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OREGON WEATHER

Showers; cooler Thursday; + moderate southerly winds. ++++++++++++++++

THE NEW CONGRESS

The nation rejoices at the convocation of the new congress as much as it rejoiced at the expiration of the old. May this body profit by the experience of its predecessor!

There are big tasks to be done. most of which ought to have been army, a questionnaire was submitted finished long ago. First of all, there to 1,440 enlisted men at Camp Deare appropriation measures absolutely necessary for the payment of war bills, the preservation of the national credit and the easing of an intolerable situation in the federal treasury. Then there are reconstruction measures, foremost among which is the land reclamation plan of Secretary Lane, intended primarfly to provide jobs and homes for soldiers. There will be the question of ratifying the great peace treaty. There will be no lack of important

There should be no repetition of either of the evils which marred the record of the last congress-neglect of vital measures by the majority and obstructive filibusters by the minority. The party roles are reversed now, but that does not necessarily insure a reversal of procedure. Politicians will be politicians, regardless of national obligations or the permanent welfare of their own party. And this is a time when any neglect of duty by either the republican majority or the democratic minority will certainly be observed and punished by the great public which is the arbiter between the parties and the master of both

It is largely upon the record of either party earns the condemnation of the great body of critical and uncontrol of congress two years hence.

A CARELESS SPENDER

rational business methods by congress is somewhat better than usual. The Chamber of Commerce of the United States has strongly urged a budget system for appropriations. Myer, secretary. and many of the more progressive congressmen express themselves as favorable to the plan.

Certainly it is high time for such a reform. The need has always been great. At a time when congress was spending about \$1,000,000,000 a year, Senator Aldrich estimated that by business-like methods in the legislative and administrative de partments \$300,000,000 a year could be saved. Last year enough billions were voted to make even a Wal Street banker dizzy. There is no expectation of the annual expenditure falling below \$4,000,000,000 for several years.

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departments and the pork-barrel methods of more than 50 congressional committees, without any serlous attempt, from start to finish to harmonize and adjust the various claims on the treasury and avoid duplication and waste.

Uncle Sam is the biggest spender in the world. Maybe he doesn' spend any too much money at that; but he certainly ought to get more for what he does spend. And he never will until the administration, house and senate take their cue from private corporations and put their spending on a business basis.

PRIVATES APPROVE OF ARMY

In order to get the view of the men themselves on conditions in the

The men were of all the different elements of which the enlisted life of the army is composed, good, bad and indifferent. They had not seen overseas service, but had spent months in training, and their point of view is valuable as expressing the attitude of the average man toward military training.

be dissatisfied with the service, 89.5 per cent of the men stated that in some way they had been benefitted by army life. Seventy-nine per cent were glad of the training, both for military training; 8 per cent oppose it; 4 per cent expressed no opinion.

REBEKAHS HOLD 12TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

The 12th annual Rebekah convention of District No. 13, met at Grants Pass on Tuesday, May 13, representatives from four lodges being present. The meeting convened at 2 p. this congress that the next presiden- m., and in the absence of the chairtial campaign will be decided. If man and vice-chairman, Mrs. Nellie Perl, of Medford, was elected chairman, and Mrs. Alice Ulrich, of Jacksonville, vice-chairman. Mrs. M. E. trammeled citizens, it can have no Abbott, of Jacksonville, was secrehope of either the presidency or the tary. Mrs. Jeanie Burke, state president of the Rebekah assembly, and Mrs. Sarah Clevenger, past president, were introduced and welcomed. Past President Mary Smith was also The outlook for the adoption of present later in the afternoon.

After the regular routine of business, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Mrs. Alice Ulrich, chairman, Mrs. Nellie Perl, vice-chairman, and Mrs. Anna

Dinner was served at 6:30, after which a social time was enjoyed, until the evening program. Mrs. Burke gave the address of welcome, which was ably responded to by Mrs. Perl. A piano duet by the Misses Anna and Flora Schmidt and readings by Mrs. Sam Baker were very much appreci-"Break o' Day" was very

beautifully sung by Mrs. Guy Knapp. At the close of the program, Mrs. Burke, in behalf of Etna Rebekah lodge, presented to Mrs. Alice Mallory a Rebekuh pin, as a token of appreciation of her unselfish and untiring efforts in lodge work and her loyal devotion to its principles.

The next annual convention of this district will be held at Jackson-

The following visitors attended the convention: Mr. and Mrs. Ulrich and Mrs. M. E. Abbott, of Jackthe grab-bag policy of administrative Mrs. Anna Myer, of Ashland; Mrs.

Dannell and rs. Ada Judson, of Med-

national forests by army airplanes new and unique business of dealing to give early warning of fires de- in pebbles may be developed in veloping in the forests will begin Alaska. June 1, according to arrangements completed with the war department by the forest service, United States department of agriculture. On the WILL TRY TO PROVE same day observations covering forest will be begun from a captive balloon stationed over the army bal loon school near Arcadia, Cal.

Two routes of airplane patrol work will be operated from March Field, 12 miles southeast of Riverside. Cal. Two planes will be used on each route, the routes will each be approximately 100 miles long. and each route will be covered twice a day.

This will be the beginning of ex-

Although 50 per cent of the ques-tionnaires went to men supposed to

government denies that it has depatriotic reasons and because they cided to surrender former Emperor the various authorities. Some of the felt it of distinct benefit in other William. It contends that the quesways. Eighty-eight per cent favor tion at present concerns only Ger many and the allies.

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ILLINOIS PEBBLES SHIPPED TO ALASKA

Janeau, Alaska, May 14. For the production of gold ore from quartz, few persons realize that pebbles are used, and that these pebbles in the past have been brought all the way from Illinois by rall to Scattle and then by boat to Juneau.

The publies are required for grinding-the ore as it comes from the crushers of the quarts mill. At one time an Alaska mining company got its pebbles in Norway, the oregrinding process requiring a very hard pebble. Now, however, a contract has been given to a Juneau man to furnish the company with 25 tons of pebbles not less than two and one-half inches in diameter and not over four inches. The contractor intends to bring the pebbles from Lituya Bay. To get them out, it will be necessary to construct a 12-mile

The Lituya pebbles have been used before at the Chichagoff mills and their flint-like qualities are said to have made them very satisfactory. Should they meet the requirements Washington, May 14 .- Patrol of operators of this district believe a

St. Clemens, Mich., May 14, When on June 23, 1916, the Chicago Daily Tribune referred to Henry Ford, the Detroit manufacturer, as an "anarchist" it did not use the term in the sense of a bomb thrower or anihilist, according to Attor ney Elliott C. Stevenson.

Mr. Stevenson, one of the counsel perimnetal work in which the adapt- for the Chicago Tribune, which is beability of aircraft to forest patrol ing sued here for \$1,900,000 damwork is to be thoroughly tried out. ages by Mr. Ford on a charge of libel, made this assertion to the talesmen in the jury box in explanation of questions he and his associates were about to ask them in regard to their fitness to serve as jurors.

"It is our purpose to prove that Mr. Ford is an anarchist," said Mr. Stevenson. He then read from court The Hague, May 14.—The Dutch decisions what the Tribune meant by the term "anarchist" as defined by definitions were "absence or insufficiency of government," "a state where there is no capable supreme government," "a believer in an archaic theory of society."

"In our view," costinued Mr. Stevenson, "Mr. Ford on June 23, 1916, was an anarchist in the sense that he opposed those common measures which make for a government and the absence of which creates a state of anarchy."

WANTED—One horse mower. Must CAMERA MAN TAKES

A camera man has been busy the last few days getting prominent citizens of local interest to be shown at the Joy theater. The schools were visited and many pictures taken of scholars and also the teachers, some of them unawares. These pictures will create no little amount of fun and amusement as many were taken in poses and positions that they would not occupy if given a chance OREGON MACHINERY CO., Eu- to correct themselves. These pic-92 true will be shown on Wednesday FOR SALE-Sweat pea blooms, Sev. and Thursday nights in addition to eral varieties. Phone 326-R. W. the regular program of seven reels.

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