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In every great artist there is a large area of self-esteem. is the reservoir which he must, during years of drought and defeat, draw upon to keep his soul fresh. Without this consoling fluid of egolsm genius must perish in the dust of despair.-James Huneker,

THE BRIDGE CONTROVERSY

ERTAIN taxpayers yesterday ty commissioners to secure with an easy reelection? the use of the upper deck of the railroad bridge.

But they did not give advice as to what rental should be paid. Nor of 35 years.

There are matters about this proposed lease on which the pub-He should be informed before a final contract is made. It is doubtful if there is a citizen of Portland outside of the railroad interests who knows what, under cause. the present proposed terms, the use of the bridge is to cost the people.

The city commissioners offered the company \$18,000 a year flat. The county commissioners are supposed to be considering the railroad's demand of \$52,000 a year flat. Why so great a disparity in figures, and what is the public status when, if the company cannot get its price from one set of public authorities, the negitiations are transferred to another set of public authorities?

The proposed contract is a very large transaction. With interest compounded annually, during the proposed 35 year period, the sum the public must pay totals over \$4,200,000. Before any such contract is made, it should be made

build a bridge because the old bridge had outlived its usefulness

In these negotiations, a high responsibility rests on the county commissioners. . How much credit is the public getting for the streets it vacated as a free gift to the railroad for the east approach to the bridge? Why is the upper deck of the bridge of such high value, and the land which the people owned and bestowed upon the railroads of no value, except when wanted for public dock sites?

THE HUMAN ENGINE

MPLOYES of the Bell telein part payment of the stock.

The Washburn-Crosby Company recently put an extra check for \$25 in the pay envelope of each of its 700 Minneapolis employes. N SUNDAY'S JOURNAL, R. W. The only string on these bonus payments was that each man was required to open a savings account, but when that was done the emhis money from the bank and spend he said: it at will.

But on November 1, 1915, the bonus one half as much as the increase in his deposit for the year these companies are applying the about their own business, principle that the employer is or business policy to have well fed and properly sheltered workers.

A human engine cannot generate group of the ablest public school energy and power without fuel any workers in the country, and they are more than it can be done by a in virtual agreement on all points, haul repeaters to the polls, intimisteam engine. It is as sound policy requires some professional knowledge in business to take as much care for its full comprehension, but I do of the human factor as of the in- not see how any intelligent man can animate machine. A \$2.25 wage read it and not see that every recomin a \$3 age is as destructive to ef- siderate study and thought by any ficiency as letting the water run one engaged in that work, both on low in the steam engine

All this is faintly admitted by in employes is good business, even if it springs from selfish motives, than here,

In a Portland factory the other day, a lad of twenty applied for worthy of confidence. It has the work. He said he must have it. merit of offering thought that is machine. He explained that the family was constructive. It is made in an enwithout fuel, without money and deavor to sustain the findings of the Indianapolis News says:

Though there was no vacant po- icy for Portland.

factory owner.

THE SPEAKERSHIP FIGHT

R. SELLING'S friends should request the Oregonian to change its tactics in its fight on Mr. Eaton. They owe as much to Mr. Selling.

Thus, when the Oregonian says of Mr. Eaton, "his candidacy represents the final struggle of Governor West and his political machine to keep their hands at the throat of affairs in Oregon," that paper is absurd. Within a week Governor West will become a pri-

He did not seek reelection. He of citizens of Oregon to allow his name to be used. Had he desired to further control public affairs, as the Oregonian foolishly and futilely charges, why did he voluntarily seek retirement from office, especially when assured by thousands that his splendid services advised the Multnomah Coun- as governor would be rewarded ful.

Causes are never won by a course of injustice and unfairness. As a strong friend of Mr. Selling, Governor West rendered him condid they advise a lease for a period spicuous aid for the presidency of is not the slightest probability that ical advantage over all other ports. him in as an issue is so absurd Seattle and Tacoma are 170 to that it harms the Oregonian's own | 200 miles.

which to base his claim for the speakership.

THE FARMER'S MARKET

OOPERATION is the farmers great need both in growing and selling his products. The selling problem was discussed by Dr. Royal Meeker, federal commissioner of labor statistics, at the recent meeting of the American Economic Association.

While farmers have doubtless clared that greater losses were attributable to failure of the farmers to acquaint themselves with market conditions before shipping. He said: The great majority of cases in

they are paying for, and how much to commission merchants and have It is a main article of diet with they are getting in return for this received little or nothing in return many European countries, and are not cases of dishonesty at all. In most instances the loss is due to ig-This bridge was not built for norance of market conditions, bad those countries now out of comthe sole benefit of the people of packing, bad selecting and grading, mission, there is an extraordinary Portland. The railroads had to or poor transportation arrangements, opportunity to forward the indus-Last August cantaloupes were try on this coast.

shipped into the city of Washingsion merchants refused to handlethem. On one day fifty-eight carsorb about fourteen or fifteen carloads a day during the peach season. New York City received 116 vember. The market was so glutted that consumers were paying \$1.60 to \$2 a bushel for bad apples, limitless abundance is the firmest tion of a licensed physician, or for gle men were all killed off, it might while the producers were receiving and best for shipping purposes scientific, sacramental or mechanical be the turn of us married men next. 14 to 17 cents for good apples.

Dr. Meeker insisted that the fault is due mostly to a lack of phone system are being given coordination in our economic system opportunity to purchase stock and scarcely at all to the dishon- have the opening for a sea fishing of the American Telephone & esty of individuals. Local cooper-Telegraph Company by small an- ative marketing associations were nual payments. Dividends are to urged as a solution of the problem. go to the purchasers and be listed They have proved efficiency and their number should be increased.

MR. MONTAGUE'S PROTEST

Montague protested in strong

I doubt if there is a public school man of the first rank in the United United States. We pay prices far States who does not know and ap-Washburn - Crosby Company will prove of it. It is nearly two years pay every man still in its employ new since the report was published, some working school teacher writes industry that would bring us more me for a copy, saying that he has seen and wants to make use of it, and most glowing terms of its value. of our public bodies? will get another \$25. If his ac- These are practical men engaged in count shows \$45 he will get \$10, the business, knowing whereof they Thus, in a very limited way, speak, and it is reasonable to presume that they know a little something

Mr. Montague was chairman of should be, at least a little con- the committee of taxpayers apcerned in the welfare of the em- pointed by the district to have the ploye. By and by, all employers survey made. Probably no man seventy-two men ranging from the make the home a seething hell and will realize that they should be as has a more intimate knowledge of mayor of the city to gunmen and bring perfect relief to present dry termuch interested in the employe as all the facts connected with the sur- including judges, the sheriff, poin the plant. Ultimately, it will vey and its findings. All this lends licemen and other city employes, will of the people as expressed at the be generally admitted to be sound interest to Mr. Montague's statement wherein he further says:

The survey was prepared by read it and not see that every recom- of false registration and so on. account of the great eminence and ap- law and for this reason the federal proved ability of its authors and on government has taken a hand in account of the weight and force of the investigation, the two companies above cited. its matter. I will venture the opinion Their efforts to stimulate thrift that there are few large cities in the United States where it has not been litically classed as Republicans,

> Mr. Montague's statement is well the report as a valuable school pol-

sition, the kindly proprietor made It were better for the public The men guilty of them have never a place and put him to work. In schools of Portland if there were a place and put him to work. In schools of Portland if there were ger that punishment would follow. a few days the worker broke down more constructive and fewer de- They have gone about the

and had to give up. He had been structive citizens. It is the more as though it were a legitimate inlong without sufficient nour- fashionable here to find fault. dustry, ishment that his physical system There is never any trouble for an could not stand the strain. Such, occasional disgruntled teacher to mous attacks upon the schools.

Nothing on earth is perfect. Anything can be criticized. But how much disorganization, demoralization and destruction of discipline does indiscriminate criticism block of the schools cause?

The agitation certainly creates unrest among teachers. It awakens doubt and lack of respect among, pupils. It confuses the public and in many particulars contributes to an undesirable status. The Journal has faith in the

schools, in the teachers and in the system. The superintendent and by protection were laggard in conmitted to, are gradually advancing toward the ideals in the report refused the requests of thousands of the survey. There is undoubtedly a constant and steady progress toward a higher efficiency.

Any just criticism of the schools proper and advisable. But much victory, we will do it. Are you of the agitation poured forth in Portland is unintelligent and harm-

BIGGER THAN WHEAT

DORTLAND ought to be the center and headquarters of the fishing industry of the Pacific Coast.

We have a logical and geograph-Governor West is now lifting a fin- This city is only 130 miles from ger in the speakership fight, and the nearest deep sea fishing

Portland, being nearer to local ations. Mr. Selling has better ground on banks and just as close to the northern banks, has the benefits which vessels have from contact with fresh water in the river on Strauss of New York. In order to every trip, and is the natural loca- make greater contribution to retion for a packing and shipping lief funds for the war stricken peocenter.

> ing to the North Pacific as a re- belonged. This is much better sult of the opening of the Panama than to cut down expenditures for canal. Four such vessels have al- American products and labor. ready arrived, three of them going to Seattle, and the fourth to Alas-Why not make it an object for these coming fleets of fishing

Is the subject not worth the attention of Portland commercial bodies? Oregon alone consumes \$5,000,000 worth of fish a year. perfectly clear to the people what which farmers have shipped produce a large class of foreign residents. with most of the fishing fleet of

banks that abound in the best same looks. found there is taken nowhere else in the seven seas except in British found anywhere.

cost for producing the raw ma- a clergyman. terial.

terms against the strictures oc- not a fishing boat is plying in and under the above provision. casionally made in Portland on out of Portland. We buy our fish shipment to cities all over the above what we ought to pay.

AN INDIANA INDUSTRY

Mayor Roberts is accused of ballot box, and shall keep that pledge. levying assessments upon proprietors of gambling houses, saloons and dance halls, hiring men to them to enter the alleged conspiracy, directing the making of cards

While the men indicted are pogiven more and better consideration Democrats and Progressives it is claimed that they are all members of what is locally known as the Crawford, Fairbanks-Roberts the warring nations are normal.

Commenting on the ind'r ments Precisely such crimes have for years marked Terre Haute elections.

It was but a year or two ago that Ohio had a similar house at least, was the conclusion of the get wide publicity for any anony-cleaning. Indiana is one of the last states to be purged of a system that was inaugurated with the luxury in lying birth of the federal government. It was a system in which the presidency of the republic was asked Poots' friend more than once put on the auction

It was in Indiana that the fa-

mous Dudley telegram was discovered. The campaign of 1888 was at its height. Corruption of voters had been pushed to a point never before paralleled. May 25 President Foster of the National Republican League sent out a !etter saying that manufacturers benefited teachers, as fast as they are per- tributing campaign funds. He added in a phrase that became famous. "If I had my way I would to take his father's case in one hand put all the manufacturers of Pennsylvania under the fire and fry all the fat out of them." The letter closed with the remark, "if or school policies is, of course, you give us the means to win the winter's day when

> October 24, Colonel W. W. Dudley, treasurer of the Republican national committee, showed how the means were to be applied. He voice, "close that door." sent out the famous telegram giving advice on how to handle the purchased vote:

willing?"

Divide the floaters into blocks of five and put a trusted man with funds in charge of each none get away, and that all vote our door."-Everybody's. ticket.

It will be a happy event if the the Oregonian's attempt to drag grounds, while to the nearest bank, house cleaning now in progress in Indiana puts an end to a system that has been going on for gener-

> A notable example of personal economy has been set by Oscar ple of Europe and local charities Large numbers of fishing boats he has resigned from a number of rom the Atlantic coast are com- clubs and societies to which he

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 rationalises everything it touches. It robs principles of all false sanctity 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.

The Prohibition Bill.

St. Johns, Or., Jan. 4 .- To the Edquantity committee of 100, and as published in of food fish off the Oregon coast, the Portland papers. I also note that and the demand for fish put up for the measure meets the approval of There are still a few starving miners transportation is larger than the some of the leaders of the W. C. T. U. left in Rockefeller's Colorado domain. supply. In the waters along the and the Ministerial alliance, or asso- Let's organize a grand army. (O. C. coast line of Oregon there are ciation. Permit me to specifically call Henderson says there are 100,000 out known to be 7000 square miles of the measure and then note how the nearer 2,000,000 unmarried men out of

intoxicating liquors shall be manufac- up strife with any old country. tured or sold within this state, except waters. Halibut which exists in for medicinal purposes upon prescrip- might prove embarrassing. If the sinpurposes.

dollars every year to protect and for domestic consumption. How does or I will sentence you to the army for maintain the salmon industry. We this tally with the constitutional the rest of your naturals life." in section 6. If any person is fortu- law. industry that would bring many nate enough to own \$60,000 worth of I would respectfully submit another times the revenue derived from drugs he can manufacture and sell to plan for Mr. Henderson's able brain. salmon fishing, and for which we retail druggists undiluted grain alco- Let's chloroform the brutes. A single should not have to spend a cent to hol for mechanical and scientific pur- man has no rights that a married man poses and for external use or applica- is bound to respect, anyway. maintain. Nature and the ocean tion, or wine for sacramental use by furnish the supply. There is no religious bodies upon written order of people of the world will be enlight-

Note again the constitutional provis-

Section 11 provides that every per- spective or race or creed. the report of the Portland school from Seattle or Tacoma, and are whiskey or high wines, or 20 gallons ploye could, if he chose, withdraw survey. Speaking of the report, continuing to use inferior fish, the of beer, every four weeks. I presume better grades being reserved for this section is for the convenience of "dry territory."

Section 24 relieves the governor his duties as "the executive officer of the state" and authorizes the at- turers of war weapons or explosives price. Among the 5 Again The Journal asks, since torney general to construct his mawho was included in its original and yet hardly a month goes by but we could establish here a fishing chine whenever he is afflicted with Let all persons having interests to pro-

Not being a religionist, it is diffimoney than the annual wheat crop cult for me to understand why the neup to \$25. If the man who started often these teachers write again after of the state, is the subject not big cessity for the amount of "hooch" this with \$25 brings it up to \$75 he they have got it and speak in the enough to challenge the attention bill provider for sacramental pur show of recovery. Kill the flower of poses. One of an observing mind would be led to the conclusion that there was an intention on the part of some to take sacrament all the time.

These suggestions are all made on GREAT political scandal is the theory that the bill as published is now being aired at Terre as drawn. If the measure is drawn Haute, Indiana. Indictments as published, then the measure might with propriety be entitled: "A bill to have been returned against render bootlegging easy in Portland; ritory.

I am open to conviction when in D. C. LEWIS. Neutrals' Rights. Portland, Jan. 4 .- To the Editor of

done right in demanding freedom for quicker than any other way, and that eries problem, the question of naval our shipping on the high seas. United States, a neutral nation, false registration and so on. suffered too much from the high-Many of the acts charged are in handedness of certain belligerents. violation of the federal election The time for demanding justice has come. And since the president has taken up the matter, it would be well to carry it to a just and logical limit. It is unjust and illogical that a waring nation should be allowed to take liberties with the commerce of a neutral nation during the time of war that the same nation would not be allowed to take in time of peace.

While our declaration of neutrality is in force, our relations with all of have no part in the conflict, no interest in it on one side or the other. Our relations to the nations affected are unchanged. It matters not to us whether they are winning battles or Great Britain were sufficiently sane losing them, whether they have fleets and well poised to adjudicate their difto enforce our treaty obligations or have no way of forcing us whatever.

A FEW SMILES

indescribable sense of bed and ringing ene' bell for his valet." "You've a valet?"

Concealed knowledge is as useful as buried treasure. nents than bills.

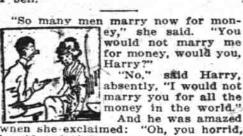
"You

men do.

reasons.

fountain pens.

never be recovered.



"No, but I've got

horrid wretch!" ad Bobby liked no.
to take his father's case
his overcoat in the other, and go down
weet for a block
some im-Little Bobby's father was a doctor and Bobby liked nothing better than he started out he forgot to close the

"Bobby," called his mother's sweetly, "please close the door." But Bobby was in a hurry and went on. "Robert." came father's sterne Bobby returned and closed the door. Some time later he came in quietly, put up the case and overcoat an started upstairs.

"Bobby," said mother ingratiatingly, "how's you patient?" "Dead," was the laconic reply. "Gone five, and make him responsible that dead while I was shutting that old

belligerent nations should be normal

If England wants to prevent shipments from us to Germany, or any do it without violating our rights is to surround that country with land and water recognized as under her con- ultimatum, for the east would be helptrol, and then forbid our shipping to

pass through it. Our president should, regardless of precedent, give all nations to understand that what we regard as our armies would be outnumbered and out-American power would not be enough to throw the outcome of this war it is necessary to assume, first, that either way, there are enough other na- Russia is gazing westward with longbeen disregarded who would be very second, that her strength is sufficient willing to stand by us. Every bellig- to warrant an attempt to satisfy such erent knows this, and force would be unnecessary. President Wilson should give notice to all of the nations that we, as a neutral nation, expect to have our shipping treated in exactly the as though there were same manner no war, and that we will, if necessary, back up our expectations. And our expectations would be realized. GLENN R. KLEINAU.

On Mr. Henderson's Plan. Portland, Jan. 4 .- To the Editor of he Journal-Aha! relief at last! The man from Amity has invented the nanacea for human wretchedness. Nothing saner, nothing simpler. Force the Give him the option of supporting a family, and incidentally his employer, itor of The Journal-I have just fin- by cutting culled timber at 75 cents a ished a hasty reading of the so-called cord, working on the road at a dollar prohibition bill, as prepared by the a day, or drilling his fellow man full Of course, we need a larger army

attention to a few of the features of of work.) I think we could conscript work to murder the remainder of fish in the world. One variety The constitutional amendment reads: Rockefeller's surviving minions. Then, "From and after January 1, 1916, no too, with a large army we could stir

On second thoughts, however, But why limit it to three years? Section 6 of the act as published Eurely, we could as easily say to the says everyone can manufacture wine unhappy youth of 21: "Take this girl It's amendment? Just look a little farther only a matter of a few words-and the

I hope the time will come when the

ed the brain of the Amity correspondion and then note the ease with which ent, but with the light from the un-In spite of all these advantages, bootlegging will commence in Portland furled banner of God-peace on earth ed in under the direction of a commitand a brotherhood of workers, irre-

A. F. MACKLEY.

Let War-Makers Be Fighters.

Portland, Jan. 4 .- To the Editor of The Journal-Talking about the United States going to war, let all who deem it necessary to go, go. Let manufacof any kind fight it out at the front. tect go in person, and not send innocent sons of fathers supporting families. Keep brainy men and women at home, so the nations will have some the country and it will take decades to replace them. Let all persons, be they kings, millionaires of toilers, look after themselves, and no one be allowed to vote another's life away. We should then have no war. It is because that intense desire to "serve" has been

is absolutely nothing to it. Class distinction is fast going. another 25 years I hope it will be

that people call it patriotism.

Before any country goes to vote of those going to the front should say who shall destroy life or property to settle the difficulty. What is fair for one life is fair for another. I The Journal-The administration has know the cry, but this will stop war The is what we want. Let us put brains MRS. A. J. M. has to better use.

A Treaty's Appeal to Reason.

invitations to a renewal of hostilities,

sumption and the principle have

From the Philadelphia Ledger. A study of the articles specified in the treaty of Ghent astonishes the questions that were left unsettled, At in our own history, the United States first glance the instrument seems to is clearly in the position to become be an invitation to endless disagree- a prohpet among the nations of the ments in the future. The commissions world. provided for, to fix boundaries and adjudicate differences, appear to be

There

The Mileage Graft. From the Springfield Republican.

when the broad principles

PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF OREGON SIDELIGHTS

Logging operations west of Sumpter on the Sumpter Valley line, the Blue Mountain American says, will be con-tinued through the winter. All the

various logging camps are City, then the metropolis of old Ore-It's so much easier to pay compligon, you may read that 16 newly ar-Baker Herald: Baker's building rived immigrants from the states 1914, as shown in yesterday's Herald, was an indication of the progress of the city. That \$220,000 should be spent brought newspapers dated as late as April 23. This news, five months old, was eagerly printed by the Spectator Be careful how you drop remarks; homes and other buildings is a

most satisfactory record. The immigrants also brought After a successful semi-weekly reer of three months, the Coos Bay Harbor has conservatively dropped back to a weekly issue, promising pansion toward the daily status

fast as support materializes. Medford Mail Tribune: No city in he world excels Medford in the amount to imagine that they are as good as of paving for its population. 'boasts of 20 miles of hard surface There are knockers enough in this pavement, all of which was laid in the great and glorious land of the free to ast five years. The cost approximates

> A county debating league has been rmed among the high schools matilla county, exclusive of Pendle-en, which is in the state league, Prinipal C. A. Guerne of the Athena school ill serve as county director of de-ates. Government ownership of railbates. Government owneroads is to be the topic.

have no reason for doing them usually turn out better than the things Showing himself thoroughly naturalmen do because they have several zed, Editor Young, of the Coquille Sentinel, on New Year's day printed sentinel. this in his paper: "On Christmas day A man may not be willing to admit that he is beyond middle age, but if you hear him talk about the time when paper collars were in vogue you was happy again. It seemed exactly like the breaking up of winter and the coming of spring in the east."

"SLAV MENACE" -- AN EXPLODED BUGABOO

Davenport Whelpley.)

SMALL CHANGE

Always try to get a front view of

Those who offer bargains get rich

As a matter of fact women don't

Your neighbors have a lot of nerve

eat all the swords on earth into

The surest sign that you are get-

The things women do because they

ting some sense is when you realize that lost time is something that can

any more of their relatives than

Once a coward, always a liar.

they may hit the wrong chap.

"The Slav menace to Europe"-much talk is heard of it and much is written. That there is no such menace has been demonstrated conclusively in the last five months. Such a united resistance as that which western Europe would that is through the Black sea; but present need go no further than an less in the face of such power and must pass under the guns of alien such purpose now and as surely for several generations to come. With double her present population, Russian rights as a neutral we will defend, classed by the forces of the western Our threat would be respected. If the allies,

To have a Slav menace for Europe whose rights as neutrals have ing eyes and unsatisfied ambitions; longing and gratify such ambition. So far as territory to the westward is concerned, Russia is now prepared voluntarily to decrease her holdings in that direction by giving independence to Poland. There are excellent military and economic as well as political reasons for this move. It was to have come about had this war never taken place. Plans were made for Polish independence several years ago, and in the good time of Russia-which is always a long time-it would have come. The war hurried events and inlarged the plan-that is the only change What Russia proposes to do now if

victorious is to force Germany and Austria to add their quota to the new Poland and grant political independence to the whole of this now divided nation, instead of only to that part Russian doing this Russia would build up a great buffer state between herself and western Europe, behind which she could, without hindrance, carry on the development of her own vast territory, work at which a good beginning has already been made,

There is only one direction in which Russia has ambition to add to the extent of her empire at the present time, and that is toward the Dardanelles. That this passage from the Black sea to the great waters of all the world is not hers now is the sorrow and exasperation of her people and the wonder of other nations. Heretofore England has stood in her way, but now, with as good grace as may be under the circumstances, British opposition to such a move on the part of Russia will be withdrawn, for it is the one accepted fact concerning any future division of spoils in case the Ledger.

(Written for The Journal by James | allies are victorious that Russia will come into her own in Constantinople. A glance at the map reveals the justice of her claim and the economic necessity of such territorial acquisi-The vast Russian empire now tion. has only one outlet to deep water not ice bound in the winter months, and even here, before the trade routes of the high seas are reached, her ships forts. The Black sea is in reality only a Russian harbor, with its entrance commanded by those opposed to the expansion of Russian trade. The stake of the Dardanelles was in itself sufficient to determine the lines of her alliances and tempt her to put her fortunes to the test of war.

> There would be no violence done to the people of the straits were Russia to become their ruler, for they could have no worse or more corrupt government than is now their portion, and the new lord of the manor would be only adding a few more thousand believers in the Koran to the millions already under his authority. There would be no violence done to race or religion. If there is a country in the world which has an excuse for waging war for new territory, it is Russia, for the straits of the Dardanelles fall naturally and justifiably within the scope of Russian development. If unsuccessful in this war, Russia

will retreat within herself, vanquished but unconquered, as she has done before, and will bide her time, which is a longer time than any other nation can bide or endure, and then the sons of those who are fighting today will seek the gates to the open waters, to superintendent. them for their own for all time. for in the end the entrance to the Black sea will inevitably fall into Russian hands. This great war is only an incident

in the life of this mystical slumberous and altogether remarkable nation. With others it may mean the end of leadership; not so with Russia, for she has a destiny to work out within the borders of an empire already greater than the world has ever seen one which will absorb completely the energies of her peoples for many generations to come.

No. there is no Slav menace to west ern Europe; first because there is no desire to menace; second, because if built across the face of central Europe which would turn back even the flood of Russia's countless armies.

EFFECT OF OPENING NEW YORK EXCHANGE

By John M. Oskison. This is written after a week of bond trading on the New York stock exchange and a week of quoted prices of a limited list of stocks that were trad-

tee of the exchange.

What has this week shown of significance to investors? In bond trading the closing prices on most good bonds stood as the high prices for the week. On the very best -the gilt-edge railway fours, for example-one week of dealing showed an increase of from 1/4 to 1 per cent in per cent bonds that are regarded as first class security, the change in a few issues was greater, but in most the trading did not affect their price. Government bonds stood immovable, as did New York state and city bonds. During the was the one notable exception. week bond transactions amounted to

week's record of sales. But what was most from the investor's angle was the absence of any dumping of foreign-held bonds. It is evident that English and French holders of our bonds are prepounded in for so many generations pared to wait for better markets before

\$6.186,000, something under a normal

selling. up one by one in course of time and settled satisfactorily. Of course, there have been tense moments and occasions within the last century when it seemed as if the principle of peaceable be taken. No ruler has any right to arbitration must be abandoned; but the spirit of the treaty of Ghent pensistin this enlightened age, unless a vote ed, and even the most provocative sitbe taken of those concerned or having uations have given way before the calm counsels that rew out of mutual confidence. The Alaskan bor-der dispute, the Newfoundland fish-

armaments on the Great Lakes, and

even the Venezuela misunderstanding

were adjusted with comparative ease

treaty of Ghent were applied by the statesmen of both nations. With the possibilities of international comity so amply demonstrated

But the very flexibility of the treaty If congress would reduce its own diroad mileage from a 20 cent to proved to be its strength; it implied mutual confidence, and was a tribute cent basis, it would afford a demonto the native fairness of each nation: stration of its desire to economize in expenditures more than ordinarily convincing. To allow 20 cents a mile for railroad transportation is an abuse in effect, it said that America and pre-of the legislative prerogative in favor been of the men who legislate. But it's an ferences by arbitration. Both the preabuse so old as to be sanctified by The unsettled questions were taken age in the opinion of many membera i

In this first week of bond trading, too, the banks that had loaned on stock exchange collateral (ostensibly call loans, but in effect time loans because of the closing of the exchange) reduced 6 per cent to 41/2 and 5 per cent. As compared with rates of last July, before the war broke out, new time loans were at a rate & of 1 per cent higher. and on loans based on commercial paper the rate was only 1/4 of 1 per

Under the rule adopted by the exchange committee, stocks could not be traded in at prices under those which prevailed at the closing on July 30, yet during the week quotations were printed on 102 stocks, and most of the active issues were in the list. Steel Two active stocks, Union Pacific and

Reading, showed advances above the July 30 prices, Union Pacific from 112 to 115, and Reading from 137 to 139, The best investment stocks did show any consistency-about half remained at the July 30 prices and about half rose from one to three points. Especially in bonds the reopening was encouraging to investors.

The Ragtime Muse

Ballade of Things Achieved, ve sailed in tall ships over the sea London town, and to far Cathay

ve been in the north where the blue bergs be; In the south tropic day; I've dropped to the actly the trouble," he replied. "I have no more influence with the govern-My feet have roamed o'er the wide world's way. From stark Cape Horn to the Kattegat; Yet one admission I can't deny— I've never dwelt in a three room flat!

've been ballooning above Paree: I've tried my fortune, and had to pay In Monte Carlo; at half past three I've topped Pike's Peak for the sunrise gay;

I've gone in bathing in Naples bay; 've bowed at the shrine of the Bod-hisat; But if you ask me, I answer "Nav! 've never dwelt in a three room flat!

I've been put by under lock and key;
I've gone to battle without dismay;
One time a woman had married me
Had I not firmly declined to stay. From A to izzard, and back to A. ve had experience—yet this chat Is to assure you, although I'm gray, ve never dwelt in a three room L'ENVOL

ve had my fling and I've said my say 'Tis time, no doubt, for an end of that; I've never dwelt in a three

Lockley, Special Staff Writer

The Journal.

tember, 1846, published at Oregon

In the Oregon Spectator for

news by word of mouth that Inited States senate had passed the bill giving Great Britain the required year's notice of the termination of the foint occupancy of Oregon. In 1851 Todd & Co. started the first express company in Oregon. Dugar & Co., a branch of the Adams Express company of the eastern states, started also in 1851. A year of so later W. G. T'Vault started "T'Vault's Oregon and Shasta express." Soon Wells, Fargo

"the latest news" from the east

& Co., whose oldest agent, C. C. Beekman, still lives at Jacksonville, southern Oregon, came into the field and put the others out of business. It was soon felt that there should e speedier communication, so Charles F. Johnson of the Alta - California Telegraph company proposed a tele San Francisco. A company was organized and in 1855 poles were erected and wires strung from Portland sent over the wires was on November 16 1855, from Oregon City, to Port land. The construction was started southward from Oregon City via Lafayette, Dayton, Salem and Corvallis The line finally reached Salem, but there it stayed, or, to be more exact, it didn't stay, for the farmers cut down the poles and their wires and used the wires for clotheslines. Waymire, in talking in the constitutional convention at Salem in 185 against allowing corporations to do business in Oregon, said he had been "fool enough to take stock in the

ightnin'-usin' enterprise." The fran-

promoters had flitted to California, so

the Oregon stockholders were held for

chise and property were sold.

the debts of the company.

"Now came on our troubles," said "The wire was down, giv-Waymire. ing trouble to loose stock and lying along the roads. of the thing. We were held liable for the debts of the corporation and the sheriff went into our pockets for what the schemers had stolen." When Judge George H. Williams rendered the decision against the stockholders, Free Waymire, "full of indignation, and Ad Starr's wheat whiskey," started for home. His horse stepped in a cofl of wire and soon wound his rider and himself tightly to a tree by the side "That d-d teleof the footpath. graph wire was as tightly wound judgment of the round us as the said Fred Waymire to the dele-"My best horse was ruined by gates. the wire cutting his legs, and there stayed in the dark cussin' the rascals who got me into the mess, and wishing in my soul that that wire was round their necks and I had the right to draw it. No, sir; no corporations of

any kind, sort or character for me." However, a few years later, in 1861, another effort was made to secure a telegraph line for Oregon. J. E. Strong organized the Oregon Telegraph com pany to build a line from Portland to connect with the California line at W. S. Ladd was elected presi-Yreka. dent; S. G. Reed, secretary; H. W. Cor-bett, treaturer, and John McCraken, The directors were Ladd. D. F. Bradford, A. G ardson, Chester N. Terry and The line was completed in Lovejoy. March, 1864. The first message to be sent was from W. S. Ladd at San Francisco to Portland on March 5, 1864. The next message was from Superintendent Gamble at San Francisco to Superintendent Haines at Portland,

and consisted of five words, "Glad to hear from you. In the San Francisco Bulletin the following letter from their Portland correspondent appears under the date

"Portland, Or., March 11, 1864 .- At

of March 11, 1864:

the close of my last letter I mentioned that the telegraph line between Portland and California had been completed. From some hitch or break in the wires, communication was not had over the line at once. The first dispatch that came through from Francisco reached here at 4:30 p. m. of Saturday, the 5th instant. It was from our townsman, W. S. Ladd, of the firm of Ladd & Tilton, to his chief clerk, Frank Goodwin. I think it well to be particular about this event, and put it correctly upon the record of the Bulletin, while it is fresh. no telling the amount of learned controversy and critical disputation it may save our future antiquaries. first steamboat, the first railroad, and the first telegraph in a country are events, the dates and incidents of which are likely to become important when the genius of history shall admit our sayings and doings to a place upon their commemorative pages. "The first dispatches that passed between here and the Atlantic are the

ceived here at 1:30 p. m. of the 9th Portland, Or., March 1, the Mayor of the City of Portland, Maine.-Portland of the Pacific to Portland of the Atlantic-the younger to the elder sister-one in name. May they ever be united in the preservation of our common country and its liber-ties. DAVID LOGAN, Mayor."

two following, between the mayors of

Portland, down east, and Portland, out

west. The one from Maine was

"Portland, Maine, March 8, 1864 .-(Received 9th, 1:30 p. m.) - David Logan, Mayor .- Portland, Maine, to Portland, Orregon - this morning greets her fair sister. The floods clap their hands, the hills shout for joy! Let the sun in all his course witness our undiminished love and sleepless vigilance, as we keep the gates of the republic. JACOB MCLELLAN.

"'Mayor of Portland, Maine." The Turkish Idea.

From the Kansas City Times, wealthy Turk once complained about the British rule in Egypt. it just?" he was asked. "That is exno more influence with the government than the water carrier. Of use has it been to me to work hard and accumulate riches if they bring me no more favors from the government than the water carrier can get who has no money?" Has anybody happened to notice the Turkish idea eropping out in spots in

the United States? The Sunday Journal

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