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Christianity is not a theory or speculation, but a life; not a philosophy of life, but a life and a living process.—Coolidge.

DIZZY BANKING

The \$96,000 of funds originally in the Seaside bank have shrunk to a pitiful \$450. This may yet be added \$2200, raising the present tangible assets to a possible \$10,650...

When the crash came, the books showed that the lumber company owed the bank an overdraft of \$5400. It owed the bank in bonds \$45,000. It owed the bank in notes \$37,000.

A NATIONAL TASK

CONGRESS will doubtless be called on by the president to provide a large proportion of the cost of the national work of bringing the methods of improved agriculture to the farm itself.

STIMSON'S SPEECH

In his address at Kansas City, Secretary Stimson doubtless voiced the views of the president respecting Panama canal administration and tolls.

GOOD ROADS WEEK

The annual meeting of the American Association for Highway Improvement will be held at Richmond, Virginia, between November 20 and 23.

STIMSON'S SPEECH

Mr. Stimson urged free passage of American vessels plying between ports of the United States. He insisted that congress should at the earliest moment settle the momentous issue of what the rates of toll are to be.

ence in lowering the transportation cost between Atlantic ports, both by rail and by sea.

The Stimson demand for congressional action with reference to tolls and administration is also intelligent statesmanship.

It is probable that the Stimson speech foreshadows similar recommendations in the presidential message.

ROBBERING THE COUNTRY

FIFTY counties in Illinois showed a loss of population during the decade ending in 1910. The actual loss, according to the census, was 55,944.

The losses ranged from 66 persons, or three tenths of one per cent, in DeWitt county, to 2973, or 17.4 per cent in Pike.

In census classification, all people living in cities of 2500 and over are specified as urban, and all others as rural.

Of the present 33.3 per cent, 12 per cent is population residing in 920 incorporated places of less than 2500 inhabitants.

It means that there is something fundamentally wrong in the adjustment between country life and city life.

THE JOHN L. WILSON PLAN

PRESUMABLY, the Portland Chamber of Commerce is not entering into a thick-and-thin alliance with ex-Senator John L. Wilson as to Alaska affairs.

It is a brand of development that has been repudiated by Secretary Fisher. It is not the kind of development that the masses of people in the Pacific coast states desire.

INTERVENTION IN CHINA

THE refusal of Yuan Shi Kai to accept the premiership of China, pressed on him by a delegation from the national assembly, was withdrawn when it had carried its purpose by securing for him a free hand in dealing with the Manchurian government.

His plan, announced yesterday, of allowing autonomy now for any province desiring it, with a declared purpose of hereafter attracting such provinces into the general fold, is opportunism indeed.

AN OPEN LETTER TO GIPSY SMITH

Portland, Nov. 15.—My Dear Brother Smith—At the Monday noon meeting when I stood up, as a sign to request your prayer, had not that which you are unwilling to me—rather a desperate and your kindly invitation, due to the general wickedness of my circumstances, for you will recall that you made a statement attributing men's sins to their own fault, and that they were not to be held responsible for them.

roads in the United States. But it is hoped that by the general adoption of the "Good Roads Week" not less than \$10,000,000 will be invested during that time by the various states, towns, districts and highway boards throughout the union.

After all said and done good roads are the first and most necessary step towards all the improvements in the farm life of the people.

If you seek to add to the profits of your farm, mend the roads and save time and horses. If you desire the comfort of the family good roads give a sense of freedom, of ability to get in and out of being in the world and not outside it, that nothing else will.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Portland, Nov. 14.—To the Editor of the Journal—In his argument for states rights before the congress of governors, Governor Harmon was upholding the political tradition of his state.

WHY BE FOOLISH

THERE is no use to hold a special charter election with a manager of charters to be voted on.

In the meantime, government in Portland, like government in every city under the old system, is absurd.

Practical Charity. Portland, Or., Nov. 10.—To the Editor of the Journal—When Gipsy Smith has made his last impassioned appeal for souls, what will be the result?

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COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

Small Change. Big Ohio is to follow the lead of little Oregon, as other big states have done or will do.

Scientific management. As urged by Taylor and other investigators, is no doubt a vastly beneficial movement; it is a science generally introduced into practice, in minimization of waste and enormous saving, and most eventually by the average and not harmful to workmen.

Now it is said that the cause of the Chinese revolution was jealousy between two women, the emperor's mother and the premier's wife.

Eighty-six dogs in Lake county are assessed at \$2650. People raise sheep down there.

The women of Heppner raised \$137.53 at a social given for the improvement of the city cemetery.

The Southern Pacific depot at Tallman, which had been closed for several weeks, has been reopened.

A new town is to be laid out on the new railroad, seven miles south of Lakeview, to be called Windfall.

In Lake county recently jurymen traveled 125 miles in order to attend circuit court. The extreme distance is 40 miles.

The circuit court has been busy in Lake county for more than a month, the number of the time being given to the trial of criminal cases.

Gold Hill News: A record for lathing was made at Banker Smith's bungalo, when a crew of professional lathers, under the supervision of a foreman, finished the five rooms and the hall in four hours and five minutes, placing 12,000 lath.

Send Bulletin: Fifteen Bend men in three auto traveled 52 miles to hunt ducks over the week end. They left Bend Saturday, going to Burns, Buena Vista, Newberry and other parts of the county.

SEVEN 'NEW' WOMEN

Abigail Adams. An excellent idea of the strong mind and stern characteristics of Abigail Adams, wife of one president of the United States and the mother of another, is splendidly shown in her letter to her husband who was attending the continental congress at Philadelphia.

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Story of the Manchu Breakdown

By Benjamin Kart, in the Cleveland Leader. Authorities differ widely regarding the number of Manchu Tartars in the Chinese empire.

Some authorities think the Tartars amount to 3 per cent of the total population, or say 8,000,000, or possibly 10,000,000.

Other authorities think the Tartars amount to 10 per cent, or not over 3,000,000 to 4,000,000.

There has been a good deal of intermarrying with the Chinese and much depends upon where the line is drawn in classifying those of mixed blood.

But even if there are not more than 8,000,000 Manchus of wholly Tartar blood in China, that population ought to be able to furnish 200,000 or even 300,000 soldiers.

In the beginning of Manchu rule it could easily have supplied much higher percentages of warriors than 300,000 would call for now.

Then all of the able bodied Tartars were soldiers. That made their conquest of the peace loving Chinese possible.

It should be remembered that the Manchu element has been in possession of all the authority and resources of the state.

It has not been forced to buy for a living on hard work in the land of extremely high wages for the patient toil.

All of the men of Manchu blood have been either soldiers of the army, officials or lesser employers of the government or else pensioners of the imperial authorities.

With such conditions to aid them they might easily have constituted the entire trained military force of the Chinese empire.

They might have formed an army at least 200,000 strong, well armed and drilled, and that force might have been in the service of a Manchu organization covering the entire empire with its underlings and its dependents.

If the Tartars had retained enough martial spirit to make a manly soldier and mind to do these things more training would have been able to hold the empire in their grasp for an indefinite period.

They would then have been able to hit every local rising with crushing force, just as the British garrisons in India sold down another vast mass of peaceloving and untrained natives.

In these days of modern repeating rifles and rapid fire guns, troops which have courage and resolution can overcome enormous numbers of unarmed or badly armed men striking desperately against their rulers.

It all depends upon the lack of weapons on one side and the determination and fighting spirit of the soldiers on the other.

But the Manchus have liked ease as pensioners and civil officials of the state too well to pay much attention to military service.

They are not the great fighters their ancestors were. They lack the military spirit of arms that the Chinese and little more training or skill. Power has done its work and ease has broken down their strength and sapped their stamina.

Washington Fruit in Australia.

From the Spokane Spokesman-Review. The securing of new markets for the expansion of old markets, has for years been recognized by the producers of the Pacific northwest as a necessity that grows more and more important each year.

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Tanglefoot By Miles Overholt



THE DRUMMER'S MARE. "Please excuse me," said the drummer, as he sat beside the maid.

"You're entitled to a seat." To himself he said: "Um, um, um."

"Looks like rain," aloud he peddled. "No," she would say, "it's not raining."

"She's a pipkin, then he whistled, as he looked along the side aisle.

"I'm a bear on this horse mash stuff, guess I'll jolly her awhile."

Not Steady.

Master—John, I'm sorry, but I find we must part with your services at the end of the year.

John—I've been in the firm's employ for about 40 years in the firm's employ.

Well, gov'nor, if I'd known it wasn't goin' to be a steady job I'd never have taken it!

Waiting

(Contributed to the Journal by Will Allen, the Tacoma Evening News correspondent.)

It seems to me I'm always waiting; for something, in this world of woe; in June I'm waiting till there's skating, and lots of wholesome sled and snow.