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All advantages are attended with disadvantages. A universal compensation prevails in conditions of existence.-Hume

A ROBBERY

muzzle of a cocked revolver? Or keep the water route in disuse. only after giving a bond to keep

Governor Lister did all in his year in interest and taxes. power to beat the measure. He

seemed drunk with its power and lined up almost solidly. Last night the referendum.

The people of Washington are ture was so hold, and why the peo- uncontrolled and utilized. ple of that state are about to be robbed of an important right.

WHAT IS TO COME

DWARD D. TOLAND has re- the Pacific Northwest? turned to Philadelphia after six months' ambulance sersix months' ambulance service in France. He says there have not been enough wounded soldiers in the last three months to keep the ambulances busy. He came home because there was no

which covers the logs on top of the ing rates. trench.

Behind every little hill the French have dug small villages in tle earth and connected the various huts and caves with brick paths. They even have gone so far in some places as to erect sion saying: Italian pergolas and plant vines and flowers.

start in May. Mr. Toland said many officers of the French and panies and regiments.

What will May bring? If the war starts then and if Mr. Toland has any conception of what will happen, there will be plenty of work for the ambulances. Slaughter will start in May. The loss in human life, great as it has been, fact has been officially recognized minish the favorable showing. The son with what is to come.

AN INCIDENT

dollars.

It has a value of which its cost cives no adequate idea. Though not yet even completed, it is nationally known. No similar stretch in the world surpasses it proven. in the extent and variety of natural wonders of mountain, river, waterfall and the other things that make up scenic sublimity.

Curiously enough, an episode in connection with it is the advance of land values along its way. An eighty-acre tract, of comparatively small value before the road was built, has been sold for \$25,000. It was land which the owner had held for many years, and on which

The highway brought the It should have been done long patrol of militia to prevent thou- quent conduct of the men appointed, change. Those who supplied the ago. It was done in the house, sands of prospective tourists from adopted a series of rules for estimatmoney for the expenditure on the and public business has not suf- becoming the prey of bandits and ing the efficiency both of the indiroad created the handsome com- fered. The majority, which is outlaws. petence and threw it into the lap expected to legislate and is He must have been surprised ous departments as organizations. of the owner. Was he entitled to charged with the duty of carrying when he received in reply a four- The result of this system was that a

for reflection. It is of kind with opportunity of fulfilling its obli- ative to the arcadian character of by the teamsters, resulting in an many others to have origin out of gations. The house rules make it the west and the comment that the economy to the city of \$77,000 a year, the construction of the Columbia possible to cut off dilatory debate farther one proceeded from the the first year, a saving which was Highway. It is of kind with others and to force a vote. less marked, perhaps, that eventu- There has been great impatience thereof the safer he is.

maker than a hard, smooth road. thing except a deliberative and Wyoming or a sawed-off shotgun motion from the lower grades rather There is no greater waste of eco-representative legislative body. Its when he crosses the line into Utah. than filled by political influence from

comes from failure to build roads harmonious with civilization.

Shall we refuse to vote bonds form of government. for surfacing the Columbia Highway and completing trunk lines in the extent of making its member-Multnomah county?

THE MEANING OF CELILO

OBODY knows in how many stealthy ways the many are taxed to enrich the few. Here is the case of the Morris and Essex canal. The Lehigh Valley Railroad Company Subscription terms by mail or to any ad- pays \$367,000 a year to prevent independent mine owners from se-One year \$5.00 | One month \$.58 curing and using the Morris and jority rule or it cannot be repre-Essex canal as a water route by which to ship coal to tidewater. One year \$7.50 | One month \$.65 The money is taxes and interest the company pays annually on the mentary body in the civilized abandoned canal, which does not return a dollar of revenue. The sum thus paid out has, of course, to be collected back from some source by the company, and obviously it comes from the public.

The canal was a competing water route. The company leased it in 1871. The use of the canal HY didn't the Washington was at once abandoned, and the legislature pass a measure coal transported by the company's providing that a citizen railroad. In the period from 1871 in a road bill pushed by Multcould sign initiative peti- to the present, the railroad has nomah county citizens at the late only when looking into the paid out nearly \$14,000,000 to legislative session.

The year the railroad took it the peace for 99 years? Or only over, the canal carried 707,572 declined to accept Multnomah after taking the oath of allegiance tons of freight and the income was \$391,549. The What the legislature did was to soon became a wreck, and it has pass a measure requiring the citi- been years since a boat passed zer to go to certain designated through it. Yet, to prevent the places of registration to sign initia- property from reverting to the tive and referendum petitions. It state and a consequent re-lease to is a scuttle of direct legislation. It independent mine-owners, the Lewill throw the system into disuse, high Company has continued to pay its great toll of \$367,000 a

This \$367,000 a year is the applied the veto, and used all his price the Lehigh pays to stifle comreasoning powers with the legisla- petition, and it knows exactly what it is doing, and exactly how it is But the Republican majority getting the money back. How could there be a more con-

and the measure will go into effect would be worth to the New Jersey economy of perfect highways. nopolized?

How could there be a more powwithout an important newspaper to erful argument for anything, than challenge this scuttle of direct leg- is this argument for the public to counties. islation. That is why the legisla- always keep its waterways open,

With the Lehigt paying \$367, 000 a year to keep the Morris and benefit. Essex canal closed, how much is the Celilo canal, opened, ultimate- there be any doubt about voting ly to be worth to the shippers of the bonds?

THE REAL REGULATOR

ORTY - ONE western railways are demanding advances in freight rates, saying they investments. Eastern roads The armies are so well entrenched fused to sanction a raise in Great 415,369 to \$64,038,743. rectly on top of a trench no one is Lakes rates. Transportation by The latter item goes directly to The shell merely blows water, said the commission, was the question of general prosperity.

> competition by the Panama canal, foreign demand. Permission was given, the commis-

It is evident from the whole recteresting: ord that, whatever may have been the But Kitchener says the war will degree of competition in the past between the rail carriers and the water carriers, we are witnessing the beginning of a new era in transporta-English armies, with whom he tion between the Atlantic and Pacific talked, said it was suicidal for coasts. To secure any considerable either army to advance. The men percentage of this commodities would be moved down by com- must be established by the rail lines materially lower than those now existing. If the railroads are able to make such rates from the Atlantic January, compared with seaboard to the Pacific coast as will hold to their lines some portion of this traffic with profit to themselves,

ing now on at Chicago is illustra- a remarkable extent. THE Columbia Highway is the tion of the fact that absence of greatest highway ever built in water competition means higher any country for a million rates. The entire record should stimulate waterway, development. It is a convincing appeal to everybody to urge waterways. The railroads will meet such competition if they have to. That is

> What a moral for the city which has the vast advantage of nestling outlaws and bandits, wild Indians the Willamette and Columbia meet, waters that are one of the great waterway systems of the world!

UNSHACKLE THE SENATE

he had expended little or nothing vide rules which will expedite busi- the trip. He also made the sugges- city, discarding the old idea that the

out its promises to the country, page letter filled with quotations great saving was made. For instance, The incident is interesting food has in the House been given the from Tennyson and Browning rel- 20 per cent more hauling was done

ate from the construction of every with the senate on the part of the Perhaps some day the easterner people. It has been called the will realize that he need not carry eral government and in our states There is no greater wealth- millionaires' club - almost every- a 44 revolver when he enters and cities, ought to be open to pro-

today is conservatism as to our

probably the only reason it exists be necessary to cross the great civil service leave it to get better

The senate has been reformed to ship directly responsible to the people. That change was made in order to make it more responsive to public opinion by action car- the Pendleton Tribune is "wholly ried out through the majority of its membership.

To complete the reform, the body must not suffer itself to be ruled by a minority, as was done through filibuster and riot at the late session. It must have masentative. It must unshackle itself from government by a set of rules in use in no other parliaworld, and which would be characterized as silly anywhere else than in the Senate of the United States.

A REJECTED MILLION

ULTNOMAH county recently offered to tax herself a million a year to help build roads in other parts of Oregon. That is what was proposed

But legislators from other counties refused the offer. They county's million a year for road building on the terms offered.

Then, why not spend the money on Multnomah roads? There is a proposal to bond the county for \$1,250,000 for building trunk lines of the best type within county limits. Is not this the plan, since outside counties decline Multnomah's money, on which Multnomah county should make the expenditure which we all know ought to be made on roads?

Multnomah is better able than any other county to build paved trunk roads. Her wealth fits her for this kind of enterprise. It is vincing proof of anything, than is a way by which Multhomah can it passed the bill over the veto this proof of what a waterway demonstrate the value and the unless vetoed by the people under public if kept open and unmo- is an avenue through which to show leadership.

We were going to contribute million a year to roads in other Instead, we are proposing to expend a total of a million and a quarter on our own roads and for our own particular

Under the circumstances,

INCREASING EXPORTS

XPORTS of crude foodstuffs and food animals increased from \$9,085,370 in January, 1914, to \$49,798,769, in Janumust have the increase to ary, 1915, and foodstuffs partly or work for him to do. Mr. Toland provide adequate return on their wholly manufactured jumped from \$29,179,696 to \$41,143,468. Man-For the last three months we have cured an advance, but the Inter- ufactures, the products of Amerihad almost no wounded to care for: state Commerce Commission re- can factories, increased from \$52,-

away the three-foot layer of dirt adequately compensated by exist- While this country is selling its wheat and flour to hungry Eu-When the transcontinental lines rope, it is also selling an increased asked permission to make lower amount of manufactured products, rates for long than for short hauls meaning that American factories they said it was necessary to meet must be kept busy to supply the

Comparative figures on exports to the principal countries are in-

or document.	
Jan., 1914.	Jan.,
ustria-Hungary\$ 2.814.040	\$.
elgium 4,402,867	1.00
rance 11.518,390	84.33
ermany 34,387,896	6.34
taly 7.304,440	24.54
etherlands 9.372,888	
nropean Russia 2.687,490	
nited Kingdom 60,113;806	99.75
rgentina 2,932,836	
razil 2,195,083	
span 6,492,547	3.20

by the Interstate Commerce Com- fact is that the country is en-

THE TIMID EASTERNER

grows out of their knowledge of the west gathered from tales of tenderfoot dance to the accompani- automatically eliminated. ment of discharging pistols.

effete east and the larger cities afterwards increased,

nomic energy than that which abolition has been demanded, and He may learn, also, that it will not outside. Many of the best men in the

American desert in an armored places open to them in private busiautomobile to ward off the poisoned arrow of the Indian or the Trequently if they can reach the highwinged bullet of an unseen foe.

With an overflowing solicitude, it is. So is the Oregonian. Some years ago, for instance, the Pendleton Tribune charged the public \$1175 for printing a delinquent tax list of about the same length nuity tables. of other lists that before and printed for about \$325. It was about the same time when it try at the present time. charged Multnomal county more than \$50,000 for a similar service, a charge that was a state-wide seandal at the time. Some kinds of being "wholly devoted to the public interest" come high.

THE JOURNAL NATIONAL EDITORIAL

KEEPING DRY ROT OUT OF THE CIVIL SERVICE

By WILLIAM DUDLEY FOULKE, Former U. S. Civil Service Commissioner.

_ANY are asking: "How shall we keep the starch in and keep the M dry rot out of civil service? How shall we get rid of the beens" who are protected by the civil service regulations and kept in positions of responsibility for years after they are worn

> out?" The problem is seems. It has already been measureably solved in Illinois and can be completely solved by reme dies that are not difficult of appliation.

Wm. D. Poulke. In the first place the amount of this dry rot is In an inand it cannot be very much greater than that even today.

are not protected by the regulations sign this as the reason and his deurally reluctant to remove subordinates, especially if their shortcomrather than their own fault.

Moreover, a good many incompetents are kept in by political pressure. This is particularly true of those who were appointed by political influence before the civil service rules were extended to their positions and were afterwards brought in when the classified system was applied to the places they held. These men will beauthority with their importunities, which are too often effective. For this evil, too, it is the spoils system and not the civil service law that is responsible.

timber in private business than in the public service, since the motive of private gain demands efficiency political, or, perhaps humanitarian, motives are very strong. Even where 7,225 regular efficiency records are kept by 07.229 the superior officer as a guide for The total increase in exports for plomotions or removals he often finds that it so disagreeable and unprofitable month a year ago, was \$63,812.- to discriminate between his subordi-710, and imports decreased \$32. nates that these records frequently they should be permitted to do so. 370,606. Figures in detail for show little or nothing of the relative Water competition is the best February are not available, but merits of the employes, and often beregulator of freight rates. The they will augment rather than di- come perfunctory. Such records, however, can be made effective if they are made subect to review by an in mission, and transcontinental roads joying a foreign trade which is dependent supervisory board such as have admitted it. The rate hear- stimulating American industries to the Civil Service commission, after that commission has established standards of efficiency for the different bureaus and divisions so as to show how much work and of what T is said that many eastern tour- character can be properly required ists contemplating a transconti- from each subordinate. Moreover, it nental tour this summer are is only by such a method that unifearful that it will be attended form standards of marking can be laboring on the by many dangers. Their fear established between the different streets, each wearbureaus and the ratings equalized.

The Civil Service commissions of at the point where the waters of and wilder cowboys, road agents Illinois and of the city of Chicago who lurk in the shadow of sage have set the example of providing brush trees and "bad men" who lie scientific methods whereby the barnain wait at crossroads to make the classified service can be

Since the law authorized the Chi-The editor of a prominent motor- cago commission to investigate the COMMITTEE is going to re- ing publication in order to get the conduct and actions of appointees in vise the rules of the United real "dope," has written to the the classified service and to make States senate during vaca- adjutant general of Wyoming and promotion rules based upon ascertion. The purpose is to pro- asked him if it is safe to attempt tained merit, the commission in that that contributed to its increase in ness and prevent purposeful de- tion that the leading highways in civil service law dealt with appointthe "bad" states be protected by a ments only and not with the subse-

The higher places, both in the fed-

ness, but this will occur much less est places in the public service by remaining.

Where men become superannuated the Oregonian fondly avers that or disabled they should be provided for by a retirement allowance. Prodevoted to the public interest." So vision for such an allowance can be salary a sum which, put at interest. will produce a therefor, as computed by life and anwell take charge of this fund, but after, another Pendleton paper the establishment of a permanent and a high example of being "wholly expense of the government is accomdevoted to the public interest," as panied by dangers too great to receive was the case of the Oregonian the unqualified approval of the coun-

Letters From the People

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

"Discussion is the greatest of all reformers. It rationalizes everything it touches. It robs principles of all faise sanctity and throws them back on their reasonableness. If they have no reasonableness, it ruthlessly crushes of existence and sets up its own conclusion in their stead."-Woodrow

News Agencies and the War. Portland, March 8 .- To the Editor of The Journal-The German govern-They neglected to provide for the Associated Press. The consequence of which was that the judgment of very many of the American people was warped by blased and false news dispatches from foreign correspondents under British influ- ward under time's resistless urge. The work. This not only deprived the Journal is 13 years old today, American people of an honest account of what actually happened, but they have added and are adding insult to nessed steady progress. The Journal's injury by a quality of "gush" that is steps nav backward. an insult to intelligence.

For instance, in my travels covering the greater part of the territory west expected and received support in promeet a single man of intelligence who ests of its readers and for public after a moment's thought believed service, that story of 700,000 Russian soldiers transported to France via Archangel when it first appeared. Yet they used engage its attention in a truthful, a lot of perfectly good electricity to terse and lucid manner." tell us the other day that Kitchener started the story and that he had actually fooled the general military staff of the German empire. "It is to I suppose that when the truth about the "fall" of the forts around the Dardanelles comes out Kitchener will tell us that the "fall" was a hoax to cause a drop in the price of wheat.

When it comes to the breed expatriate citizens of the United states because they venture to express disapproval of their vaporings, the person responsible for the editorial columns of the Oregonian is a shining For instance, Saturday morning, after dismembering the German Empire, he charges Italy, Greece and the Balkans with the highly 'laudable" purpose of getting in a "few licks" on a dying gladiator in that has grown from \$43,360,000 to order to get a share of the loot. This \$308,975,000. pack has had Italy and at least one of the Balkan states at Germany's throat every Monday morning since assailed with all its might. The old the war began, and one has only to boss and corporation governed conven- known by the people who live in it, read between the lines to know that the wish is father to the thought. report of 16 investigators appointed

to solve the food problem of Germany has come to stay. which might convince the author of that article that it is slightly premature, to say the least. In the next column he tells us what

great man was Carl Schurz, I wonder if there is really any question in trade extension, channel improvement pages. It was published in offices in this man's mind that Carl Schurz, if and community awakening were fos- the Goodnough building at Fifth and e were alive, would be standing in tered. the ranks of the 25,000,000 citizens It is much easier to eliminate dead who unite not to embarrass the administration but to support it in resisting an influence as brazen as it is un-American. We need the help of newspapers

which can only be secured in this guided by clear brained and clear tributary area and facilitated by im- equipped newspaper plants on the Pamanner, while in the public service sighted men who will sift the dis- provements that have cost many mil- cific coast, August 19, 1912. patches and give us not hoaxes but the straight, unvarnished truth, whether it appears to us good or bad the square." These would clear up a ways, extended railways, channel imlot of misunderstanding, among them he one of the British minister and others who think that the sentiment of America is pro-allies. BILL DEAL

A FEW SMILES



Benevolent Individual-Yes, sir; I hold that when first duty is to make his wife a present of a handsome dress, Stranger-You are a social philosopher, presume?

A countryman in Savannah observed gang of convicts r ing a ball and chain. He asked one why the ball was chained to his leg. "To keep people

p of from stealing it," "Heap said the man. about.' "Even animals show their feeling, Jan.

stream in the country when I met a cow in great dishe grateful cow licked my hand." "That wasn't gratitude," replied the friend.

Being a Neutral. From the New York World.

No neutral ever yet met the expectations of both parties to a quarrel or a To satisfy one is almost certain proof that the other will be dissatisfied. To disappoint both is a perfect triumph of neutrality. The press of Germany is very bitter in its denunciation of the United States

for its alleged partiality to Great Britain and France. On the other hand, Americans just from London and Paris report great irritation in those cities bill, and after it left the house and because of the belief that the United was on its way to the senate a comma States is favoring Germany. far as neutrality goes, there is one as- back to the house and be voted all

PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE It is easy to fall in love with the All things come to the other fellow you sit down and wait. Every man is capable of doing his best-and he should always do it.

There are times when a lie would look better in print than the facts. You may just as well tell your wife the truth; she'll find it out, anyway. Women are supposed to be vain, but man is as handsome as he thinks

No man is really interested in an-other man's troubles unless he's a lawyer. Pity is akin to love, but a sever willing to accept it as

stitute. ... If a woman has a really good husband the neighbors nearly always say

When a wife gives her husband

piece of her mind she loses that much

and he gains nothing. The true poet is able to distinguish between the fire of genius in cosom and the gnawing of hunger

It is surprising how many really

good people there are in this wicked old world of ours—if we can only take their word for it.

Baker Democrat, on moving med new and larger quarters, in the new Eagles' building: "Yesterday and today are moving days at the office of the Morning Democrat. In leaving the If everybody agreed with you on everything it would be evidence of a very wise old world, but you would not have the satisfaction of feeling your superiority. Everybody would be smart in the satisfaction of seling your superiority. Everybody would be smart in the satisfaction of seling your superiority. Everybody would be smart in the satisfaction of seling your superiority. Everybody would be smart in the satisfaction of seling in the satisfaction of seling it would be seller street, the Democrat is quitting a structure which has housed it for the past 14 years. The ownership of the paper has not changed for double that period of

Congratulations are merited to this

extent: Thirteen years I have wit-

steps have been all forward, none

The measure of its strength and suc-

cess has been its support, and it has

"All affairs of human interest will

"It will be the strongest and hearti-

The Journal came to a city of 100,-

600 people; Portland now has a popu-

lation of 250,000, and an assessment

It found widespread political cor-

ruption in the city and state, which it

railroads were invited to Oregon;

lions of dollars.

The first issue contained

trickery, political or otherwise.

promises:

have ever had."

good deeds."

hope realized.

A JOURNAL ANNIVERSARY

OREGON SIDELIGHTS

The Farmers' and Fruitgrowers'

campaign against predatory animals,

Astoria Budget: Sand is today be-

ng pumped into the first reclamation

welfth streets. The dredge is mak-

Medford Sun: In a legal document of 216 words filed recently with the county court there were 36 "saids."

The reorganized Bandon Commercial

Committees have been appointed to take up the matter of advertising Ban-

"The man with the hoe," says the

in Eugene's back yards at the present

week or so has dried the ground in some localities sufficiently to permit

Baker Democrat, on moving into new

moving days at the office of Morning Democrat. In leaving Schlund building on Center street,

The warm weather of the past or so has dried the ground in

don at the San Francisco exposition.

personal correspondence with

ing fast progress. The sanded are will soon include Commercial street.

eague of Medford has undertaken

"swat them early"

and the

has been raised.

said reproach.

of gardening."

lub proposes to

Newspapers, like men, hurry on- | than along any other line of public The Journal was first to lift up a voice against the extortionate prices asked whenever the public desired to purchase private property for public benefit. It opposed tax frauds, fought for a fair census, demanded efficient administration of public affairs, broke up a paving combine. It has stood alfor reclamation of arid and ways of the Mississippi river I failed to portion to its publication in the inter- logged off lands, for improvement in agricultural methods, for development f the state's wonderful store of

hydro-electric energy. It has worked for the building of more schools, for progressive educational methods; it has demanded highstandards among and better salaries

"It will have no affiliations with for teachers. It has never faltered in insistence pon official and civic organization in est advocate of Portland's and Orebehalf of public health. The pure gon's resources the city and state milk crusade inaugurated by The Journal has led to such a revolution in methods of production and handling of On July 23, 1902, the present pubmilk that Portland is now known as lisher, C. S. Jackson, assumed control the "Pure Milk City."

The recreational side of public life and in a salutatory to the Oregon public he expressed the hope that The has been constantly prominent in The Journal might become "stronger in This paper's ef-Journal's columns. equipment, stronger in purpose, strongforts in behalf of the still unbuilt but er in news resources, and stronger in authorized public auditorium and for more parks better equipped are well Let the record speak to tell how well known. these promises have been kept and the

> "Blessed are the charitable," it is written, and The Journal has given its est service in helping to care for the needy and the afflicted and in endeavor to demonstrate to the people of Portland that charity may be adminispathy and human kindliness. The Journal believes that a city is

tion system has been destroyed; the and that the people are known by their Oregon system of direct primaries, civic pride and righteousness. It has I have before me a most interesting initiative and referendum, statement endeavored to exalt the virtue of civic No. 1 and actual people's government pride, to put Oregon and Portland to the front in achievement, to make both Almost nothing has been done for the state and city better places in whichextension of transportation or the de- to realize the finest ideals of citizenvelopment of the state. A transporta- ship. tion monopoly was attacked; additional

The first Journal consisted of four Today Portland is a railroad Yamhill streets. As the paper grew, center, a recognized seaport, and be- more working space was leased. Durfore her lie the added responsibilities ing 1911 and 1912 The Journal buildof reaching more efficiently Alaska, ing at Broadway and Yamhill streets the Atlantic coast, oriental and Euro- was under construction. The Journal pean markets in the development of moved into its present quarters and a commerce warranted by her immense | began publication with one of the best

The Journal hopes to go on, stronger in its usefulness, persistent in its And in addition to being construct- Ideals, steadfast for the right, pronews, and whose editorials are "on ively persistent for improved water- gressive with the times, optimistic in its outlook, empowered by the wisdom provements, public docks, jettles and born of experience, endeavoring each bar dredging, The Journal pioneered day to publish in the terms of "whatin the cause of good roads. We have ever is best for the people and what-

for New Orleans 5; now you can see

Only in the much larger cities of

under way in Oregon now more con- ever is nearest just and right to all struction of better built highways concerned."

BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATIONS

By John M. Oskison, Newark, N. J., is about the size (con- why, Newark is a good place to boom man makes a little sidering population only) of Washing- the building and loan plan. extra money his ton, New Orleans, Milwaukee or Cincinnati. According to the last census Newark's population was 347,469. In the city were 38,693 dwellings and 77,- appear to be greater need for encour-039 families-nine persons to a dwell- aging home building. Compare Newing and 4.5 persons to a family.

The other day I read in one of Newark's newspapers two columns of news city with the best showing of those concerning a month's activities of 29 having a population of 100,000 or more building and loan associations. It was, If the crowded cities are the norall to the effect that the associations mal fields for growth of the building He told me-for I would protesthad enjoyed a prosperous month, and loan associations, such cities as that they were sound and flourishing. Indianapolis, Dayton, Columbus, Los Fifteen of the 29 were opening new | Angeles, Grand Rapids, Denver, Toseries of stock for sale; one was paying out \$20,000 to close a series that had ought to offer good opportunities for matured, and another reported that the the savings and loan associations. In profits earned for members amount to all of them the average of population 8 per cent on the investment of mem- per dwelling is below 5. bers.

the building and loan idea. Remem- closer together. It becomes more and emarked the comedian to a friend, ber that nine persons to the dwelling more difficult for families to acquire "Only yesterday an is the rule in Newark; consider that homes. Where the building and loan animal showed me in Cincinnati 7.3 persons live in a is aiding it is helping to perpetuate That gratitude. I was dwelling, and that for Milwaukee the the American theory that the home wandering along a figure is 6.2, for Washington 5.7, and owning family is the desirable one.

drowning. I plunged army is fighting with the British and fore the house and say: "When this mostly in the possession of Germany. "The cow thought she had the allies by succoring millions of Shall I put it back? All in favor of their own people who are practically prisoners of war, and we help Germany, who is responsible for them, by taking a very costly job off its hands. Belgium. Being a neutral-especially -seems to be poorly rewarded nowadays.

> Stealing a Comma. From the Ohio State Journal, The lower branch of the New Jersey egislature passed the woman suffrage

was lost out of it, which so destroyed

ents should notice. We have fed the quicker way than that. The speake tress. Her calf was Belgian for months. This Belgian ought to take the bill,, hold it up ben the water and rescued the calf, and the French, but the Belgian nation is bill passed the house there was a comma between the words 'provided' In this unexampled charity we help and 'further.' It has disappeared. that say aye," etc.

It will then be easy to trace the scoundrels that stole that comma, for Expressions of gratitude thus far, they will vote no. One of the rehowever, have been wholly confined to courses of those who are opposed to great reforms is to mutilate the bill or a decent, kindly and helpful neutral stuff the ballot box. That thing has been done in this state time and time again. It is a mean trick - mean enough to regard it as a felony.

Wanted a Premium.

From the Philadelphia Record. "James, dear," said a careful mothe to her 7-year-old insurgent, "your Uncle Edward will be here for dinner today. Bue sure to wash your face While this is an excellent record so the sense that the bill will have to go and bands before coming to the table, "Yes, mother"-hesitatingly-"but pect of the case which all the beliger- over again. There ought to be a but suppose he doesn't come?"

Lookley, Special Staff Writer Baker's postmaster makes the pleasing report that February's stamp sales marked an increase of almost 15 per cent over sales of February, 1914.

In a recent address to the students of Willamette university, Chief Justice Thomas A. McBride in speaking of the early days of the university, said "In a retrospect of the work of almost forgotten state builders I find that I do not have to travel off of these grounds to find a man to whom history has done scant justice. I refer to Dr. W. H. Wilson, who came here in 1837 in connection with the mission, and upon a part of whose original dona tion claim the buildings of Williamette university now stand. The state hous grounds, the park west of them, and the postoffice and court house blocks, together with the spacious grounds oc-This is where said public gets said cupied by Willamette university, show said legal profession is above his public spirit. To mission purposes including the university, he donated 6 The citizens of Salem little to the magnificent pioneer,

realize the debt of gratitude they owe conduct extensive writing for information about Bandon. Salem remains the state capital is due to his wise foresight in dedicating the ecessary grounds first. Our beautiful parks and grounds, the reservation of this institution, and the broad streets which excite the admiration of all visitors to the capital, show his abilty to properly focus the future. In the day of log cabins and filmsy buildings he dreamed of beautiful homes and mag nificent structures of brick and stone. In the day of a little school building that would scarcely be a credit to country school district of today his prophetic mind visualized the buildings that now occupy these grounds. In the day of the Indian trail nameing structure the scattered cottages of a little mission town he foresaw in the future the capital of a great state, and he laid out his townsite for the future. "A little later other piqueers were

platting a town on the banks of the Willamette river, thereafter; to be known as the city of Portland and the great city of the northwest. With unaccountable parsimony they laid it out with the narrow streets that now stitute its greatest crawback, and with almost an entire absence of squares, When we compare Dr. Wilson's wise foresight and appreciation of the future with the lack of those qualities in the estimable pioneers who planned the city of Portland, you may perhaps conclude that here is another be left to oblivion. these grounds or on some of the public ment should be erected to his memory, "Let me recall to the memory of the students of this university the name of that noble Christian woman, Mrs Chloe A. Wilson, formerly Miss Chloe A. Clark, who braved the perlis of a journey from New York to Nisqually to become a teacher to the Indians, and who married Dr. Wilson in 1840, and in that year came to Salem, the first teacher in the Oregon Institute, which later developed into our present Willamette university.

shadows some of the sallent features in the lives of the persons I have mentioned. It is not suggestion of the history that ought to be written. No complete history of Oregon has yet been written, and I confess that I had a motive in preparing this imperfect sketch. this: I firmly believe that the founders of the Methodist mission in this country were the primary factors in turning the tide of immigration to Oregon, and thereby creating in the tered efficiently without loss of symthis university, the fruit of the early endeavors of the grand old missionaries and their lay associates to have the credit that rightly belongs to them as the pioneers of Oregon greatness; and when history shall finally make up the roll of those who tolled, sacrificed, and braved hardship, danger, and even death, that Christianity and free government might be established under the American flag upon this western coast, I want no deserving name omitted. I have barely suggested the ma-

"I have sketched in crude lights and

"The material for such a history exists and we older pioneers who have seen these fertile valleys transformed from hunting grounds into grain fields. our method of navigation changed from canoes to steamboats, our land travel from the Indian trail to the graded and finished highway, and the steam railroad and electric cars who have een towns and tities spring up where in earlier years were only log cabins and Indian wigwams-will join with the present and younger generation in the task of embalming in the now imperishable form of written blography the good deeds and valuable services of these and many other almost forgotten state builders."

terial.

The Ragtime Muse

Foiled Again. Each time my wife essays to buy A pair of shoes, I vow that I Will go along and see that she Has her feet fitted properly.

Today, indeed, I left my work That I might foil the soulless clerk; My pleading had no weight at all— She bought another pair too small! Boston and New York and in the congested factory cities of Worcester, Fall River and Jersey City does there listened to him in amaze;

ark's nine persons to a dwelling with He showed her shoes that were "the the average of 4.3 in Indianapolis, the Craze. Such pointed toes! Such towering At them imagination reels!

That for her instep they were best. He answered: "Oh, great heavens, no!" When I said, "Get a broader toe?" ledo, Oakland, Memphis, Birmingham He said-and shuddered - shoes like

Would make her feet both broad and flat, That such a dainty woman ought To have the best that could be As our cities grow in population the Newark is one of the strongholds of tendency is toward crowding people He called those high beels "common The narrow toes were "quite im-mense."
Say, what's the use? I have a hunch That fellow's head some day I'll punch!

> Sure of It. From Browning's Magazine. day, in the lively old time of

owboy activities, a timid tenderfoot at Bitter Creek asked tremblingly if that bad man, Bill Busher, was hanging around there yet.

"No," replied the native who wa asked, "But he was last week," "Are you sure?" said the tenderfoot. "Positive. I had hold of the rope,

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