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Some of the craftlest scoundrels that wer crawled and crept through dirtiest and narrowest ways will grave day, and keep a regular debtor and creditor secount with heaven, which shall always how a floating balance in their own favor.

—Charles Dickens.

THE FALL OF THE FIREBUGS

ORTLAND'S fire loss has been tion campaign led by Fire Portland. Marshal Stevens from \$6.78 than \$300,000.

The results have attracted nationmore lucrative.

The people of Portland can consive endeavor in the face of dis- raised in place. couragements and obstacles thrown a service of inestimable value.

was under was revealed in the discovery and prosecution of the work of an alf-coast arson gang. The discovery was made by the arson bureau of the fire prevention service.

Members of the gang were professional firebugs. They made it their business to insure property and burn it. In one case, a house was rented, and furniture purchased of a second hand dealer for \$100. Part of the furniture was sold, and the remainder, \$50 or \$60 worth, was placed in the rented dwelling. Insurance to the amount of \$1000 was put on the furniture and the building burned. Prompt action by Fire Marshal Stevens and his arson bureau unearthed the fraud, and it was this case that led to the uncovering of

the arson conspiracy. . In another case, a partly completed building was insured for \$2800. It was worth far less. Debris was placed in the basement, and a lighted coal oil lamp was thrown into the mass. Within a

gang. The arson activity by the allcoast gang was carried on in all the big cities, from the Canadian to the Mexican line. It came out through confessions and testimony at the trials that 100 buildings in all were burned, of which 30 to 35 were in Portland. Of course, ing coal to its citizens for \$2.75 a part impurities from which the the destroyed buildings were a part ton.

of the fire losses of the coast. Five of the firebugs were sent to the Oregon penitentiary. The last to go was Lieutenant Keeney. at times an officer in the Portland not promptly stopped in some way to turn a wheel acquires untold defire department. He was taken we shall presently see our munici- grees of guilt.

sion government that the cam- is enough to move one to tears.

A COAL SCANDAL

THE horrors of municipal trading are scandalously exemplified by the conduct of Terre Haute, Indiana, which, we blush to say, has gone into the coal business. By doing so it not only breaks a whole array of sacred precedents but, what is worse,

TO PRESIDENT LOVETT

S HEAD of the Union Pacific railroad system, there are matters on the Pacific Coast that challenge Judge Lovett's attention. Having interest in the welfare of the Union Pacific railroad as in all things in the Oregon country. The Journal undertakes to direct Judge Lovett's attention to these matters upon which, as administrative officer of a great railroad organization, he ought to be informed.

There are sacred covenants which Judge Lovett's predecessor, the late E. H. Harriman, entered into with the people of Portland. As president of the company over which Judge Lovett now presides, Mr. Harriman made certain pledges relative to things he would do in behalf of the city of Portland. These pledges were conditioned upon certain performances which the people of Portland were to undertake. The specific fact to which Judge Lovett's attention is hereby directed, is that the people of Portland have fully performed their part of the covenant, but the Union Pacific railroad, either by its former president One year \$5.00 | One month \$.50 | or by its present administrative head, has not fulfilled its part of the

In the agreement in question, Mr. Harriman on sundry occasions pledged the people of Portland, both in public addresses and otherwise, that if they would provide a 30-foot channel to the sea, the influence and power of the Union Pacific railroad would be used to make Portland one of the greatest distributing centers on the Pacific coast.

Possibly Judge Lovett has not been informed as to these pledges. If not he can find in the archives of the company in New York files of communications that will confirm the facts here cited. The language in one pledge made by a high official of the company was as follows: If you will give us a 30-foot channel, we will give the business of the great Columbia river basin to Portland for distribution, and make this the greatest jobbing and distributing center of the Northwest. If you do not, we will go to Puget Sound-not because we want to, but because the mouth of the river must be opened.

Judge Lovett knows that there was but one man connected with the Union Pacific system 12 years ago, who would have felt authorized to make that promise. If he has doubts, The Journal assures him that in a five days' stay in Portland during the Lewis and Clark exposition in 1905, Mr. Harriman made several public addresses in which substantially the above words were used, and with elaboration of detail.

The people of Portland, led on by Mr. Harriman's pledges, have performed their part of the agreement. Official surveys of the mouth of the Columbia river are of record in the office of the United States engineers which attest that there is now a 40-foot channel over the bar, and that it is being constantly widened. The last survey was made last December, and the soundings showed 40 feet at mean low water. It is a depth equal to the depth of water in the entrance to New York harbor.

From the same source, Judge Lovett can ascertain that there is a 30-foot channel up the Columbia river and that the authorities are reduced by the fire preven- now engaged on a project to further deepen the channel to 33 feet to

It was by taxing themselves and by other personal sacrifices that per capita to \$1 per capita. The the people of Portland have brought about the thing which Mr. Harritotal' fire loss for the year imme- man held out to them as the price they were to pay for the power and diately preceding the fire preven- influence of the Union Pacific to be used in making Portland the prevented if he had this amount to tion work was \$1,797,854. The distributing point for the Columbia river basin and one of the greatest loss ending February 28th, the sec- jobbing centers on the Pacific coast. They expended of their own the state to "prevent" children from ond year of the campaign, was less money through the Port of Portland more than \$5,000,000 in deepen- dying. This is the stereotyped cry aling the channel to the sea. They even taxed themselves to aid in the It is the greatest record ever extension of the jetty for deepening the water at the mouth of the years they have had full sway, always made in fire reduction in so short Columbia, spending \$450,000 on that enterprise when the appropriaa period by any city in the world. tion of the federal government had been exhausted.

On the project at the mouth of the river and improvement of the wide attention. Fire Marshal Ste- channel, the federal government had expended as a result of the acvens, who led the campaign, in tivities and appeals of the people of Portland \$18,476,740 up to Febconsequence of what has been ac- ruary, 1916, more than one year ago. Enough additional has since been complished, has had offers by in- spent to increase the expenditure to more than twenty million dollars.

Though all this has been done, no move has been made by the Union Pacific to carry out its part of the covenant. Some years ago, there was an announcement by the officials of the Harriman system that gratulate themselves. To reduce \$2,000,000 had been appropriated to build modern docks in Portland. the fire loss to a little more than Beyond the mere announcement, no further step has ever been taken. one-seventh its former total is A few weak excuses were given for failure to inaugurate the improvea remarkable achievement. The ment, but in time, the whole subject was dropped. No pile driver has brains, the persistence, the aggres. ever struck a blow on the improvement. No concrete piers have been

the way have rendered Portland service of inestimable value.

The fire menace that Portland as under was revealed in the discovered was revealed in the deep peace-loving instituting the products of the war. Every one that came back was afflicted some way—work on the projudices of the voters that Columbia river basin which Mr. Harriman covenanted to deliver the war and uney ususing all the King of Day with lavish hands his beams doth filluster was abandoned to think of the misery stand together—have a great deal of the reckless ambition, so deaf to caused by the war. Every one that came back was afflicted some way—work on the projudices of the voters that Columbia river basin which Mr. Harriman covenanted to deliver the war and uney ususing all the time events of today.

And over all, the King of Day With lavish hands his beams doth the deep peace-loving institutes of the deep It is after such an experience that the news comes that the Union in the way have rendered Portland Pacific system has let a contract for the building of extensive docks I known meanwhile to the people of Portland that Columbia river basin products are being hauled through this city and on to Seattle, an added distance of 186 miles, for shipment by ocean carriers to the ports of the war. the world.

> The excuse of the Union Pacific company made to Portland people for the condition, is that the Columbia river products are taken to Scattle because ships call there. Union Pacific officials say "if the ships had been calling at Portland, they would have delivered the traffic here instead."

Judge Lovett himself knows whether the Union Pacific participates any further in the matter than merely to deliver freight to any steamer that happens to be calling at Seattle. He knows whether the Union Pacific has or has not very close relations with steamer lines, if it that a great newspaper like The Jourdoes not even go to the length of having actual alliances with steamship systems.

In San Francisco and in Seattle, other great railroads have agreements and alliances with ocean lines and routes. These things are try do not want war with Germany or presumption to quote and comment on work, the muscular system can be chest forward. That is the first step known to the people of Portland, and that is one of the facts which causes them to marvel at the failure of the Harriman system, in defiance of the Harriman covenants, to manifest so little interest in Portland and to be so concerned in Seattle as to carry Columbia river products*186 miles through Portland to Seattle and to build costly docks at Seattle to distribute those products through that city. "To what purpose," the people of Porland ask, "have they spent millions on the pledge of Mr. Harriman in deepening the channel to the sea, in ciaries of war, and the beneficiaries of my opinion, there is little need for a building municipal docks and in proposing a further expenditure of taxation money in establishing steamer lines out of this city?"

In Portland, we know what the Great Northern, the Northern Pafew minutes, the building was making oriental connections on Puget Sound, and we know what they cific, the Milwaukee & St. Paul and the Union Pacific have done in the war going. It is these big con- adverse criticism. If the crying need of activity. It is not necessary for another on the stretch, alternately wrapped in flames, and in time the have not done here. It is obvious why the first named roads favor the insurance was collected by the fire- Sound. But it is not clear why the Union Pacific, which must carry bugs. The facts were obtained from its products an additional 186 miles, does not do as much for Portland as it does for Puget Sound.

This is a situation to challenge Judge Lovett's attention. The facts directly concern the welfare of his railroad system. They may enable him to get a clearer view than he may have had through the representations of his subordinates.

As an able and sagacious administrative head of a great railroad system, he must know that the facts herein set forth vitally affect his company's interests in Oregon and the Columbia river basin.

to the penitentiary about 10 days palities setting up bakeries. Then

paign was launched, and it was The force of bad example is seen under commission government that in Detroit, which is already talking cred Northwestern Company. the great work has been carried on, about having a coal mine and selling coal at \$3 a ton. Happily, Portland is immune to all such be said that it is only when the and infirm, are crying to high heawicked influences except in its wheel turns for the public that it ven for a few of the necessities of water supply.

A DIFFERENCE IN IRON

LWAYS tearfully solicitous for disturb its slumbers. the public weal and ever forgetful of private interests,

iron of the conduit pipes is en-Such freakish conduct on the tirely free. Iron used simply to part of a city should be condemned convey water is as innocent as a by all thoughtful people. If it is new born lamb, while iron used

Turning a wheel wouldn't be so will come gas works, electric light bad, come to think it over, if the The \$1,500,000 saved in Port- plants, and heaven knows what wheel were only turned for the land fire losses by the fire pre- next. The cost of living will fall right parties. For example, turnvention bureau is one of the to a ridiculous figure and the ing a water wheel for the Portachievements of commission gov- trusts will go bankrupt. The mere land Railway, Light and Power allies, by imposing on these countries ernment. It was under commis- contemplation of such a calamity Company would leave the sparkling a tax so heavy that it will stagger fluid immaculate as an angel. So would turning a wheel for the sa-

> Without approving the plan for a municipal lighting plant, it can becomes a contaminating agency and pollutes Bull Run water with noxious germs. The Oregonian's anxiety for the public good must

The news dispatches tell that the Oregonian shudders to smoking has become so common the Oregonian shudders to think how the sweet Bull Run curprofits of the coal trust. Terre Haute has leased a coal mine about four miles out of town and is sell
the Oregonian shudders to smoking has become so common among the women of London that some of the suburban railways have the profits of the coal trust. Terre Haute has leased a coal mine about water wheel. The iron of the four miles out of town and is sell
the Oregonian shudders to smoking has become so common among the women of London that some of the suburban railways have becomes of the suburban railways have becomes of the suburban railways have bombarded Satan's stronghold. Now, when Billy Sunday comes he will experiments for the fair smokers. It

is claimed that the increase in of the Prince of the Power of Dark-the habit is due to the war. This being done, everything necessary to the advent of our arch PEEPING TOM

bee's secretary, has contributed his mite to the sense will not be shocked by any city's gaiety by announ:- thing undressed in the shop windows ing his purpose to succeed to the Moreover, ladies will not be permitted mayoralty. We do not mean that to give birth to naked children. everybody is laughing at Mr. Warren's pretensions, but there are some who smile. The vision of Peeping Tom seated in His Wor- Editor of The Journal-I have been ship's chair is one to excite more or less mirth.

But it excites other feeelings as well. Householders will feel good deal about the way the business obliged to stop up the keyhole and has been conducted. I see by the artidraw the window curtains closer cles in the Oregon City Courier that than of yore should Tom win the to be recalled because we refuse to do election. Mr. Warren's genius lies what the Portland Railway, Light & in the direction of making other Power company wants done. I have people good. The state of his own nothing against Mr. Story nor am I soul does not worry him so much people elected Mr. Story as city proseas the depravity of his next door cutor and the city charter makes it his neighbor. As a universal corrector duty to presecute all violations of city of private habits he has no equal in the country.

joke, but a dismal one. It is astonishing to think how many peo- in charge of the other cases the city public service. A man who believes that the whole duty of the mayor of Portland consists in would be held responsible and not the eavesdroping and keyhole spying voters who elected Mr. Story as city is sure to receive wide support. more's the pity.

Letters From the People

Assails Dr. Roberg's Plea.

Portland March 1-To the Editor The Journal-A day or two ago Dr oberg sang his swan song in the Oregonian bewalling the fact that the egislature had cut \$5000 out of the board of health estimates and that 75 per cent of child mortality could by pay trained nurses and allopathic edical inspectors to run around over ways set up by medical politicians when they want more public pap. For rying for more money and more jobs. always promising to do wonders if given more rope; and still disease is

cal machine, and I promise Dr. Roberg of the city according to the oath or his successor that he will have took as a councilman than to be ANDREW T. WILLIAMS. hence.

War's Horrors.

many Americans don't realize what city. They are trying to fool the peoour country was engaged in war, so or the dawn of peace."

deaf, and oh, the insane! thousands who have gone insane since

It seems pathetic that so many lives ple who want to rush into war, who Railway, Light & Power company. are urged by sentiment rather than reason. us from war! A SUBSCRIBER.

Raises Voice Against War.

tor of The Journal-It seems to me & Power company. nal could wield a great influence in keeping this country out of war if its policy was so directed. I believe that 80 per cent of the people of this coun- of Journal-Mr. any other country, unless we are prevailing sentiment among the people that those who want war and are measure, it tions that are now supplying England Oregon. subsidized by the big interests to boost for preparedness and war at any cost.

It is not the rich who bear the bur- aration? the cost and burden on the poor farmer and wagecarner by raising the prices mals. pay or starve. How much the wageaged may suffer during war times does not concern the rich. What concerns the rich is how they can increase their wealth at the expense of the people or the government.

If our government wishes to stop Germany's submarine warfare all she has to do is to get England to raise her blockade. England, with her allied navles of France, Italy, Russia and Japan, has thrown a ring of steel around Germany and her allies. the object of which is to starve these countries until they submit to unwould conditional surrender, which mean little short of annihilation or the world.

I do not excuse Germany's ruthless submarine warfare, but once in a while there comes a time in the life verse; a combination of the two; and of an individual or nation when necessity knows no law, and that time may be when women and children, the old and cannot pass the examination, the life to keep soul and body together. A. W. ZOELLNER.

Portland, Feb. 28 .- To the Editor of The Journal-With your consent I would like to add to "Subscriber's" remarks concerning the legislature, It is indeed wonderful how the mi-robe of reform has affected the peo-le of Oregon. These saintly solons

Purity.

Wee Willie angel of perfect purity. Warren, to the office of mayor will be accomplished. Eden will then be H. WARREN, Mayor Al- restored in Oregon. Roses will bloom forever and roads will be useless, for we shall all have wings. Our moral

MRS. T. ALEXANDER.

Oregon City, Or., Feb. 28 .- To the a member of the city council a little ver one year and have attended nearly all of the meetings. I have never said very much, but have thought s I am one of four councilmen who are a particular friend of Mr. Schubel. The ordinances, and the city council a good many years ago fixed his fees, Neither the city council nor any person ever Peeping Tom's candidacy is a interfered with his work or tried to take it away from him. Being elected city prosecutor does not put Mr. Story should hire an attorney who is not competent to do the work, the council prosecutor, because being elected pros ecutor does not put him in charge of the civil cases, but only the criminal actions

Power Conflict at Oregon City.

As eduncilman I have tried to do the business of the city the same as I would my own and have always voted [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 sciider. If the writer does not desire to have the name published he should so state.]

for what I thought was the best interest of the city. If I had a lawsuit in court worth as much money as the court worth as much in court worth as much money as the in which it is trying to get the water power away from Oregon City, and my attorney had won it in the circuit court, I am sure I would not fire him and hire another lawyer like Mr. Story to try it in the supreme court. And any member of the city council would vote to help the Portland Railway, Light & Power company rob Oregon City of its water power should be recalled

If the taxpayers would take more in terest in the city's business and attend the council meetings they would soon see who is trying to protect the city's interests and who is doing what the Portland Railway, Light & Power com pany wants. I am proud of the fact that I am one of the four men in the council whom the agents of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company The legislature would have done that are trying to recall. I would rather be right thing had it refused to appro- recalled knowing that I am doing my riate one single dollar for the medi- duty by trying to protect the interest such less to work with two years spokesman for or employe of a corporation that is trying to beat the city out of the last bit of water power that it may have. We have had trait-Portland, March 2 .- To the Editor ors in our nation and it looks very f The Journal-It seems to me that much as though we have some in our war means. It has been so long since ple by making all kinds of statements that are not true, and they may posong since we sang "Many are the sibly be able to do it because the hearts that are weary tonight, looking Portland Railway, Light & Power company with the other corporations in I have recently lived in Canada, and Oregon City - and they usually all after the events of today. Senator American president ever so abandoned Words land Railway, Light & Power could not picture the terrors of the pany to control Oregon City and beat the city out of its water power, then not been clearly defined. That argu- able. Certainly, no present opponent let them bring on the recall petitions ment no longer exists. If President or future historian can charge that for Metzner, Cox, Friedrich, Albright have to be sacrificed, where there is and myself, because I do not believe no satisfaction-no getting anywhere, either of these five would ever con-There are many well-meaning peo- sent to do the bidding of the Portland

If they want to protect the city in May the good Lord deliver its water right and keep the city on a good business basis, then they had better get out recall petitions for the mayor and the spokesman and em-Golden, Or., Feb. 28 .- To the Ed- ployes of the Portland Railway, Light

A. R. BUCKLES.

Normals and Certificates. Portland, March 1 .- To the Editor the regulations governing certifica- exercised vigorously, and the sluggish in the proper exercise of the muscles. driven to it in self defense. It is the tion of teachers, in Tuesday's paper. Apropos of the Pendleton normal was deservedly defeated. ready to plunge us into a bloody war The congestion at Monmouth does defor the sole object of gain should be mand attention, and it was given this made to bear all the expense of the attention by the recent legislature. war and do the fighting. Few want In a conservative, sensible way the selves in fair physical trim every day circulation throughout the body. war, except adventurers and beneft- needs at Monmouth are being met. In war are the big interests and corpora- normal in either eastern or southern The training courses in the and her allies with munitions of war high schools are doing the work in and pains, tired muscles and tired through any antics. This can be done his food, and food just now is an inand all other adjuncts needed to keep a manner which arouses little or no backs by developing physical habits by putting one set of muscles after teresting topic. It leads up to war, cerns that are constantly boosting for is so manifest for the normal train- the tailor to develop a crooked spine, "tightening" and relating them, as in days, but it always presents the thing preparedness and war and shouting ing in eastern Oregon, and the overpatriotism at the same time; but it is flow conditions so obvious, why does or the student a sunken chest. Keep be applied even to muscles of the o'clock yesterday, meaning the mida sham and hollow patriotism for the it not show in the attendance records almighty dollar. There is perhaps no of the normals in the neighboring doubt that many of the newspapers states? Would it not seem plausible and some of the magazines have been that the Washington and Idaho institutions would draw numerous eastern Oregonians who desire this prep-Yet, the fact is that but 22 den and cost of war. The rich shift students were forced to attend normal in the two above-mentioned state nor-And their attendance may be of their products, which the poor must accounted for on other grounds than lack of schools at home. The same earner, women and children and the arguments exist for the construction of normals in other parts of the state as exist in the south when a federal appropriation for a new postoffice is demanded-no other.

With reference to the certification laws, the topic has its amusing phases. After the 1913 legislature had passed the act requiring a certain minimum of pedagogical instruction, it was discovered that no school in Oregon met the requirements. So for three years. while the state schools were advancing to this standard, a protective tariff, state-right, required this additional credential from foreign teachers but did not require it from the local output. Fostering home dustry, as it were. One can secure practically any kind

of certificate one wishes, if he has the fee! One year; five year; eternal high school but not grade; the conselect assortment of specials. one has no satisfactory credentials county superintendent is privileged to raise the examination grades, and upon payment of the fee, issue something. No one need leave this store unsold. There is one type of certificate

which must be protected by the ex post facto provision. It is the Rockof-Ages on which many an incompetent rests his livelihood. Its only requirements are that the holder must have got in long ago, renew it every of Co

PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE

Should it come to the test, although Mr. Bryan would deplore the fact that a million men must rally to arms overight he would have one peach of an Herald.

set busy with his soles.

the whole United States. And then for the kalser to propose to Mexico that she reconquer Texas!

When you, Mr. Man, were courting, you told her you were not good enough for her. You meant you were not so good as you might be. She took it that you meant she was a lot better than anybody really need be. But since you've martied her, of course you course you snow all this without being told.

grappiing in the central blue" is well fulfilled, for it is calculated that in the German, British and French forces 569,000 men are enlisted in the aviation service. England has as many men in the air now as she had on the ground for her first campaign in the Great War.

ever, whenever the American people believe fully that liberty and justice demand the orden, these vocalizers who have been hollering "mellycoddle" are going to be the worst astonished

OREGON SIDELIGHTS

"Wheat and money - synonyms ." Wallowa county. Lots of both here cheerfully announces the Joseph

The Pendleton East Oregonian pro had a machine for reading the soul of the applicant!" fervently exclaims the Surpassed that of the present. "And New York Sun. And if they had a newspaper," it truly observes furset busy with his sales. nity's pulse."

There is nobody outside of Germany "Amity," says the Standard, "bid but knows that Texas is all that has cover kept the Mexicans from licking community of law-abiding. God-fear ing people. We pride ourselves on our schools, churches and the high moral tone of our people; if these do not appeal to you, you will probably not be satisfied here."

The North Plains Optimist finds that all signs fall in certain kinds of weather. Its observations are, in part, like this: "We still say that we don't believe in weather signs and believe that 'spring has came' something more tangible and something more tangil clusive than sunshine. e than sunshine, groundhogs, weather and croaking frogs turns up.

Interesting reminiscence The old Wasco school building that passed into history last Saturday witnessed the first dance that the editor of the Obse-tended in Sherman county. T sion was for the benefit of editor of the Observer at-Nobody, even yet, wants war — not for a minute; that is, nobody but the chronic jingo and the profiteer. However, whenever the American people believe fully that liberty and justice Brock and Lieutenant William II believe fully that liberty and justice richs. The music for the dance in the command of Captain S. who have been hollering "mollycoddle" furnished by a traveling minstrel are going to be the worst astonished troupe, and one of the events of the bunch that ever got their names into history.

PRESIDENT, CONGRESS AND PEOPLE

ing of the Laconia today, when they are fully known, may show that it has. In any event, Mr. Wilson believes that he can no longer delay asking from to take the necessary and wise steps peace with prayer that war may be day which may not come. Still is the conflict. And while certain of the against hope-makes it sure that he will never make reckless use of the means placed in his hands. -Without a word intended to outrage German sensibilities or to inflame American opinion, President Wilson approaches congress in such a magnanimous attitude and with such reasoned appeal that the response cannot be doubted. What the Tribune called this morn-

ing the "Fight for an Extra Session." plainly takes on an entirely new phase terrible danger. If we could suppose an Stalks back and forth the noisy crow president's foreign policy, in the face of a crisis which might mean war, had Such a president is, happily, inconceiv-Wilson finds it necessary to summon the new congress, it will be for reasons extra session. That attempt broke And it is this known fact, as we see fer my enemies. They saw no clear party advant- spect of his fellow-countrymen.

From New York Evening Post, February 25. age in precipitating a row over the In his message to congress and the speakership of the new house. Mr. country today, President Wilson lays Mann is the designated Republican upon himself-the same restraint and candidate, but his election would be the same rules of prudence that have bitterly opposed by many Republicans, whole families coming out at evemarked his attitude towards Germany and angrily resented by many more from the first day until now. He ad- | And when it is further considered that mits that the "overt act" of which he the Republicans could not possibly water turtles swim caimly about the spoke on February 2 has not yet oc- pass a high tariff bill in the next concurred-though the details of the sink- gress, their partisan motive in hurry-

ing up its meeting largely disappears. There remains the asserted fear that. with congress out of the way, the president might get the country into congress the authority and the means war. On this subject, a great deal of face cars, and occasionally these deer loose and foolish talk has been heard. to defend imperilled American rights. People have lost themselves in ab-In the act, however, the president dis- structions. It is true that the consti- walk of the Broadway subway. claims any aggressively belligerent tution reserves to congress the funcpurpose. He renews, in his own name, tion of declaring war. But it is also and in that of his nation, devotion to true that no congress has ever refused to vote war measures at the request of verted. Even the defensive measures the president. Congresses have not which he requests congress to author- been, as a rule, less belligerent than Jordan, chancellor of Stanford uniize, he speaks of as only contingent. presidents. If anything, the reverse has The arming is merely against an evil been the case. In 1898, it was congress -with popular clamor behind it-that loor left open to Germany to avoid a forced McKinley's hand and brought on the war with Spain. On the other hand powers which he desires congress to it is always possible for a president confer upon him are large and indef- so to shape the issues of a foreign disinite, the spirit in which Mr. Wilson pute, in his presentation of them to has taken his action-fortified as it is congress, as to make the result a foreby his long. record, open to all the gone conclusion. President Polk was world, of forbearance and hoping even able, in this way, to induce congress to declare war upon Mexico. "paper" division of It is not the

powers which really counts in the Its sweetness on the air around question of war or peace. The decisive factors are the national temper, as it A flood of melody breaks forth is reflected in congress, and, above all, From throats of meadow larks on high the leadership of the executive. He is The crocus lifts its beniliant head charged with the sole conduct of for. And whispers to the tulip nigh eign affairs. In that constitutional A truant breeze comes swiftly by right of his there lies a dread respon-right. There might lie also in it a In yonder field with lordly mien might honorably have kept us at peace. Woodrow Wilson was bent on embroil-

HOW TO BE HEALTHY

HOW TO EXERCISE (NO. 1) .- avoid slouching over his work, stand Keep active. This is possible even to with feet well apart, toes pointing of the week than to overexercise once

in a while the cloak worker rounded shoulders. moving. Keep all the body active, vital.

The mechanic who stands at a machine all day uses his hands and arms. often not very vigorously. He is not required to use the muscles of the trunk and lower limbs, except to preserva his equilibrium. He should learn to stand correctly. He should (No. 2).

those who are tied to a desk or a ma-forward. He should work as though Easton had the chine. Without any interference with proud of his job, with head erect and channels of the circulation stirred and He' can occasionally practice deep cleared. This is the cardinal principle breathing. The chief benefits of deep of proper exercise: Regularity and breathing are not in forcing more the development not of one set of oxygen into the blood, but in the demuscles or parts of the body, but of velorment of the chest and lungs and all. It is more important to keep our in the mechanical improvement of the that happens to be vacant, you hit He can form the habit of repeated-

ly rising on his toes, bending slightly forgotten and the afternoon papers Life itself is a form of activity and at the knees. He can make tense all are not out, so there is motion. We can avoid many aches the muscles of the body without going propped in front of your neighbor but clenching the fist. The method can at a new angle. For instance, at 12 neck, chest, abdomen and back, with- day meal that I am not allowed to out attracting any attention. The busi- call "dinner," and I refuse to call ness man or desk worker can follow same system, with the chest arched forward and abdomen in feet crossed and weight resting on the ferent from the way men become acfull length of the thighs.

Next Monday -- How to Exercise

PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. and Mrs. Hauser Visit. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hauser have arrived at the Hotel Multnomah from Port Angeles, Wash, for an extended visit. Mr. Hauser is a son of E. V. Hauser, president of the Multnomah

Hotel company. He is connected with

the Grant Smith company.

Norwegian at Perkins. Ludwig Woole of Christiana, Norway, is an overseas visitor at the Perkins.

Pantages in Portland. Alexander Pantages, Seattle vaudeville magnate, is a Portland visitor.

C. M. Bishop, Pendleton woolen manufacturer, is at the Portland. Dr. A. B. MacLean of Pe Ell, Wash., a guest at the Imperial. Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Sleem are Pen dleton visitors at the Carlton. D. A. West is registered at the Oregon from Eugene. J. K. Johnson, of Detroit, Or., is at

the Perkins. The Seattle Hockey club is registered at the Multnomah, G. E. Gilbert and B. B. Fortune of Vancouver, B. C., are at the Nor-J. A. Link is a Cascades visitor at

the Washington, A. L. Clark of Rainler, county judge of Columbia county, is at the Corne-P. C. Harley, mayor of Astoria, is What becomes of this money. I have at the Portland with Mrs. Harley.

never attempted to learn; perhaps it helps build a strong educational machine.

AN OLD TEACHER.

The periodical tribute.

Walter T. Douglas, Seattle real estate man, and Mrs. Douglas, are at the Multnomah.

Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Vandevert, A. L. Mackintosh and O. T. McKendree are perial.

Charles R. Newton is registered at the Nortonia from Roseburg. H. B. Cusick, Albany banker, is at the Oregon, President W. J. Kerr of Oregon Agricultural college is a guest at the Imperial.

M. S. Macy is registered at the Multnomah from Anyox, B. C. D. E. Hunter, Bend capitalist, is at the Portland. B. I. Ellis is a Pendleton arrival at the Perkins. C. A. Ross of Blaine, Wash, is at the Carlton, A. M. Haradon is a Carlton arrival

at the Oregon. C. E. Spence of Oregon City, master of the state grange, is at the Imperial. Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Nelson are

Multnomah R. E. Clanton of Bonneville, master fish warden, is at the Imperial J. N. Woddell is a Scio visitor at

the Perkins. Mrs. R. N. Stanfield and daughter of Cornelius from Dayton, Wash, Will Moore, Pendleton attorney, et the Imperial.

G. W. Waterbury of Woodburn is at the Washington. A. L. Brown is an Astoria visitor at the Multnomah. E. A. Baiette is registered Carlton from Eugene

are guests at the Nortonia.

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Stories From Everywhere

"Oh, the Old Chariot of Zion!" WILLAMETTE VALLEY salesman was standing on the corner of the main street in Eugene, waiting for a streetear on other conveyance to take him and his grips a few blocks farther down the street. Presently a bus filled with men -came along. Thinking it a jitney, he climbed

aboard. They had gone but a short distance when the bus stopped. His fellow passengers arose and began to sing a

hymn with great fervor. The traveling man, deciding he was in the wrong pew, slipped out as quickly and quicily as possible. Later he learned that his fellow passengers were members of the Apostolic Faith, holding their midday -- н. Е, Н.

Lucky Choice. "I'll tell you, old man, Angy is a

bright girl. She's brains enough for "Then she's the very girl for you, my boy.

Wild Life in New York.

Writers who are accustomed to stress the point that Manhattan is an altogether civilized Island should seek enlightenment from the regidents of the upper part of the island around Spuyten Duyvil and along the Hudson and Harlem rivers. There. says the New York Herald, one will find that houseboat owners frequently complain at night of the hooting of screech owls, and track rabbits to their

lairs after every snowfall Along the slender brooks they will see frequently cranes, owls and other fowl yet undomesticated. Around the houseboats in the Harlem and Hudgon rivers may be seen muskrats, ning to eat the food placed upon the banks for them. In the summer boats looking for scraps of food, and land turtles are almost as plentiful Chickadees and robins are present

every season In Biverdale across the ship canal. several deer have been killed by surswim across and are found browsing in Manhattan within three minutes

Perhaps Manbattan isn't so civilized after all!

Where the Weary May Rest. The visit of the distinguished educator and pacifist. Dr. David Starr

told of him by people who knew him in his college days. Dr. Jordan, as a youth, had an uncommon fondness girls' soriety. So pronounced was this trait that the college was paraphrased the good old hymn: side of Jordan there's-a girl." The Miracle.

Behold, a miracle is wrought! of grass springs from the ground. A blossom bursts its bonds, and sheds

Uncle Jeff Snow Says: After 60-odd years of gittin' along with the rest of the world the best ing this nation in foreign wars. He way I kin, I've decided that if the quite other than those which prompted has resisted enormous pressure, and good Lord will only restrain my he Republican maneuver to force an rivalled Abraham Lincoln in patience. Friends I'll have a cinch lookin' out down. It did so less on account of today, which makes him, in the posi- you're mixin' with a feller that knows Democratic attack than because some tion which he has felt compelled to he's a skunk and ruther proud of it, Republican senators refused to press take, strong in the confidence and re- but deliver me from the neighbor that's a gitn' my goat and don't

more'n haff realize hisself that he's intendin' to git it. Vicarious Patriotism.



upon interesting people, at noontime, for the morning papers are read and just as everything else does these "lunch," there were two men getting acquainted, and it was interesting to watch the process, which is very difquainted with women or women be-

come acquainted with each other. One of them said the restaurants had got so taken up with petty economy that they no longer put milk in the mashed potatoes, and the other among the Bend arrivals at the Im- one, who probably owned the place. said that Portland had better eating houses and lower prices than San Francisco or Seattle, and when they were at the end of that, the defender of Portland's beaneries asked the other one, who were gold buttons and red braid on his blue suit, how his Uncle Samuel was, and he said he was well; for, although you can't speak disrespectfully of the flag any more in war times like these, you can "Uncle Samuel," for that is affection.

Gold Buttons said he was down at the recruiting station; and the bean ery man said that was a good job and all you had to do was to look ornamental, which the recruiting officer denied. He said it took oratory in unlimited quantities to get boy's in, and then it occurred to the other one that they didn't pay enough was mong the Coos Bay arrivals at the where the trouble came in. To this the officer said they'd ought to consider the vocational education they got out of it-an hour and a half, every day, six days out of the week. Right there the two got together,

and the Portlander said it was a fine Pendleton are guests at the Portland: thing, and all boys between the ages George F. Price is registered at the of 16 and 20 ought to be compelled to go, and make men of themselves, instead of standing around on the corners, while as for himself he was established in business and it would be absurd of the government to call on him. And I thought of all the 1600 pupils

of the high schools of Portland, and when I looked at the man in front of me I wanted to quote to him that H. A. Conners is a Hood River visirare poetical gem whose author is to me unknown, but it is this: "It makes some difference whose buil is gored." Mr and Mrs. M. B. Rose of Baker