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In May the extensive work which has received the attention of the fedreal government for years on the Celiilo canal will be completed at a cost of approximately \$5,000,000. The completion of this work will enable boats from the sea of capacity up to four hundred tons to make the ran to Lewiston, Idaho, approximately five hundred miles inland, while similar distances can be reached on the upper Columbia. The completion of the canal at this time, just when the great Panama waterway is to be placed in service, gives to the Northwest water ways interests an additional prominence and vast benefits.

It is announced that just recently, Sears, Roebuck & Co., one of the big mail order bouses, declared a 50 per cent dividend on its common stock. Think it over a minute-fifty per cent profit above all expenses and salaries. No wonder the Chicago Herald spoke of it as "cutting the melon." This company did a business last year of \$101,000,000-count them if you can -cue bundred and one million dollars taken from the deserving country merobants to put a 50 percent dividend into the pockets of Chicago multimillionaires.

The Washington State Fish Com missioner has decided that no more fish hatched at the state hatcheries will be planted in streams closed to fishermen. Oregon, too, has state fish batcheries, operated from funds derived from fishing license moneys, and it would be well for the Oregon Fish Commissioner to plant fish in streams of the state open to anglers, excluding those which are pot.

Wicked war is like other sins-not made less wicked by being covered up, consored as much as possible. It is as Corra Harris says in her latest contribution in the Saturday Evening Post from the scene of its horrors -the very commonest incident of the plight of the victims is worse than imagination would have pictured before the war began.

We understand that Germany has extended an invitation for a hundred thopsand hupters to come to that country. Guns, ammunition, guides and game fornished free. Thanks. We prefer to take ours ou the Limber Jim, furnish our own ammunition and trust to look for the game.

Secretary Bryan's job is no sincoure these days with a son in-law connect-

FINDING THE RANGE AT SEA. HIGH COST OF ACTING.

ed by a system of mirrors and prisms so that both are brought to the eye of

the observer, who looks through the eyeplece located at the middle of the

tube and on the opposite from the ob-

The right hand object glass transmits

only the upper half of the object sight-

ed on and the left hand object glass the lower half. When sighting on a

ship, for example, the rigging and fun-nels will appear to be offset horizon-

tally from the lower part of the ship,

so long as the instrument is not set

for the correct range. The images are

then brought together by a thumb

screw that moves one of the prisms,

and this sets a scale that shows the distance in yards to the ship.-Pear-

HE WAS "A LITTLE QUEER."

His Eccentricity In the End Proved His

Own Undoing.

ject glasses.

son's Weekly.

Warships Bring Their Guns to Salaries of the Past as Compared With Bear Upon the Enemy. Those of Today. One of the most important instru-nents used on a warship is the range

Our imaginations are so nimble in this world of dollars that we have al-ready ceased to notice the bagatelle of inder, for without this instrument it is practicaly impossible to aim the guns accurately without first incurring a vaudeville salary of \$3.000 n week such as some of our actreases are said serious delay in getting the range to have received. We are plready cal by trial shots. Range finders all work on much the culating on the salary of the future. The salary of the past was not so am same principle, images of the ship or oltious. It was a thing to worry over, other object sighted on being received not to speculate upon through the two object glasses, one located near each end and on the side of the tube, being reflected and refract-

In the late fiftles of the last century Mrs. Drew and her mother received \$16 a week for the two. Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Glibert received the same sum At this time the custom was to give two plays a ulght, with singing and dancing between The regular actors also did the specialties They sup illed their own wardrobes as well, and as the theater going public was smaller there was necessarily a constant change of bill. The \$10 was undoubt edly well carned.

The first person to receive a salary of three figures was Rose Eytinge, the most popular emotional actress of her time. Her first salary as leading wo man had been \$25, and at the time sh considered it a great sum, for she had started on the stage at \$7 a week Hamlet called the players "the ab stract and brief chronicles of the time," and indeed in no other business today do we find so clearly the characteris tics of our age. No other profession is more overcrowded or more of a gam ble, yet those members of it who suc ceed in finding engagements should have little complaint to make against the high cost of living, with such our memory -New York Tribune

THE TURKISH HERCULES.

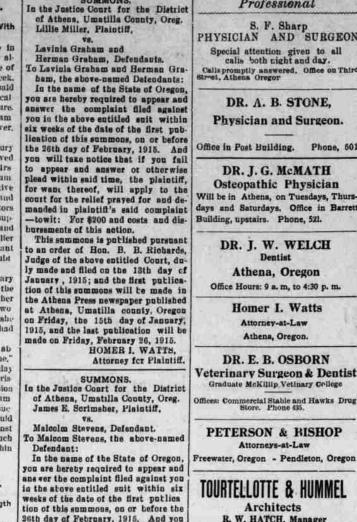
Ottoman officer who served against the Russians Ahmet was possessed of a daring in keeping with his heroid proportions and physical strength. He was the beau ideal of a soldier, one whose military knowledge seemed in stinctive.

the commander in chief, while in specting his troops one morning casu-ally expressed the wish to capture a Servian prisoner from the Servian lines. Ahmet Bey, overhearing the remark, saluted and asked permission to get the commander a prisoner. He received the permission, although Ab spurs into its flanks and galloped straight for the nearest Servian out

As he approached half a dozen rifles cracked, but Ahmet galloped on un harmed and marked down one sentry for his prey. The sentry fired at the audacious horseman, missed and started to run. Ahmet swooped on him like a hawk upon a chicken. He bent down, grasped the Servian by the collar and swung him across the saddle in front. Then he galloped back, bending over his horse's neck to es-cape the bullets, and handed over the ner to the Turkish comman amid the shouts of the soldiers .- St. Louis Republic.

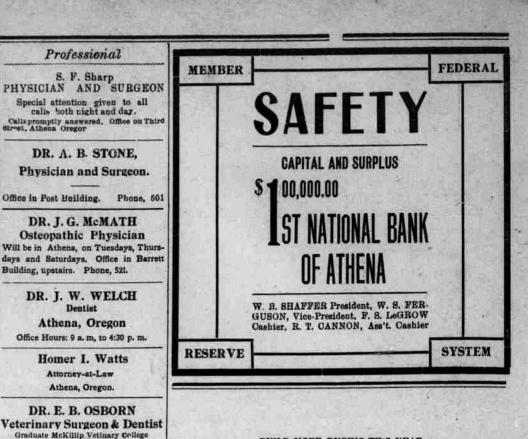
"Now, remember, children, the tares represent the bad people and the wheat

"Why, Miss Mason?" exclaimed a



SUMMONS.





BUILD MORE DURING THIS YEAR

Many New Buildings on Farms and in Cities Expected in this Vicinity



ed with the British army and the Germans accusing him of favoring the allies in neutrality matters. The job of being a common citizen is a most desirable one in these stirring times.

McCormick and Pinebot, who put the bull in Bull Moose, have made public the announcement of their withdrawal from the progressive party. Good night Teddy! (with the Intest inflection.)

No use getting scared at a shadow -not even a groundhog's. And yet it does look rather fearsome to some of the small fry who would like to bog a little of it themselves.

If the Mexican public school pupils have to learn the names of their coun try's presidents, they're having a lively time of it these days keeping track of the 48-hour changes.

The Oregon hen may be depended upon to get tusy now, that old Sol has decided to greet us with a warm smile.

Across the poud these occasicaal peace proposals are almost drowned in the roar of battle.

With soating prices in wheat and flour, most any kind of a baker can make the bread rise.

Eternal, systematic boosting is the price of success in community building.

A Peculiar Peison. The Mexican Indians derived from their ancestors, the Azteca, the method of making the poison of talavatchi. It a a subtle drug, the constituents of which are not known. The peculiar effect of the polyon is to destroy the mind, while only slightly affecting the

A Wise Selection. Grabbe-Row do you like my new umbrolla? Stubbe Fine and You seem to have picked up something good.-Richmond Disputch

The blood more stirs to rouse a tion than to start a hare Shakespeare.