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THE SNIPERS

AS BITTER a discussion in the senate as that which Lodge waged against the league" is predicted by a Washington dispatch over reservations that Borah and his group will propose for the Washington pact. The dispatch adds: It is quite obvious that were such reservation to pass the United States senate, it scarcely could be expected to

approval by the other signatory it constitutes, therefore, a shot the life of the treaty itself. States senate. John Hay's criticism rates on traffic in the mid-country, of the senate is in the record. The such as at Baker. Instead of a disindictment of the senate by Henry crimination against Baker and like

Adams is in the testimony. The senate inmlates nothing new in the way of progress. On the contrary, it invariably resists all pro- by no process of reasoning can it be gressive proposals. It is as bank- figured out that the application of rupt in forward ideas as the British the railroads for rates that will enhouse of lords, and the latter became able them to meet water competition so much of a barrier to progress that the English people took power away from it. The senate was so unresponsive that the people tried to reform it by making its member-

ship elective by direct vote. The senate's low moral standards are about to be exposed by the seating of Newberry as they were ex- rates were a handicap on the busiposed somewhat less shamelessly by ness interests of Baker and the agthe admission of Stephenson. Its ex- rigulture of Baker county. The Jourample will be public indorsement of shameless corruption in elections.

The attack of Borah and his satellites on the Washington pact is typ- done. ically senatorial. It is an unintelligent plan to block the progress of country had from time immemorial the world toward peace. It is the freight rates based on the oversame school of thought that resisted the ratification of the American con- they were by right entitled to rates stitution and that made Toryism in based on the water level haul to the Revolutionary struggle. It is Portland. Baker county farmers morning when the uniformed atsurvival of the same obstructive and Baker business men paid out thought that opposed the Declaration of Independence.

It will be a crime to slaughter the Washington pact as the league covenant was slaughtered. Yet the snipers are out gunning for the fourpower treaty as they fusiliaded the merce commission decision in the Co-League of Nations. We may yet lumbia basin rate case, a cut on those have to abolish the senate to open rates which gives justice to Baker the way for progress and stop the and Baker county interests. This male of senate seats.

THE DWINDLING BURDEN

THE last thing before he closed the store Saturday evening, a Portland merchant went around his store detaching from inconspicuous slaces federal tax schedules. Then he turned and wished his staff a happy New Year with the remark. "We'll start the new year free of last year's greatest irritation, the figuring up of federal taxes on individual sales."

Doubtless other storekeepers found the same satisfaction. To them the so-called luxury taxes were a burden upon accuracy and accounting. The is, under the circumstances, the wise blic joins them in the satisfaction, cause the taxes were a burden upon pocketbooks, not only amounts ied by law, but because of their frequent use as an excuse to add to the amount received by the mer-

Gone now are the fountain taxes tection to the dairy industry. on ice cream cones and soda water. me are the taxes on carpets, rugs. by the league with preferred stock. ralises, umbrellas, silk socks, cor- On the books of the league the ets and even purses. Gone are the plants are valued at \$416,000, which faxes on insurance policies and on is far above their value, for they rallroad tickets. No wonder the old were over-appraised in the beginyear stumbled decrepitly as he de- ning, and prices of such equipment parted taking such a burden with

ever, remain. But a person will be

pectacles without paying a tax, al- That is to say, the original owners hough the 5 per cent impost on have received a fifth of the money jewelry generally will survive. promised them on a basis of inflated values. The trustees now ask these The burden of the war is lifting owners to take back their plants little. Is there anyone who would and return to the league at par the

like to renew it? preferred stock outstanding. They Abolition of federal taxes on cough | will thus have their plants and some drops and men's wear and a lot of money. The transaction will leave other things, gives renewed status them somewhat shead of the game. to the decimal system and would At the same time the cheese and correspondingly hurt the business of butter factories will be left in hands penny change were it not for the 8- of dairymen or those friendly to the cent streetcar fare.

THE ROW WITH PORTLAND

OPPOSING the 1925 exposition, the Baker Herald says: At the time of writing this article, it is

not known whether the legislature will have backbone enough to kill the fair tax, or whether the issue will have to be fought out at the polls next spring. In either event, the lesson must be thor-oughly taught Portland that for it to secure the cooperation of the upstate it must cooperate with the upstate; that BY MAIL, ALL RATES PAYABLE IN ADVANCE for it to grow permanently and enjoy prosperity it must help the country which makes its existence possible. Further explaining its position the Herald says:

> We are holding the great majority of the people of Portland responsible for the acts of those among them who are threatening our commercial life by fighting for liscriminatory freight rates, responsible for those who would build unessential roads, and responsible for would dedge paying for the 1925 Portland fair. Eastern Oregon pusiness men are starting a trade boycott; we will fight any state-wide fair tax; we may do many other things if necessary to get a square deal and an even break on future development policies of the state of Oregon. the good and fair majority of the people of Portland to take a hand in what is

found that, because of the great de-The reference of the Herald to mand for employment, the salaries "unessential roads" means the Wallula cut-off, which one of the deexist on them. Hundreds, thoupartments of the Portland Chamber of Commerce urged upon the state girls have gone through the same highway commission. It is a reflection of the general attitude of Eastern Oregon toward the proposed cut-off. Many stretches of road in Eastern Oregon have not been built, applied for any kind of job. And and people in those sections resented the building of the cut-off, which they insist parallels a paved road already built, while needed stretches Many cannot find any work. in the general plan of highway construction remain unfinished. The Journal thinks the Herald's position in opposing the cut-off at this time is sound. But the Herald is mistaken in saying that Portland was "threatening our commercial life by fighting for discriminatory freight rates." The Herald refers to the application rates. That application asks authority to have rates to Portland by which to meet existing rates by sea between the Atlantic and Pacific ports. Portland already has these roads want is to get some of the business that is now going by ship. water terminal ports it will greatly There is grave question as to the add to their net revenues and, to an advisability of having a United extent, enable them to charge lower

at Portland is a fight by Portland

"threatening the commercial life" of

Speaking of "discriminatory rates,"

at equal distance in Washington and

Idaho had to Puget Sound. These

Again, the entire Eastern Oregon

mountain haul to Puget Sound, when

and unjust freight rates until a fight,

led by The Journal and joined in by

Umatilla county farmers and power-

ful traffic organizations in Portland,

secured, through an interstate com-

work and the Portland terminal ele-

which the Portland people will be

paying interest and principal for a

generation, constitute a service that

Write 1922 10 times and then.

perhaps, you won't forget the baby

new year's name when disposing of

BEGINNING A NEW DEAL

THE trustees elected by the Dairy-

men's league have taken what

Their decision not to sell the

league's plants for junk is merely

cision to sell the plants only to dairy-

plants are located is an act of pro-

which should have governed at the

time of original purchase.

Eastern Oregon city.

notes, deeds and letters.

Baker long had rates on commodi-

of territory are lying idle in the great West waiting for men and women to till them; waiting to provide their owners and the world with the necessaries of life in abun-On a western farm a man or are points, the tendency will be to the contrary. Remembering that Portland already has these rates by sea, work for a monthly sum insufficient pede us.

interests of the producers. In the

meantime new organization can be

initiated and the plants, at a fair

capitalization, can be included in

the new deal, provided the dairymen

act with sufficient promptness to

controvert a plant buying campaign

at tempting prices which those op-

What a bear of an infant it is,

this New Year, judged by the noise

it made immediately upon its ar-

ONE JOBLESS GIRL

position. She has applied for em-

ployment as teacher, as proofreader,

typist, as anything that would en-

respectable endeavor.

ble a girl to exist from honest and

The girl is alone in New York.

searched. But every place she went

other girls seeking work. She also

were so small that she could not

Men have searched for work.

they are to be found, intelligent men,

college men, capable men, perform-

The population of New York city

the state of Washington, of Montana.

bined. In the crowded metropolis

in dingy tenements, in crowded flats

and in various other abodes of lim-

ited area and comfort. They search

in Wyoming in Idaho in Montana

or in the Dakotas. Vast stretches

ing all varieties of menial tasks

posed to them might launch.

rival!

to keep body and soul together. Neither lives in a dark tenement or a crowded firetrap. The city has a false lure. People hear of the capitalists, of the big sums made, of the limousines, the attractions and the advantages of ties to Portland higher than points those who leave the free and open

and go out. The little New York girl may find a job. She may not. She may surnal and other institutions in Port- vive the fight. And she may be the land fought for a long time to have unsung victim of another of New the Baker rates reduced, and it was York's untold tragedies.

PERSONAGES OF PRIVILEGE

DEOPLE like to be privileged characters.

A man was standing in line, a long line, at a local bank Saturday over with alacrity. "That officer knows me," he commented to a friend. "He knows how much I have my banking here."

He was oblivious of the fact that the attendant was making the suggestion to as many others as the vators, built at a cost of millions, on extra window could care for. Another man stepped into a men's

furnishing shop. He wanted a hat. can hardly be classed as a threat to The clerk placed on his head almost destroy the commercial life of any the instant his wish was known a hat that fitted perfectly both in style and size. "Oh, we remembered your number and what looked best on you," explained the clerk.

"Those folks know how hard I am to please and were ready for me," commented the customer after he got outside. "That's why I deal there."

He was oblivious of the fact that sizes and study of shapes best adapted to various types were part of the store's routine record keeping.

People like to walk without knocking through doors marked "private" good business. But their further de- and be welcomed. They like to be treated with respectful familiarity as men in the localities wherein the to their likes and dislikes in stores and garages. They like the sensation of being regarded not as a cus-The plants in question were bought tomer but as a distinguished personage.

Businesses that recognize this unfailing desire to be a privileged character profit by it.

Stefansson, the explorer, says are much below the normal values there are regions around the North Pole that would be perfectly beautiful in summer, flowers and leaves able to indulge in gold bows for his to buyethe plants has been retired. not for the mosquitoes and flies.

SCRAPPING THE WAR DEBTS Britain's Proposal to Forgive Her European Debtors if They Will Forgive Theirs Is Taken at Many

[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 signed by the writer, whose mail address in full must accompany the contribution.]

A STATEMENT BY MR. RITNER

Much of the comment on what th Sandusky Register (Rep.) calls Britain's 'magnificent gesture" in her indicated "willingness to forgive all her own war debtors-on condition that they forgiv theirs," may be said to be in the sub-junctive mode. The report, says the New York Times (Ind. Dem.), vague to serve as a basis of any defi-nite conclusion concerning the debt poltime the plan "is so wise, so statesmanlike, and so humane" that the Houston no personal feeling against them by the Post (Dem.) thinks "it must be true." On the hypothesis, then, that the re-port is true, many papers point out attributed to entirely altruistic motives. TALENTED New York girl has to quote the Lynchburg News (Dem.). spent a month in search of a "This would be a good stroke of busi-ition. She has applied for em-journal (Ind. Rep.), "because as a manufacturing country dependent on foreign as stenographer, as receptionist, as trade, she cannot be prosperous herself nomic balance and is able to buy her goods." "Immediate mutual cancellation," states the Chicago Tribune (Ind. Rep.) "is more favored in England than in the United States, since the bulk of our debt this and pawned that. And she whereas the greater part of the debts is owed by England and is collectible, for a position she found scores of lectible."

Diverse Valuations by

American Editors; Some Sec

Wise Statesmanship, not to

Say Altruism; Others,

Only a Plan to Force the Largest Creditor

of All to Come

Across Regardless.

Daily Editorial Digest

(Consolidated Press Association)

The effect of Great Britain's suggested course on the policy of debt cancellation by the United States provokes the bulk comment. "The effect of that the Richmond Times-Dispatch policy." (Dem.) thinks, "if proceeded with, would sands, probably tens of thousands, of be somewhat embarrassing to this countries have some through the same try, since it is "calculated to make that country appear generous and the Unitexperience in the great city during ed States selfish and grasping" and the situation would be capitalized "to the further loss of American prestige" France and "in other countries that They have applied and applied and supported the allied cause." "Washington will be obliged," in the opinion of the Cleveland Plain Dealer (Ind. Dem.) "to face one of the most difficult problems yet presented to it if Great Britain proceeds with a policy of debt cancellawithout regard to the debt policy of this country." while the Reno Ga zette (Rep.) feels that Britain "seems de s greater than that of the state of termined to force the hand of America Oregon. It is greater than that of in the matter and place her in the position of an unyielding creditor if she fails to fall in with the suggested plan. of North or South Dakota, and of That "insistence by the United States Wyoming, Idaho and Nevada com- upon full debt payment is being made difficult" is admitted by the Pittsburg Press (Ind.) a great part of the population lives

However, "if they are really going through with their scheme," the Buffalo an already overburdened people protest Express (Ind. Rep.) thinks, "they are to ing against any additional taxes. be admired for their boldness and perhaps at a later date the American people will commend them for their That "it would produce a marked change of attitude in this country not crowded. Nor are they sustain- where we have been disposed to ask that ing their full quota in Washington, rency up to par. Some assert that we the value of his outfit. woman is unowned. Neither tramps by refusing through a high tariff to alfor a job. Neither is compelled to is reason to suspect an effort to stam-We should be cautious." On City) News (Ind.) believes that "we outfit. have a most excellent opportunity to be gracious without being patronizing," and "while apparently losing money out of one pocket we should be actually and putting it into another." actively Haven Journal-Courier (Ind.) things the "wise all-around thing is to city life. They seldom hear of cancel the debt and forget it." while the Boston Transcript (Ind. Rep.) believes that "it may not be best to cancel entirecountry to go to the crowded centers, ly, but modifications of the interest paythere to light, flicker temporarily ents to a very low rate, with easy terms of payment, seem to have considerable advantages to those who have the nation's future prosperity at heart."

That it would be a mistake for the United States to yield to the policy tentatively proposed by Great Britain is argued by the Johnstown Democrat (Dem.) on the ground that if the "debts owed by the allied governments to the United States were forgiven" it would mean only "that by so much those governtheir imperialistic courses with growing armies, expanding navies and with per sistent preparations for that 'next war which the jingoes of all lands are promoting." Following this line of tendant stepped up to him. "You ment, the Chicago Tribune (Ind. Rep. millions of dollars in discriminatory can do your business over at that feels that "there should be no remission other window," said the latter, point- governments to go on playing the deon terms which will permit European ing. "It will save you time." The structive game of domestic politics and depositor thanked him and moved imperial adventure," in agreement with the Topeka Capital (Rep.) which that "to cancel the debt would simply possible resumption of the old diploto do. That's one reason I like to do matic game." In addition to being a "blow at the disarmament program," Haven Register (Ind.) feels that these loans are not repaid and the occasion should ever arise again for thes countries to borrow largely from Amer ica whether directly or through govern-

ment loans, they would find a mighty hard time in doing it." Curious Bits of Information Gleaned From Curious Places Caribou, says the "Handbook of Indians of Canada," published by the geographic board, is the common name of the North American reindeer, of which there are two chief species-the woodland caribou and the barren-ground caribou. The word came into the English from the French of Eastern Canada where it is old, the writer Sagard-Heodat using it in 1632, during the lifetime of Champlain. The origin of the word is Indians who inhabited what are now the maritime provinces. known as Micmacs. They had a word related to caribou, being the name of the deer, and it meant pawing or scratching, from the habit of the caribou pawing away the snow with its forelegs to find the food-chiefly moss-upon which it subsisted in winter. Formerly the word was often spelled cariboo, which name to the Cariboo district of British Columbia, famous for its gold mines.

Uncle Jeff Snow Says

It uster be, a long time ago, that people celebrated the New Year and Christmas the same day. That was fore Christmas was called after the Nazarene. Then they got to be a week apart and now they run into one an other, so's we have seven or eight days to celebrate 'stead of only one. Between A fifth of the preferred stock used and all that sort of thing—were it heap of chances fer a man or woman to buy the plants has been retired. not for the mosquitoes and flies.

eral new leaves and start off with good intentions. The shove that a whole week gives 'em had orter last 'em longer and carry 'em furder along to the time when we shall be one people on earth with jestice and liberty rulin, and charity, that doles out a little cold comfort and alms, changed into love that gives

Letters From the People

Concerning Attitude of Eastern Orego Toward Certain Portland Interests. Pendleton, Dec. 30 .- To the Editor The Journal—In a recent editorial in your paper the Multnomah county dele-gation in the legislature is blamed for the supposed ill feeling toward Port-be having pretty clear sailing despite our business "depression." your paper the Multnomah county delefrom Eastern Oregon I desire to say that we have been very well treated by your members of the legislature from Multnomah county and that there is upstate members. The 14 members who stood out in the senate against any tax for the fair upon the state as a whole had just as strong a mandate from their constituents to oppose the fair measure as the Multno-man delegation did to favor it. If there is any bitterness engendered by this fight in the legislature it is not upon our side. Our people were not only opposed to being taxed for the fair, but

election, as only a small percentage of the voters go to the polls and those favoring the questions involved make a special effort to vote, while the opposition is only passive. There is, however, considerable resentment in Eastern Oregon over the attitude of the Portland Chamber of commerce regarding freight rates, and also against the Portland exporters and grain buyers who have ignored both state and federal laws regarding the purchasing of grain. They have insisted upon buying grain, so-called "fair average type sample," which tests about 57 pounds to the bushel instead of the 60 pounds as provided by the federal grade for No. 1 wheat. We feel that the pro-

did not think the measures providing

for it should be submitted at a special

election. We well know that it is much

easier to put over anything at a special

ducer is entitled to this rakeoff, which the buyer is now getting. Another matter which has caused considerable disgust on the part of Eastern Oregon people is the asinine attitude of he Portland Chamber of Commerce on the question of designating a road this section that is of no benefit to us but which might bring trade to Portland from the state of Washington. Just why, at a time when Portland is try ing to get the state to take 1925 fair, your Chamber of Commerce to get the state to take over the should stir up a hornet's nest in the shape of the Umatilia-Wallula cutoff is beyond reason. However, I wish to state that if the proposed road had never been mentioned it would have made no difference in the opposition of this section to the fair tax. It is a question of Roy W. Ritner.

THE TRUCKMAN'S TAXES

Double Taxation on Roads Asserted. Excessive Taxation at All Events. Willamina, Dec. 31 .- To the Editor of Europe show some indications of the The Journal—Your editorial entitled "If capacity for self-help before committing a Hand-Me-Down," in The Journal of ourselves very deeply to the task of December 31, certainly hits the target, helpfulness," is the opinion of the Man-chester Union (Ind. Rep.). "Many re-thereof in this state make it almost prospected economists," comments the hibitive, especially on trucks and vehi-Providence Tribune (Ind. Rep.), "insist cles that earn the necessaries of life that cancellation must take place, at for their owners. In this vicinity a cerleast in part, sooner or later," since tain party owns a 2-ton Chevrolet truck some of the European countries can and used trailer. His license fee for 'never bring their inflated paper cur- 1922 is \$87, or about 51/2 per cent of also a tax on the gasoline he uses. If the streets day after day begging low Europe to pay us in the only manhe uses 500 gallons of gas, he pays a
ner possible, namely, with goods. There \$10 tax. which with \$2.50 chauffeur's tag, makes a total of \$12.50. Add this to the \$87 license and we have \$99.50, the other hand, the Descret (Salt Lake or 61/2 per cent of the value of his

The railroad companies are crying al the time about truck and bus competi-tion taking unfair advantage of them, as the railroads pay a tax to keep up the roads. Now the question arises as to whether or not the railroad companies pay a tax of 6% per cent on each \$1500 they have invested that goes for no purpose except for highway building in all of its phases.

Then the man who owns this truck must also pay his regular county, state, school, city, road and other taxes assessed against him on his real and per sonal property, so he is paying a road tax in two places, isn't he? Therefore, the question arises as to whether truck and automobile owners are deserving of so much of the criticism thrown their way. Personally, I think not, in view, especially, of the state laws governing loading capacity.

K. E. Shatterly.

PORTLAND AND UPSTATE Jealousy Denied; Tax Burden Given Anti-Fair Basis; Gazette-Times Reproved.

Union, Dec. 30 .- To the Editor of The Journal—I have read an article reprinted individual; he is an institution. from the Corvallis Gazette-Times in The use of such parases as "unreasonable saddler and farmer. ached kickers," as contained in this article, it might be passed by, notwithstandreferring to the article I am assuming I opposition is that a large majority of pia, in the harvest field. the taxpayers of Eastern Oregon feel that the limit has been reached in taxation. Farmers and stockmen all over Eastern Oregon are in a very bad condition financially, and by reason thereof merchants and business men are up against the real thing. Therefore, about all the taxpayers feel that retrenchment and not expansion is the need of the our. There is absolutely no truth in the proposition that there is any jealousy of Portland or hatred of Portland in Why should Eastern Oregon hate Portland, or wish to do anything injurious to Portland? Who is going to guarantee that a fair in Port-land in 1925 will benefit Portland or be of any great benefit to any other porsaid to be Micmac, the language of the tion of the state? But that is not the real question. The real question is, How more millions in tax burdens can be added to the already overburdened taxpayers without "killing the bird that ays the golden egg." If the utterance of the Corvallis newspaper is typical of the people of Corvallis it would seem to me that it was about time to remove one of the state's largest educational tions to some point in Eastern Oregon. suggest Pendleton as being the proper place for it. A newspaper in an educational town like Corvailis ought to be above vituperation and epithets. It ought to be exemplary in the matter of stating facts as well as in form of ex-

From the Cleveland Plain Dealer Congressman Campbell of Kansas pro-poses to limit the number of members of the house of representatives to 300. Fine! Now let Great Britain cut the commons to 300 and we'll allow Japan

COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE SIDELIGHTS "Nother triumph for peace! The ban congress has ended the "state war" between Cuba and Hungary.--bany Democrat. "Madeline to be sold," the paper says. Not a slave story—she's a boat. It still is dangerous business to try to make monkey business with some cops. Did you ever notice how easy it dispense cheap sympathy and how it is when it costs something be words?—Roseburg News-Review. There aren't any bells, it seems, on the fast bombs that are huried in riotous Belfast.

Sometimes a majority is not a ma-ority. Witness 15 state senators unable pass the world's fair gasoline tax bill wer the 14 who opposed it.—Polk Coun-The house proposes to push farm leg islation. Will the senate please join is on the chorus? Root plan on submarines strikes mag. Probably it was too deep mag. Probably it rooted, as it were.

When "the sun comes up like thunder outer China," cross the sea, we'll be the last to file complaint

now the Germans are sore because for eigners are coming in and buying Ger-man goods with German money that isn't worth anything.—Eugene Register The reporter who saw anow fiakes three inches in diameter yesterday is at least starting the new year enthusi-

It was expected that Oregon's float would take the cake at the Pasadena carnival, but assurances to that effect

"Country faces a better year," the is coming out of the period completeller of the currency avers that followed the war and the League of Nations, a but in the matter of happiness it will be manity is discarding the just another of many wonderful years.

—Salem Capital Journal.

. . .

While father is mourning over the general flatness of his pocketbook, he can look at his neektle rack and plan to make the assortment last till another Christmas.—Corvallis Gazette-Times. We'll never understand Germany, Jus

> Amy Lowell is said to be considerably put out because the Society of Arts and Sciences billed her as "poetess" instead of "poet." Doesn't Miss Lowell know when she is well off? Some critics don't apply either term to her. Grande Observer.

The Washington conference is a most hopeful sign, whether it does anything more than make a beginning in limiting armaments. It is a sign that the world is coming out of the period of reaction that followed the war and overwhelmed the League of Nations, a sign that hunter the street of the conference of the conferenc

MORE OR LESS PERSONAL

Random Observations About Town

John Bozarth, banker and realter from Bay City, is spending the mid-winter holidays in Portland. His brother, Scott Bozarth, formerly assistant postmaster at Salem, later manager of the Pacific Homestead, and still later in the real estate business in Portland, is now at Los Angeles and is recovering from a the stomach.

Wise of Astoria is dispensing handshakes smiles, greetings and his numerous friends and acquaintances in Portland.

Pat McArthur is shaking hands with old friends and splitting new rails for his political fences, in the lobby of the

Judge T. A. McBride, than whom no lawyer in Oregon is more learned in legal matters, is a guest of the Imperial. Mrs. Bob Klein and Mrs. Charles Clark of Enterprise are registered at bany are spending a few days in Portthe Imperial.

E. T. Halton, proprietor of the department store at Tillamook, is here on busi-C. E. Allen of Baker is a guest of the

Imperial. C. A. Harrington of Baker is a guest of the Hotel Imperial. J. K. Ford of Hot Lake is a busines

visitor to Portland. R. V. Freeman of Rood River is usiness visitor at Portland. W R Winters is down from La Granda

and is at the Imperial. Grace Fell from Corvallis is at the

Glenn D. Sheeley of Forest Grove is guest of the Portland. H. R. Edwards of Tillamook is in Port-

L. C. Thompson of Carlton is sojourn-D. L." Thompson of Innope, Alaska, registered at the Imperial.

Mrs. H. Miller of Chapman is at J. W. Lillie of Condon is a business risitor to Portland.

Guy S. Angsteek of Lakeview is at the Wilfred Allen of Grants Pass is

Portland on business. Rev. R. A. Hutchison of Oakland egistered at the Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Westbrook of Al bany are registered at the Imperial. Mr. Westbrook is the manager of the Albany hotel and is a delegate to the state Chamber of Commerce meeting. Eugene residents visiting in Portland

and Mrs. Walter B. Jones, F. B. Gabriel and Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Staples. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Oliver of Baker are spending a few days in Portland. Until recently Mr. Oliver was a resident of

nclude Lillian Godsey, Dan Clark, Mr.

N. J. Judah, one time city recorder of Salam and an old-time newspaper man at the Capital City and at Astoria, is a

Thomas P. Hughes of Sixes, an oldtime mining camp in Curry county, is a business visitor in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Woodward of Al-

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Brady of McMinn-

ville are stopping at the Seward. C. H. Clymer and Andy Walter of Hood River are at the Seward.

T. Webb of Clatskanie is a business visitor in Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ives of Salem are sojourning at the Imperial.

E. B. Hughes of Astoria is transacting

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Thompson of Monmouth are registered at the Imperial. B. F. Ford is down from Salem or

J. W. West of Hood River is a Portland visitor. Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Isley of Olex are

at the Imperial. D. A. Moseby of Silver Lake is a guest of the Imperial.

D. E. Stephens of More is in Portland on business. C. B. Olds of Grass Valley is at the

Mrs. A. W. Isbell and daughter Hood River are guests of the Seward. Charles F. Catlin of Fossil is registered at the Seward. J. L. Vosburg of Wheeler

at the Portland. Fleener Douglas and A. Folsom of Pendleton are guests of the Imperial.

"In October, 1855, our family left our

cabin and took refuge in a stockade

three miles distant, where we remained

"One of the things I look backward

to with a great deal of interest was the

"On December 21, 1886, at Salem,

married Miss Anna F. Riggs. I saw my

future wife for the first time on Octob

19, 1864, at her father's home in Eols

in Polk county? I was on my way

on foot from Salem to Monmouth. It

ask if I could have dinner. Her mother

asked me in, but my future wife, who

stopped here to get something to eat. did you? 'I certainly did,' I answered.

But whether you get it or not depends

upon how you vote, she said. 'Why, I

will vote right, of course,' I answered

about what is right, she said. I said,

'How do you folks vote?" She answered.

I will not tell you; I want to know

how you are going to vote without your knowing how we vote; that is, how my

father votes mother and I, of course, cannot vote. I hope we shall be able to,

some day.' I told her I was not quite

were old enough, whom would you vote for? I said, I would vote for Abraham

Lincoln for president of the United States.' She said, 'All right; you can

same, and as a matter of fact I did not

"We have six children living-one son

and five daughters. We have lost one

your dinner; you are going to vote I did not think to tell her my

There may be a difference of opin

pleasure I took when, once a year,

secured a new Sunday suit.

saw me

OBSERVATIONS AND IMPRESSIONS OF THE JOURNAL MAN

By Fred Lockley

A ploneer whose chief study in life is plo-neers is Mr. Lockiey's present subject. He tells the story of his coming to the Oregon country in 1853 and how he improved the shining hear in this great, new land of opportunity, how the romance of his life originated, and how he new the first issue of the New York Tribune to start, subscribed for it and received the first issue, and never missed an devotes his time to the preservation of issue until April 22, 1879, on which day he died. I will have to make an exception to this by saying, except while we were crossing the plains in 1853.

George H. Himes is more than an born at Troy, Pa., May 18, 1844. His Journal of December 29. Except for the father, Tyrus Himes, was a shoemaker, hatred that certain sluggish-livered up- Himes, "I became an expert pedestrian, until the following spring. At that staters have for Portland" and "everlast- as I walked six days a week for seven time father returned to Olympia, where livered to that creamery. home in Lafayette county, Illinois, to and mending shoes and boots. In 1866 tall institute at Weiser took fire a few ton county, Oregon Territory, in 1853, to his farm ing upstate kickers" and "ulcer-stom- months crossing the plains from our he continued his business of making ing many misstatements of fact. And in ton county, Oregon Territory, in 1853. to school three months went that "upstate" includes Eastern Oregon. each year from 1854 to 1859. The There has been considerable opposition school I attended was kept in a onein Eastern Oregon to the proposition that room log cabin five miles east of Olym-the state be taxed \$3,000,000 for the purpia. The first money I ever earned was pose of providing for the proposed 1925 in 1857. I worked on the farm of David fair at Portland. The real basis for this J. Chambers, four miles east of Olym-

> "After working 12 hours a day would go out and pick up all the heavy on foot from Salem to Monmouth. I heads of wheat that had been overlooked, which I was allowed to keep for myself. That was the first year that a threshing machine had operated in the Puget Sound region. After the my gleanings and secured a bushel of excellent wheat. Mr. Chambers saw it and oticed what plump, fine kernels wheat they were. He offered me 5-dollar gold piece for it for seed whe I accepted his offer before he could change his mind. He planted that bushel of wheat in 1858 on a half-acre of sandy cam that had been used for corral, and from it he reaped 38 bushels

"As a boy I learned to be an expert woodsman, being able to fell trees by the time I was 15 in an expeditious and nined by the time I was 13 years old me a printer. On June 10, 1261, I did my first day's work on a news-paper, working for John M. Murphy on the Washington Standard. I learned to set type, and worked for him until the spring of 1884. In March, 1864, I came to Portland. I had \$2 in my pocket when I arrived. I landed a job as com-positor on the Oregonian on March 18, 1864, and worked there till June 2, 1865. Although I had been earning \$30 a week on the case, I went to work in a job office for \$12 a week, as I preferred day Although I had been earning \$30 a week on the case, I went to work in a job office for \$12 a week, as I preferred day work to night work.

"My father, who was a Whig, had subscribed for Horace Greeley's paper, the New Yorker, in March, \$834. In 1880 he subscribed for Greeley's paper,

The Oregon Country thwest Happenings in Brief Form for the

OREGON

George Arn ploneer, is dea pital, aged 88. The Winter fair, held at Ashiand, De-cember 7-10, cleared \$230, the expenses being \$1550 and the receipts \$1510.

The net amount to be raised by taxa-tion in Tillameok county this year is \$560,783.70. Roads and highways call for \$207,000.

Extremely heavy loads will be kept off certain roads in Lane county, ac-according to an order just made by the county court. G. M. Rice, president of the First National bank, is now president of the Pen-dleton Progressive Business club. The new secretary is E. F. Averill.

The packing of the season's crop of pears and apples in the Gold Hill district was completed last week. The total shipments will amount to 100 carloads. Three bridges in Marion county which were washed out as a result of the heavy rains a few weeks ago, are to be replaced immediately. The cost will asgregate \$10,000.

Oakridge, the terminus of the Natron extension of the Southern Pacific lines, has again been made an agent station. Traffic on the branch is said to be in-

reasing rapidly. Work at the Continental mine in the Granite district in Grant county will con-tinue all winter. High grade ore is being aken from the stopes in preparation for hipping to the amelter.

William Reed and Dorothy Tinker, popular Ashland young people, were married last Wednesday by A. C. Howlett, 87 years old, and said to be the oldest minister in Oregon.

Among the many improvements and new enterprises outlined for Jacksonville in the near future is the old U. S. hotel, which is soon to pass into the hands of experienced hotel people.

The new Oregon auto law, passed by the session of the legislature last win-ter, will be tested in the courts, in an endeavor to have it declared unconstitu-tional, by Attorney Lindas of Medford. William A. Douglas of Gold Hill, who

acquired the Bina Danielson gold quarts mine three years ago, has completed a 125-foot drift into the main ledge of the mine, uncovering a large body of ore. Rev. William Johnson and wife celebrated their sixty-fifth wedding anniver-sary at Ashland last week. Tears ago Rev. Johnson was associated with the noted Moody and Sankey evangelistic work.

Organization of a horticultural and agricultural bureau, which will be an in-tegral part of the Wasco County-Dalles Chamber of Commerce, was effected last week at a mass meeting of farmers and citizens at The Dalles.

WASHINGTON

Coyotes are becoming so numerous in the Pullman section that a big drive is planned for the near future by citizens and farmers. W. J. Hays of Takima has declined the position of director of business con-trol of state, recently offered him by

Governor Hart. Walla Walla county's apple crop for the 1921 season will approximate 1800 carloads, according to a statement of the county horticulturist.

Auto stages and freight trucks have been barred from that section of the In-land Empire highway within the boun-daries of Whitman county.

The body of a man found frozen in the ice covering a mill pond at Seattle was identified as that of Jack Jacobson, a resident of Kerrison, Wash.

Washed into South bay channel when a big wave overturned his boat last Thursday, Harry Stout, in charge of the ferry at Aberdeen, nearly lost his life. Esther Mauch, nine years old, died at Spokane Saturday from injuries she re-ceived when a sled on which she was coasting collided with a telephone pole. The home of Father J. E. O'Brien, a Catholic priest at Olympia, was entered by burgiars a few nights ago and his trousers, a watch and \$45 in cash stolen. Tom Hirota, six years old, is dead

charge of a gum in the hands of Leonard Peterson, 12. Grain inspection by state inspectors at terminal points is a benefit to shippers but not to growers, according to facts brought out at a meeting of grain grow-ers in Walla Walla last week.

at a hospital in Auburn as the result of wounds caused by the accidental dis-

With the closing of the holiday season, hundreds have been added to Seattle's army of unemployed. It is now esti-mated that there are 10,000 in the city out of work.

A complete still and 25 gallons of whiskey were confiscated at Walla Walla last week by Sheriff Springer and his deputies, and Bert H. Carson, said to be the owner, stood by while the sheriff poured the moonshine into a sink.

IDAHO

Depositors of the First National bank of Wendell, closed two weks ago, have nearly completed plans for reopening the bank.

Work is being continued this winter on drainage operations which eventually will reclaim 4000 acres of farm land just west of Bonners Ferry. Lionel, 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mm. A. H. Reed, who live near Collister,

was fatally injured when he was struck by an automobile driven by M. A. See-ley of Boise. Police at Twin Falls are searching for two Mexicans alleged to have held up and robbed three railroad workers of pay checks and cash amounting to \$80.

Patrons of the Payette Cooperative creamery have just been paid a dividend of two cents a pound additional to what they have already received on cream de-

department on the upper floor. The loss is quite heavy. Arthur W. Blomquist, who was drowned while duck hunting near Ta-coma two weeks ago, was a resident of Shelley, Idaho, where his parents are living. He was a graduate of the Inter

OFFICIAL ENGLISH

Mountain institute at Weiser.

From the Washington Post How to employ in official documents good English that will express the exact great poser. Statesmen are not always the best exponents of English undefiled. You One finds it difficult to conceive how any man with a true sense either of etymology or of the correct meaning and usage of words could have written Ar-ticle I of the four-power treaty as it now stands. It is obvious that "the high themselves to respect their rights" should be "the high contracting parties agree as among themselves to respect one another's righta." This distinction in phraseology is quite important. The use of the expression "their rights" implies that the United States, for example, agrees necessary proceeding.

How, then, secure the end in view? By employing experts in the use of lan-guage? Alas, no! It might help somewhat, but the experts themselves are almost as liable as anyone else to be guilty of vagueness when faced with the task of composing a door which shall stand every test and leave no loophole for ambiguity or doubt

OR IS IT HORACE GREELEY? Mr. Wells is now so famous that almost everybody knows that his first tame is Herbert-or is it Henry?

AN IDEAL RATIO

From the New York Post