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ASTORIA, OREGON: AUGUST IL. HS FRIDAT "AWARDING" AND "GIVING."

The managers of the New Orleans exposition evidently think that the meaning of words is purely a matter of private judgment, They awarded a good many gold medals, among others one to M. J. Kinney for Columbia river salmon. Now, most folks consider that when a medal or a prize or a premium is "awarded," that the make of his position. The judge is a awarding implies the giving of it, and ripe scholar; but there is a stage subthat in time the award will arrive. sequent to ripeness that while not But our New Orleans friends interpret English differently. They seem ant. It is great to have a giant's

They have written to various parties to whom the "award" of a gold medal had been made, kindly informing them that the medals "awarded" \$89 in currency the "award" would be forwarded. If a thing like that happened in another locality it would be "a Yankee trick," but under the suppose that the gentlemen who have the "awarding" and "giving" of the prizes at the New Orleans exposition differ from the rest of mankind in definition of English words.

COST OF GOVERNING EUROPE.

LEWIS APPLETON has just published a carefully considered article, in got their printing. which he deals with the national expenditure of all the European constries, including such small ones as Montenegro, Denmark, Greece and Servia. The information which he gives in a tabulated form reveals the astounding fact that the total annual largest annual expenditure is by Russia, the amount being \$230,512,500. France comes next with \$168,653,915, and for the same purpose there are expended by Great Britain and Ireland \$155,603,772-a good third. Compared with this the expenditures of the others, even Germany, considering the magnitude of the army which that nation has to support, looks very small.

The expenditure of the German empire on its army and navy amounts to \$113,123,745. Austria, including Hungary, spends on its armies and navies \$67,068,975. Italy spends a little over \$60,000,000. The remainder are much smaller, being Spain, \$31,250,000, Turkey, \$27,500,000, and Holland \$17,590,000

Large though the expenditure on debts of these countries is still larger, of \$1,037,159,175. France has the largest debt of all, the amount being

\$4,800,000,000, involving the annual payment for interest of \$272,000,000. On the \$3,799,000,090 of debt on the British empire, almost \$150,000,000 is being paid annually as interest. The debt of Russia is of less amount, being \$3,017,500,000 involving the annual payment for interest of \$165,-000,000. Germany, with its \$1,500,-000,000 of debt, pays only for interest \$67,500,000. The total amount of the national debt for all the European countries reaches the astonishing figure of \$23,012,500,000.

THERE is one necessary element of prosperity that a good many residents of Astoria and Clatsop county seem to lack. It is something without which we cannot prosper as a community. It may be defined in general as a love of the soil. There is a hopeful feeling, a determination to have and acquire, an ideal of present or future comfort, au intent to be somebody, to have a home and some material possessions that should fill the mind of every man under seventy years of age. Not to have all this somewhere else, but right here, for this is as good a place as any and in many respects superior. There is too much of that "don't care" about doing business and getting along that Bar-room, Office. bodes no good to the future development and welfare of this community The love of the soil, the public spirit that makes a man realize that there are other people in this world beside himself; the glow of genenthusiasm that impels erons him to go in for what is for the public banefit without turning it over in his mind for three weeks to see "is there anything in it for me," these are essentials if we are going to amount to anything. It is easy to find fault with each other, easy to pick holes in each other's character, disposition, motives and ways of doing-and just as easy and vastly more profitable to stand together and utilize and apply the opportunities with which nature has enriched this place