

The Statesman has been established for nearly fifty years, and it has some subscribers who have received it nearly that long, and many who have read it for a generation.

CIRCULATION (SWORN) OVER 4000



WAR IS HELL, BUT NATIONS MUST BE READY TO FIGHT.

War is hell, hell to those that fight and hell to those that stay home while their dear ones march and battle, says a writer in the San Francisco Bulletin.

But when this contrast, so flattering to peace, has been extended and completed to the heart's desire, look at the history and present state of those nations which became too civilized and polite to be warlike and too genteel to fight.

All government, all property, all civilization, all political rights, depend when all is said and done, on the soldier. Force, and force alone, holds society together.

Bronchitis advertisement for Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, describing its benefits for coughs and colds.

Catarrh

It is a constitutional disease. It originates in a scrofulous condition of the blood and depends on that condition.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

This great medicine has wrought the most wonderful cures of all diseases depending on scrofula or the scrofulous habit.

diabolical greed and passion nations must rest on their arms.

EXCUSES EXAMINED.

The effort of certain gentlemen to override the popular vote for Senator is concentrated in the remark of an exchange to the effect that the people were so hampered by their environments, that they could not properly express themselves.

The result of the vote for United States Senator in the election last June, shows, simply, that a large majority of the people of Oregon prefer a Republican to a Democrat to succeed Senator Simon.

The results show that last June the people were not in that receptive mood which prompted them to accept any candidate who might be named.

WHY NOT?

M'INNIVILLE, Or., Dec. 23.—There is a growing agitation among business people here in favor of two changes which the Southern Pacific Company will be urged to make.

The above dispatch suggests a movement that ought to be inaugurated by the Greater Salem Commercial Club, to have the Southern Pacific connect its west side lines direct with this city.

MODERN MUNICIPAL CORRECTION

At a time when the people of the Pacific coast are enjoying the fruits of hard toil, and getting down to a life of contentment in the enjoyment of plenty, it is interesting to study some of the measures adopted to cope with a condition of affairs the reverse of ours.

The police officer in charge separates this group into two lines—first nighters and those previously sheltered. As the new comer steps up to the desk the registration officer, with a pile of blank cards before him, begins his inquisition.

When all the men have filed in the superintendent calls attention to the rules of three hours' labor on the city's streets for all able bodied men, and then explains that the city's interest is in having her citizens engaged in honest, independent work, and if they have a fair chance for remunerative employment for that day, and can tell a straight story, they will be excused from street work and sent at once upon their way to industry.

The first class go at once, taking a card to be signed by their employer, foreman, and which is returned by mail or otherwise to the municipal lodging house. The second class are sent to these public spirited firms and corporations that, seeing the value of the work of the municipal lodging house, give it the substantial co-operation of employing the worthy lodgers whenever they have vacancies.

The revelations with respect to child labor that have followed the anthracite arbitration commission's investigation have startled the country. Yet the employment of young children at miserable pay for long hours of work is by no means confined to Pennsylvania.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

A noted novelist once made one of her characters say, "A present has many sides to it." That may be considered specially true of Christmas presents.

Then there is the numerous class of those who, having but little money to spare, devote weeks and months to the preparation of home-made presents, and who, in the process, court nervous prostration.

Also there comes up the question: Shall we give useful or merely pretentious presents? Perhaps a great many mistakes are made in this connection.

That might depend much upon the character of the proposed recipient. In many instances it would be the best and most acceptable gift.

There is many a person who, in the narrow cage of poverty, feels cravings for the beautiful things which brighten life. Such person perhaps can, and will, find the necessities, but feels a conscientious qualm about spending hard-earned money for luxuries.

It is well to be careful about deciding upon those to whom you will bear gifts. Make due allowance for the prevailing idea that the giving of a present implies a return, and do not suppose that necessity upon some one whom it may prove a burden.

responsibility; the unfortunate poor whom we always have with us. If we have no personal knowledge of any to whom the Christmas season brings no good cheer, at least there is the open hand of organized charity to be filed. Our expanding Yuletide benevolence should overflow to those who have no claims upon us but the claim of a common humanity.

"LOOKING A LEEDLE OUT"

Never in Oregon before, and perhaps in no other state, has there been such squirming exhibited by a combination of politicians to find some way to ignore or in some way to get around what is known to be the popular will.

if any man who wanted to go to the United States Senate saw proper to refuse to place his name before the people, where the opportunity was open to everybody, what right has he to "but in" and claim a right to be heard after the people have spoken?

It is not now a question of politics nor of particular personality, but is one of popular sovereignty, and when members of the Legislature, who have been instructed by the people under the provisions of a state law, "as to the election of United States Senators," are being advised to ignore the law and the vote, it is time, to use the language of the Lebanon Criterion, to "look a leedle out."

THE TRAFFIC IN CHILDREN.

The success of the experiment in Murray street certainly warrants the construction of similar roads, already proposed, in the upper part of this city.—New York Sun.

In Alabama the convicts are worked in mines, and the state receives a considerable sum annually for their labor, over and above the cost of maintaining and guarding the prisoners.

There is one way to settle the Senatorial matter this winter on the first ballot. There is only one way. It is the way provided by the Legislature at its session two years ago and acted upon by the people at the polls last June.

SORE NECK

Take Scott's Emulsion for scrofula. Children often have sores on the neck that won't heal up. The sores may come and go. Parents may not know what's the matter nor what to do.

Scott's Emulsion is the "ounce of prevention" that keeps off consumption.

A Bissele Makes a Merry Xmas advertisement featuring an illustration of a man carrying a box of Bissele's Merry Xmas and listing furniture items for sale.

"It is true that money does not make a great university," but it is also true that a great modern university with adequate equipment for study and research cannot be built up without an ample endowment.

ATARRH advertisement for Ely's Cream Balm, describing its uses for various ailments.

Keeley Cure advertisement for Alcohol, Opium, Tobacco, and Using, located at 426 Wilma Street, Portland, Ore.

CHINESE Drug Store advertisement, carrying all kinds of Chinese drugs and medicines, located at 204 Liberty Street, Salem, Oregon.

WILKES' STALLION, "JEROME" advertisement for a horse, with contact information for Dr. W. Long.

Half-tones and Zincographs advertisement, offering the best nothing else, located at 24 Montgomery St., S. F.

DR. JORDAN'S GREAT MUSEUM OF ANATOMY advertisement, located at 1051 Market St., San Francisco, Cal.

Advertisement for a Democratic manager, mentioning the Congressional districts in Missouri and the Statesman's wish for a large and growing family of friends.