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If we neglect to exercise any talent, power, or quality, it soon falls away from us. - Henry

ARE WE INCOMPETENT?

HERE are signs of a revival of interest in a public auditorium for Portland. May 1, 1910, there was a high tide of public sentiment for an auditorium after an agitation of many weeks.

August 11, 1910, it was discovered in the midst of active agitation that the charter would have to be amended to get the auditorium.

September 27, 1910, the "Live Wires" voted to ask the city council to submit a measure for a bond issue for an auditorium at the next election.

December 4, 1910, the city lost a great convention for lack of an auditorium that would accommodate delegates.

February 23, 1911, in the midst of general discussion, there was agitation for a pipe organ for the proposed auditorium,

March 4, 1911, the Portland Commercial club announced that it would at once get behind the proposed auditorium.

Jane 5, 1911, a bond issue of \$600,000 for an auditorium was rency in an enemy's country. authorized at a city election in a vote of 14,025 for and 10,782 against.

June 21, 1911, an auditorium HE Denver Times is demanding mighty dollar second. commission was named by Mayor Simon. September 1, 1911, the commission favored setting aside a portion of the \$600,000 bond issue are exorbitant, almost confiscatory, sibility, and the year's record shows for a pipe organ.

ground space for the greater Port- rendered. land auditorium.

auditorium plans.

architects.

pending selection of the site.

build still stands.

Is Portland incompetent to build ments of property. a public auditorium?

SERVING TWO MASTERS

known members of Harvard's is being heard." law faculty, has resigned for the transportation facilities.

In his letter to President Lowell, an efficient system. Professor Wyman said he had seen no fault in the combination of his functions. For years he had be-Heved, and he still believes, that centralization of the management of reau of education indicate that transportation and public control by administrative bodies afforded the

as counsel by the New Haven road there were a year ago, and 1200 maliciously uses the law's machinpassed upon all claims filed before ing an influence throughout the case after case in endless procesthe interstate commerce commission, country. saying whether they should be con- Attention is called to the fact working out of manifest injustice.

* Ices are known, Professor Wyman prerequisite for entering upon the admits that the public discounten- study of medicine. State examining ances a man who serves two mas- boards in seven states have made ters. He insists that his motives regulations, effective within the near F THE children have already bewere pure, but he withdraws from future, that every applicant for a the university because he does not license to practice medicine shall toys, parents should profit from through public opinion.

Mellen did not employ Professor ical study. A similar requirement, of teaching children, discussed this Wyman, and cover his salary in except that it is limited to one phase of childhood while in Chicago. "other expenses," solely because of year of college work, will soon be- She recommends toys that appeal the Harvard professor's ability. His come operative in six other states, to the child's instincts for discovery, are manipulated till justice is someprestige was far more valuable than It is interesting, if not signifi- construction and simplification.

was connected.

national meditation when the very ated this year as last. tion?

PORTLAND REGIONAL BANK

OME steps other than the aggressive demand for a regional bank are necessary in order to induce the committee to designate Portland as a regional bank city

There will have to be a satisfacthe government in putting the new currency system into operation. There will be some interest at Wash- steady and persistent. ngton in observing whether the applications of the banks of this immediate region for relations with the new system are generous, prompt and universal.

The regional reserve committee showing Portland makes in its offers to assist in underwriting the regional bank. The committee will also be concerned a great deal with the attitude and atmosphere in Portland respecting the new currency system, and be concerned with the warmth or coldness here, as the case may be, with which the new legislation is accepted.

It is very certain that no regional bank will be located in a city that refuses to be in harmony with the new currency plan. Nor will it be placed in a city in which there is

national banks. These are considerations that the gional bank for Portland should take into full consideration.

No government can afford to try out a new plan of banking and cur-

REAL TAX REFORM

tax reform. Denver's taxes are The per capita revenue collection is that they are accepting their new October 10, 1911, T. B. Wilcox re- said to be too great, and is out of duty of citizenship. There has been turned from the east urging more proportion to the public service a marked change in women's club

October 18, 1911, the people's schools, parks, firemen's pensions, ing, but there is a tendency towards views were requested by the com- sinking fund and interest on funded affairs more sternly practical. Good mission respecting the auditorium debt, Denver in 1913 paid \$4,589,823. government, better milk, healthier In 1914 that city will pay \$4,640,- bables, cleaner streets, a greater October 25, 1911, the exposition 376. This will be an increase of general welfare are topics now taksite was urged for the auditorium. \$50,000, in the face of a reduction ing place of the so-called cultural October 26, 1911, 62 architects of \$140,000 in state taxes. The 1914 discussions. were awaiting the decision as to the tax levy amounts to \$23 for every man, woman and child in the city, Teacher associations spread through October 29, 1911, two years and and the per capita tax does not in- out the city. There is to be actual two months ago today, J. H. Freed-clude an item of \$900,000 which cooperation between parents and lander and A. B. Seymour, of New will be received from licenses, fees teachers. The Oregon Congress of ling to die the first time it was killed, and certainty that is truly marvelous.

York, were named as auditorium and other sources of revenue other. Mothers has taken on renewed life, but the originator comes out with the York, were named as auditorium and other sources of revenue other Mothers has taken on renewed life but the originator comes out with the than direct taxes.

two years, one month and 28 days palled at the mounting cost of city before. ordering construction of the audi- says such conditions do not attract given full consideration. torium, the plans are still halted outside capital, and they cause the present resident to be wary of in-All these years and months and vestment. Demand is made for a The people's vote of instructions to discrepancies and injustices, which will guarantee fairness in assess-

get the worst of it. "But this is loss and damage resulting." RUCE WYMAN, since 1900 pro- get the worst of it. "But this is loss and damage resulting." too costly an expedient to k fact. The enormous total is now . Ten years ago a railroad conductionals in constant confinement. fessor of law at Harvard uni-being paid in and all of it is being tor borrowed \$25 at 10 per cent a versity and one of the best spent, while the demand for more month from a loan shark. In six

good of the university. Investigation other cities, is beginning to realize \$30 was credited on the loan. The tion of the "other expenses" account that tax reform involves not only other \$115 had gone into the loan of the New Haven railroad is the economy in public expenditures, but shark's pocket, and the conductor reason for Professor Wyman's resig- also fairness and efficiency in tax was told that he still owed the orignation. While a member of Har-collections. Cities will not progress inal \$25 and accumulated interest. vard's law faculty he received a as they should until equity governs The victim finally refused to make same salary of \$833 a month as counsel in the collection of taxes. Equity further payments on the ground that cannot govern in this until the pres- he had already liquidated the debt tempt to monopolize New England's ent shop-worn, slip-shod method of several times over. Then the loan assessing property is discarded for shark garnisheed his wages, caused often find admirable development in the

MEDICAL EDUCATION

reau of education indicate that medical education

by former President Mellen. It was fewer persons studying medicine. ery to enforce an unlawful demand Professor Wyman's duty to use his This change is said to be the direct should be punished for so doing. prestige and ability in combatting result of efforts to arouse public the legal attacks being made upon opinion in favor of a higher stand- themselves to the written pleadings. the railroad's management. He ard, efforts which are already hav- They are courts of justice, and yet

Now that the nature of his serv- more years of college work as a cept with clean hands. wish that institution to suffer have studied two years in college, in addition to a four years' high tessori, the Italian woman recently It is a fair assumption that Mr. school course, before beginning med- lecturing in America on her method

fountains of knowledge are invaded The time was when some medical touch" command. opinion.

A RECORD OF PROGRESS

the city's population was 90,- swers themselves. tory showing as to what alacrity 426. In 10 years, with the Lewis

will obviously be interested in the This year the corresponding item 1905 postal receipts were \$473,083. last longer. will be more than three fold what it was eight years ago.

These statistics, together with strides made by Portland and Oreare significant, for they prove, if tify themselves with a prosperous community.

However, there is another phase acceptance of the program by the year just closing marks a wonderful advance in the accepted relations of people to each other. This general committee working for a re- attitude is responsible for Portland's new form of city government. It is responsible for advanced legislation, all based upon the principle that it is the city's and state's duty to look after those who are unable to look after themselves. It is responsible for a general movement in behalf of people first and the al-

Women are having a large part declared to be too high. As- in this new movement. They are sessed valuations in many cases clothed with the ballot's responactivities. Some of the clubs are In taxes for state, city, county, still sticking to Ibsen and Brown-

The year has seen the Parentand vigor. Charitable organizations November 1, 1911, 787 days, or Denver people are becoming ap- have been efficiently busy as never

ago today, the auditorium plans government. They are also becom- The story of progress is inspiring. were halted for selection of a site. ing alive to many discriminatory It illustrates a great truth. No city December 29, 1913, two years, six features in methods of assessing or state can grow symmetrically unmonths and 24 days after the vote property for taxation. The Times less people as well as property are

COURTS AND JUSTICE

days, the money has been available, change which will do away with ECIDING a loan shark case the other day, the Kansas supreme court said: "Where a party makes an unlawful demand and The Times says that no individual maliciously uses the machinery of should want or receive the best of the law to enforce payment, the init, nor should any class of property jured party is entitled to recover the

years he had paid \$145 for the use

ally the victim realized that he too rents. might have some rights under the law, and he sued the loan shark.

medical education in the \$5448 as exemplary and punitive other misfortunes. United States is being revolu- damages, at the same time laying best solution of railroad problems, tionized. There is said to be a down a proposition which will ap-He looked upon his New Haven remarked improvement in quality copeal to any man's sense of the digner as an opportunity to give incident with decreases in the number of the law, efficiently admining the studies of modern and policy of the law, efficiently admining to the studies of modern and policy of the law, efficiently admining the studies of modern and policy of the law, efficiently admining the studies of modern and policy of the law, efficiently admining the studies of modern and policy of the law, efficiently admining the studies of modern and policy of the law, efficiently admining the studies of modern and policy of the law, efficiently admining the studies of the ber of medical students and colleges. stered. There can be no question cates of sterilization. The liquor curse, Professor Wyman was employed There are 14 fewer schools than about the doctrine that a man who with all its baneful attendants, produces

the railroad was in behalf of "cen-fraction of those affected by reform. Impressed upon the loan sharks in under foot, and along the lines of bet-policy of severe neutrality, but we impressed upon the loan sharks in under foot, and along the lines of bet-policy of severe neutrality, but we traffization," as he himself termed There are 101 now listed by the but that state that it is dangerous busireau, and of these 53 require one or ness for them to go into court ex-

THE CHRISTMAS TOYS

gun breaking their Christmas regions. the destruction. Dr. Marie Monals ability as a lawyer, and that cant, that all of the decrease in the Simple playthings that cannot be

cational institution with which he among the men. More women are their investigations are recommendstudying medicine than a year ago, ed, but complicated toys are not What is the status and what the although only half as many gradu- barred, provided parents are not too free with the "You mustn't

and polluted by corrupt capital in school's turned out "doctors" at so Dr. Montessori says children can't an effort to monopolize transporta- much a head. It was notorious that help touching things. They obey tion and lay a people under extor- diplomas could be purchased at a natural instincts in taking things fixed price. Legislation has assisted apart and putting them together in remedying this condition, but again. They learn much in this the larger influence has been public manner, and the child is intent upon learning. The Italian educator says it is a mistake to suppose that children are destructive. They break many of their toys, but the break-DORTLAND has grown to a city ages are incidental to investigation. of an estimated 277,000 peo- The children are unconsciously ask-Twenty-three years ago ing questions and finding the an-

And so, if the Christmas toys are and interest local banking institu- and Clark exposition one of the chief beginning to show signs of wear tions manifest in cooperating with contributing causes, the figure had and tear, parents should question mounted to 207,214, since which their own judgment rather than scold the children. Fathers and of immense importance many others mothers must accept the fact that time Portland's growth has been scold the children. Fathers and In 1905, the exposition year, their children insist upon knowing Portland's bank clearings totaled the how and the why of things. If \$228,402,712. This year the total this phase of childhood is kept in approximates \$625,000,000, nearly mind when Christmas toys are three times the 1905 figures. In bought next year the purchases may

Fariss, the 22-year-old California tragedies of disaster and crime. bandit, sentenced to be hanged for shooting Montague in the train holdothers reflecting advanced business up, expected when he pleaded guilty, to be given a life sentence. Leaving gon in a year, are found in another home at 16 to face the world unsection of The Journal today. They guided by a father or a mother, nobody knows what chance he has had proof were necessary, that Portland So long as our boys become dereand Oregon afford opportunity for licts at 16, we need not be surprised praise, men and women who wish to iden- if they are on the gallows at 22. Besides, society helped him along with his crime by making and wantonly selling him the revolver for not liberal backing and universal to the city's and state's growth. The the exact purpose for which he

In spite of repeated notices by automobile and motorcycle licenses have been issued for 1914. The 1913 licenses expire at midnight next arrest. With over 14,000 licenses watch developments. Where is the police committee of the automobile

Letters From the People

lication in this department should be written on only one side of the paper, should not exceed 300 words in length and must be accompanied by the name and address of the sender. If the writer does not desire to have the name published, he should so state.)

"Discussion is the greatest of all refor It rationalizes everything it touches. It robe principles of all false sauctity and throws them back on their reasonableness. If they have no reasonableness, it ruthlessly crushes them out of existence and sets up its own conclusions in their stead."—Woodrow Wilson.

Sterilization.

Portland, Dec. 27 .- To the Editor of The Journal-It was to be hoped that so unworthy a measure as the "late" lamented sterifization bill would be willstatement "The act is not dead; I will system contribute to this supremacy see that it is kept alive," and proposes o make the measure still more drastic and present it alive to the next legis-

But it was right that such a proposition should be killed. It was an unneccessary measure. The purpose of the act s developed by the pro-sterilists themselves was that confirmed criminals moral perverts, imbeciles, the hopelessly specimens of humanity should be prevented from reproducing, the object being to prevent crime, to exterminate defectives, to raise the standard of phys. ical perfection and to keep down a supposedly too rapid increase in population. In the first place, confirmed criminals are usually kept in imprisonment

and if so, society is safe. At this point it is argued that it is too costly an expedient to keep crim-

To this I reply that our prisons can and should be so conducted that their inmates by their labor not only maintain themselves but produce a profit to the Denver, like Portland and many of the \$25, and in that time only state for the care of those who are pauperized by their crime. The imbecile should be confined in a suitable home. And as long as the insane have to be cared for they can be segregated. More over it sometimes occurs that the insane are restored to reason and we do not always know who are hopelessly in-

> In the case of the physically imperfect, while there are always hereditary tendencies, physical development may be improved by selection; besides, we him to lose several positions, and children of physically inferior parents, pursued him into the courts. Fin- and sometimes inferior development in the children of physically superior pa-

Sometimes misfortune has come to The higher tribunal awarded vantage. It would be pitiable to deprive can continue to do so and still be

Why not begin in the right place? seem to be entirely overlooked by advothousands of these defectives where one is caused by heredity. Then there are prenatal influences.

Has not society tried enough schemes to better mankind? It has tried sterilization, too, but it must learn that depravity is located in the heart of man. Restore the Bible to the school and the sion comes before the judges in the tious dance hall, the sickly, sentimental, bla contamental accepted with candor and good feeling tested or admitted. His service for that the 14 fewer schools are only a Happily the Kansas tribunal has deen, cease trampling divine precepts the United States will not suffer from a tering the conditions of humanity there could wish that something more were will be realized infinitely more than the possible. The one evil which all civil-

Sterilization would not catch the gen-

measure ever before men would be placed in the hands of personal and political enemies, for things can be and times-we might say often-perverted

PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE

At any rate, the United States is not carrying on a war in Mexico. Christmas is very fine, but once year is plenty often enough.

It is nearly time for the annual repetition of those stale water wagon jokes. More people's hearts are about "in the right place" than is generally sup-

It is better to pray and sing than to drink and swear the old year out and the new year in.

Yet it is unlikely that the Willamette river will ever be uncomfortably crowded with Christmas swimmers.

Some of the men given Jobs, it seems, ranted the pay out not the work; they wanted the pay out not the work; they only loafed. Let such fellows go hungry

A contemporary seems to think that the Oregon senators should have secured a regional bank for Portland as the bill was introduced.

Truly a merry Christmas, to many, perhaps to the great majority, but every Christmas time brings its terrible

From away up in the Arctic ocean, 600 miles north of horthernmost Norway, came the S. O. S. call to the countries of the world. What a mighty, God-like thought wireless telegraphy was! If the new currency law is as good as

most competent judges say it is, President Wilson and the Democratic leaders and happy, and to the country's OREGON SIDELIGHTS

Five carloads of machinery for the new flouring mill at Astoria have been shipped from the east and three more carloads will be shipped in the near future.

"All roads will lead to Salem," says the Statesman; "but the proposed 15 mile hard surfaced road leading in from the north will be the best one perhaps the best one in Oregon."

The Smudging Pot man of the Med-ford Sun says if the new currency act does everything the Democratic party imagines, the Rogue river valley will imagines, the Rogue r be flooded knee deep v by next Christmas.

Eugene Guard: The Commercial club, which is composed of the city's most progressive business men and heaviest taxpayers, has gone on record as favoring the improvement of Skinner's butte and turning it into a real park.

Christmas optimism as editorially voiced in the Baker Democrat: "Christmas in Baker is probably the most joyous one in many years. The health of ous one in many years. The health of the community is exceptionally good, our people are generally prosperous and the prospects for advancement in all things during the coming year are ex-ceedingly bright."

If Rogue valley people are not contented and happy the fault must be within themselves, the Grants Pass Courier bearing witness against them in this strain: "Christmas Day in southern Oregon was bright and sunny, with balmy air, vibrant with the merry note of caroling bird. It was not a far reach to give to the day its place in midwinter season, for the valley was framed in encircling mountains, white with the recently fallen snow. The Rogue valley is just far enough south to get the delight of a mild winter climats combined with the beauty of the northern summer."

MORNING NEWSPAPER NARROWING

From the Duluth (Minn.) Herald. eastern empire are settling down to-Lately two morning newspapers in ward the evening rest. It is 10 o'clock San Francisco were consolidated.

A little later the Denver Republican, a morning paper, was consolidated with the secretary of state, only 3500 the Rocky Mountain News, leaving only and the last news of the day in Asia one morning paper in a Rocky Moun- and Africa is in for the early editions tain metropolis.

These items are significant. They Wednesday, and all drivers without is a definite limit in the capacity of them thereafter will be subject to a community to support newspapers.

Arrest. With over 14.000 licenses They are significant of the narrowing to be issued by the morning of next latter point is peculiarly significant befield of the morning newspaper, Thursday, it will be interesting to cause there was a time when the morning paper dominated the field. That time is no longer, anywhere.

Though this development is comparatively recent, it has been inevitable from the beginning. When means of communication were meager and inefficient, the morning paper gave the better service because it had the whole pening is the smallest of the 24 hours day and night to gather the news of the day With means of communication so of the world at the supper table.

There has been nothing more marvelous in all the marvels of modern ering and news-distributing systems which has made this possible. The distributing centers, and the distribut- time when father is hurrying to ion of the news from these to the even-

of the evening paper. When the Herald for school. goes to press in Duluth at 4 It is 5 o'clock in New York; the day's of the evening paper and the gradual work is practically over, the day's news but certain decline of the morning paper is gathered, the metropolis and all its were inevitable.

strosities by themselves, the feeble minded in segregation and the sick in comfortable hospitals and humanely care for all. In other words, continue to be men. Emasculation is brutish and, insane and the ill formed and inferior of course, a step backward in civiliza-W. N. COFFEE. tion.

Burns and the Boosters.

Burns, Or., Dec. 24 .- To the Editor of The Journal-The improvements for for the customers who support the 1913 that are most marked seem to be brokerage houses and investment banklargely local and without anticipating ers. any, untoward development along, the line of an influx of people, or an immediate change in conditions as the reworld through the medium of a railroad, it might be mentioned that those heretofore who have spent money and encouraged the boosters from commercial and railroad bodies who frequently visit these parts and discourse of "the great Harney country" and give veiled assurance of early improved transportation facilities, have become tired of these unrealized hopes and are perfectly willing for these people to come and talk and boost, but are getting cold feet on pay-ing out money for their coming and giving time and energy towards their entertaining while here. The feeling here is that the dog and manger policy of the Harriman and Hill systems is their funeral, and they either should resurrect their corpse or else furnish their own undertaker and mourners. The sentiment here is that Burns and Harney county have succeeded heretofore withmen and they appear at a great disad- out having to support a poor farm and such of manhood in addition to their spectably successful. They have the the crowd. Ten minutes' talk with any other misfortunes. they have the resources. H. W. M.

Lines of "Humanitarian" Policy.

From The Nation (London). The Guildhall speech robbed the Mexican crisis of what was for us its most anxious possibility. It is clear that our foreign office realizes that no stake a long sustained scramble to buy, and and no interest which British capitalists may have in Mexico is worth an estrangement with the United States. Mr. Asquith's declaration means, we take it, that American policy need fear no active or covert opposition from this country, and the American press has already voluptuous blood and thunder sensation- in the past which lent themselves to most sanguine pro-sterilist could hope ized men must chiefly wish to avoid is for.

a drifting of events, which may ultimately lead the United States into war. teel seducer of the innocent, the man We are slow to believe that a presi-who takes advantage of the poor, the dent whose habit of mind is so maniwhite slaver, frequenters of the red light festly humane and self-restrained as Dr. districts, and the operators of the vice Wilson's will easily allow himself to be maneuvred into war. But it needs some It is said that mental derangement is patience for a great power to allow itself with the American objection to sometimes caused by sexual derange- itself to be "defied" by a disreputable this bloody and self-seeking usurper. ment. Very well. Do not confound med- military adventurer at the head of half the less likely is it that war will ical necessity with the proposition at is- the forces of a third-class state on its the outcome. sue. In this measure under the guise borders. There are easer interests general conviction that where any preson benevolence the most malevolent which would profit from war, and it is sure is exerted for humanitarian ends. fatally easy to cloak such an interven- whether by advice or boycott or tion as this in pseudo-liberal formula. of arms, it is infinitely preferable The best to hope for would be that the moral pressure exerted by the states, backed by the refusal of other powers to finance General Huerta, may render prestige came through the great edu-number of students has taken place destroyed by curious children in insane in asylums, the physical months and that cannot be insurgents, or by both causes com-vites and welcomes European backing.

in the evening at London and only a few minutes earlier in Paris. The news of the east and of Europe is ripe and gathered when the Herald goes to press, of the evening papers.

In the local field the news comes are significant of the fact that there hot from the places where it is made to the evening paper, then in the making, and is sent out from Duluth to other points in exchange for the day's news there. So when the Herald goes to press-and we speak of the Herald only as typifying the evening newspaper-the cream of the world's news foreign, domestic and local, has been gathered for its readers. There is little left for the morning papers except to report evening meetings and to record fires and accidents that occur at night when the likelihood of anything hap-This is the reason, on the news side Why the evening paper everywhere has prompt and so world-sweeping as they stepped into the field once occupied are today, the evening paper is able by the morning paper, and why the to gather and present the full news number of morning papers is dwindling.

Since newspapers exist by their advertising receipts rather than by their life than the development of news-gath- subscription receipts, there is a still stronger practical reason for the commercial survival of the evening paper. whole world is organized, netted with This is that the evening paper comes wires and speckled with agents of the at a time when the whole household great news-gathering organizations, has lelsure to read it thoroughly, ad-Communication of great events to the vertisements and all, instead of at a office after a hurried glance at the ing newspapers, is done with a speed headlines over his morning meal, and when mother after a hasty look at the personals must get about the day's duties, first getting the children ready

With these

YOUR MONEY

By John M. Oskison.

"The crowd is always wrong" is a long experience in buying and selling

Of course, to the broker, who gets his pay from his commissions on sales, it doesn't matter whether the crowd is suit of the anticipated connecting up of right or wrong-so long as they buy and this interior section with the outside sell. But he really would like to see rest away. the crowd come nearer the truth in their guesses on whether or not one ought

> illustration of the truth of Wall street's was his personal representative and axiom. The crowd is staying away from the market-and prices of stand- mette valley and that he would ard securities (first class stocks and him responsible for any harm his Inbonds) are lower than at any time since the panic of 1907. The crowd thinks that Wall street is on the point of being blown to pieces, that the prices went on to California while I returned of stocks and bonds will continue to go to Oregon City where I spent that windown until they disappear; and then the crowd prophesies, vaguely, there will be some sort of government owner-

Investors who swim against the current of the crowd's belief have always made money-and always will. not the time now, certainly, to follow the course of prices of the good and right, time tried securities is enough to show you that they are so cheap as to be bargains-excellent bargains. After a time, when the wise ones

have loaded up with bargains, the crowd will begin to believe that stocks and bonds are cheap; there will result you will see prices climb and climb until the wise ones start to sell If you know that the crowd is always worng why follow it? Whether you have \$100 or \$100,000 to invest, remember what the experienced ones of

the securities market have learned about the crowd's judgment. blined. The chances of such a solution would be immensely enhanced if our government were to join with France in lending moral support to American polfcy. Huerta might well united wish of the civilized world, whereas he might feel that patriotism would approve his resistance to the demands of a single neighbor. It is one thing to bow before a species of concer and quite another to admit a sort of American protectorate. The further our diplomacy is able to go in associating this bloody and self-seeking usurper, We hold, moreover, a of arms, it is infinitely preferable that it should be exerted not by one power but by all. The obvious objection that the Monroe doctrine stands in the way of any formal "concert" on the Ameri

IN EARLIER DAYS

By Fred Lockley.

"In the spring of 1851, after return-ing from the California gold fields," said Cy Mulkey of Roeburg, "I went to work on William Martin's farm. After digging gold and fighting Indians, plowing seemed pretty prosaic so, at the end of the month I said to Mr. Martin that he need not pay me anything if he would give me his white pony with blue eyes. He agreed to this so I rode to my home in Yambill county.

"A few days after I had gone home General Lane passed our place, was following some soldiers who had deserted at Oregon City and he wanted a posse of citizens to go with him. promised to give a reward of \$30 for each deserter captured and returned, These soldiers were mounted dragoons who had come across the plains the year before. A good many of them were soldiers who had served under General Lane during the Mexican war.

"Stories of the fortunes being made in the California gold fields were too much for them, A large number of them had deserted and had started for California, General Lane knew that the men were not prepared to make the 800mile trip. They had left without supplies except what they could carry on their backs. We overtook 83 of them at Grave creek in the Rogue River valley. Their clothes were worn out. They were out of food and were not at all unwilling to be captured. We took them back to Oregon City and General Lane paid the reward to those of us who had gone with him.

"On this trip General Lane told me that he himself was going to California on the first of June and on his way he was going to stop, hold a peace council with the Rogue River Indians and try to get them to cease their attacks on the miners traveling through their country. As I had lost two good horses and a silver mounted saddle, bridle and spurs and \$3600 in gold dust, the fall before, I was anxious to go along in the hope that I might recover some of my property.

"General Lane offered me a position as interpreter. I gladly accepted his offer. At this time there were a good many Klickitat Indians in the Willamette valley. Their chief was very anxious to make a raid on the Rogue River Indians to get the horses, which they had stolen from miners and pack-They had several hundred stolen

horses. " 'Quarterly,' the head of the Klickitat Indians asked General Lane if he would let 40 of his warriors go along with him so that if General Lane failed to make the treaty, the Klickitat Indians could make a raid on the Rogue River Indians and secure the horses. General Lane agreed to this and took the Indians along.

"We had with us, about 500 head of beef cattle which belonged to General Lane, Phil Thompson and Mr. Martin and Mr. Angel.

"We reached the South Umpqua river, near what is now the town of Canyonville, without special incident. camped there several days while the Klickitat Indians were out scouting to find the Rogue River Indians. They located a small band near the head of the South Umpqua. They brought these into camp. With them there was a boy about 15 years old whom the Rogue River Indians had captured from the Calapcoia Indians. This boy could talk good Chinook, so could I. General Lane would give me his message which I would translate into Chinook to the boy and he would translate into the tongue of the Rogue River Indians. The Rogue River Indians agreed to send runners out and get all of the tribe together at a council on the Big Ear on the south side of Rogue River, just above where the town of Gold Hill is now located. They kept their promise and met General Lone as agreed.

After a two-day council they signed We named the chief who a treaty. signed the treaty for his people, Chief Joseph, naming him after General Joseph Lane. General Lane killed two beeves and gave the Indians a big barbecue. In return, the chief of the Rogue River Indians made General Lane a presnt of an Indian boy whom they had captured from the Calapoola Indians. During the treaty I saw an Indian on one of my horses which had been stolen from me the year before. Wall street saying. It is based on a General Lane had my horse returned to me and one of the Indians gave me \$100 of the gold dust that had been taken from me. The rest of it, about \$3500 they had thrown in the river. They had taken from our party the year before, over \$20,000 in gold dust and of this entire amount they had only saved \$100 in nuggets, throwing all of the

"General Lane was afraid that as soon as he left the Klickitat Indians would to buy or sell. If they did, they'd make a raid on the Rogue River Indians. trade more, and he'd earn more com-missions. steal the horses and break the treaty he had just signed. He called the chief The present furnishes an excellent of the Klickitats and told him that I would go back with them to the Willa-

dians did on the way back. "The Indians made no trouble what-ever on the way back. General Lane

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There's no use in worrying-and there is no use in telling people there is no If the front parlor is clean a girl is

apt to think the whole house is all A married man always says he is glad of it-but he seldom attempts to

No, Alonzo, a girl isn't necessarily a modern Venus just because she has an

offhand way. Nor is the high cost of beef due to the mormous quality of veal it takes to feed

the prodigal sons. Occasionally a young man who begins by sowing wild oats ends by reap-

ing a grass widow. A thief is bound to get the worst of it sooner or later. Many a young man who has stolen a kiss marries the

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