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The indications are that the war in Europe has settled go down to the sea in ships."
At one time her great clippers were the envy of the ping polis her flag was in evidence int every great shipgo into her shipping steadily declined and her flag al familiar
carryinemed to drop out of the contest for the worm product trade, and were content to let ounces cum thing as we wanted
One of the main reasons of this decline in our shipping offered chances for the it brought quicker and much larger returns. of the sea carrying business to what they are pleased to call our "fool laws", but the real reason was that we had
better things to invest our money in better things to invest our money in.
We had a little world of our own that was all we could
take care of. We had half a million miles of railroads t build. We had millions of acres of virgin land to bring under cultivation. We had great iron mines to open an
coal deposits to develop and use in manufacturing. IW had great forests, veritable mines of wealth to send the markets of the wore. shipping business, and we turn d them leaving world that already had accomplished in their own land all that was still before
things to occupy our attention the bulk of the subduing the wilderness, the bringing under cultivation fronted us are largely taken care of, and naturally again turn back to regain our place on the high seas th we so long neglected. The war has hamas tho meet along, or it offered greater rectums than things were engaged in.

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products to market the scarcity of ships to carry our products to market compelled us to mercy of ship owner: who have not neglected to make us pay for our neglect provide our own deep-sea carriers.
We have been paying two, three, even four or mo times for getting our products to the world's markets than we paid under normal conditions, Self protect i-
demanded that we own our own ships and we are in a fag


## the country comes the same story of activity in ship

 building.The Delaware river always the leader in the ship another ship yard. Its president announced that befor for the building of six freight steamships of 6,000 tons each for the trans-Atlantic trade at a cost will
each. Besides it had other contracts that will take company six years to complete and on top of this the con-
pant is flooded with inquiries from those who want shit many is

On Puget Sound and on the Columbia new ship yards are springing into existence like mushrooms, on this built, and it may be this type will be much more common than of late years, as the high price of steel, due to the war, has doubled the cost of the steel vessels.
It will take some time to relieve the stringency, and have an abundance of ships, but it will not be longer than
it takes to build them under rush orders. It means much to the United States, for it means we will no longer bo dependent on others once we have the ships and we wi not only carry our own products to market but we w

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Here is another sample of the utter silliness of cour procedure. At Seattle Judge Smith, passing sentence on intended to say "reformatory." As a result the prisone
was sentenced to serve six months in the penitentiary The judge went before the supreme court stating th case, and asked permission of that august body to make
the sentence six months in the reformatory, as he intend ed to make it. The supreme judges got their heads toether, although it infringed on Nicholsen's patent fo judge having used the word penitentiary on the bench could not elsewhere substitute some other word. That
bunch of judges are an honor to the bench, and would take first prize at a bench show.

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American,

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printed by the Illinois bankers printed by the Illinois bankers association,
principally to roasting President Wilson and crate party. It compares this country under democratic rule to Germany and conditions there. To have bee
perfectly fair the comparison should have been made o this country as between democratic and republican ad
ministrations. However, since Mr. Perkins and the Illinois bankers association prefer to compare America under democratic administration with the way German
is managing things, there will be but little hesitation i towing preference for the American plan showing p
democratic
Since hearing the testimony of the prosecuting wit ness 15 -year-old Gertrude Lamson, there has been a deand change of sentiment as to the minister's innocence and man younger members of the church have days' grilling cross-examination but was unable to ge days' grilling cross-examination but was unable to get
her to contradict herself. Her story repeated many her to contradict herself. Her story repeated many
times, and under trying conditions, was always the same which is at least a strong indication that it is true. Truth can be told over and over again without

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The Oregonian can take more absurd positions when wants to make a political point than any namer in tate. Yesterday it solemnly stated that "Mexico ha by Mexicans because he was an American." If this ween America and any nation is to kill a citizen of that nation because he was such citizen. It would keep Pres dent Wilson busier than he has been, trying to avo
$\qquad$ of California within the past three days, in all of which extradition has been asked for gentlemen who are wan rom this that the Pasadena minister who took for ext "Good bye God, I'm going to California," was miss the increase in California's population.

Prosperity has struck the lumber industry at Marshfield, a dispatch from there yesterday saying several on
nils would be overhauled and set at work helping fill a ar sian government. At $\$ 10$ per thousand this will

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The secempretend the tire the steps of Salem

 hearts of people in their choo-choo carts who scorch talon the dusty road, and rubber at my gay abode. "Gee whiz?" they cry, "that old fat bard must buy his shoatment by the yard! A
already yet!"

the annual faintest
The time's at hand, 0 sons of toil, to buy eight quart of linseed oil, and half a peck of lead and zinc, and pain gladsome shout, till painter's colic knocks you out. There's nothing sadder than a shack that's gone to ruin and to rack because the owner is too tight to buy some paint and make it bright. I buy some pigment every spring, and paint the smokehouse and the swing, and if no pigment is for sale, I buy some hogment with my kale, and paint the chimney, tall and broad, the cistern and the lightning rod. I buy shellac and turpentine and make the whole blamed


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