## JOURNAL AN INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER.

iblished every evening (except Sunday) and every Sunday morning at The Journal Build-ing, Broadway and Yambill ets., Portland, Or intered at the postoffice at Portland, Or., for transmission through the units as second class matter.

ELEPHONES -- Main 7175; Home, A-6051, Al Separtments reached by these numbers. Tell the operator what department you want. GREIGN ADVERTISING REPRESENTATIVE Benjamin & Kentnor Co., Brunswick Bldg., 125 Fifth Ave., New York, 1218 People's time Bldg., Chicago. DAILY.

Pear.....\$5.00 | One month...

SUNDAY.

Pear....\$2.50 | One month...

DAILY AND SUNDAY.

Pear....\$7.50 | One month...

The spirit of the world has four kinds of spirits diametrically opposed to charity, reaversion, jealousy and 'Indifference,-Bossuet.

#### A PROSPERITY FACT

REGON wheat commands the highest price ever known Club for immediate delivery per bushel. The figure is ot only the highest ever known. acular ever known

The issue is year. The forces of antagonism

This war is not accidental. lic struggle to determine what is o be the geography of the naboth sides, there

Oregon wheat is above all rec-

# OUR MERCHANT MARINE

IGURES showing the comparaare as follows:

	Vessels.	Tonnage.
British	11,287	20,431,543
American (sea at	nd	
great lakes)	3,400	5,427,638
German	2,321	5,082,061
Norwegian	2,191	2,457,890
Japanese		1,500,014
Swedish	1,436	1,047,270
Italian		1.521.942
Dutch		2,201,104
Danish	759	1,309,840
Austrian		1,011,414
Thoma flaunce		Alest abla

These figures indicate that shipbuilding in this country is not so far behind other great commercial nations as people have been led to believe. Both in number of vessels and total tonnage the United affoat on the Great Lakes, and another considerable proportion is engaged in coastwise trade. It is on the international routes that the United States is weak.

But the overseas merchant since foreign-built ships were per- tion. mitted American registry. There with other nations will not show the disparity it has shown since the Civil war.

The future of American commerce lies in building up the American merchant marine. Already over 100 additional American ships are steaming to foreign ports,

EFFICIENCY IN PEACE HE London Nation says the European war has established two great facts. Discussing Germany's ability to stand

tion says: In the first place, we have learned that efficiency in war is today a time of peace. se than the Turks, are han- this country. dleapped by their more primitive civ-In the second place, it is ved that forty years of peace do

The Nation does not refer espederful military establishment. The building up of these things was ac-

not corrupt a nation's courage,

job makes a better soldier of him between individuals. when he is called upon to bear

There is food for thought in the tribute to warfare in the courts. Nation's suggestion that a coun- Much of this is waste pure and simtry's strength does not lie alone ple. If the United States should in the size of its army. There is require litigants to talk over their a peace efflicency which can easily disputes before engaging in legal pu be utilized in war. That is Ger- hostilities, money would be saved many's chief resource. Forty-two and there would be a closer apcentimetre guns furnish the spec- proach to the perfect in the distacle, but it is the men who are pensation of justice. able to devise and make those guns that are Germany's strength.

## PROVEN AGAIN

N THE advance sheets of the Pacific Reporter is a California decision that annihilates the seized a revolver and went osed the tidelands legislation in the recent Oregon election.

The California supremé court holds that a riparian owner on ject to a public dock constructed boy burglars entered the million- and the man who has the best of on tideland in front of his premises, obstructed access to deep water, to shoot, and to shoot to kill.

The exact contrary of this principle was claimed in the Oregon Artillery and bayonets election by those who fought the in the leg. He was himself dan-The tideland legislation. They insisted gerously wounded. The father was larvest in the big countries of that even if the waterfront measures killed. The burglar and other flable under the circumstances, gradudurope is not a harvest of bread- should carry they would be held crooks are professional gunmen. unconstitutional, as depriving the The peaceable citizen is an amaupland owner of his riparian rights teur. Usually, it is better that

Sons versus the City of Oakland, the citizen and on the side of the they are now in the full sweep of plaintiff's land in tidewater, and his life. Many another good man struction of municipal docks which tery for the same reason. ope could not go on forever as it was proposed to build thereafter The increasing in front of his premises. The States, on account of the revolver, armaments were the visible proof court thus explained the proceed- is about 10,000 lives a year. The

The theory under which appellant facture. framed its complaint is that as a littoral or riparian owner of property fronting on the bay, and irrespective who may be the owner of the tfdelands lying between highwater mark and its deep waters, plaintiff by reason of such ownership of the ups conviction that it is a war to land possesses certain rights incident prevent national degradation if not thereto, including the right to free and unobstructed access over tidelands, to construct suitable landoccupancy thereof, subject the paramount public right of navigation; that the city has no right to erect structures, such as it contemplaes, which will cut off access from plaintiff to the deep waters of the bay and destroy its

The court denied plaintiff's contention, reasoning that any rights he had as riparian owner were subject to the paramount right of navigation vested in the state and the United States. The decision adds:

for the harvester on the red fields below high water mark for purposes to make improvements on the land the riparian owner

Here is affirmation by the California supreme court of the prin- criminally careless or deliberately \$2 a day, paid in receipts for labor tive size of America's mer- ciple which it was sought by the lawless. chant marine have been com- waterfront measures to confirm in piled. They show that the Oregon. It is flat contradiction United States, in gross tonnage, by a high court of arguments put in which to live. The Gazette's would burden them. They would reach stands next to Great Britain among forth by the railroads and others editorial, typical of many others first the people who needed them nations of the world. The figures who fought the waterfront meas- in various newspapers, shows how ures. They asserted that the prin- easy it would be to secure the very fed with "daddy's" earnings; the man ciple laid down by the Oregon wa- best kind of advertising without terfront measures would be "con- the expenditure of a nickel. It is little home just shead, would fiscation." But the court of last up to the automobile drivers. Let proud, spirited young fellow afloat, resort in the state of California them live up to the reputation jobless, would jump at the chance to contradicts them and says that which has been given them. "when the public authorities see fit to make improvements on the land below high water mark for purposes of navigation, the riparian ESTIMONY given before the owner must yield thereto, as his right is subordinate to the public

right. The decision is exactly in line with that of a federal court re- in the world; others say it is be- tomed to depressions and stringencies cently which ordered the buildings hind the times, inadequate, short as actually to be hysterical in the States ranks second. But nearly make room for an improvement by and men, of a riparian owner torn down to of torpedoes, ammunition, officers one half the American tonnage is the public, and that no compensation should be given the riparian advocate, publishes the appropriations of dollars; that as it is owner

made on these points, and every United States, from 1899 to 1914. improved," the issue would cease; that one of them handed down will be The figures show that in fifteen the government could, if an indictment of the position of years this country appropriated cancel all that returned to the treasmarine is gaining ground. Not far those who fought the waterfront \$1,645,000,186 and Germany only measures in the late Oregon elec- \$1,237,915,960. During that time learn that they were bamboozied in excess of Germany's expendithe European war is ended this lawyers, and that The Journal was highbrows say we have little or right and the real tribune of the nothing to show for it. people in that struggle.

# CONCILIATION COURTS

ASE AND COMMENT, a publicontains a number of articles suggesting court reforms in the United States. Courts of conciliation are discussed and approved, Denmark's experience being used to illustrate how such tribunals operate.

Before a Dane goes to law for a fight to the finish he must call tories. off with 800,000 men Russian his opponent before the commission of conciliation. If a settlement is reached, it has the effect of a final judgment. If a settlement function, a consequence, of efficiency cannot be reached, the complain-The French and the Ger- ant receives back his complaint mans, not to mention ourselves, have with attestation that conciliation fration and a diffused education in has been tried in vain. Then the of Seneca Smith, miner, lawyer The Russians, in a legal fight may start as it does in and judge.

day to present his side of the con- years it was one that had run its troversy and fails to be there, full course. To the younger genfactories, nor to that nation's won- claimed, with interest and costs, is entered against him.

complished during forty years of tration of disputes between Lations cation and his later years were peace, but they are not the great- to prevent the wastage of war. The years of enjoyment of the compeest results of German initiative and theory is sound; nations should tency he had won. It was more industry. The reason why Ger- take time to determine where right than a financial competency. It many is strong in comparison with lies before resorting to arms. But was an accumulation of self respect some of her neighbors is because arbitration between nations is no and tributes of associates to a life the German's efficiency on his daily more desirable than conciliation well spent. His life was the typical

enormous sums each year as a through it.

## THE BLOOD ROLL

NE night recently in Atlanta, a lawyer heard a noise in his home. Suspecting the presence of a burglar, he which the burglar fired one. lawyer was instantly killed, and

The Los Angeles case was not aire's home, they were, of course, that he has no riparian or littoral fully armed. It's the business of rights that entitle him to claim un- burglars to be armed, to be ready

The son in the home fired twice. He slightly wounded one burglar there be no weapon in the house. The California case is Dalton & Every odd in the world is against

It was his revolver, handy for wall at some distance out from use, that cost the Atlanta lawyer plaintiff sought to restrain the con- has been hurried off to the ceme-

The blood roll of the United world ought to prohibit its manu-

## AUTOS IN PORTLAND

TTEWSPAPERS throughout the country are saying that in injured, let alone killed, in an automobile accident in the last paper as "the best editorial of the day." The Gazette says:

In Portland the automobile driver scribed is hurried to the police court, terest charge and no rock pile, there to work out sion of the "security" his sentence. Every conviction means a sojourn with the pick and rock squad.

showering praise upon Portland. When the public authorities see fit But it is unfortunate that the city ergy is the logical corollary of the does not command all the respect obligation which society as a whole which comes to it voluntarily. If is under, to provide the workless with must yield thereto, as his right is Portland is not entitled to the best subordinate to the public right, editorial of the day, it is because editorial of the day, it is because ant picture once more. Three million of a few people who are either men at work for all the rest of us at

There is much talk about advertising Portland as a desirable place side of a bank and no interest charge

# NAVAL DEFICIENCIES

Some of the experts say this country has the second best navy

The New York Sun, a big navy tions made each year for naval issued only for public service per-Decisions will continue to be purposes by Germany and the formed, as men went back to private By and by, the people will we spent more than \$400,000,000

In 1913 the United States government appropriated \$133.262,-862 and the German government \$120,063,475. In 1914 the United States appropriation was \$140,718,cation for lawyers and judges, 454 and the German \$121,988,035.

> selves. If the American navy is been said, it is not because of Arms company; the 200,000,000 lack of money expenditures.

The screams against the navy arms makers and armor plate fac-

# SENECA SMITH

NOTHER link in the chain

is an inspiration. His early years were years of Crucible Steel company.

life of the pioneer and the world The American people are paying is better because he journeyed

## Letters From the People

(Communications sent to The Journal for publication 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.)

ers. It rationalizes everything it touches. It robs principles of all fake sauctity and throws them back on their reasonableness. If they have no reasonableness, it ruthlessly crushes them out of existence and set up its own conclusions in their stead."—Woodrow Wilson.

Unemployment and Money.

Portland, Dec. 25 .- To the Editor of The Journal-In this country today arguments of those who op- search. He fired three shots, after are millions of moneyless, jobless The men, as the direct result of a money system that makes no provision for connecting the moneyless man, through a job with money. Our money system ignores all the world except widely different. When the two the man who has money to deposit collateral on which to borrow. new currency law is a banker's law and merely intensifies this feature.

Think of the loss of millions: that is a low estimate, of men with their splendid producing capacity going to waste, impoverishing us all by millions of dollars of real wealth for every idle day they live, beside plotting revolution, justially drifting into crime at worst; at best into mental and physical deterioration. Suppose we brighten up this picture a little. Let's put these three servation projects, and especially on the prevention of their terrible spring floods, say at \$2 a day. Then, every sunset would see all the people of the United States richer than they were at sunrise, by \$6,000,000 of good substantial improvements added to our national wealth.

But at this suggestion the banker men lock their safes and with their backs against their safe doors, ask: "Yes; all very well; but where's the money coming from to pay these men? Let us discard for the moment all our banker made opinions about money and all the banker prepared theories of money and look at this thing through the eyes of sound stopped? public policy and common sense.

Portland no one has been pile of gold, all our money is a debt, interest-bearing, "secured" by more interest-bearing debts on which producing classes pay billions of interest every year for which they get ings thereon, and to enjoy exclusive statement by the Cedar Rapids Ga- no return. But the word "security" in one of these articles one never fails zette is reprinted by a Chicago this connection is a misnomer. A debt is always an insecurity; there is always a doubt attached to it. What, then, would be real "security" fo who is caught while traveling at a in return for it in advance of its excess of the limit pre- issue. On this there would be no intried, and, if found guilty, escorted since the nation already is in possesthe wealth No fines are levied, produced. At this the banker man collapses in a heap before his locked safe door. Why? Because we have The purpose here is not to take found a way to eliminate him. He issue with newspapers that are may have to go to work. Think of that!

This expression of the money enwork, therefore with compensation for already done, these receipts receivable for all obligations due the government. most. The anxious mother with her shivering, half starved brood would be "laid off," with foreclosure on his forget his half formed plan to go into the holdup business: the man with black bitterness in his heart at the prosperity about him which he could not share would turn kindly again; so, from those who need it most, this naval committee at Washing- living energy, freed by the one and ton cannot be reconciled, only true liberator, would work its way up from the bottom, carrying life,

hope, happiness all the way. But some timorous soul, so accuspresence of good times, asks: "But how about getting too much of this money?" The answer is that as yet we have never had enough, into sevemployment, as they would as "times ury and not reissue it, though it would be far better to keep it in cir-

culation. There is a good deal of simulated concern over the unemployed problem, is good ground for hope that when by the railroads and corporation tures—and yet some of the naval Here for a constitutional amendment. call for a constitutional amendment. An act of congress is all that is nec-Now kindly note where opessary. position to this plan originates.

War Orders in the United States. Necanicum, Or., Dec. 24 .- To the Editor of The Journal-The president has declined to permit the building The figures speak for them- of submarines for the warring nations of Europe. So far, so good; but what about these orders: Two hundred Union Metallic Cartridge company: 4,000,000 pounds of powder from Dupont Powder company; machine guns from the Colts; 50,000 revolvers from the same company; 200 armored automobiles from the Auto Car company; 500,000 rifles of 22 calconnecting the Oregon of to- | ibre, with ammunition for same, from day with the Oregon of 1846 the Winchester Arms company; 900 has been broken in the death six-inch howitzers, with ammunition, from the Bethlehem Steel company; another 7,000,000 pounds of powder from the Dupont Powder company: 50 If the Danish defendant is measured by the standards of men, tons of powder from the Dupont Pow- same. warned to be in court on a certain a successful one. Measured by der company: 100,000 carbines from the Winchester Arms company, cially to Germany's great cannon judgment for the entire amount eration his record of achievement alone sending 10 carloads; ammunition different firms, the Wright company value of \$12,000,000 from the There is much talk about arbi- self denial and labor for an edu- piper," as you so aptly express it, just

## A FEW SMILES

Mr. Grimbattley-One would think

that Talkington had enough of his wife's tongue, but he had to make her a lot of phonograph rec-ords, and he runs them over every day while she's away. Mr. Nix-But think

of the pleasure he gets in talking back when they run down. "My dear, you ought to pass up frivolous things and

take an interest in deep subjects. Take history, for instance. Here is an interesting item. Gessler, the tryant, put up a hat for the Swiss to salute." The lady was The lady was a trifle interested.

"How was it trimmed?" she inquired

"The constitution distinctly states-Ambassador Walter H. Page was iloting some friends from America ant wear...
tary uniform,
helmet adorned w.
a chin strap,
whom an inquir
tourist was fir
manner of sil'
tions.
the tourist, through the museum at Hastings he observed an unhappy attendant wearing a military uniform, with a helmet adorned with whom an inquisitive tourist was firing all

manner of silly ques

Finally, as the tourist turned and was about to quit the building, he asked: "Say, what is that chin strap under your chin for?'

The attendant sighed. "The strap is to rest my jaw when I get tired answering questions," he replied.

so a very few large concerns can make more blood money, concerns that have no regard for humanity, who exploit their working men, and who, by filling these orders for supplies, are million men at work on roads con- exploiting the United States treasury? Let me point out that accordthose unruly rivers of the middle ing to the following precedent the west, under competent engineers, for United States is liable for heavy dam-

gument in favor of militarism: "By the direction of the president the department has compiled reasons centering on the Alabama decision which lost England \$15,000,000. The Confederate cruiser Alabama was built in England, but it was not outfitted as a warship there. England was forced to pay \$15,000,000 because she

permitted the Alabama to sail.' What was the Alabama but war sup-Therefore any of the above tions! plies? will come under the ing people to disarm, but you will same head, and I just wonder what it never disarm the criminal and the will cost us, Don't you think it would desperado unless you disarm them by just be a matter of self defense to force, and it takes arms to do that have the delivery of these goods And if you need an atmed force they are best protected who have the best HERMAN AHLERS.

Hard Times and Prosperity.

Amity, Or., Dec. 19 .- To the Editor the past few Journal-In the question of the unemployed of our Yet right at the bottom of to find an article on the prosperity of this state during the past year.

May I ask this question: If this country is so prosperous at the pres- proposed each of the nations of poor condition of the working class? its arms and create an international in Dodge City If all the building is going on that police force of sufficient power, like he vagrancy charges in our cities. Still on the heels of all this so called prosperity that other thing grows intead of diminishing. There is a class of people in our

state that could help, but they are too stubborn. Their reason for this is I do not mean to say that that is my opinion, but I do aim to say that were it not for that, the mills and factories of our land would not shut their doors so early in the game. If you as means of detense and aggression against Council Bluffs and South Omaha and Sioux City and Lincoln and St. Joseph and Kansas City, and if these cities each had a standing army in its turn—then the doors so early in the game. If you condition would be servered and aggression against Council Bluffs and aggression against Council Bluffs and South Omaha and Sioux City and Lincoln and St. Joseph and Kansas City, and if these cities each had a standing army in its turn—then the doors so early in the game. If you remember, these same men started in talking 'hard times' before Wilson was elected. It is for that very reason that we have so little work this winter. Wilson had the right idea. if he had only carried it out. He said These millions would not see the in- when he first was elected that per- the laws, and if necessary on the mitheir books would not be allowed to South Omaha and Lincoln. vestigation was made at the present essary its standing army, to protect words that the labor question could be and other envious cities in solved. our people become more loyal to the executive of the land, what may we hope for? O. E. HENDERSON.

# Concerning Conductors.

Portland, Dec. 26 .- To the Editor of The Journal-I would like to say a ew words in answer to "One Who Rides on That Line," who, in yesterday's Journal, praised the St. Johns line street car conductors. To use the slang phrase, they have nothing on the Mount Scott conductors. I will give my experience with both. I live in the Mount Scott district, and was going to visit my sister in North Albina. I had two babies with me and unscrupulous "financiers." a good sized grip. The Mount Scott onductors helped me on and to a seat after the car was well on its way and collected my fare, and helped me off again at Second and Alder.

Carrying one baby and the grip and ing 10 minutes, which seemed an hour, St. Johns car came. I helped my little 2-year-old on the car, set my the high steps and got to a seat while the signal to move on. At the carbarn in speculative ventures." the car crew was changed. Now, I thought, I would have help to get off, only two stops farther down the line.

But what did this efficient, courteous, gentlemanly conductor do but stand waiting until a lady, seeing he was not going to help me, came and helped me off the car, then went back to her seat.

That was last summer, and I haven't inferior to the kaiser's, as has thousand rifles from the Remington had the courage to take the trip again ders alone and depend on the St. Johns tridges for same from the Union Me- conductors for help in getting on and tallic Cartridge company; 200,000 off their cars. I take my hat off to rifles and 200,000,000 cartridges from the Mount Scott conductors and wish are the publicity scheme of the the Winehester Arms company; the them one and all a merry Christmas whole production of gun ammunition and a happy New Year, but the St. Johns conductors-nix.

#### Arrows and Grenadiers. From the Chicago Post,

War, they say, is a throw-back, makes things as they were in days of

We believe it. Here is General von Meyer killed by an arrow. So men large in comparison with other death killed men before the huts on the surface of the Swiss lakes were flooded. They shot the arrow from a bow in-His life was a modest one and guns of 9.2 inch calibre from the Beth- stead of dropping it from an arrow lehem Steel company; another 2000 plane, but it was an arrow, just the

> We believe it again when we read 100,000,000 cartridges; aeroplanes from quarters." In his latest pictures his men are prisoners and the separated with hand genadier," who passed out at Lexington and Yorktown, thus come back onto the historic scene.

## PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

#### SMALL CHANGE

Even one enemy is one too many. Immigration is the mother of most of our small troubles

Ever meet a girl pretty as her own picture? A misdirected search for happiness is the stepmother of selfishness.

And sometimes a word to the wife is sufficient to start something, To the man who says "I will" the chains of destiny are mere cobwebs.

Our idea of a wise man is who is just a trifle less foolish than the majority. . . But if a man is foolish and doesn't

know it, it's a sign that he has no

wife to instruct him. The average woman never calls it for qualities she knows she doesn't

We do not claim to be a philoso-pher but we have observed that the grind of life often sharpens a man's wits. Many of the warring nations are to

participate in the San Francisco expo-sition, but it is not reported whether their various exhibits will be fortified. Well informed orientalists say that chop suey is not really a Chinese dish, but other nations are treating China

just as if it were responsible for chop

To say that a young baby is a perfect image of its father is not always accepted by the latter as a compliment, especially if the dear especially if the dear like a pink wart.

From the Omaha World-Herald.

force with the best arms."

law-abiding people have.

desperate few.

the peace, and protect the

The trouble with this illustration is

little study will disclose its fallacy.

have created a police force to preserve

earth should do; that each lay aside

ward of Omaha maintained an armed

force to protect itself against the

standing army as means of defense

condition would be somewhat analo-

gous to that existing among the na-

But Omaha relies on its few score

tions of the world.

cities.

wards; or if Omaha kept

This is what it

sufficient to insure enforcement of the An anonymous correspondent sends law and the preservation of

OREGON SIDELIGHTS

Point Herald has passed from Hass-ler & Bebb to Royal E. Bebo, who took over the business December 19.

has helped out the situation and there

T. B. Phillips, secretary, has instigated a lively campaign to swell the membership of The Dalles Business Men s association. He is sending out letters to farmers as well as to

"One of our citizens," says the

city hall be located at the west ter-mination of First street. The augges-

tion has real merit in the fact that if carried out the building would at least cover up the quagmire of un-certain depth that is now the source

Hood River News: Not for many

years has Hood River and this part of the state enjoyed such a long spell of excellent skating. The slough north of the station has been

there were several hundred gliding over the smooth surface, while local ministers, it was remarked, preached

Commenting on the recent levy, the

Pendleton East Oregonian says: "The making of the state and county tax levy eight mills instead of ten mills

as last year is a saving of nearly \$100,000 to the taxpayers of the county. The two mills extra on a valuation of over \$49,000,000 would

state tax and by reason of the fact that, instead of having road bonds to take up, the county has a surplus of nearly \$35,000 on hand."

have produced over \$98,000. I

DISARMAMENT

to suspiciously slim congregations.

"suggests that the

now the source

Sunday

The sav

next summer.

citizens of The Dalles.

of so much profanity.'

swarmed early and late,

be no ice famine in the

management of the Centra

rights. to the World-Herald the following ar-And so it is asked, why the nations of the earth disarm, cre-"Disarmament has never been tried, ate an international supreme court, an but every one of our cities could try international parliament, and an the experiment for itself by taking ternational police force to enforce the decrees of the confederation against steadied by sufficiently early away the clubs, guns and other weanons from its policemen. If we have not the courage to live in our own like the train robber or the gun man. an irresistible impulse to defy society home cities in time of peace among and have recourse to force and outour own citizens without an armed lawry? force to protect us, what nonsense it is to speak of disarmament for na-You may advise all law-abid

ment all by itself would be quite an other matter. of public opinion in any country, seriworld is now living in the same state ward maintained a standing army its own, and if on the property of other wards increasing its military power No one ward could feel while. disarm unless the disarmed-at least the respectable and it could other wards did likewise and agreed to trust to a common police power to unarmed enforce the laws and the decrees many from the armed, criminal and the courts.

The world is at war. It is testing out the armament theory, much as it was tested out, in the good old days Leadville. Pending the settlement force of our cities, to en- behooves every nation that is yet at t would put a stop to a portion of force the law against those who will peace to be on its guard, and look to not abide by the rules and ordinances its arms and supply of ammunition, of civilized society. If each citizen of though at the same time it may be Omaha went armed to protect himself preaching the gospel of international against all other citizens; or if each peace and holding up blood-soaked Europe as a horrible example of what

world will agree to take them-but The meanwhile we are not disarming. appropriations made by congress for army, navy and coast defenses and the like average about \$250,000,000 a policemen to preserve peace and order year. In the last six years we have among its 150,000 people. It relies on spent approximately \$1,400,000,000 on our military establishment. sons that could not show a deficit on litia of the state to protect it against congress provided for two battleships, eight submarines and six destroyers, close their doors. I believe if an in- on the law of the nation, and if nec- while the sale of two antiquated bat- with French and Italian cooks. tleships to Greece provides for antime and Wilson would act on his it against Sloux City and Kansas City other dreadnought. It is probable that, England, their first public duty was other because of the world war, a disposi- to build a church, with thrifty thought When the majority elects a states. The consequence is that every tion will be manifested by the govern- for their souls. president I believe that the rest of citizen in Omaha lives in reasonable ment at Washington to further generate sons begin with organizing the people should be made to stand by him in whatever he does. Until armed aggression from other wards—realize the folly of mankind that its travel westward changes its basis not even from the horrific "Third." makes such a policy, on the part of from soul to stomach. Perhaps it is No city has the slightest reason to a peaceful people, necessary. af They deplore it as barbarous and of our later civilization, which forbids marauders led by the mayors of rival wasteful. They believe it is time the The reason is that each of world should emerge from the condithese peaceful units, from citizen to tion that obtained in Dodge City in state, realizes that the forces of the the seventies, disarm as Dodge City commonwealth and of the nation are disarmed, and create a police force.

# "BLUE SKY" LAWS AND NEED FOR CAUTION

It relies

By John M. Oskison, "blue sky" laws passed by the states speculative nature. have not been very effective in killing enterprises have small chance of suc- was ignominiously limited. off fraudulent schemes promoted by cess, even though their promoters are is that the organized investment bank- be netted the investor." ers have fought the laws because they n a pay-as-you-enter car, came back felt that the toes of legitimate se-

fear an invasion of armed bands

have found a way around them. "Under the circumstances," says alford to wait for returns. leading the other baby, I finally got to writer in Commercial West, "it deeducation, especially among sal- ask the small saver for money. arled workers and wage earners. pound into the heads of many people

> This man makes a distinction that inexperienced investor more than ever

course should be avoided, there are numerous offerings continually enence includes arrows and grenades.

#### war itself. Adopting Belgian Children. From the Detroit News.

A Belgian priest in this country has Beigian children here for American disposition of the little ones. adoption. His reasons have proved convincing.

He says that Belgium is now a disknown, but not expected to be very lists. It was the custom, he says, for the

invading army to range the men up on one side of the village square, the to march the men off. In this way there are families of which all mem-Eyewitness at British Field Head- bers are undoubtedly alive, but the fighting in the trenches mothers and children are either still grenades. The "British wandering about in Holland or England-so that, though they are now dispersed and know nothing other's whereabouts, there is prosper-The most modern of modern war sci- of reunions later on. He says that publicity you want."

Generally speaking, the various savings into investments of a highly One reason most sanguine that targe returns will

He is quite right to point out that investments involving business risks wealth and a large future through its cruities dealers were being trodden on, should be taken by business people- illimitable forests and Another reason is that the promoters people who know what the chances of success really are, and who can af-

More than ever before, men Fifth and Washington. After wait- volves upon the investment bankers business projects seeking capital to no other space on the carth's surface to keep up an aggressive campaign establish and carry on their work will can boast." men will offer the hope of high re grip on the car floor, pulled myself up will need years of hammering to turns-much higher than the owner of money can get from tried investments. the gallant conductor stood with his the fundamental truth that their in- The arguments and figures of the hand on the bell cord, waiting to give vestments should not be jeopardized business promoter will sound very convincing.

But for the inexperienced investor will need to be kept in mind by the there always remains a test of the soundness of an offering: What deffnite guarantee is offered of the ex-Besides the actual frauds, which of pected return? The answer for all of the speculative kind will be: None. Then pass it by.

even now, in England and Holland, the Aeroplanes and submarines rub shoul- scattered fragments of families are bewith military devices as old as ditions permit.

To enter upon wholesale adoption of Belgian children now, he says, would be to finally separate families which, effectually checked the movement union; and he would wait until all the ed there? Do they sell crabs, shrimps, later on, will have a chance of rewhich had been proposed to bring accounts are made up before making winkles, herrings?

There will doubtless be enough orphans for the laudable and kindly proposal which was made in America, but persed country, with the death list unif a child's parents are living, or one oyster season. Who knows? of them, transportation across the sea would make for separations that never could be remedied.

As it is, Holland and England and America have their task in feeding women and children on the other, and and clothing those made homeless by the war.

#### Any Way You Wish. From the Kansas City Journa

Yes. I can secure you a divorce. And without publicity. "You don't understand. actress. "Pardon me. I understand.

The Journal. Samuel Bowles, who visited Oregon and Washington territory in the sum-

mer of 1865, writing to the Spring-The ice harvest at Union is on and the Scout says the ice is the best for years, Continued dry weather field Republican at Springfield, Mass., gave an interesting account fof the Oregon and Washington territory of 50 years ago. Speaking of the commerce of the Columbia river, he said: The navigation of the Columbia river is in the hands of a strong, energetic company, who have pacity to improve all its present opportunities and the foresight to seek and create new ones. They are making new paths in the wilderness and show more comprehension of the situation and purpose of development than any

set of men that I have yet met on the Pacific coast. "Organized in 1861 with a property worth \$175,000, they now have 18 or 20 first class steamboats, a railroad around the Cascades and one The Dalles, warehouses in all the principal towns on the river and a total property worth over \$2,000,000, total property worth over all earned from their business of navi-They have paid themselves \$332,750 in dividends \$332,750 in dividends. So large has been the travel and trade to the mines of eastern Oregon and Idaho that the Oregon Steam Navigation company has carried to the upper Columbia 60,320 tons in the last four years. ried over 22,000 tons in 1864 and their boats have carried up and down the river, approximately 100,000 passen gers. In 1864 they had 36,000 passen-

gers during the season, "In many ways Oregon and its people make a pleasant and promising They lack many of the advantages of their neighbors to the south. Their agriculture is ices varied, but it is more sure. Mining has not poured such irregular and intexicating wealth into their laps. They need more varied farming and m industry; they need intelligent and patient labor and more capital. They have builded what they slowly and more wisely than the Callreaction from unhealthy growth and They are in the way less to unlearn. to be the New England of the Pacific.

"May Oregon steady itself, or be any rebellious member who may feel, against such dangers as California's experience with mining has thrown uncertainty, the wrecklessness, the gambling habit, which the varied and over the whole business and morals of a community, that is possessed great obstacles to permanent prosper-"Two days ago, on July 24, we put

of out of Portland, steamed the statesmanship of Columbia for 50 miles, up its Cowlitz ward were casting greedy eyes branch for a short distance, and landed and on the Washington, territory mean- two houses and a stage wagin bearing that the classic name of Monticello. The question here was how to but elever passengers in an open wagon that would hold only seven for our 90 mile settled it by putting three of our passengers on saddle horses. winter rains it is abandoned. It is ungraded and simply a path through the dense forest, but the majestic beauty of the fir and cedar forests through which we rode was

"We dined on the second day at Skookem Chuck and came to the head of Puget Sound, where we were hospitably received by Acting Governor Olympia has less than 500 hihabitants.

"If there is one thing another among the facts if tion which the Pacific coast organizes most quickly and completely it is good eating. From the Occidental at Sar Francisco to the loneliest ranches on The last the weekly stage routes a good square meal is the rule, while each 500 inhabitants has its restaurants

only in obedience to that delicate law us to enjoy our religion unless we have already enjoyed our victuals and which sends a dyspeptic to hell by an eternal

regard to the fitness of things. Washington territory is the upper half of old Oregon, divided by the Columbia river and the fortleth parallel for the southern boundary extending up to the forty-ninth, to couraging people to put their small which, under the reaction from the unmartial Polk's "fifty-four-forty of Many of these fight" pretensions, our northern line

> "The population of Washington territory is less than 20,000, and it is not likely to grow fast or make a state for many years to come. But it holds sure immense coal deposits. Not more than one-eighth of its surface west of the Cascades is open land. . The rest is covered by a growth of timber such as

#### The Unwritten Books. From Collier's Weekly.

Sometimes we wonder about books our favorite authors did not In what ways would R. S. write. Hawker's great poem about King Arthur and the Round Table have been finer and richer than Tennyson's Arthurian poems were. Would Bryant have written other poems as good as "Thanatopsis" if he had not condemned himself to the dull respectability of editing the New York ning Post"? Then there is Dickens, whom one thinks of only as a novelist. Yet in his letters there are passages ing brought together as rapidly as con- that might have occurred in Leigh Hunt's best essays. When Dickens came to America on a lecture tour he went to Boston, of course, and specu-

lated on the oyster men: "What do they do when oysters are not in season? Is pickled salmon vend-The oyster openers-what do they do? Dorthey commit suicide in despair, or wrench open tight drawers and cupboards and hermetically sealed bottles for practice?

On another page one finds Dickers wondering what emotions stir postoffice clerks when they get a letter. Read this passage aloud and ask yourself whether you might not have as cribed it to Charles Lamb or Robert

Louis Stevenson if we hadn't told you Dickens wrote it: . "Do you suppose the clerks care to receive letters? I have my doubts. They get into a dreadful habit of indifference. A postman, I imagine, is quite callons Conceive his delivering one to himself without being startled by a preliminary double?