departments couched by these numbers. Tell the operator what desartment you want.

#### THE AMERICAN PROTEST

THE fact that 56 per cent of of the land surface of the globe are represented by the governments engaged in the European conflict is full reason for the world to be permitted to pursue their endeavors in peace and security.

The 18,000,000 men now under arms and the countries made desolate by the havoc of war have to be fed and clothed, and the responsibility of doing this, as well as the responsibility for feeding and clothing the remainder of mankind falls almost entirely upon those countries which are at peace.

The warring nations should do endeavor. nothing to enlarge this burden. Their warships should not commit shipping of neutrals. Neutral cargranaries and factories those prodstricken peoples stand so much in need.

In the vigorous protest to the British government against the molestations American shipping has suffered from the acts of British vessels of war, President Wilson fied. Chiefly on the United States now depends the duty of maintaining civilization, of preserving the national usage and world obliga-

To meet our responsibilities and mankind

## MILITARISM IN DRESS

flected in the latest bulletin ought to win favor. of the Fashion Art League of America. According to the soon be among the things that once were '

The twentieth century girl is to an creet figure which will be accentuated by a gown on strictly military lines. An upstanding carand brass buttons will mark the bearings and dress of the woman of 1915.

There is to be no more of the to be covered by a military collar bordered with a tiny frill or ruche of lace or net.

It is noticeable that the Fashion and loss of prestige at once. The the authorized number. shirt waist is here to stay. Skirts

### EDISON SCORES AGAIN

HOMAS A. EDISON'S latest invention, the "telescribe." will be among the remarkable exhibits at the Panama-Pacific exposition. It is a combination of telephone and dictaphone and has nover been exhibited at an international exposition. This remarkable product of

remarkable man's brain is said to fulfill Mr. Edison's prediction of 1870 that perfection in telephonic They will continue to so insist, and the only civilized power engaged your paper that you had secured the communication would be reached only when means were discovered for combining the telephone and phonograph in order that messages might be properly recorded. This the telescribe is said to do.

When the desk telephone's receiver is removed from the hook and placed in the telescribe's socket, connection with the dictating war began. This is the statement ance of the rules of international machine is made. The user takes of Charles M. Schwab, president of warfare? up a small receiver attached to the the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, In this way both sides of the con- business trip to England. versation are recorded, and com-

passengers in the same period.

#### MISS DIMICK

HIRTY-EIGHT years in a school room is a long teaching record. Miss Dimick could not have served so long without leaving an impress upon many lives. She must have been in love with her profession or she would not have remained in it until death, and loving a work is to do it well.

In no field is there more opporlife. No profession means more to the welfare of the race.

The hum of the school room, the noises that float in from the outside, the shouts on the playground, the troubles of the wee pupils, the disappointments in the class work. the memory of it all is written indelibly on every mind, and it all the people and 58 er cent makes the setting for a picture in which there is a centle-faced teacher, with patience in her manner, love of mankind in her voice and a kindly expression in her eyes.

> In every life there are these pictures. There are impulses in every life that were stirred into expression by these teachers and there is higher purpose in many a life that was touched into activity by the gentla encouragement of a patient teacher. Many a word floats out of the past and many a well remembered look of approval gazes out of the school days-words east approach are still unpaved. and looks from the presiding gen- Nor are there signs that the stretch ius of a school room that impel is to be paved. us to higher thought and loftier

youth and its youth's future to the teachers rise to their responsibiliriers should be left free to trans- ties and meet the sacred trust with port over the high seas, from the heroic devotion and courage. Beginning at 20 and closing at 58, ucts and merchandise of which the when her mortal sun went down in a final setting, Miss Dimick served her generation signally, and on many a career has left the impress of her own beautiful life.

#### MAKING IT RESPECTABLE

and his associates are fully justi- - OBBYING has taken a new was again proposed in January, forces of world progress, and of have organized a federation which 1913, the plan was renewed and preventing a breakdown of inter- will keep itself informed about pro- at various times since, efforts have Appoint a committee of, say, three systematic manner all legislative the plan. in justice to the rights and re- proposals. Those pertaining to The case presents a monumental quirements of American life and public health he will refer to an instance of the inefficiency of gov- throughout the state to improve and industry, our rights as neutrals executive council which in turn ernment. The bridge never should sell land in small tracts on long time must be respected and in his firm will write letters to members of have been built until there was demand upon Great Britain for the general assembly stating the assurance that the street could be such respect, President Wilson is attitude of the council towards the made something better than a bad ern part of the state as I am more entitled to the good opinion of proposed bills and reasons for their macadam, scarcely better than a adoption or rejection.

The new method which elimi- trict. nates personal visits of individuals THE spirit of militarism is re- and the buttonholing of members We are traveling toward the time well

> be disassociated from democratic two years, we have had little use years' time at 6 per cent interest. It made respectable.

## PADDED PAYROLLS

come into her rightful heritage of NDIANA officials indicted for claims against the state have been acquitted. They were riage, straight shoulders, flat braid charged with violating a law of

prohibited by that enactment. slouching droop. The nack where to stop graft upon state funds by assessed at its true cash value, age first heralds her approach is excessive hiring of clerks and others and a great deal of property is asfor political purposes. The Indiana real value. But here is a tract gage to secure this \$600 the purchaser Art League is careful to avoid any of persons who could be employed it is demanded the city of St. recommendation looking to the dis- in the state departments and the Johns shall pay for it. card of the shirt waist. To do so legislature, and making it a crime The Journal doesn't pretend to would result in its discomfiture to certify vouchers for more than say who, but somebody is being

may be narrow or wide, necks may deny that the law had been ig- per acre for tax purposes, it isn't be high or low but the shirt waist nored, nor that appointments to worth \$1600 an acre for public no power to control the acts of purposes. subsequent legislatures. The law had not been repealed, but it was contemplation by the people of St. unconstitutional for the reason Johns. stated by the indicted officials.

> The accused officials have been acquitted, but not vindicated Their case is interesting at a time S JAPAN to stand out in this when legislatures in most of the states are meeting. It is evidence that each body of lawmakers is charged with the duty of abolish- Dispatch, is answered by saying ing the political pie counter. It is that perhaps the unprejudiced stualso evidence that the people are dent of war events might go furdemanding reasonable economy, ther and pronounce the Nipponese will devise other forms of punish in warfare. ment if jails are not available.

## WHAT BUSINESS NEEDS

munication with the central oper- States is at the threshold of the before that Belgian city was indor is cut off, thus preventing "greatest period of prosperity it vested. All this was done without The Journal-I offer here a few words has seen in many years." He had notice. Women and children have of thanks for publicity given in the The value of a device that will just given up contracts for sub- been made the victims of a warrecord telephonic conversations is marines worth \$15,000,000, and fare that was supposed to have in Portland. It will prove abortive uneasily understood by business men. yet he was even more optimistic been prohibited by both interna- less it strikes directly at the source written records refresh the mem- than when he had those contracts tional law and modern civilization. ory and prevent disputes. The in his pocket. When advised by Throughout the ages the professelephone transmits sixty per cent Secretary of State Bryan that for sional soldier has talked more theory, endless filth and

of all forms of communication in an American concern to supply about "honor" than anybody else. the United States, totalling fifteen submarines to any of the belliger- He has come near to claiming, as billion conversations a year, an ent nations would be a violation against civillans, a practical moaggregate in excess of the number both in letter and in spirit of the nopoly of that virtue. Yet in the of telegrams, letters and railroad neutrality of the United States, present war the professional sol-Mr. Schwab threw the orders over- dier takes no pride in fighting board and went back to Europe fairly.

United States will have to face, he or honor in such conflicts. Even said, will be the development of misuse of the white flag and other transportation facilities to handle signs of surrender, though conthe tremendous increase in manu- demned in theory, has been charged facturing and commercial enter- by practically every army against prises. that I predicted on my last return the accusations were true. from Europe is about upon us. Contracts placed with American about war. It is learning that manufacturing concerns by Europe men who insist that might makes unity to beneficially touch human call for delivery within the year, right, even when a nation is conand I look to see a big revival of cerned, when put to the test, show

business in every line." Mr. Schwab is a big man in the attributes of civilization. financial and business world, but his size never stood out so prominently as it does now. He is of tiative. The loss of a \$15,000,000 contract did not discourage him. There were profits to be made in the manufacture of other things not barred by American neutrality.

age and business vision. The timid and the backward looking cannot succeed-they never have, and they

#### UNPAVED BROADWAY

IS one year, eight months and seven days since Broadway bridge was opened to traffic. Ten blocks of street on its

bridge is little used by vehicle triffic. The great sum of \$1.586 .-921.90 of the people's money was paid out for building the great w viaduct, and the non-improvement of the street makes it of little use except to the streetcar company. It is a monstrous waste of public money.

of the thoroughfare. As early as heartedness of the Portland people, August, 1905, the paving of the street was proposed, but the property owners remonstrated. Paving form in Ohio. A number of 1912, and again it was put aside organizations, whereby a plan may be persons interested in legisla- on account of the protests of Broad- formulated to give those families pertion for the public health way property owners. In June, manent homes, where they can be inposed laws by having a senior of been made, but in all instances from the different charitable organithe state university review in a Broadway residents have blocked zations already formed, this commit-

bad road in a remote country dis-

delegations to the legislature jorating. It has its length of life. when it will have to be pulled kind, located right, should be worth While it seems lobbying cannot down as old junk. And for nearly about \$1000 to \$1500. Sell it on 10 approach to be paved. How long is the status to continue?

## THE ST. JOHNS CASE

proposing to pay forty-eight 1895 by padding the payrolls with tery purposes. The tract is valued expense, would be taken care of with employes whose employment was at \$33.33 for assessment purposes and at \$1600 for cemetery pur-This statute was an effort made poses. The law requires property to whom employment is given chiefly sessed at 50 to 75 per cent of its paid. In addition to the first mortlegislature made en effort to stop of land assessed at little more than this graft by limiting the number two per cent of the value which

cheated in this transaction. If The accused officials did not the property is worth only \$33.33

## CIVILIZED WARFARE

great war as the most civilized of the belligerent nations? This question, asked by the St. Paul

Japan gave Germany two weeks' When the Japanese bombarded the fortifications at Kiao Chau, 24 UROPEAN nations have placed hours' notice had been given in or-

other unfortified towns. Germany Mr. Schwab says the United made aerial attacks upon Antwerp

for other orders. He got them The fact is that warfare has no and his concern will be kept busy. relation to the virtues. There is The next big problem that the no such thing as civilized warfare "The period of prosperity practically every other, and often

The world is learning something a lamentable lack of most of the While distributing presents at a

mining camp near Coeur d'Alene. Mrs. Jack Robinson, bride of five ally shot and instantly killed. Her husband was showing a revolver to a friend, when it dropped and was grow. discharged. The bullet penetrated the victim's heart and she fell into her husband's arms. It is to kill people that revolvers are made, and this one got its victim. It was in the fullness of youth and life and happiness that Mrs. Robinson was garnered for the blood roll.

#### 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.)

"Discussion is the greatest of all reformers. It rationalizes everything it touches. It robe principles of all faise annetity and throws them back on their reasonableness. If they have no reasonableness, it ruthless;

Proposing Permanent Relief. Portland, Dec. 28 .- To the Editor of

work done during the last few weeks tricts. in Portland, in the way of helping the It is the property owners along poor and unfortunate. It has demonthe way that obstruct the paying strated the public spirit and big and who have given temporary relief to thousands of poor people. I would therefore like to suggest that a proposition be put before the people of Portland, and the different charitable dependent instead of dependent.

My plan would be along these lines tee to investigate and approve or dis approve all propositions, and to copayments.

For illustration, we take 40 acres along the Columbia river in the eastdown a well, put in a pumping plant sufficient to irrigate the tract, cut it into rive acre tracts, build on each and a barn and chicken to reliable concerns, take them to the land, let them do the work, their work to apply on the first payment of the land, giving them just cash presenting and approving illegal HE St. Johns city council is enough for themselves and family to live on until they could get the first crop, or give them a due bill for grotimes the assessed value for ceries at the store. In this way the five acres of land for ceme- labor, which is generally the biggest

very small outlay of money. Now we will place a first mortgage of about \$600 on each five acre tract, payable in five yearly payments of payments to run at the same rate until the full purchase price has been will carry a fire insurance on the buildings, also life and accident insurance, which will be payable to the mortgagee as his interest may appear, and the sellers of the land will have to see that the first mortgage is paid before they get their money.

The only thing that the Portland people would be asked to do would be to loan their surplus money through this association at the regular interest rates, and they could feel that will continue to waist though there jobs had been made for political purposes. If it is worth \$1600 giving some needy family a home, and with every \$600 they loaned they were be forty wars on which to set mil- purposes. They were acquitted be- an acre for graveyard purposes it enabling them to give their children a tary fashions and soldier-like at- cause the legislature of 1895 had is worth more than \$33.33 for tax portland can be given a home in this way which they would never get in The transaction is a fit topic for any other, and would put Portland on record as the biggest home building city in the union

I would like to meet and talk over details with anyone who might be of the interested in a proposition of this HARRY E. WATSON.

Congratulations Appreciated. Portland, Dec. 27 .- To the Editor of The Journal-Please accept my heartiest congratulations on your securing the services of Governor West as your special correspondent in connection with the work of the pending legisla-

tive session at Salem.

services of Governor West will be read with interest and satisfaction by his thousands of friends, regardless of notice of intention to declare war, party, throughout the state and the entire country who have watched and approved his fight for reforms and the betterment of conditions and laws for our people, and who now, and always contracts in the United States der that noncombatants might seek will, believe that he would again have for more than \$300,000,000 safety. What other great nation been elected governor of this state had worth of supplies since the has maintained this strict observ- he once more been willing to become a candidate for that office. With the compliments of the holi-

day season, and best wishes for the Great Britain dropped bombs prosperity of The Journal throughout telescribe and begins conversation. who has returned from a second upon Dusseldorf, Freiberg and the coming years, I remain, Very sincerely yours. N. CAMPBELL.

> The Filthy Chicken Yard. Sunday Journal to the wholesome agitation on foot for a general cleanup of filth on the back lots of our city. towit, the chicken yard, whose very nature seems to be, in spite of all

## A FEW SMILES

"What do you know about the condisposing will-

stitution? 1.11 you can't repeat the opening clause." "I can, too: the people of the United States, being

of sound mind and

"That will do," interrupted the other man. think you knew it. old top."-Puck. It was in a suburban barber shop

and a farmer with a week's growth of stubby beard had seated himself in a chair to have his whiskers cropped. "Guess you'll have a time gittin' them the barber began rubbing on the lather.

"Oh, I don't know,"

said the barber, care-

lessly. "All be look alike to me." Wunst I went into a barber shop to git shaved," resumed the farmer. "and after the barber was done and I was payin' him he remarked: 'Say, old man, if all beards was like yourn months, of Spokane, was accident- I'd quit the barber business. I sez to old mother does. him, I sez: 'Well, you haven't got anything on me, old man. bers was like you I'd let my beard long to develop into a nonentity in the grow."

"My dear." said the proud father, "I cannot understand your objection to and your objection to guaranteed the pursuit of happiness, young Prudely as a but the trouble is many of them do I am sure that he is

a model young man." "There is no quesbewitching but, father, beauty | men. the trouble is that he is a 1912 model,

combined with nerve-racking and ear splitting barnyard noise,

Our municipal judges have repeat edly declared that in densely settled districts the chicken yard is a nuisance, and that, while an excellent thing in its place, out of place it is a nuisance and a curse, as not one attention and time to insure success. and consequently chicken keepers are losers financially, and their afflicted eliminating the sin. The Journal—There has been a great driving it out to sparsely settled dis-Other things that simply must be

shacks, due in almost every case to the backvard chicken ranch.

to grow over our walks and parkings, and wood should not be piled in streets or on parkings for months at a time. Portland, so blessed by nature, is through man's filthy and disorderly chicken pens and unsightly and offensive back yards incident thereto.

nany reforms for our city and state. and the writer believes it will, in the cause of order, cleanliness and civic ment by the payment of 64 cents more beauty, stand by this "Clean the City" movement, thereby creating an orderly operate with different land dealers and cleanly environment that will con- D. Brandeis and Attorney General fer blessings on both rich and poor. Crawford of Oregon, representing the The "pig in the parlor" policy, I trust, defendants, to judge not hypothetical dustry will not be perpetuated in Portland. A. J. MARTIN.

Hood River, Or., Dec. 27 .- To the Editor of The Journal-The recent Meanwhile the bridge is deter- a small, substantial four room house where as depicted by the press leads to the constitution. This arbitrary reguin hog tight. Pipe the water from the It is at once beautiful and distressing, the land. A place of this the sight of all this human kindness of income and of the employers' ability and human woe. That people should to pay the rate, is claimed to be a de be so generous and kindly is truly a bulletin "the slinker slouch has government here is manifestation of it because Broadway property a cooperative and wholesale basis in should exist is weeful, indeed, and, be-branded discriminatory, on the one slinked its last slouch and the of a faint hope that it can be owners refuse to allow the east order to enable one to buy right. We sides all this charity is but a surface hand, against the employers of Oregon would take eight families who were showing, for poverty lies deeply in- who must compete with manufacturers recommended by the trustees or other grained in the social state. The world's in Washington and neighboring states; wait until all others first are served. and these we never see nor know. These kindly souls distributing charities are much like the nurses who follow up the brave of war to bind up the wounds and put the broken men gether; for they go out after the fallen victims of greed, the dissolute and cast off, and heal their hurts. All misery seems quite useless, and the only good in it is apparently the good that may come of it. For many peo- power has never been and may not be \$120 and interest the balance of the ple are positive that Christians are dealing with effects; that lopping off branches does not kill, but rather may foster an evil tree: that the ax must be laid at the root of the evil. The an occupation. It is difficult to follow system of profit making, they claim, is the source whence flows, generally, all human conflict and crime. Do we know the real cause, and are we brave enough to learn the real truth and JUSTICE. proclaim it?

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# The Ragtime Muse

The Maid of My Dreams. The maid of my dreams is a creature so rare That I vainly have sought her for years: Years
Yet I really don't care what's the shade
of her hair
Nor what is the shape of her ears.

That paragon girl may have teeth that aren't pearl

in a whirl As I muse on the maid of my dreams! never have thought if her form should be round.

Athletic, lopsided or lean; only have wished it would be neatly In a garb hygienically clean. t isn't important that she should Greek, Latin or wise college themes:

f she knows how to cook by the book, that is all ask of the maid of my If she knows how to look to the wash

joys, to deal with the dust without How for my wife.

If she'll never indulge in extremes
If ill temper, believe me, I'll take her.

of ill temper, believe me, I'll take he for life,
That adorable maid of my dreams!

PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

#### SMALL CHANGE

A wise man says what he has to) say and then shuts up.

Knowledge isn't always power. There is the football contest, for instance. Experience comes high. Still, the

Some people give the impression that they believe every word they say.

You can always tell when a girl is jealous by the way she says she isn't As a matter of fact, one half the world doesn't care how the other half

lives. It's difficult to convince old bacheoff," he remarked as lors that love and common sense began anything in commo

We have reached the conclusion that Europe's theatre of war has developed a good many bum actors. "All beards The chances are that if Mexico could

get a taste of real peace she would like it almost as well as pulque. Every girl vows when she marries that she will not stand for neglect

from her husband the way her poor

It doesn't take the average man hased him to the altar. The people of this country

suitor for your hand. not stop pursuing it until they get into If David were alive to read the war

There is no question about his being Vienna he would repeat his wellknown a model," replied the declaration, about the mendacity of down the streets as if they were on

# OREGON SIDELIGHTS

A checker tournament for the winter months, which the Register says bids tair to become very popular, is soon to be started at the Y. M. C. A.

English born residents of Eugene at anguet to be held January 4 will an organization, apparently the manner of the various ffect organizations in Oregon.

Medford Sun: The Medford Elks re busy getting in the furniture for heir new building. Yesterday Weeks McGowan placed a carload of oak arniture in the lodge room, and more expected during next week.

North Bend's council has passed an rdinance that so increases the tax on treet fakirs—not peddlers—that, in he opinion of the Coos Bay Harber, there is no chance for even the brick man to make a living at price charged,"

"Like the Better Babies contest and ther affairs taken up here," says the iermiston Herald, "the municipal Phristmas tree at Hermiston was the first in this part of the state. It was first in this part of the state. the success that had

Astoria Budget: The new method of aying planks on the downtown streets was at first criticised. It is claimed lengthwise system has re-e cost about 25 per cent and that the duced the cost about he lay of the boards has made much ference. Traffic comes along no if the street were paved. Instead he rumbling and constant shaking

# FACTORY GIRL VS. THE CONSTITUTION

Mary Chamberlain, in The Survey. | Mr. Justice Pitney the first case involving the constitu- without reference to efficiency or Mr. ence was to the north and last settletionality of a law to provide minimum wages for women in industry and upheld by unanimous bench in the su- the defense expect agreement from Mr. preme court of Oregon, is come to trial Justice McKenna who appears to take called 'Camp Summer.' efore the supreme court of the United issue when Mr. Brown declares there is about five miles from the fort on the probably depend the status of similar statute? Or from Mr. Justice Holmes We moved to this camp late in March neighbors must suffer thereby. I will laws in California, Colorado, Minne- when he cites the degeneracy of the or early in Appl, 1849. I remember donate \$100 toward any practical sota, Utah, Washington and Wiscon- working classes in England before the well that we were in the

fore, in the cases of Frank C. Stettler, and comments merely the expression ball, and many officers and men who a box manufacturer of Portland, Or., of alert and open minds desirous of attended that ball have since become and Elmira Simpson, a girl employed examining the subject from its every dealt with are the rotten old fences in the Stettler factory, vs. the Indus- angle? dilapidated outbuildings and trial Welfare Commission of Oregon involves more than the right of a single manufacturer to bargain for labor Again, grass must not be permitted at \$6 and \$7 a week and more than the right of a single woman to scrimp

through life on an \$8 wage. The scene in the semi-circular court- unanswered by the plaintiffs which room has a touch of irony, almost of must be answered by the court, the dramatic; the quiet, stately room; conduct, disfigured by ramshackle the formality of the proceedings; the the case of the plaintiffs, Mr. Justhe attempt of Rome G. Brown of Min- forward. The Journal has advocated and won neapolis, and ex-Senator Fulton of Oregon, counsel for the plaintiffs, to prove theory of freedom of contract?" the collapse of constitutional govern- asks. and finally the earnest appeal of Louis bogies, but the very real terrors of starvation, thin clothing and tempta-

The plaintiffs rest their case upon the same familiar premise-the pre- lic charges, it is a condition growing mise of freedom of contract guarancharitable disposition shown every- teed by the fourteenth amendment to employes' efficiency or other sources privation of liberty and of property (since labor is a commodity) without noblest and best ever stand back and on the other hand, against employes as women. In judging the case the supreme court of Oregon held that regulation of wages by a minimum wage law was a proper exercise of the police power of

the state whereby "freedom" is subject to such restraint of action as the state may impose for protection of health, morals, and general welfare. But Mr. Brown contends that a "fair, reasonable, necessary exercise of police invoked to supply an individual's needs which are merely incidental to employment and do not, like the hazards of long hours and accidents, arise out of from the argument which he advances how an individual's private life, her unmet needs of food and shoes and recreation, has no connection with the \$6 or \$8 wage paid for her industrial life. To take from those who have, sim-

ply because they have, and give to those who have not, simply because they have not, warns counsel, opens a realm of police power regulation which tor of The Journal-Please inform me has no limit, one which will lead to through your question column how a compulsory division of profit and thence to a division of property. may be, he admits, ethically right and [An answer to this question, to even economically sound, but it is imhave any considerable value to the in- possible under our present form of quirer, must be of length beyond the government. It strains all police powbounds of reasonable space. There- er and "jumps over a chasm into a fore, the best practical answer is to field repugnant to a constitution which advise the inquirer to address "The holds sacred the rights of property"-Commissioner of Patents, Washington, the similes of his conclusion are jum-D. C.," and request him to send a copy bled but they express to Mr. Brown's which is mind the vague, nameless terrors It contains which menace a government where a

> sense the attitude of the court from life, to the defense, the real meaning the queries which the judges make, Is of constitutional government.

Chief Justice White when he asks ment on our road. if such a regulation would not drive some employers out of business? May On the court's decision will no "reasonableness" in the Oregon west side of what we called Salt creek, The decision to be rendered, there- of contract"? Or are these questions "Never," declares a frequent visitor to the court, "have I seen the judges more obviously interested in a case.

But whether we count them favorable or adverse, one question remains

Ex-Senator Fulton is summing up inscrutable faces of the eight judges; tree Hughes, silent until now, leans

"Do you base your argument on the "Then," continues Justice Hughes "Is there not a precedent in the Ohio

case in which this court held constitutional the 54 hour for women in in-"No," objects Mr. Fulton, "there is difference between hours and wages."

"Long hours," he repeats. "break down women so that they become pubout of employment. The amount of wages has no relation to health and contends Justice Hughes.

suppose it has, suppose this court

finds that these evils are in conse-

quence of wages paid in employment." And it is upon this question that the defendants, the industrial welfare comnission, submit most telling evidence, defense is not based on contemplation of a nation shattered by the payment of minimum wage, but on a condition of industry which actually exists when wages are paid women "Inadequate to supply the necessary cost of living and to maintain them in

Mr. Brandels does not present to the court speculation, but facts, human documents collected in a brief which was prepared in cooperation with Josephine Goldmark of the National Consumers' league; and deductions

drawn from those facts. First of all, the counsel pictures the conditions found in Oregon by the industrial welfare commission and confirmed by investigation in other states -that working women do not buy enough to eat in order that they may dress decently, that those who do eat shelter, that those who have all these mento. of morality.

Freedom of contract is an empty phrase, avows Mr. Brandels, when it mplies a single woman pitted against a corporation, and the laws of supply think about 19 head of horses and and demand, like all natural laws, mules. This was one of the cholera must be regulated.

These two arguments before the supreme court bear in upon the spectators as more than the case for and against the minimum wage. They reflect two attitudes toward a document sent our stock as much as seven miles drawn up when society and business for feed. were organized on a scale unrecognizable in the huge operations and tense competition of today. They lay before the supreme court

the clash between "that sacredness of private property," the very bulwark of found and recovered 15 miles from our constitution according to the plain-The spectator unconsciously tries to tiffs-and the sacredness of human

#### STUDYING RATE PROBLEMS gers is the only thing the roads have By oJhn M. Oskison

"I am a heavy shipper, and therefore interested in getting low rates from for that enough to keep the roads could not run, but kept bireling, and the railroads; but as a citizen of the in good shape, expand their service were soon overhauled. country interested in its general pros-And her eyes may be vacant of perity I want to see the railroads pros-gleams.

Yet, her manufold charms set my mind perous. We can't look forward to a general revival of business so long as the financial life is smothered out of interesting proposal. Why not have some and then pull along on the floatthe railroads." In substance, this is what a Chicago

> reasoning seems to me sound. He goes on to point out that experts regard the steel business as the best barometer of general business, and he calls attention to the fact that in normal times the railroads use about 40 per cent of the steel products made in For some time the roads have not

manufacturer has written to me. His

been buying steel-they haven't been able to raise the money, and they can't ing and sweep, How to turn household sorrows to raise money because their earnings men who manage our railroads a new haven't been big enough to tempt in- standard of efficiency vestors to buy their notes, bonds, and falling asleep. stocks. Rates have been pegged low, of such experimenting "upon the How to sleet without making a noise; and meanwhile expenses have mount-credit of the railways and the market if she'll work for a fair weekly wage ed, so that surplus has disappeared and value of their securities could hardly

ed, so that surplus has disappeared and value of their securities could hardly profits have been cut to a ridiculously low figure, The rate question is a vital one. are most interested Transportation of freight and passen- think about it?

when necessary, and to pay a fair retern on the money invested in the transportation business. Now comes another shipper with an

to sell. They have a right to charge

and operate it with a view of determining from actual experience what are fair rates? In some such laboratory, this man thinks, could be worked out rapidly

the valuation of railroad property, and a determination of fair rates. If, as a result of experiment, present rates were found to be fair, investors would have a basis for demanding from the Given an impartial trial, the effect

fail to be salutary. It's a suggestion in which investors

'IN EARLY DAYS' Fred Lockiey, Special Staff Writer of

William H. Packwood, now a resident of Baker, is the only surviving member of the Oregon constitutional convention of 1857. George H. Wilflams, R. Boise and William H. Packwood for years were the three survivors of that historic convention but Judge R. P. Boise and General George H. Williams, full of years and honors, have joined the silent majority, and William H. Packwood is the last of the historic group of 60 men who helped form our state constitution 57 years ago. Mr. Packwood, in answer to a recent letter, writes as fol-

"Your letter received some time

since. I now have time to make an-

lows:

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swer to a portion of your letter. In regard to the rifle regiment, I belonged to Company 'B.' Captain Noah Newton, The recruits for the rifles were first sent to Jefferson barracks, Missouri-They were recruited from the western states principally. The men were enlisted in 1848. At Jefferson barracks We were assigned to companies. Several companies left Jefferson barracks in February, 1849, overland, across the state of Missouri, for Fort Leavenworth. Our Company 'B' started early in February, 1849, and reached Fort Leavenworth about one month later, Other companies came by steamboa up the Missouri. We suffered much hardship on the trip. At that time Missouri was to a large extent unsettled. It was sometimes 15 miles which every vehicle formerly caused which every vehicle formerly caused when they made the slightest move, the wagons and automobiles now glide day we reached Dr. Sappington's, Some of the men were so near frozen as to require lifting from their saddles. We crossed the Kaw river in open flat boats, with the ice breaking up and running in large chunks, rendering the work difficult and dangerous. I do adverse when he not remember one house from Kaw This afternoon, December 17, 1914, questions the granting of a fixed wage river to Fort Leavenworth. Independ-

> "As soon as Colonel Loning had all his companies at Fort Leavenworth, he proceeded to form a camp, which he factory acts curbed absolute "freedom Patrick's day, the 17th of March, 1849; It was the occasion of a grand military famous, "At Camp Summer the companies were recruited to their full strength

Horses, rifles, sabres and revolvers were issued and we were drilledmounted and on foot. The quartermas ter, Lieutenant D. M. Frost, and Major were getting supply trains. My recollection is that there was 200 or more six mule teams, and supplies on hand 10th of May, 1849, a bright, sunshing norning, Colonel W. W. Loring broke was one never to be forgotten. The companies," mounted, filed out in colman of twos, their arms shining in the sun: horses gay and prancing sahers dangling by their sides: officers riding soon as the regiment was well under way the quartermaster and commissary trains began to string out, and in -the rifle regiment was on the long lourney for Oregon, and Camp Summer

was no more. "Now, as to why I was not in that long train: The president had appointed General Wilson commissioner of Indian affairs for the Pacific coast, and directed that he be furnished at escort. An order was given to Captain Newton of 'B' company to give Captain Robert M. Morris of the rifles 25 men of his company for the escort for General Wilson. L was one of the 25 men, and as soon as the regiment was out of view, Captain Morris moved camp across Salt creek on the east side, and called it Camp Scott. By the 5th of June Captain Morris had his juartermaster and commissary supplies and train ready for the trip. General Wilson and family, Dr. all and his daughter, Sophia, and Mil-

from California (later Miss Birdsall became Mrs. Latham). "Mr. Latham left us near Fort Kearney and returned and came around by water to California. Major Reynolds, regimental paymaster, with two wa-With Major Reynolds was M. P. Deady, then a young shock headed roustabout, called the Red Headed

ton S. Latham, afterwards senator

Blacksmith' by our men. "All being ready, on the 5th of June, 1849, Captain Morris, with Lieutenant Haynes of the artillery in command, broke camp for California. We. were plenty go without proper clothes or five months to a day reaching Sacra-We were possibly the last things often have them at the expense train on the road, and our stock suffered fearfully. Out of over 200 head of horses and mules we reached the summit of the Slerras on October 25 with one little light wagon, and years, and a year in which a large emigration had passed on before us, and, in places, on account of sickness, trains were laid over, and in consequence the grass was stripped far from the line of travel: . Many a time we

> had to guard and herd our stock every night, as the Indians were very troublesome. The Indians stampeded our stock twice. Some of our animals were camp. There had been given us a 30 foot rope and an iron picket pin with a ring in the top to tie the rope in. The iron pin was 12 to 14 inches long and three fourths of an inch thick. With a stampede or a break loose, as soon as our horses got on the run the pins would be jerked from the ground and go flying in the air and the hins and ropes become entangled together, so as to tie the horses into bunches. They

"When we reached the Humboldt we

"We forded the South Platt river early in July, I think about the 6th. It was at high water. We had to raise everything in the bottoms of the wagons, and the horses had to swim the government acquire for experi- ing sand bottom. We had to keep on mental purposes a typical railroad, the move all the time, and keep moving we did, until we were over the

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