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Is valor, too.

THE BURTON BLIGHT

-Ben Jonson.

of splendid legislating, the be blemished by the mad scheme of pealed. Burton and his senatorial and newspaper allies.

industry and to increase public an answer. confidence in free representative government.

But Burton and his backers are pushing a plan to tarnish the splendid work of the session. They are trying to turn the wheels of progress backward. They have plunged half the waterway projects of the country into stagnation and thrown into idleness the thousands of men employed upon them. They want to beat the rivers and harbors bill and thereby stagnate waterway project in the country, adding still other thousands to the ranks of the unemployed through a winter likely to be made lean by the awful conflict over seas.

If the obstructionists succeed. there will be waste through continued overhead expense. There will be loss in deterioration of plants. through damage from the elements to uncompleted work. There will be added cost in the work that will have to be done over again. There could be no program of greater folly. For four years the governicy of annual waterway appropri- coffin, waiting for the mourners. ations of about \$50,000,000. In 10 years of such policy most of the great waterways of the coun-

costly because of more facility. It is a plan well worthy of a great progressive nation. In installments, Burton is delivering a speech that began last Thursday. He is trying to wear

and transportation be made les

out the patience of members and prevent a vote. The senate has shown its great now show its capacity to deal with

the Burtons. It should not permit the Burtons to make an ass of the senate.

NOT AN ANSWER

R. BOOTH'S answer to the

Albany Democrat was not an answer. Mr. Booth avoided all ref-Kelly Company. At the sugges-

a quarter section of timber selectand turned the timber over to the tries. Booth-Kelly Company. The government of the United

States brought suit to cancel the patent. At the trial, Jordan confessed on the witness stand that he was in effect, only a dummy entryman for the Booth-Kelly Company. Judge Bean ordered the patent canceled on the ground of fraud and collusion, and the timber was directed to be restored to the public domain. On appeal to the circuit court of appeals in San It is the first big development in Francisco, with three judges in at- the campaign which the departtendance, the decision of the Ore- ment of justice is conducting, gon court was affirmed. The under direction of the president, facts, all of which are of record in against men who have seized upon both courts, show how Mr. Booth's answer to the Albany Democrat is not an answer.

Mr. Booth's statement respecting the La Raut claims is not convincing. In effect, the court of whenever there is a conviction are appeals at San Francisco, Reld evidence that the government is that the entrymen in these four timber claims by which the Booth-Kelly Company secured timber ney general said:

were dummies. company paid all the expenses. The various items of expense were charged on the books of the company. The books showed that the company evidently regarded the expenses paid for the entrymen as the company's expense. No ac- quate, count was kept on the books with been made upon the claims.

was immediately closed. None of proper place outside the jails, the accounts was ever opened It is not charged that the thirty- continent. The Servians and Mon-

taxes on the lands.

cruiser. None of the entrymen ment is fighting. trymen as to the amount of ex- actually steals? pense incurred in perfecting the rentry. In fact nothing was done by any of the entrymen except to stb.....\$ 25 render such services as they were th..... s .es directed to, in perfecting the title for the Booth-Kelly Company. Though these entrymen received \$100, the claims were worth at the time from \$800 to \$2500, and thereafter from \$2000 to \$4000 for the poorest claims and from \$5000 to \$10,000 for the best. The court of appeals at San Francisco cancelled these patents, on the ground of fraud and collusion, and ordered the lands taken away FTER nearly eighteen months from the Booth-Kelly corporation and restored to the public domain. United States senate ought The facts are of record in the not to permit its session to court, and cannot be denied or re-

In effect, the court held that the claimants were dummy entry-No American senate can point men, and dummy entrymen have to a better record of achievement, been the means by which enor-No senate has done so much to mous holdings of United States bring government back to the peo- timber have been illegally taken ple. No senate has done more to from the public. Mr. Booth's anemancipate business, to liberate swer to the Albany paper is not

STILL PURSUING

HERE is one thing, at least, in which the Oregonian is consistent and that is its policy of mendacity towards Gover-

of his office it does not hesitate that the capitalization of natural to misrepresent the facts. latest misrepresentation is to be correspondingly reduced with charge that the 1913 appropriation corresponding improvement in the for the executive office was \$34, distribution of wealth among those

of 1913 appropriated the sum of difficult of attainment. \$25,700 only. Of this amount there is \$4500 still available. The funds practically exhausted are those set aside to sustain the governor's law enforcement campaign made more difficult by the Ore-There will be waste gonian's continued misrepresenta-

The Oregonian's wanton persecution of Governor West is identical with its ferocious pursuit of poor old John H. Mitchell, whom it did not cease to hound even to lease in areas of forty acres or besides whiskey, beer and wine. ment has been carrying out a pol- when his unburied clay lay in its

AMERICA'S FOREIGN BORN

HE report on population is try would be splendidly developed sued by the census bureau shows there were 13,515,886 persons of foreign birth in the United States in April, 1910. These people constituted 14.7 per cent of the total population when the census was taken, as compared June. He talked seven hours last with a proportion of 13.6 per cent in 1900.

The number of foreign born white males over 21 years of age in 1910 was 6,664,317. Of these, feasible. This is highly important, capacity for legislation. It should 3,034,117 were naturalized, 570,were aliens, and there were 775,-393 for whom there was no report on citizenship.

The report shows that many immigrants who come to our shores have no intention of becoming citizens, and it is significant that the more highly civilized countries send us people who are more diserence to the Jordan claim. Jordan posed to become naturalized than was an employe of the Booth- are immigrants from lesser civilized countries. Out of Germany's Probably the most far reaching tion of Mr. Kelly, Jordan filed on representation the number who remain aliens is small, and the same ed by a Booth-Kelly cruiser. Jor- is true as to Great Britain, France, dan ultimately secured a patent Scandanavia and some other coun-

There is a probability that the European war may cause immigration to the United States to fall off. It is possible that our immigration problem is being solved by the sword in Europe.

CAPITALIZING MISFORTUNE

FEDERAL grand jury at Washington has indicted thirty-one food dealers on counts charging price fixing. the European war as a pretext for increasing the cost of living.

These indictments and Attorney General Gregory's statement that prison sentences will be demanded determined to protect the people against extortion. The new attor-

Under conditions now existing . In the case of these filings, the throughout the world, capitalization not their fault that the czar lost better. of misfortune and oppression of our in Manchuria. own people by the arbitrary increase of the prices of foodstuffs are so peculiarly reprehensible that whenever convictions can be obtained the last ten years France has had as government will insist upon sentences of imprisonment. No fine or no civil remedy will be deemed ade-

The price fixers should be sent the entrymen until proof had to jail. In ordinary times their north African force became one of operations are bad enough, but the best known fighting armies of people there why they have been able with many prices legitimately risting on account of the world. When patents were secured, ac- with many prices legitimately ris- the world. counts were opened with each, ing on account of the war, men deeds were taken from each, \$100 whose greed capitalizes misfortune 1,000,000 men in the field to crush because they are not kept busy caring was paid to each and the account by bogus price inflating have no the Boers, and many of these men

again, up to the trial of the case, one indicted men were entirely re- tenegrins are veterans of two wars and Yamhill county because they are and the lands were carried into the sponsible for higher prices. The hardly a year gone by. general land account of the com- charge is that they arbitrarily On the other hand, the German

ever took any steps to ascertain. It is more than a question of Prussian war. Austria, except for the amount of timber or the value law. There are degrees of crimithereof, No attempt was made by nality. What is the essential difthe entrymen to dispose of the ference between a man whose Benjamin & Kentnor Co., Brunswick Eds., 225 Villa Les., New York: 1218 People's Quity was ever made by the enhungry and the other man who take bldg., Chicago.

LABOR DAY

NO MAN is born into the world whose work is not born with him. To labor is the meaning of life; to labor with the hands, to labor with the mind and to labor with both combined. Each one is to contribute his share in labor and he who shirks this obligation does not sound the depths of life.

It should be burned into the conscience of every man, whatever his surroundings may be, that everything he consumes, everything that ministers to his wants, is made by labor, some one's labor.

If he does not do enough productive constructive work to offset this he is a social thief, a parasite, to the extent of his deficiency and morally he is no better than the bandit on the highway.

Work, says Carlyle, is a social function and property a social trust. The great economic problem of the age is the proper division of the fruits of labor. "A fair day's wage for a fair day's crical strength of the Republican work is as just a demand as governed men ever made of governors. It is the everlasting right of man.

Doubtless the time will when there will be a universal work day of eight hours all over In connection with the affairs the United States with the result Its monopolies and of land values will! who earn it. Something for noth-The truth is that the legislature ing will then be more and more

LEASING COAL LANDS

NE of the five items of Secretary Lane's program of conservation, the Alaskan frighten people, but that's all. coal leasing bill, has been passed by the house of representatives. The bill is complementary to the Alaska railroad act and it will help to open up the territory.

In a general way the bill authorizes the Secretary of the Interior multiples thereof up to 2560 acres. The royalty shall not be less than

poses. Two sections prevent lessees from interlocking or owning an interest in other leases, providing Said he, "Don't do as I do, but do as I city directory, but I read her purportforfeiture and penal provisions.

may be renewed under new regulations and new royalties. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to retain the surface area an everlasting grip. There are some 772 had first papers, 2,266,534 as the development and conservation of one will not retard the other. As a further encouragement to agriculture and mining, permits will be given to homesteaders and small miners for the use of ten acre lots free of royalty.

tries and the stifling of competition is a usurpation of personal tion no assignment of part or all of a lease is to be made without the approval of the department. provision of the bill is that each lease shall contain a clause authorizing subsequent supervision by him, they will vote wet. They may do

skill, protection of the property, prevention of waste and such other provisions for the benefit of the "We will at least do what we can to United States as may be necessary, stop this curse." Here is a question United States as may be necessary. the prevention of monopoly and well to study: Does any man, or any the safeguarding of the public community, or any town, or any city, welfare.

The whole design of the bill is to remove the likelihood of mo- fic? nopoly and bring the great coal fields of Alaska into use.

SEASONED TROOPS

have seen active service are in ber.
We are all much impressed with the

310,000 men, as large a single ruined this or that state; another, that army as ever entered battle in the before prohibition. This leaves the avhistory of the world. The czar's erage reader in a sad state of mind. Is as alcoholic liquor and does not so soldiers in the east received a thor- it prohibition that hurts the state, or ough seasoning, and a large pro-let's call the liquor that is sold there: Dillites, and retain liquor as a bev-portion of the men who were sent when they say they will flood the state erage, what would the late drinker do against Japan are available for with liquor and make Portland the for his cup of "blac's coffee" to counthe Russian army now. The Rus- wettest dry city in the country, and sians made good soldiers; it was

France also has troops seasoned by actual warfare. Within the at one time. They secured no experience against soldiers such as Germany has, but the French

Twelve years ago England had should be available for use on the

the corporation's timber holdings. lated price lists which eliminated actual war experience. Except for The company thereafter paid the a competitive market for food, the southwest African campaigns The illegal nature of such methods of 1903-06, in which less than None of the entrymen ever saw differs in no way from practices 20,000 German troops were enthe land after they were taken used by the big trusts, against the gaged at one time, Germany has thereto by the company's timber continuance of which the govern- not had a larger body of troops than this engaged since the Francosmall operations, has not had actual warfare since the conflict with Prussia in 1866.

As yet the fighting in Europe has furnished no basis for comparison between the armies. But his father bought him a dollar watch. if seasoned troops are an asset, it is apparent that Germany and Austria are handicapped in this re-

In the invasion of France, however, the Germans seem to have made much headway.

Letters From the People

(Communications sent to The Journal for ablication in this department should be writpublication in this department should be writ-ten on only one side of the paper, should not exceed 300 words in length and must be ac-companied 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 reformers. It rationalizes everything it touches. It robs principles of all false sanctity and throws them back on their reasonableness. It false have no reasonableness. It ruthlessly

Pro-Republican Predictions. Portland, Sept. 5 .- To the Editor of The Journal-It seems to be a forecone conclusion that the Republicans of Oregon are again to go down in defeat in the coming election. They themselves fully realize this, but are not willing to acknowledge it. They continue to quote figures from the registration books as proof of the numparty, which, as we all know, is no criterion or indication as to how people will vote when it comes to an election. This has been proved over and over again in Oregon. It is claimed that two-thirds of the voters regularly registered in Oregon are Republicans: if so, then why should they have any fears regarding the outcome of the election if Republican methods are just and equitable? The truth is, the better element of the Republican party regard principle above party, and are going to vote accordingly, as they have done for many years heretofore, and this is just what hurts the standpatters, or in other words, the machine politicians. We need pay no attention to figures taken from registration books, as they are of no special value in determining the probable result of an election. Such figures are somewhat like blank cartridges; when fired, they sound like the real thing, but count for nothing in a real battle. in an effort of They may be used

S. E. CLARK.

decided by the way people register but

by the way they vote.

Personal Liberty. Portland, Sept. 5 .- To the Editor of The Journal-C. A. Ball wants to prohibt coffee, tea, and other drinks wonder if Mr. Ball drinks coffee or tea? It surely has come to a pretty

two cents per ton and coupled that because they do not like a certain with this a competition feature is thing, all other people must think as added as an additional safeguard. they do. They remind me of a certain clergymen, who did things the church touched on the forbidden things for which he was called on the carpet. say." The lease period of twenty years popularity, some for political reasons, end of do as I do; do as I say." Personal should be proud of and hold to with the liquor traffic, pro or selfish. They want everyone to think is not interested in. and act as they do. As for me, I want dictate, as to eating and drinking. We ing with politics, nor church affairs Portland Journal, March 18, 1914. with state affairs. If we do we create monarchy. Abraham Lincoln said, "No man is great enough to rule another Meaning your personal liberty belongs to you and no other has a To guard against dummy en- right to rule in that regard. Prohibi-

> Women's Votes and Prohibition. ers that women have brains and ability to use them, therefore, according to

MRS. HATTIE V. B. BELDIN.

liberties. Let's be sensible.

the department insuring diligence, so, if they believe the things that saloon advocates would have them be- expect the moral law to correct the lieve, but if the people of Oregon use evils created by the physical. their judgment they will surely say, that the voters of this state would do state or nation, benefit in any degree, letter in last Monday's Journal and physically, morally, financially, mentally or socially, from the liquor traf-

The same writer gives us a good argument against the liquor traffic when he tells of the things caused by liquor in the state of Maine. I have never lived in that state, but I know people who have, and my understanding is FORLD'S WORK makes an that if women there had the vote, as interesting comparison be they should have, they would elect men to enforce the law and drive the liquor tween the European armies. curse from that state, just as the men Nearly all the troops that and women will in Oregon this Novem

At Mukden in 1905 Russia had writer tells us that prohibition has nore liquor is sold in that state than vote it out and keep it out. None will be the worse and many will be the ROBERT GREGG.

> A Dry Town of Oregon. McMinaville, Or., Sept. 5.—To the Editor of The Journal—For two months I have been touring this congressional district, and I have yet to find a city that has made in the last three years so substantial improvement in business blocks, street paving, public buildings and private reside as McMinnville. One may ask the have time and money for these things the wreckage and the waste of the liquor business.

From other cities and states dozens of families have come to McMinnville A FEW SMILES



he would throw A long face gets a short welcome out a broad hint to from the busy man. would his father. Rosemary-did the scheme work? Thornton - Not You can buy a thing cheap if there exactly. He told the are no other bidders. old gentleman he would like some-

thing he could start and stop, and A traveler bought a ticket and then going out on the platform, said: "How soon does the train start?"

Why, there she and in goes now." said a "You've just missed her." The traveler kept on the line and set out in pursuit of

the train with all

his might. But in

we or three minutes he came trudging A laughing crowd had gathered and the porter said: "Well, did you catch her?"

"No," said the traveler, "but, by ingo, I made her puff." "I don't quite see the point of that

emark of yours," said Mr. Skinner,

the grocer, as he tied up the package, of sugar. What remark was that?" asked the customer. You just remarked that some

men had an offhand way of doing things. And you wished I was one.'

"Yes; I wished to remind you that your hand was on the sugar when you weighed it."

came. His reason was that Mc-Minnville is a dry city; it is a school center, without the contaminating inthis instance could be found true in

numerous cases. A brewer in West Virginia who was forced to close his business July 1, converted his brewery into a packing plant, and when he opened the new establishment he was compelled to employ 10 men for every one he had employed as a brewer. That does not look very much as if prohibition would lessen the chances of the laborer to secure a job. Booze never helped a man to get a job nor to hold one. The boozer is the last man to be employed. and then only when the labor market is short, and the boozer or even the moderate drinker is the first man to be laid off. When under prohibition fathers and

sons have good jobs at remunerative wages, girls will not need, in nearly so many cases, to go to department We stores to labor nor into the hop fields, must not forget that elections are not for their own support. The hop field is acknowledged, by all who have had experience therein

most demoralizing influences in the whole state. Watch it.

CURTIS P. COE.

Comment on a Pamphlet. Portland, Sept. 5 .- To the Editor of The Journal-Some one placed upon pass where one class of people think my front porch a pamphlet entitled "True Temperance," by Mrs. Abigail Scott Duniway. According to the imi- ficers were mentioned in the reports of itation typewriting across the front the great battle in Belgium this week. has carefully catalogued every officer No railroad is to be allowed to did not approve. On being reprimand- page, the reader would understand the ake a lease for commercial pur- ed, he preached the next Sunday a ser- little sheet to be put out by the Press mon on different things, and finally Printing & Advertising company of Portland, Or. I do not find such a firm listed in either the telephone or Many take prohibition for ed speech, which it contains, and at the the article I but in their hearts they feel "Don't words, "Issued by the United States Brewers' Association, New York." Mrs. liberty is the one thing every one Duniway says she is not interested in Mrs. Duniway please tell the public people in this world who are mighty why she is defending something she It is certainly the height of folly to defend a thing everyone to act as their consciences in which the defender has no interest. She closes her speech with a letter should not mix our eating and drink- claimed to have been taken from The adjures her readers to follow the advice of Mrs. Partington to her son Ike: The best anecdote for pizen is not to take the stuff." This was good philosophy for the dark ages, but in our

> enlightened day we have learned it is much better to prevent the pizen (whiskey) from being made and sold, thereby avoiding the carnage caused She says: "To quote my late broth-Portland, Sept. 5.—To the Editor of The Journal—A writer tells your read-whiskey, but in man," Indeed the accursed stuff to be made and sold. The saloon is a product of the physical

> > Coffee and Alcohol.

reasoning begins at no definite point

Portland, Sept. 5 .- To the Editor of The Journal-I have read C. A. Ball's I want to thank him for his able exposition of the evils of excessive coffee drinking. When its dangers are more generally understood there will be a stronger movement for its elimination. But unless Mr. Ball can show that the use of intoxicating liquors lessens the use of coffee, I fail to see in the evils of coffee drinking, any logical argument against prohibition of the liquor traffic. According to my limited observation liquor drink-

ers as a class use more and stronger coffee than most others and also tobacco in its various forms, which contains a more deadly poison than either offee or alcoholic liquors. But however injurious to the general health coffee may be, it does not make its injuriously affect their moral sensiis it the liquor that is sold there? bilities, and if we should prohibit teract the sloohol and steady his nerves for an explanation to the family for his being "detained at the club?

All reforms cannot be carried for ward in one movement, and to neglect one, because others are necessary, will never get us anywhere. Let us first eliminate the traffic in boose, and then we can take up other reforms, as public sentiment shall demand. Vote Oregon dry for social purity, home and the children, J. G. GARRETSON.

"Each New Morn," Portland, Sept. 5 .- To the Editor of

The Journal-I cannot refrain from addressing you a few words of thanks and congratulation in connection with the article entitled "Each New Morn," which appeared on the editorial page of The Journal last Sunday. No doubt many other poor storm-tossed mariners besides myself were encourand the lands were carried into the sponsible for higher prices. The hardly a year gone by.

On the other hand, the German before having seen the city, and even thought so ably expressed, that even the property of the door on the sorrowful "yesterday" lock bark being shipped outside they sives.]

PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE

Unless you try you will never know present time." Family pride has been the ruination

of many a young man. Some men tell their wives a lot o things that never happen. Cold cash melts away faster tha nost of us can freeze to it.

It isn't always the pretty girl wh makes good in a photograph If a man deserves success it is reasonably sure to come his way. Every day it's "a little more of the well across the river is very nearly as hunter in those days, came in from left wing, please," from Germany.

Usually a man would rather visit a dentist than his wife's relations. As a sticker, the chronic bore has porous plaster beaten to a frazzle. If you think you are wise, take a day off and abserve how little people care about your wisdom.

Carranza should take warning from Huerta. Huerta tried to see how far he could go, and he went clear to Europe. Russian enthusiasts promise a big

reward to the first soldier of the czar to enter Berlin. But what if he enters as a prisoner? Who knows but that in keeping this

country out of war with Mexico President Wilson also kept it out of the bigger European conflict? After a man has known a woman about so long he begins to tell her the story of his life—and three-fourths of

the story is fiction.

Americans who choose to hang around in Europe out of mere curiosity may not have heard about the gentlein when it rained.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS

Meaning the Grand Ronde, the La Grande Observer says: "If you want to see the prettiest sight in the na-

In a mood of deep congratulation "It's the Baker Herald exclaims: good to be in Baker county where crops are enormous and where peace and plenty reign.

decided, but as yet, uncrystallized sen- Carter of Carter, Coe & Co., had a timent among farmers and fruitgrowers of the valley for irrigation. Those who scoffed at irrigation when it was Wyoming. He was very proud of it offered now see its value.

ister reports, as that which is appearing on the bulletin boards. for street improvement at Carlton. Concrete will be used for the hard-surfacing and the pavement will be similar to that recently completed at Day-

ton. Willamina also has some con-

crete streets. The Panama canal having been pened and the Oregon City locks deed having been forwarded to Washington, the Salem Statesman remarks: "So we may say that Salem is over 7000 miles gray fox skins. He was so delighted nearer by water to New York and to that he gave me his favorite riding Europe than heretofore."

Coxcomb Hill a Mecca for tourists and profit on them. He was offered \$1200 by-word of delight to travelers, for the silver gray fox skins, but he Clatson may well turn its attention to wouldn't sell them for love or money, making Saddle Mountain a greater lure, He had them made into an overcost by opening a feasible and safely-fast at Laramie. All the tails hung out trail up and down this majestic monument and cast a fine road to it from Astoria. It stands invitingly, one of of mere curiosity the sheerest giories of the country fluences of the saloon. I doubt not man who lacked the sagacity to come and it should be made easily accessible to the last of its 3,300 feet.

THE SILENT WAR

From the Philadelphia North American. strategy has always dictated that a Historians seeking a name for the general hide from his enemy the dispopresent titanic conclict in Europe may sition and strength of his forces. But well call it "the silent war." With 10 .-000,000 men under arms or trooping to doesn't know even the name of the the colors, with battle lines drawn half general who is in front of him. way across a continent, with two million men engaged in a death struggle the most important factors in deciding front to front for 200 miles, the waiting world can hear hardly a cannon

Probably nothing could more accentuate the brutality of war than this almost supernatural silence. It robs war of the last vestige of romance. It leaves only its horrors. War becomes just a huge, cruel, inexorable monster that goes on and on Burnside or Meade.

and on, crushing the bodies of men, scrutable Grant always threw into his breaking the hearts of women, leaving calculations the psychology of the children fatherless, destroying homes, great Virginia warrior. and who will speak the truth about laying waste fertile fields, smearing the conditions there, to be one of the death and destruction over the face of the earth. And to accomplish this more effec-

tively, the powers which are conduct-

the most meager details are permitted of hell by the directions on a card, to seep. For the first time since hostilities through a well-organized machine shop. back east of the mountains and I have began, the names of commanding of-But even now there is no certainty as in the enemy's army; that an adjutant to the extent of that battle, as to the in Berlin may turn to the index letter number engaged on each side, as to the pull out a card and ascertain at once degree of advantage gained or as to the the age, education, theories of attack general officers who directed the operations of any of the great units.

mention one or two young sprigs of armies. But that is all.

has raged back and forth; yet the pub-lic could not name a single general of-tle comforting news for their side, susicer in the field. It forcibly illustrates the fiendish ef- deceive the world.

For nearly a month the forces of France and Germany have been facing is kept a secret in this war. And crossed, cities have been taken, battle so meager from the front; and parti

here is a war in which the enemy The reason for this is plain. One of a battle where the forces are nearly equal in numbers, equipment and morale is the psychology of the commander. Students of our Civil war know how such depended on this. General Lee varied his plans according to whether

his opponent was McClellan, Hooker In turn, the in-In the big wars since the element of the commander's personality has fig-

But here is a war in which it is eliminated. Here is a war in which there is no commander, in the old sense. ng this war throw over it a vast made weeks, months, years in advance, ever I did, so I told her it was all blanket of secrecy, through which only Great armies are hurled into the mouth | right with me and to let it go, at much as a piece of steel might be sent gotten used to being away, I went And each side knows that the other

and defense and the mental bent and disposition of every man likely to have The dispatches, as if by courtesy, an independent command in the French forces. And that the same process may royalty as having been in command of be repeated in Paris with German names on the card index.

So, even the names of the generals Frontiers have been the public wonders why the reports are pect the newspapers of conspiracy to

## ficiency of the new warfare. Good And the war of silence goes on. BEFORE THE EXPERTS WILL LEND MONEY

By John M. Oskison. They're talking about putting an nterburban trolley line across a part

of the old range where I used to "ride after" cattle and go hungry at noon consolidate old ones. because there wasn't another ranch near enough to drop into for a 12 o'clock dinner. And I'm far from being a graybeard! Nowadays, as soon as the fences all

somebody says: "We got to have the railroad through here!" But it's harder than trate, he takes it up with his house. it used to be to induce the railroad to If the others agree, the house sends throw out a branch. The road's offi- an investigating engineer (whose servcials look over the land, ask about ices are paid for by the local proright of way, and what the community will do to help, and go away with

some vague promises. here!" says another hopeful. He in- line will earn at least \$5000 a year torests the local banker; the local mile and meet other standard tests. bunker writes to his St. Louis or Chicago banker correspondent and tells meet the tests of the trolley experts: him all about it; and perhaps the big they are principally busy now in makcity banker will call some one on the ing consolidations and cutting ex-

"Hello, Briggs!" he'll say. out in Oklahoma has to put to you." clal help. It's a good hint to you.

humiliating experiences, had been water, bark and hides are plentiful seemingly unending, that at last, thank God! the dawn has come, and the morning is ours to make the most Let us take renewed courage from this cheerful, elevating outlook on life and its possibilities, and resolve to make the "new morn" one of beauty nd helpfulness to others by struggling constantly to avoid the mistakes of "yesterday" and of the many sad vesterdays which have gone to make up the griefs and errors of a dead past. Let us keep our eyes steadfastly turned to the future and its wonderful possibilities. One's sympathies naturally revert to

the unhappy one who, "with all the lights out, fought as for a kingdom," than to the one who would weakly yield to adverse circumstances and fall in the battle of life. We need more of these cheerful, optimistic ideas cast abroad at this strained stage of world-wide disturb-

ance and unrest, and hope that your editorial page will continue to furnish many more such. J. E. N. Cedar for Lead Pencils.

Newport, Or., Sept. 3 .- To the Editor of The Journal-I have read in The Journal a dispatch under a Berlin date magazine or storeroom, or nitroglyc line regarding the cedar supply for erin or high explosives of any kind lead pencil making. When residents must be kept away from any public of the cedar belt of lower Alses, Lin- building, like a schoolhouse or coln county, read this item they won- or dered if Uncle Sam had no expert mechanie who could fashion a lead pencil.

investment banking house - of the class of banking houses which get money to build new electric lines and

Briggs is one of the staff of a big

Briggs reads the letter, writes to the local banker and promoter for more When it arrives, Briggs goes over it with this axiom in his mind: "In the case of a trolley line promoter, believe nothing he says and join in any part of the new west, only half of what he shows you But, if through Briggs' hostility and

unbelief the proposition does penemoter and his friends who expect to take the stock) to look over the route. To secure the backing of the house "We must get an interurban through this man's report must show that the Few communities these days car penses of roads already in operation. Remember that the experts back over and hear what a friend of mine only about one in fifty who ask finan-

so full to overflowing for many of us wonder if it would not be cheaper for with pain, bitter disappointment and tanneries to locate here, where wood. AN ALSEAN. Vacant Lot Gardens. Portland, Or., Sept. 5 .- To the Edi-

tor of The Journal-I have just been reading a description of a garden grown on vacant lots. I pride myself on owning a nice garden grown on Aside from the regular garden vegetables, I am raising cotton on a small scale, broom corn, "Japanese cucumbers," calabash gourds (the kind that pipes are made of), French gherkins, also a plentiful supply of nuskmelons and watermelons. My Rainbow corn is a beautiful ornamental plant. Gardening pays big, and does much to reduce the high cost of living. I have sold over \$5 worth of cucumbers and summer squashes, besides having from three to nine vege tables on our table every day since June 8. I have potatoes, carrots, cabbages, etc., to winter us, and hav

The Storing of Explosives.

Crabtree, Or., Sept. 3. — To the Editor of The Journal—What is the law in regard to the distance a powder A SUBSCRIBER. postoffice? [It seems this is a matter the legislature has overlooked. At least no act is discoverable in either the code or in the session acts of 1911 or 1913 that regulates the storing of explo-

not lost a day's work to cultivate.

IN EARLIER DAYS

By Fred Lockley.

"When my enlistment had expired in the cavalry in 1868, I knocked around a while till I had spent what tion drive through the valley at the was left of my pay, and then got a job as head herder for Wright & Stewart," said Jimmy Belieu, an Oregon pioneer of 1844. They had a contract for hauling bridge timbers and piling ahead of the bridge crews and construction gangs on the Union Pacific railroad. I had six Mexicans Medford Mail Tribune: There is a to help herd the stock. Old Judge silver gray fox skin coat that was the admiration of the whole state of and everybody who saw it wanted to swap him out of it. While I was out The news that an ample supply of on the range with the stock old Dan cold water is likely to be found in the Chicalin, a well known trapper and interesting to Eugene people, the Reg- the mountains with three pack horses loaded with furs. He had beavers, muskratas, martens, swifts, one or two cross foxes and 11 silver gray fox Specifications have been prepared skins. He was anxious to get to Green River and take the train for the east. I paid him a dollar a pound and we estimated the weight of the

"Wright had charge of the freighting and had been very anxious to secure Judge Carter's silver gray fox skin coat. A little while after I had bought the furs Stewart, his partner, came up and I showed him the furs I had bought. I gave him the 11 sflver mare. He paid me just what I had paid for the skins and when he sold Astorian: When Astoria has made them he gave me 10 per cent of the like a fringe. It was one of the finest coats I ever saw.

furs

"I couldn't keep away from the army, so in 1874 I went to Alibene, Kan, and joined Major Frank North's scouts. We served under General Custer or 'Long Hair,' as the Indians called him. We scouted around the South Platte, Leadville, Deadwood and through Wyoming. You couldn't know Custer and not love him. He was so bright and happy and so good-hearted and courageous. His men would walk into the jaws of hell for him, and with his sunny smile and gay laugh, he would have led them there if the department commander had ordered h. He was too popular. It resulted in his betrayal by a brother officer, who deliberately let Custer and his command be slaughtered. When we got there jealousy and treachery had played their part and Custer was out of the way, though his death left a stain that was never erased from the officer who by failing to go to his assistance helped in his death. "Well, sir, I had been roaming

around a good many years, so I decided to go back and see how my wife When I got home I found she was married. She had heard I was killed by Indians and after waiting a year or two, she had decided I must be dead, so she got married. liked her new husband and he stayed For all the plans have been around home a good deal better than that. She was willing, so as I had been up here ever since."

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By John W. Carey.

Who stands in line to sit upon the German throne some day-if same can be located when the smoke has cleared

away? Who's marked for place because he haps to be his father's son, and not because he's proved himself a second Washington? Who spent the days that other lads

give up to youthful joys in puttering

with guns and swords and other Krupp made toys? Who's leading now, mid shot an shell, the Death's Head regiment and seeks of foes of Germany to rid the continent?

Who says it sure is cruel war if it

he fate's decree that royalty must go

to work? His crown prince majesty. The Ragtime Muse

Lay of the Party Boss. When I see a hale and hearty Chuckleheaded, serious party Who is cursed with lust of of Or of honors, fame or pelf.
Then I say, "Old chap, go to it!
I'll turn in and help you do it,
For if you assume that burden I'll be free from it myself!"

For my notion of perdition Is to fill some high position Always in the public optic, Scutinized by night and day. if others are persuaded be publicly paraded I can go, serene, unnoticed, Happy on my humble way.

Worldly goods, then, do not tempt me, From them fortune must exempt me; But I have my own ambition And rewards that labor brings, In the background, and obscurely,
I sit smiling as I surely,
Work my little "Punch and Judy"
I'm the man that pulls the strings.

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