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Millions for defense, but not a cent for ibute CHARLES C. PINCKNEY.

weakest spot with mankind is where they fancy themselves most wise.

—C. Simmons.

THE GOVERNOR'S DUTY

T IS not too late for Governor

Withycombe to partly atone for his failure to make requests to the Ferris committee for a generous treatment of this state iu the disposition of the grant lands. Governor Withycombe is chief custodian of the public lands of February 17th asking for advice or suggestions as to legislation

Governor Withycombe was thereby placed in position to render this state conspicuous service in securing an 80 per cent apportionment of the grant land proceeds.

He made no reply. Though asked for advice, he gave no advice. Though appealed to by the committee for suggestions, made no suggestions.

The subcommittee has completed But it is not too / late for Governor Withycombe to make an appeal to the full committee. The apportionment for the irreduccent share for the school children of this state.

Governor Withycombe could send a telegram to Chairman Fertions farther along. ris appealing to him and other members of the committee to make as the character, "The Leatherthis concession to the common schools of Oregon. He could teil of the harm done Oregon by nonenforcement by the government of

That kind of a telegram would to send it. It would help such and school boards and city councils who are bringing pressure upon the committee.

It would take a far stronger tee's tolegram requesting advice. For that reason, he ought to act quickly and most aggressively.

As never before, Portland show windows are works of art. Style week has transformed them into all that woman's eyes, and men's eyes decorators stands out in unwonted prominence, as is evidenced by the crowds of people who gaze all day long at the beautiful exhibits.

WHY LANDS WERE STOLEN

HE Oregonian says that much in the fight for saving 40 per cent of the grant lands for the school fund is "bunk and piffle." If the Oregonian had not all along thought any honest effort to protect the public donot have been stolen, the tide lands alienated, the forest lands

being despoiled of their public do- rifices it entails. could have exposed and

A MENACE

NEED not be wondered at that the president has felt compelled to appeal to the news associations and newspapers "not to give the Villa expedition the color of war" and "to refrain from publishing unverified rumors of unrest in Mexico."

It has, for instance, been widely published that the Carranza troops had deliberately permitted the escape of Villa through their lines. It was printed broadcast over the United States that General Herrera had revolted with 2000 Carrangistas and gone to the assistance of Villa.

Senseless rumors of aid for Villa by Carranzistas have been spread broadcast. Editorials in effect proclaiming the expedition for capture of Villa to be armed intervention have been printed in jingo newspapers. Acceptance of the expedition as tantamount to war with Mexico has been the spirit of American newspapers that belong to the armedintervention group.

As President Wilson says, "the main, if not the only source of information on both sides of the border is the public press of the United States," and it is true that, were the jingo papers widely circulated in DAILY (MORNING OR AFTERNOON) AND Mexico, the Mexican people could scarcely form any other conclusion from reading many of them, than that Mexico is under invasion, that the Villa expedition is war, and that the American purpose is conquest. If a revolt against the American plan and resistance to the American troops is not ultimately provoked it will be a splendid testimonial to the good sense and self-restraint of the Carranzistas.

A burned child fears the fire. The Mexicans have had reasons to fear the purposes of the United States.

Mexico, before Texas became an independent Republic in 1835-6 had an area about equal to the continental area of the United States as it then was, and a population more than half of ours at that time. Today, Mexico has an area only one-fourth of ours. Every foot of territory added to the United States between 1836 and 1853, except the Oregon country, came from Mexico. The handsome chunk the United States acquired is about equal to the present area of Mexico. When the Mexicans hear of the agitation in this country for intervention, they naturally think the United States is coming back for the other half.

They know American owners of Mexican mines, lands and oil want annexation. They know that recently there was agitation for the independence of the northern Mexican states, and they know the agitation for that independence was led by American exploiters. They know that 'independence" was the route by which former Mexican territory was lost to the United States. Carranza has himself said that Villa's expe- sons, but its glory, in magnitude of dition against Columbus was financed by American interventionists.

In the face of all this, with American newspapers accusing the Car- ever since the big tobacco companies ranzistas of bad faith, publishing rumors that the Carranzistas have came into existence, trading on so permitted Villa to escape, and spreading wild rumors that can only have large a scale, and to a great extent the effect of both insulting the Mexicans and arousing their suspicions monopolizing the cigar and tebacco as to the good faith of the United States, it is not to be wondered at traffic. that President Wilson has appealed to the news associations and newspapers to stop giving the color of war and intervention to the exped!- has deteriorated in quality. Not that tion for the capture of Villa. But for the record of three years of good faith with Mexico which

President Wilson has made, but for his widely known and emphatic gars. Not that the local workmen resistance to intervention and annexation of Mexican territory, there were unskilled or incompetent. None is little doubt that the mineowners, the exploiters and the jingo press of these reasons are righteously at-Oregon. Recognizing him as such, would be able, out of the well purposed effort at capture of Villa, to tributed for the decadence of the the Ferris committee wired him stampede the two countries into a horrible war.

to use it

in the trials of the land fraud held a big athletic festival and planted them to such an extent as

The Oregonian thinks every effort to defend the public against despoilers, land thieves and power grabbers is "bunk and piffle." And former Governor West has grow potatoes this season and use explained why.

THE LEATHERWOOD GOD

R. HOWELLS' new serial in the Century magazine re- know of no more admirable way verts to the old American theme of the revival meetthe apportionment to the central figure in the first help at least as well as it does not pealing for greater fidelity to home are at work in a fight to prevent double life. At the revival meet-pupils the beginning of that meth-pecially that of cigar making. the Oregon schools from getting ing he saves souls by the dozen. od which we Americans so sadly a deserved allowance. In the sub- In other relations he appears to committee a California congress- less advantage. He has deserted tion. If boys can work together less for one of the sales and at provision in the constitution of Wash-The novelist does not tell us all about him at once. He merely affords glimpses sorts of crops. We can think of

The title of the story is as odd wood God." Leatherwood, as it turns out, is a tree growing along the streams in the Ohio country the terms of the land grant act. the pioneers very well for rope. He could recite the discrimination For one thing they fastened wagon tongues to the running gear with have weight with the committee, but it might have been leather-Gordian knot was tied with cord,

members of the delegation as are the reader is the vigor which How-What fascinates and delights making a fight for the state school ells shows in his narrative and defund. It would strengthen the scriptions. The snows of many winters have drifted on his brow but they have not chilled the fire of his genius. His insight into human nature is as keen as it appeal now for the governor to warm. It would be interesting if accomplish even a fraction of what our greatest novelist should give us a finer piece of work in this as possible. They thirst for gore sponded promptly to the commit- story than he has ever done oefore.

There is no good reason why ripe age should not produce genial literature. Youth throws out plenty of heat, but not always wisglows with the fires of youth in too, for that matter, have been sionate fervor and wisdom too. If "The Leatherwood God" continues as well as it has begun it will be Howells' last book it seems easily possible that it may be his best.

It is announced that shoes will go a dollar per pair higher. Indeed, they will have to go higher than that in order to get in touch with the new skirts.

THE COBURG WAY

thereby prevented the thefts. How burg did not relish the begging firm their old suspicions of us. the Oregonian as the only import- method, if we may believe the re- And when it comes to "cleaning Portland men would only look at this lift that not been for the hostile atant newspaper in Portland at the ports. They preferred to raise the up" Mexico, some horest friend matter as seriously as the tobacco

They have gone to work to earn abounding bailiwick. what they need by honest, intelligent effort. They are going to the proceeds for their play shed. The report we have seen fails to say who provides the land. Per- and naturally enough haps it is part of the school

The plan has many merits. For tatoes. And then it will teach the manufacturing enterprises, and esto grow po atoes, perhaps when they are men they can work tonothing that would better advance their welfare.

The announcement that one of the world has selected Portland as the seat of one great branch of its operations, and that it will operate fleets of steamers and sailing vessels from this port, barter millions of dollars of Oregon products annually and conduct other big activities, is impressive proof that there is nothing the matter with Port-

CLEANING UP

OME of our more red-blooded the Villa thief hunt as an "invasion" of Mexico. They gles and censorship that accomgreat deal of foolish talk circu-for itself. lating in the press and elsewhere dom. A man like Howells who our gallant army never will come out again until the country is conquered and cleaned up."

Such talk is mere chaff in the a noble piece of fiction. If by tion has not a thought of "concause one of his toughs has injured us.

of cleaning up for the plenty United States to do without crossing the Mexican border. The Bible says that the man who fails to care for his own household is worse than tries the more he wonders why the an infidel. The text is a good subject is not more earnestly agitated, about time to begin worrying one to think upon just now.

It may be the European war that has led a great Danish corporation to select Portland as the place for Peace has its great rewards.

NOTHING THE MATTER WITH PORTLAND

[A sermon on the sin of neglect is de-livered in this column today, with a once flourishing but now diminished industry as its text. If the reproach of measurable fail-ure attaches anywhere, it attaches to a pub-lic which has fatuously looked shroad for certain qualities that are as certainly to be found at home. No. 90 of The Journal's "Nothing the Matter With Portland" series is a story with a moral.

HE Portland Cigar Box Manufac turing company came into existence some 20 years ago. Since its birth the concern has passed has been the property of O. K. Hill, now owner of all its stock. The day was when this industry

flourished. It employed 25 to 30 hands and they were busy at all sea-

inferior tobaccos have entered into of the Rockies. the manufacture of Oregon-made cito do its duty is disclosed by the efforts. Here again a choice was er to the consumer than are those about to be framed for disposing federal court records in Portland offered them. They might have of the foreign cigar which has supcharged admission at the gates, to have almost sounded the funeral But they did not adopt that plan, knell of the industry in this once

SMOKERS CARELESSNESS THE

cal cigar box factory is interested in ground. If so, all the better. We Supported by the friendship of the

tion. If boys can work together least 50,000 of these are smokers, cigar consumption, absolutely, to the the largest ship brokerage firms in \$18 to \$25 a week each. If 1000 so much per 100 cigars and earn from the aggregate would be \$1,040,000 a chants of Portland.

"How can this change of patronage be accomplished? It cannot be completely effected, but at least half the cigars consumed ought to be of home manufacture."

"What steps are you taking to persuade smokers to buy Portland-made cigars?" Mr. Hill was asked.

contemporaries still speak of a few letters to organizations of men, hoping these will have some effect, hurrah wildly over the flags, bu- a purpose. There seems to be no serious thought given to this important pany the little adventure to make matter. Smokers buy cigars amazit seem as much like a real war ingly careless of where made or who makes them, and as there are only and if there is none to be had they about 30 cigar makers working in do their best with a pan of skim Portland at this time, the union is milk for a substitute. There is a too weak to do much of anything

"Occasionally a claim is heard that local manufacturers do not buy best for life, grades of tobacco. George W. Hochstein, of Hochstein Bros., importers and packers of tobacco, Milwaukes, east wind, bad for the eyes and of Wis., and New York, was recently in ton, public policy would demand that no use on earth. The administra- Portland. I quizzed him on this Mr. Hughes forever refrain from being point, and was informed that western a candidate for office "other quering" a foot of Mexican terri- cigar makers, Portland included, tory. Our forces have gone there bought greater amounts of high class purely for police purposes, as they tobaccos, considering the aggregate ing, as Mr. Smith suggests. Verily, have gone three times before, and of their purchases, than anywhere Mr. Hughes is in a bad fix. when the job is finished they will else in the country. Eastern cigar come home again as honest men manufacturers, he said, were not should. It is not necessary for us nearly so particular as those of the to steal our neighbor's property be- west. We also sometimes thear it said that eastern eigar makers are more efficient than those of the west. main from spoliation to be "bunk pupils of the Coburg ing" and "conquering" Mexico does our country does not travel. Truth critic ought to know that insinuations The idiotic talk about "invad- The implication is that the brains of schools have been wanting a not chime particularly well with is, the bright, intelligent, active, am- and charges unsupported by facts inplay shed for some time, the Pan-American enthusiasm we bitious man is he who picks up nis jure only him who makes them. That One is really needed, for it is were all bubbling with a few weeks belongings and hies him away to the monopolized and the school lands quite rainy in that part of Oregon ago. Then all was to be peace, west, where are greater opportunities sequestered or given away for but and at times it becomes a little friendship and mutual helpfulness to succeed. Are such less competent Hennessy Murphy, for it shatters ef- where near its actual value, and the disagreeable to frisk about in the among the countries of this hemistant to eke out fectually his former statements that proceeds of sales placed to the credit For example, with only 72 per open air. Two ways of raising phere. Now, if our rod-blooded an existence in the dark, unsanitary. cent of Oregon's area, Washington money to build their play shed element could have its way, we foully-conditioned eastern vs we at has nearly two and one half times were open to the Coburg pupils. should soon be robbing and mur- shop? How foolish the assumption. as large a school fund as has Ore- They might have begged it as peo- dering in one of them with other like Then it is claimed that poorly paid glasses and note how his vision will be gon and still has 80 per cent of ple often do. This would have expeditions in sight. Until Wood- girls in the south and Cuba make the her school lands left while Oregon made them a little less self-respect- row Wilson's time the other Amer- select cigars smoked by gentlemen school lands are practically ex- ing and self-reliant than they were ican countries did not like us any of the north, and that tobacco combefore, but it is commonly con- too well nor did they have implicit panies make great profits in han-An honest newspaper in Port- ceded that beggary in a good cause faith in our word. If we insist dling their productions, If this be of those millions America would many land at the time the people were is pardonable no matter what sac- that we have "invaded" Mexico true, no smoker ought to be a party years ago have been ensuared by just when the only excuse is the cap- to the wrong, and the practice can alliance with Britain, and Americans But the boys and girls of Co- ture of a murderer, we shall con- only be discouraged by refusal to buy would now be fighting for the British the goods made in such factories. If empire on the battle fields of Europe.

home premises first. There is expected from their investments, this whole question would adjust itself." WHAT WOULD HAPPEN THEN?

The more one cogitates on this question of patronizing home indus-For example, suppose each citizen of Portland supplied all his requirements with foreign made goods. What would happen? A constant stream of money choice for Rose Festival queen than would flow out of the Oregon counconducting a great ship brokerage try not to return. It it came back dency. and transportation business. The at all, it would be in driblets. It Sad to relate there are people unexposures and hazards and losses would be a big river coursing out- skirt will find a lot of wearers built the great conflict has imposed upon the great conflict has imposed upon ward fed by a tiny brooklet inward to fit it. the Danes has doubtless caused bound. And this would continue unthe Danes has doubtless caused bound. And this would continue unthe Danes has doubtless caused bound. And this would continue unlikely to join the Republican ranks next fall. This is the open season for look mighty pleasing to the stock after such a long snowy winter." which to locate headquarters as its feeder. There could be no political humorists. other result. It would become bereft of its power. Its strength would be vanquished.

Mr. Hill at this time employs two men and two girls. They make only religious service at the jail may not have been converted, but he evidently decided to lead a new life, \$12 to \$15, the \$8 hand being an ap- If the steel mills can make armor prentice. His output is 300 to 400 plate for lower prices, as is now cigar boxes daily, and these are all the senate jogged their memory? sold in Oregon, Washington, Idaho
and Montana. It is a large territory
meant government seizure and operation of mines and oil wells, it might therefore, be that men of other cities and communities smoke the foreign back to the president's Mobile speech, made cigars as well as those of Portinus in which he said this country would not engage in any war of conquest

ways far away. The imported eigar is made under conditions not known or thought of at a distance from its or something.

of Spanish cedar grown in Mexico lie Chaplin." The man Chaplin has emerged from the workhouse when and Cuba, it being claimed that there been schooled by circumstances to rep- Charles was eight, and a place was is a fascinating aroma emitted from resent the idea. Coming out of an found for him in a musical piece such woods. In the cheaper grades Not that the home made article Oregon redwood is used, and in in- peak at which people pay him \$50,000 kind and another. stances veneered basswood from east a year to interpret an ideal of comic to sea, returned, and joined Charles in

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 and must be acthe name published, he should so state.] "Discussion is the greatest of all reformer

back on their reasonableness. If they have no reasonableness, it ruthlessly crushes them out of existence and sets up in their stead."—Woodrow Justice Hughes' Embarrassments

seems to me to be well taken. So reedifying example of the interpretation the comedian held him back with of the law which, as Mr. Smith states, prevails in many states prohibiting judges from becoming candidates for other than judicial offices. At that time Judge W. W. Black, of Everett. resigned from the Snohomish county bench to become a candidate in ington, and he made a thorough and averaging four cigars each day. If exhaustive study of precedents in the each of these were to confine ther matter which had been established in other states, and he found that an overwhelming preponderance of judicial opinion had been to the effect that addition of 1000 cigar makers to the not only the letter but the spirit of payrolls of the cigar manufacturers the law would be fulfilled if he should of this city. Cigar makers are paid resign from the bench before becoming tively. This he did. It is a matter of history that he

> ton suddenly discovered that the prosently gave forth a weird decision disqualifying the Democratic candidate for governor from running for any of-"other than judicial" during the term for which he had been elected What they based so remarkudge. emains that they did it. apon the judiciary by engaging in a campaign for the governorship. fact that his term as judge would have would have begun made no difference. Tacitly admitting that the letter of the law had been observed, a great and gress should be held responsible. hitherto unheard of reverence for the spirit of the law was manifested. It was held to be contrary to public

policy. Now the shoe is on the other foot Mr. Hughes has been appointed to the supreme court of the United States What was so plainly contrary to public policy on a small scale would seem to be even more so on so large a scale. Hence, according to the sujudicial." According to the precedents established by his fellow judges, he MARSHALL W. MALONE.

Does Not Agree With Mr. Murphy. Portland, Or., March 27 .- To the Editor of The Journal-A carping critic who signs himself J. Hennessy Murphy has been attacking through the press Gael held in New Yor': recently. This the great convention proved to world that the Irish race is decidedly nessy Murphy looks at America through British spectacles I would adimproved. He will observe that millions of progressive and liberty-loving Americans have no love but a bitter hatred of England.

such men as Hennessy Murphy into an titude that the Irish race the world work to be done. time lands were being stolen, failed money they wanted by their own might well tell us to look to our companies when figuring on profits chain of conscription would bind maintained toward England, the the ter of the toiling millions in their

PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE

Another grave problem confronting he country: What is the new Easter hat going to cost?

Fairbanks boosters say his presidential boom is growing steadily, but an ice-cold thing like that has the hot weather to reckon with.

not be so popular in certain quarters.

land, and this is likely to continue furthermore, let them begin counting so long as the eastern and southern made product is available.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS

"Prairie fires in Kansas and bliz-zards in the central states made our final kick of winter quite mild in com-parison." the Baker Herald is pleased

parison," to report, The Register is "pleased to learn that the work of tearing down the poles and wires that have been ren-dered useless by the recent consolidaof lighting services" in Eugene will begin soon.

Spring song in the Joseph Herald: "Enough snow and rain fell this week to boost the grass along in fine shape after such a long snowy winter."

"Automobiles are becoming thicker around Hermiston," says the Herald, "than jackrabbits ever were. ple will buy before the year is over. All of which shows there must be something about the Hermiston coun try worth while.

Railway prospectus in Salem States-"Looks like the Salem-Bend rail road rumor of the Statesman was the make Salem a lively city, and head this whole section towards the Elysian fields of the prosperity that is sure the Elysian to come.

Lostine Reporter's testimonial to the value of newspaper publicity: "To show that a newspaper is the best med-ium for advertising we have received at least 200 inquiries for the local paper, in the past two years, which paper, in the past two years, which proves that outsiders judge a town or we hope to locality by its newspaper. We hope to be able to meet demands in the future.

THE PHENOMENON OF CHAPLINISM

In this familiar but strange spectamysterious superiority. It must have cle called life, there is a peculiar manity an English workhouse. There, a captivating manufactured flavor- phenomenon known as "Charlie Chap- Charles' mother taught him a smat-Portland-made cigar boxes are made of the popular idea designated as "Char- violin, 'cello and piano. Chaplin, but he is only the symbol absorbed music. He can now play English workhouse, he has been-at called "The Yorkshire Lads," and aftthe age of 26 years-elevated to a erwards in other productions of one care-freedom. He is a "success." So influential in the popular imagi-

nation is Chaplinism, that Chaplin is and he began his ascent to the place host of other actors, but there are to the United States a sketch entitled, "Chaplin parties" at which the guests "A Night in an English Music Hall, -men and women-dress and act in and in it came Charles Chaplin as the name and address of the boys and young men similarly appear fell in and out of a box and interrupte writer does not desire to have upon the streets and, obviously, get ed the performance in uproariously boys and young men similarly appear fell-in and out of a box and interrupta great gratification in the reflected funny ways without disturbing his glory of the here and from the curio- own happy composure. 'A moving picsity-even admiration-of the passers- ture producer "realized" Chaplin, and

been seen in person. By millions has thought of the American people of the he been watched and applauded in the early twentieth century. moving pictures. A mark of the value of his services is that a group of thea- heavily on the multitude. brilliant plan to make a pot of money malady, and Chaplinism offers a cheap Hughes candidacy for the presidency weeks, Charlie Chaplin "himself;" but impudence disport himself without re cently as 1912 we were treated to an moving picture company that employs He is "sure to get by" every time. bonus of \$25,000.

it to the painful experiences of his and shambles in vulgar defiance before halls, a hard, picked-up, hand-toadventurous existence. The on singing descriptive ballads; at the age of four, Charles was shoved "on" to enter, with Charles and his brother, duty.

a candidate, either actively or recep- limbs of the Irish in Ireland today, the hands and will not give it to them, successful in the primaries and had chances for success, when the "non- enabling them to defy England's con- lowed to go free. I don't want to be partisan" supreme court of Washing- scription bills. The pro-British noise made by men like Hennessy Murphy is and they, in their infinite wisdom, pre- steam in a boiler without machinery, PATRICK O'HALLORAN.

Proposing a Grant Lands Plan. Quincy, Or., March 25 .- To the Editor of The Journal-As a native Oreable a decision upon is beyond the gonian, I would say that I am afraid grasp of the lay mind, but the fact no plan of disposal suggested includes enough consideration of the great value that not even by resigning could a of some of the lands of the O. & C. judge free himself of his judicial char- grant. This land includes about the acter and avoid reflecting discredit last of Oregon's, "birth right," from the standpoint of government agricultural land, and congress should see to it expired before his term as governor that this property does not go flike "a mess of pottage." Our Oregon delegation can not do much alone; con-Now, as during all past ages, taxa-

tion is one of our most vital questions. Therefore, if school taxes can be lowered we have accomplished a important work. Under the lieu land law, through a practice of scrip-ping, and by selling valuable school land for a small fraction of what it is worth, much of our school property has been squandered. It would seem, then, like good business judgment to try to atone for some of this mismanagement by using available property to reimburse the state school fund. sooner or later, congress will regulate the land question and give home seek-

ers a chance, by a system of rural credits, something like the system in Australia and British Columbia, If rural credits is to come, why cannot congress hurry it up a little and make the law include the lands in question? Would it not be a sensible solution of the land problem, if congress would pass a law providing for lending money to homeseekers for improve ments on land; allowing settlers to pay the great convention of the Clan Na- for homes in 25 or 30 years, while paying a small rate of interest; and, under

the law, including all available agricultural land? Under such a law as I have men the tioned, the land formerly held by the Southern Pacific company might be ADRIAN B. OWEN.

To Aid the Worker. Portland, March 27 .- To the Editor of The Journal-I wish to suggest a

working class. There should be a law making it unlawful for corporations to pay their men less than \$2 per day. Instead of advocating birth control, prohibition and other things that rebuke human nature, we had better advocate something that will lift us out of the rut of poverty. There is no real reason why the working class should suffer. There is plenty of money and When a comparatively few men hold the bread and but-

a few years older, one of those appalling refuges for the waste of hu-There is a man named Charles tering of European languages and he The brother went a music hall "turn." Now the public "discovered", Charles

imitated on the stage by a designed for him. Fred Karn brought some degree like the original; and a man chockful of cheer and beer, who engaged him; and the rest is and will comparatively few has Chaplin be history-the history of manners and The struggle to make a living bears

Worry over | cry. Portland, Or., March 25 .- To the Edi- trical men in New York formulated a the day and the morrow is the common by renting the vast Madison Square if temporary, relief from it. Millions regarding the propriety of the Garden and presenting there, for two pay their dimes to see this imp of the scheme fell through because the gard to circumstance or consequence. faced, rather Oriental type, modest,

Giving what is known in the world carefully dressed and of artistic disof the theatre as "relief" to the inso- position. But when he puts on his lent buffoonery of Chaplin's perform- little bowler, his sloppy clothes, his ance, is a shade of melancholy, and awkward shoes, his impertinent musit is common psychology to attribute tache, picks up his pretentious cane childhood. His family were of the the camera to play his boisterous class of mountebanks, strolling through tricks on steady-going, substantial the English and continental variety folks of the respectable and prosperous class-then Charles "Charlie Chaplin," the genius of the father died of it; the mother went admirably reckless to some and an object of a kind of envy to many bound to the wheel of daily labor and outo sing Coster songs. At length, ex- pressed by the sense of obligation, the hausted. Chaplin's mother was forced fear of failure and the duliness of drab

same as it binds and enslaves the there should be a law to force them to Scotch, Welch and English. But in do it. When a poor man steals a loaf the case of the Irish, love for Ireland of bread he is sent to jail. When the campaigned the state for over a month hatred for England and admiration for employer, through a legal process, in the finals, and with excellent Germany are the sentiments that are steals it from the poor man, he is alunderstood as bucking capital or any legitimate business, but I am bucking prieties were not being duly observed, as useless as the noise made by the the system that takes bread from the mouths of innocent workmen and their children and will buck it to the bitter

In conclusion I wish to say that our Democratic administration has done more to elevate the producing class than has been done for the past 30 years. Our president has never ignored the rights of the men that profuce every stitch of wealth in this land. EDWIN A. LINSCOTT.

Criticises Portland Merchants. Seaside, Or., March 20 .- To the Editor of The Journal-You remark in a recent editorial that thousands of dollars of Portland's and Oregon's money s sent east, \$15,000 alone going in scrap heap," and we reckon he ought one year to one firm for shoes, and of course all this is lost to Portland. But the Portland merchants have only themselves to blame, the quality and prices are not satisfactory. I do most of my shopping in the east, not because I am disloyal to Portland but because I get better value

for my money. I never use Portland groceries or candy if I can avoid it. Portland also, for a town of its size, has the poorest restaurants I ever encountered, and the expensive resorts are the worst. We are far behind not only the east, but our sister cities. Seattle and Los Angeles, in this respect. Until we get some real up to date business men who are capable of giv-ing the public value for money received, many thousands of dollars will be lost to the city.

ARTHUR L. CORRY.

A Wage Suggestion.

Welfare commission is anxious to do something, let it force a half-holiday with full wages and increase the wage of the girl apprentice, at present, a capable girl is forced to the apprentice ranks may be saved. If the lowest wage were at least \$8 per week, the employers with their eagerness for gain would still be forced to pay a semblance of a living wage. J. A. CHAPMAN.

Frau Mundt.

By Julian P. Scott. Wherever is truth, art, or beauty in spirit, we shall find you ther Dear friend and teacher, for existing evils among the You taught us more than words tell

Loving, assuming haught; Giving, not speaking of your gifts-You have been a friend to many. Even as a passerby you taught life well. And now, as the scale of truth, love And all the higher things stands true, Yours is the reward, the joy and the

glory

Of a seeker of the truth.

of the many but try to v

AST NIGHT-down town-I walked along-looking in the store windows-at the living models. -because I wanted to know-just

what the styles are going to be-until next summer Not that it makes any particular difference.

-which is the same-with nearly all our knowledge, -but we want to know anyway. ¶ And this is why-I suppose-that

have 72-centimeter guns-with which to kill each other. -instead of bows and arrows.

We wanted to know-I guessit could be done. e And now we know

appier than before. I But all this may have nothing to -whatever-with the fashion show -now in progress-in our fair city. ¶ Or perhaps it has-for all I know.

on shows-when the bow and arrow was a new weapon, -and the tribe using the tribe using clubs.

¶ Anyway-I believe they had fash-

¶ And in those days-I presumethe fine ladies came out of their caves-in the warm spring weather.

-in their brightest beads. -and best bearskins. TBut of course—that was a long-

ong time ago. ¶ And last night—as I was sayinglooked in the windows, -and saw the great progress-that

civilization has three million years. ¶ And on Fifth street-there was a little crowd-looking in a window -at a beautiful lady.

-in a lovely dress. -with a pink ostrich plume fan. -and pearls in her hair. ¶ And she looked right in our faces

without moving a muscle, ¶ And a young man from Courtney on the Oregon City line-said she couldn't fool him. -because he'd seen things like that

before-in windows. -and he knew she was alive. and would have to move-after while. ¶ And

¶ And Nick Plerong-who

thing.

smiles-because he has heard all the vaudeville jokes in the world-came along. ¶ And he said he'd bet he could make her smile

¶ And we all said-"How?" ¶ And Nick said she'd have to smile -if he looked right in her eyes-long

¶ And Dave Williams-the spirituelle architect-said not to make her

and see if he could get a smi ¶ And he put his nose up close to the glass-and set his jaw-an

¶ And you could almost see the dotted lines—from Nick's eyes—to the eyes of the beautiful lady. TBut she didn't smile.

¶ And all grew still. ¶ And the crowd got bigger ¶ And pretty soon-Nick sighed.

-and everybody else sighed. ¶ And it looked like it was going to be a test of will power and durance.

along-twirling his cane. -and stroking his mustache. -which doesn't take much of a

"And he saw Nick standing therelike a statue-glaring through the plate glass-at the beautiful lady. ¶ And he said-"Hello-what's the

¶ And we told him-in whispersas the beads of perspiration began to

stand out-on Nick's brow. ¶ And Aaron laughed-until he almost choked-and then said: "LISTEN - boys - that's Stella-

the best wax figure-that we've got in Gall and Wormwood, From the Weston Leader.

The g. o. p. desperately hunting a peach of a candidate with nothing but a lemon tree in its political garden Carranza dollars are quoted at two

cents each, and it would only take about 15 of them to subsidize the Athena Press. The "severity" of the federal censorship is only exceeded by the voi-

ume and detail of the news of army movements in Mexico. New president of Washington university says "we are an intellectual

known his own mind. Rex Lampman says that for personal reasons he'd like to know how tha Villa bandits manage to live on nothing, but if Rex gets paid for his stuff we reckon he doesn't need any enlight enment.

Uncle Jeff Snow Says:

Some smart feller with figgers ought to tell us how much time is wasted in Portland riding, driving and walking by empty lots. These nifty looking business girls are most gen-erally always able to take care of

Stories of Streeten Town Who Wouldn't Join?

THIS is supposed to have happened Portland, March 24.—To the Editor I in the Shattuck school during one if The Journal—If the Industrial of the night classes, Benjamin Lerner was the teacher and he says it is true, In the class were a number of foreigners and some were not versed in Umited States history. The Civil war and its causes was the subject under discussion

"Why did Abraham Lincoln want the south to join the Union?" asked Lerner, interrogating one of the foreigners, "Vell, dey join the union and get \$3 Who vouldn't want 'em to join?

It wasn't the answer Lerner wanted and the pupil sat down. Blast for Bill. BILL STRANDBCRG gets out a sup-

posed friend making publication distribution on the cars of the P. R. L & P. company, but sometimes he loses the friendliness of the be friended. This week the subject of his vivacious comment was the possibility of employing women as motormen and conductors as in London during these

war times. A conductor received bundle of the leaflets, and read the text with scorn and disgust imprinted on his face. Then he started among his early morning male passengers Bulletin, have a bulletin-particularly heavy on the bull!