his hay in 1908. But there is plenty of room for a still better record in 1910.

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An Illinois judge who sentenced a man who had committed an unusually brutal and inexcusable murder to life imprisonment instead of death, on the ground that the imprisonment sentence was the severer, worse and more fit punishment, may have reasoned rightly. Death releases the man and quickly ends his punishment—perhaps, who knows?—but imprisonment throughout life is certain and severe punishment indeed.

## ORIGIN OF OREGON COUNTIES

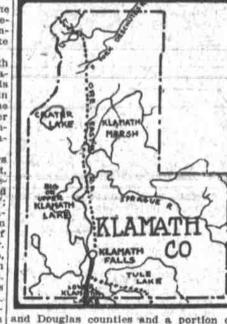
By F. V. Holman. President of the Oregon Historical Society

KLAMATH COUNTY. Klamath county was created by the state legislature October 17, 1882. (Special laws of 1882, page 107.) It comprises the western portion of Lake county as the latter was originally. Its name is derived from Klamath laken. Upper Klamath lake is in Klamath county. Lower Klamath lake is partly in that county and partly in Siskiyou county, California. From the fact that the country around Upper Klamath lake is the habitat of an Indian tribe it is usually called the Klamath tribe.

The name is spelled in various ways in early books on Oregon: Clammat in Wyeth's Journal of his first expedition, page 181; Clamath, in Les and Frost's Ten Years in Oregon, page 177 Klamac, in Duflot de Mofras' Exploration, volume 2, page 335; Klamet, in lix of G Oregon, page 102; and Clamet, in Dr. Elijah White's Ten Years in Oregon, page 259, and in Farnham's Travels in California and Oregon (1852), page 258. In Farnham's Travels (1843) at pages

246 and 247, the name is spelled Klamet. Captain John C. Fremont, in his exploring expedition to Oregon and north California in 1843-4, went from The Dalles to California overland, east of math Falls. the Cascade mountains and by Klamath lakes. In his report, dated March 1, the lakes and the Indians living near, spelling the name Tlamath. On page 196 of this report, under date of November 18, 1843, he says: "The first of these points was the Tlamath lake,

have chosen to write its name according to the Indian pronunciation." the north by portions of Crook and state line; and on the wort by Jackson cial laws of 1882, page 10%)



Lane county. Its county seat is Kla-

line of the state of Oregon at its inter-1845, he writes a number of times of section with the line between ranges has made up for that one omission. Nos. 15 and 15 east; thence duse north to the south line of township No. 12 tailie buttons fastened up each side of tween ranges Nos. 11 and 12 east; thence collar, metal trimmed. This is equaled due north to the south line of township in correct outlines by cloth street suits, from which take a river of No. 22 south, being the south boundary the skirts of which are straight and the same name makes its way west- of Wasco county; thence due west to the wardly direct to the ocean. This lake summit of the Gascade mountains; and river are often called Klamet, but thence southerly along said summit to its intersection with the line between ranges Nos. 4 and 5 east; thence due Klamath county is now bounded: On south en said range line to the south boundary line of the state of Oregon Lane counties; on the east by Lake and thence east along said boundary county; on the south by the California line to the place of beginning." (Spe-

# January 15 in History-The First Locomotive

ly demonstrated the practicability of the ears, even on the steam roads, were using the locomotive on the road in America. During the year previous Peter Cooper, the eminent New York and engines by individuals and corporaphilanthropist, constructed his famous tions, ocomotive called the "Tom Thumb," those days.

now cover the United States had its beginning at this time. John Stevens, an inventive genius of the highest\_oras much as Robert Fulton for the on it of the "Rocket" on October 6, steamboat, was now the chief advocate 1830. The "Rocket" was the first enof steam railways.

phia to the Susquehanna, but the cars et" weighed less than four and one-first used were drawn by horses. The half tons, and hauled 13 tons of freight action of Pennsylvania in projecting at 29 miles per hour for 1 hour and Horatio . Dresser, who fectures on canals and railways alarmed the people a railroad to some point on the Ohio 1828, and this was the origin of the erated; with more than 6000 locomotives

but it proved a failure. In 1831, how-

fall on the frozen, slippery streets. am sure if Mayor Simon or some of our worthy councilmen, would get. up early enough they would pity the horses and find a remedy.

I visited London some years ago and before the traffic started, after the birects were cleaned, they used a sand tration at least, the policy of conservasprinkler (on the same principle as a seed sower) which did excellent work, even sanding the sidewalks in instances, corporate greed have been lowered and Two men on a load of sand with a shovel apiece would help considerably in the downtown district. SUBSCRIBER.

It is proposed to have the county court levy an equal assessment on all the property in each road district to depth of only 50 feet is reported near meet this expense annually.

Upon this day in 1831 was successful- | for years after this beginning many of

Any one owning a car or an engine which was tried on the Baltimore & had the use of the road. The engines Ohio railroad, but it was too small to were rude machines compared with be of much service. However, when those of our own times, but they went the "Best Friend" was turned out at the laster than the Dest Friend was turned out at the laster than the Dest Friend was turned out at the laster than the Dest Friend was turned out at the laster than the Dest Friend was turned out at the laster than the Dest Friend was turned out at the laster than the Dest Friend was turned out at the laster than the Dest Friend was turned out at the laster than the Dest Friend was turned out at the laster than the Dest Friend was turned out at the laster than the Dest Friend was turned out at the laster than the Dest Friend was turned out at the laster than the Dest Friend was turned out at the laster than the Dest Friend was turned out at the laster than the Dest Friend was turned out at the laster than the Dest Friend was turned out at the laster than the Dest Friend was turned out at the laster than the Dest Friend was turned out at the last the laster than the Dest Friend was turned out at the last the the "Best Friend" was turned out at the faster than the horses, and this caused eligible list today is John S. Nollen was found to meet all requirements of roads passed into the hands of private corporations, and horses were every-The vast network of railroads that where supplanted by the steam engine The railway as a dominating factor of modern civilization dates distinctly from the construction of the Liverpool

gine to embody the necessary elements of a successful locomotive. The "Rock.

and more than 2,000,000 cars in use. Another Important event in history institution of its kind in the world,

Pinchot's Removal.

From the Medford Mail-Tribune. By the removal of Gifford Pinchot as chief forester of the United States President Taft has dealt the so-called Roosevelt policies a victous blow and effectdatly relegated, for his administion of national resources. One by one the bars raised by Roosevelt against "interests" are as much in the saddle as ever they were during Mc-Kinley's administration, when Mark Hanna handed out on a gold platter everything the trusts desired.

# The REALM

**FEMININE** 

Fads and Fashions. YORK, Jan. 15.—The French tendency toward narrowing the shoulders, flattening the bust and broadening the waist has its influence upon the silheretta but only in comparatively few as the majority of the well dressed women in this county have refused to adopt extreme models along that line. American dressmakers say there has been much protest against the pinched shoulder line, and that in copying or altering French models they have usually been asked to devise some way

of widening the shoulders. A familiar way of achieving this nar-row line without the awkward narrowing of seams on the shoulder is the cutting of shoulder and sleeve or sleeve cap in one so that the line is unbroken, though there is he extending fulness at the shoulder point. This compromise has resulted in a much modified version of the Japanese sleeve, the wideness of the Japanese armhole being in most cases eliminated, the sleeve being made comparatively close, but the unbroken line and slight drapery movement around the armhole being retained.

The advent of the short coat, the belted blouse, the girdled bodice and the more closely fitted costume coat will help to bring the silhouette back to better proportions. The very smartest of the late season costume coats in Paris unquestionably shortened and in sults being made for the Riviera this tendency is emphasized, as is the blouse Belting or some employment of braiding giving much the same effect as belting is also noticeable upon a considerable proportion of these cos tumes for the south, which, while only tentative guesses at the modes that spring will bring forth, do show what authoritative French makers consider spring probabilities. The bodice and skirt arrangements

which are in the majority just now, though usually the two are attached to each other under the girdle so that the frock is to all intents and purposes a one piece affair, are much more easily handled than the genuine one piece de signs and the home dressmaker will be thankful for their return. Of course there are still many charming models draped all in one piece, and tunic arrangements which present a continuous line from bust to kness or lower; but the girdled model is in its own way quite as modish, and a large percentage of the latest models from the great French houses are of this type. Therefore this easier arrangement may be re-sorted to without the feeling that it involves a departure from the accepted lines.

It is true that only an artist could successfully achieve many of the models from the famous makers in Paris, but on the other hand there has seldom been a time when smartness could be achieved with less inspired ability on the part of the maker, prothe woman ordering the frock vided has taste, a fine sense of color and a tions of her figure. !

The military note is strong among the street costumes of Paris. The two and three cornered hats of Napoleon made their way first, and then followed all manner of garments carrying the insignia of battle, or at least of standing armies. Soldier clothes are at their best in cloth, although the velvet costume has borrowed a gay trapping now and then. The court suit glitters with gold frogs and brass buttons, and the one piece frock has a one sided martial fastening. The fur coat has taken on regimental lines, and the military cape is found in evening materials for the opera and in cravanetted surface for

stormy winter days. Brass buttons abound, the loose leather belt hangs low, suggesting a place for the saber; and gold fringe may be found for the looking. The so-called Russian blouse is borrowed from the Cossack uniform, and it is not strainand Douglas counties and a portion of ing a point to decorate it with straps and buttons. Dinner and opera gowns alone have escaped this touch of the "Beginning on the south boundary soldiery, but its predominance at every other point in the costuming of women

> plain and the coats of which resemble closely the best military cut. They are strapped across the chest with wide or narrow braids; they are fastened with regular army frogs or they are decorated with horibontal bands of narrow fur from button to button down the double breasted center panel.

> Embroidery and curious cross stitching in coarse yarn are used to repeat the customary Cossack decoration on Russian belt-in frocks and coats, while the beloved one piece frock still retains the Moyen Age cuirass outline, although it is rendered military by a strange jumble of side fastenings brass buttons with the medieval hand embroidery.

A new costume for walking is a skirt and jacket of hand knitted wool. It is of a soft cinnamon brown and fits the figure snugly. A high collar buttons at the side, from which the long lacket is fastened in a straight line by bone buttons. A wide leather belt be-low the waist gives a Norfolk effect To complete this costume, which Paris has accepted, a tiny woolen muff edged with fur is carried. It is in direct opposition to the huge bolsters which are now in vogue, but its recommendation les in its lack of weight, a very important consideration for walking tours. Belts for street costumes are very vide and have large buckles. Imitation gems are frequently used on them.
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## The Idle Question

The most recent compilation of rail-road statistics shows that in the United States there is a mileage of 220,638 op-erated; with more than 100 per 100 per

tired of the bootless questions that rise in my vagrant mind; I gaze at the stars and wonder how many may that occurred on this day was the open- be behind; a myriad worlds are whirl-ing of the British museum in 1759, one ing, concealed by the nearer spheres; and there they have coursed their orbits a million million years. I gaze at the spangled spaces, the bed of billion stars, death by ...s e emies; Jean Baptiste various parts of the country. But 1778, by Cook.

Faure (1830), French baritone, w b must be if the Cause of the country. But 178, by Cook. from the luminous vell of Venus, to the member a poor little soul like me. I'm tired of the endless questions that come, and will not begone, when I face the east and witness the miracle of the dawn; the march of the shining coursers o'er forest and sea and land; the splendor of gorgeous colors applied by the Captain's hand; the parting of crimson curtains afar in the asure steep; the hush of a world-wide wonder, when even the zephyrs sleep. And look on the birth of morning as mil-lions have gazed before, and question the wave that questions the rocks and the sandy shore. "When all of these things are ended as ended these things must be, will the Captain of all remember a poor little soul like me?

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