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### THE ROBIN.

When first the willow catkins show And water elms put on a veil golden glory and the flow Of maple sap in trough or pail With merry drip and tinkle

The pulses leap, the fancies throng. Then robin comes at dawn and

wakes And gladdens all the world with song.

High on the cherry tree he tunes His voice to many a winsome

Or in the long, sweet afternoons Till sunset sings his soul away. Best bird and wise, no idle

praise Nor foolish blame disturbs his

Content he weaves divinest lays Or toils at humble love's be

We crown him laurente of our We welcome his returning

wings. And dream of joy's beatitudes Whene'er the vernal robin

Benjamin S. Parker.

### IT IS CONTAGIOUS.

According to statistics which have way association, the present year will be a record breaker in the matter of good roads work in this country. In twenty-eight states provision has already been made for spending this season the enormous total of \$61,- ligation would be discharged. 000,000 on public highway improvements, which is pretty good proof that all the good road agitation during recent years has not been in vain. And one of the surprising features of the situation is the fact that while eastern states will invest heavily in servation of the writer a case simi- liar care is necessary. Refreshment road work this year, some of the lar to the one now confronting Dal-stands and candy and fruit stores are middle states will actually lead them las. A county seat town failed to running full blast and many people in this movement. Of course it is true that as a rule the western states holding a fair, and a less populous citizen should be as ashamed to east although many members of congress are behind in this line of improvement, but the generous appropriations now being made indicate their intention to eateh up with the older settled sections of the country, and to do so as soon as possible.

A good many people have the idea that New York leads in highway appropriations but as a matter of fact ulate themselves if they could get it ing your chickens before they are so far as this year is concerned it back at ten times the price originally hatched, but it cannot be denied that will have to take second place. Iowa asked. There can be no logical ar- the prospects at the present time are leads all with an appropriation of gument against the county fair, here favorable to the verification of this \$7,310,000, while New York will spend or elsewhere, provided it is conducted prophecy. The official report of the this year only \$6,000,000. Minnesota along the lines for which it is in-government has estimated a probable ranks third with \$5,672,000. And attended. The Observer believes, with yield of 630,000,000 bushels of winter of a mother. It is not childish; it clined to listen to the appeal. though some people seem to think its present knowledge of the situation, that the proposed bonds should held and the spring wheat crop does to 'mother' things is just another. reekless and extravagant in its highway expenditures, it occupies a very modest place in this year's list and is led by several other states not

modesn highways than any other part lean war and the closing of the Te- poses. The average annual conof the country, yet the people below huantepee railroad, a large quantity the Mason and Dixon line evidently of freight has been diverted to the this country is about seven bushels are waking up. In counties in south- Panama route and the Panama rail- per person, which would indicate that tator Huerta. And it would cause no ern states where the roads have been road has been literally swamped by about 700,000,000 bushels would amput in first-class condition property the offering of shipments. To re- ply supply the home needs. And if has increased in value to a remark- lieve the congestion it has been ar- the total should amount to a billion able degree and the farmers have be- ranged to ship much of this freight bushels there would remain for excome more prosperous through being through the canal in barges, and long port as much as 300,000,000 bushels, able to get their produce to the big strings of the latter are now being which alone would afford a fine busmarkets readily. In these counties towed through the canal. no longer does fruit rot on the fed to hogs or cows because it takes largest boats through the canal, altoo much time and trouble to hand though dredging operations are still the shipment of gold in this direction, them to market over almost impass- in progress, and this work would be as of course this would be only one able roads. This has opened the interfered with if the canal should item of our exports. eyes of the southerners. North Car- now be opened to all commerce. olina, a state that is considered far Moreover, there is a prudent desire to from rich, will spend this year no take no chances of eausing further

returns.

#### THE FAIR BONDS.

While The Observer may not be surrounding the proposition to issue 75 which to permanently locate the coun-40 ty fair, generally speaking it heartily up hill if it follows the course deid endorses the measure, believing Dallas to be the logical place for the statement. annual exhibit and that it should provide ample accommodations therefor. Although the immediate disand the development of these may be materially bettered through comparison of exhibits and discussions by those engaged in these particular lines of endeavor at a common gath-

would be incurred through this pur- leavings. uation of the city's property, or has no community spirit. This af-eighty cents additional the first year feets the minds of all who -pass are not satisfied with the stand taken of the building. Federal, state and county aid was favored—Federal aid on every \$100 of taxes paid. The ana period of ten years when the ob-

It is feared that unless the opporlamity should be averted. There re- that the town is slack and slovenly. cently came under the personal obinducements to cause its removal parlor rug at home. from the seat of justice. From a small beginning five years ago that fair has become one of the acknowledged institutions of Southern Oregon, and those people who permitted it to get away would now congratbe voted.

# PANAMA CANAL IN USE.

The Panama canal is already in accrops. so rich, populous and progressive as tual operation, according to reports, although not yet formally dedicated give this nation a large surplus of The south, of course, has fewer and opened. As a result of the Mex-

It is stated that in case of a pinch and also would mean an excellent

thus spent should constitute a good Chrazilian river with skepticism. mingled with a suspicious amount of ridicule. There is evident malice in + some of their comment, compelling + the inference that they recall the colonel's severity on alleged nature + horoughly familiar with conditions fakers. They insist that the unknown stream brought to publicity + bonds for the purchase of grounds on by the colonel must cross many other charted streams and that it must run + scribed in the explorer's preliminary .

In proof of their contentions they . point to maps which have long been . accepted as authoritative. Being exbursement to assure its permanency pert geographers they resent an inhere may seemingly be large, it is an vasion of their domain by the great Telephone Main 19 investment that the people of this specialist on things in general, things community cannot overlook. The re- past, things present and things to turns will be many fold within a come. Too much of professional hoscomparatively few years, not only tility appears in their strictures. from a financial standpoint but an They would be more effective if they educational standpoint as well. Dal- assumed a pretense of an open mind las is largely dependent upon the ag- and were more mildly skeptical. But ricultural, horticultural and dairying the colonel will accept the challenge. industries of the contiguous territory, What he will do to the armehair geographers will be a-plenty.

### EVERYBODY SHOULD HELP.

Every good citizen should do his + share toward keeping the streets of ering such as is made possible through Dallas free from unsightly litter, and a county fair. Polk county enjoys an he also should pass the word along + enviable reputation throughout the to his careless neighbor when the Pacific Coast country for its products latter shows symptoms of forgetfulas well as its productiveness, and no ness. No matter how active the opportunity for still further advance- street cleaning department may be. + Those public-spirited citizens who the thoroughfares of a city never look + advanced the money to hold the pro- tidy and decent unless there exists + posed site until such time as Dallas in the minds of the citizens them. felt financially able to take it over, selves a spirit of neatness, and they 🕈 if they do not wish to conare, in our opinion, deserving of put this idea to constant practice. + commendation. They profit nothing The tendency to litter up streets with by the transaction, except in the paper bags, hand-bills, scraps of pa- ♦ til express notice with paysame measure that every other citi- per, etc., seems to grow. The boys \* ment of all arrearage is sent zen profits. The property in question and girls are often the most flagrant was purchased for \$300 per acre, offenders in this respect, but they are which, considering the fact that it not the only ones. Some people even \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* \$6. It is evident, then, that it re- (young roosters) for breeders, and at is practically in the city, may rightly take on lordly manner in scattering be termed cheap, and it is their pur- waste around. They seem to think relish the prospect not a little bit. B's gains. "To him that hath shall nonproducers. Let us at least make pose to turn it over to Dallas with an official duty rests on someone to They know it is going to make trouble be given, but to him that hath not the most of what we possess. pose to turn it over to Dallas with-out advance. The additional tax that follow them around and pick up their for them, whichever way they vote, hath."

fifths of one mill on the assessed valparks give the impression that a place going to be difficult to smooth out the declaring money for all road-building. May, to be known among purposes should be paid at the time raisers as "Rooster Day." The constituents who of the building. Federal, state and sell or confine the "rooster." through, and makes a place look un- by their particular representative. nual decrease would be one-tenth for attractive to people who might settle here. The automobile traffic places eyery town on dress parade. Our home people, as well as strangers, tunity now offered to secure a site is pass daily through the streets. They taken advantage of the fair may go pass judgment on the place. If it is elsewhere, and such a possible ca-disorderly, they circulate the story

The summer is a time when pecuprovide adequate accommodations for cast the debris into the gutters. A neighbor came forward with sufficient refuse into his street as to spit on his

## A MILLION BUSHELS.

A billion bushel wheat crop for this ventured by some of the optimists Of course, this is something like countin the aggregate yield of the two

A billion bushels of wheat would sumption of wheat by the people of iness for railroads and ship lines, purchases abroad, and even call for news.

## THE PROHIBITION ISSUE.

LAWS GOVERNING SUB-SCRIPTIONS.

Most readers of newspapers are not familiar with the laws governing subscriptions. Here are the decisions of the United States Court on the subject.

"Subscribers who do not give express notice to the contrary are considered as wishing to renew their subscrip-

"If 'the subscribers order a discontinuance of their publieation the publisher may continue to send them until all

"If the subscriber refuses to take periodicals from the post office to which they are directed he is responsible until he has settled his bill and ordered the paper discontinued.

"If subscribers move to other places without informing the publisher and the papers are sent to the former address, the subscriber is held responsible.

"The courts have held that refusing to take periodicals from the postoffice or removing and leaving them uncalled for is prima facie evidence of intention to defraud.

"If subscribers pay in advance, they are bound to give tinue taking it, otherwise the subscriber is responsible unto the publisher."

to the state, state aid to the county

The democratic leaders of the house and county aid to the district. of course understand this fully, but they evidently have grown tired of favored, with a rebate except on dethe use of the prohibition issue as a linquencies. A constitutional amendment for county commission governbludgeon, and they therefore propose to take the plunge and have the question disposed of. The terror grows no less with those members who have been on both sides of the question, for they at last have reached a point where they must show their real colors. And possibly it is ATTRACTIONS ARE NUMEROUS. just as well to have this show-down, would like to avoid it if they could

## GIRLS AND DOLLS.

Mrs. Charlotte Perkins Gilman, who manages to provoke comment, and

of a mother. It is not childish; it is abnormal. That love of little girls to 'mother' things is just another club Wednesday night, after all parties interested had been heard, on proof that with a woman her sex premotion of Mr. Miller, a committee.

At a meeting of the Commercial club Wednesday night, after all parties interested had been heard, on motion of Mr. Miller, a committee.

Nicklin, McMinnville; Mrs. Mary bushel mark may easily be reached proof that with a woman her sex predominates.

be, paradoxically speaking, denatured by nature, but the horms predominate. It will always be so.

Evidently the storm is fast gathering about the devoted head of Diegreat surprise at any time to hear that he has decided to join that other illustrious exite, Porfirio Diaz, in First Street Entertainment of Sum-"gay Parce."

The farmers are busy with their erops these days, but of course this der the directorship of B. A. Downdoes not prevent them from keeping ey. A splendid program has ground and no longer are vegetables it would be possible to send even the line of foreign credit, to pay for our up with polities and the latest "war" prepared for the occasion, and the

> And still more street improvements, says the council.

part of the benefit it had expected to derive from the completion of this KILL OR SELL ROOSTERS great enterprise.

Someone remarks that Colonel Roosevelt has never yet jumped from the Brooklyn bridge or gone over Ni-• agara falls in a barrel. It is not · exactly fair, however, to tempt him · by calling his attention to such over-+ sights.

should be thankful for: This is the open season for pienies.

# STATE GRANGE SESSION

(Continued from Page 1) treasurer. Mary S. Howard, of Mulino, was re-elected secretary. The sterile or infertile, and do not decay. Other officers are: Lecturer, Mrs. E. A. Burd; overseer, J. Huffman, New Era; steward, M. P. Young, Clatskanie; assistant steward, Charles Hayes; chaplain, Cyrus H. Walker, Forest Grove; gatekeeper, C. C. Boreland; Ceres, Mrs. M. Reed; Pomona, Mrs. Rath Mihills, Grants Pass; Flora, Mrs. G. A. Sargent, Wasco; L. A. S., Mrs. E. R. Allen, of Josephine county.

sephine county. discuss the new tax law. On this Mr. the farmers would once realize how

Blanchard said: 'Suppose that A. B and C repre- allowing the roosters to run

leavings.

In the polity Department of the United States Government of the United States Gover According to statistics which have chase would amount to only four-been gathered by the American High-fifths of one mill on the assessed val-parks give the impression that a place going to be difficult to smooth out the purposes should be paid at the time raisers as "Rooster Day." Then kill,

Semi-annual payment of taxes was

ment was favored Abolition of all fish and game laws was emphatically recommended and a desire expressed that all hatcheries be discontinued. Abolishing all useless boards and commissions was recom-

Carnival Company Will Precede Chautauqua By a Week.

The announcement that the Pollow

& McClalland Carnival company had booked into Dallas for the week of booked into Dallas for the June 16 created some little stir among Commercial club members and the Dallas hand on Wednesday, these orountry this year is a prediction being may perhaps aim at that as much ganizations believing that this amuseas at anything else, is quoted as fol-ment would injure attractions to ap-pear under their respective auspices "Little girls should not be allowed to play with dolls and call them their babies. Whether it is done instincto withdraw from the field until babies. Whether it is done instinc-tively or in imitation of their own mothers, they should not play house and preceding the hand's carnival by mothers, they should not play house and preceding the band's carnival by and put their 'children' to bed, nor and preceding the band's carnival by secretary, Mrs. Ora Cosper, of Dalharbor any of the emotions or duties perfected his arrangements and deported by the secretary of the long. Mrs. Eda Jacobs, Portland; trustee of the home, Mrs.

> ties interested had been heard, on Nicklin, McMinn motion of Mr. Miller, a committee Donnelly, Condon. dominates.
>
> It is a rather uphill business to try ident Guy, who presided, to confer to denature the sex. Individuals may with the city council relative to its rescinding an order giving the carnival company use of streets. committee is composed of Messrs, Milclares his company will appear here on the home grounds. The Sheridan on June 16-20, and is advertising manipulators are said to be strong,

## BAND CONCERT TOMORROW.

mer Promises Well.

The first band concert of the sum-mer season will be held in the publie square next Saturday evening promoters of this entertainment are desirous that the band boys, who are ever generous with the public, should be given a cordial reception from a numerical standpoint. That appreci-Albany must be recovering. It announces a Rose carnival for June 3. King." by F. J. St. Clair; one step.

"Tango Tokio and Sailing Down The Clair, the Rose," by Wells & Rots. less than \$5,000,000 on good roads, while little Maryland will spend \$3,700,000.

The time is coming when this country will be as celebrated for its fine highways as is France. Thousands of miles of good roads will be built in the United States within the unit in the United States within the next twelve months, and the money of Col. Roosevelt's discovery of a representative is said to reveal of representatives is said to reveal the fact that the Hobson bill calling the fact that the Hobson bill calling to pening of the canal, so that nothing the fact that the Hobson bill calling to pening of the canal, so that nothing the fact that the Hobson bill calling to pening of the canal, so that nothing the fact that the Hobson bill calling to pening of the canal, so that nothing the fact that the Hobson bill calling to pening of the canal, so that nothing the fact that the Hobson bill calling to pening of the canal, so that nothing the fact that the Hobson bill calling to pening of the canal, so that nothing the fact that the Hobson bill calling to pening of the canal, so that nothing the fact that the Hobson bill calling the fact that the Hobson bill calling to pening of the canal, so that nothing the fact that the Hobson bill calling to pening of the canal, so that nothing the fact that the Hobson bill calling to pening of the canal, so that nothing the fact that the Hobson bill calling to pening of the canal, so that nothing the fact t

EXPERT SAYS THEY COST COUN-TRY \$15,000,000 A YEAR.

Government Employe Warns All Poultry Men to Curb Mating in

An appeal to poultry raisers to kill, sell or confine roosters after May 23, Here's one more thing Polk county has been issued by W. H. Rickey of Lexington, state agent in poultry club work of the United States Department of Agriculture.

"Because roosters are allowed to run with laying hens during warm weather," he says in a circular letter, \*\$15,000,000 worth of eggs are lost C. E. Spence, of Oregon City, was re-elected master of the State Grange at the annual election here today. There was a keen interest throughout poultry are earnestly asked and urged the election, with several candidates to kill or sell all matured males or to kill or se to the farmers throughout the Unifor the principal positions. H. Hirsch-berg, of Independence, was chosen as treasurer. Mary S. Howard, of Mu-that are laid by hens not mated are

phine county.
E. E. Blanchard was called upon to unfit for market. If the wives of much money they practically lose by sent the three methods of payment layers, they would immediately stop and that each was based upon \$100. the practice. Not one egg more is On this basis A saves 3 per cent reproduced with a male running with bate, or \$3. C, not being able to a flock of hens than without one, pay anything, loses 12 per cent interest on \$100 for six months, or \$6. as breeders, it is far better to dis-+ Had B been paying the same interest pose of them at the end of the breed-. as C he, too, would have paid out \$3, ing season and replace them with the but not being called to do so, B younger stock the following spring. saved \$3. It will thus be seen that If we follow this plan we can always A gives \$3, B gains \$3, and C lost have good, strong, vigorous cockerels

"In order to have concerted action

# HONOR DALLAS WOMAN

AGAIN CHOSEN STATE SECRE-TARY OF REBEKAHS.

Judge Galloway Chosen Head State Oddfellows Body at

The four-day convention of the state grand lodge of Oddfellows end-ed yesterday at McMinnville. The grand lodge officers were elected and installed in their new offices. cuit Judge William Galloway, of Salem, formerly of that place, was chosen grand master; John F. Hall, deputy grand master; E. E. Sharon, grand secretary, and O. D. Doane, grand treasurer. The following officers were appointed: J. S. Fine, grand marshal; Robert Miller, grand ductor; A. J. Howell, grand guardian; A. Arbuckles, grand herald; D. S. Young, grand chaplain,

Taylor, grand representative. The following officers were chosen by the Rebekahs at their closing ses-

## BETTER BALL PROMISED.

The Sheridan is coming Sunday, reinforced by several of McMinnville's special artists, and Manager Sibley is confident of a more interesting game ler, Miles and Patterson. Notwith-standing this opposition Mr. Smith de-of ball than has recently been played on the home grounds. The Sheridan but for this occasion they have drafted additional strength from their county seat town. ley is giving it to the fans wrong trouble is bound to follow," says one of the most enthuiastic enthusiasts.

#### MOUNTAIN VIEW. Mr. J. Stewart has bought a no

The Popeorn and Mountain View

chools close Friday, May 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Stearns entertained guests from Salem several days last

Mr. Fry is building a house on his place.

Mrs. Miller of Greenwood has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Koehn. The Parent-Teachers' elub will meet for the last time Friday even-