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WELL INTENDED BUT INCORRECT
Popular Mechanics for January has four pages devoted to Salem, two of these almost entirely to illustrations. The "traveling editor" who secured the views showed feel more and more proud of what the traveling editor There is an old saying to the effect that one should "never look a gift horse in the mouth." For this reason tended and so gave us. At the same time it is pointed out that the gave us. At the same time it is pointed out that the
camera's impressions were far more correct than those of the individual. As a matter of fact there was scarcely an impression of the city gained by the visiting editor
that was not grossly incorrect. He spoke of the "deep gutters required to carry off the tremendous rainfall which literally came down in bucketsfull." As a matter of fact so far as heavy rains are concerned it doesn't
know how to rain in Oregon, where it takes six months of rainy season to precipitate the 40 inches of annual rainfall. He speaks of this being a great fruit section
with apples as the principal fruit and this, though this is with apples as the principal fruit and this, though this is not at all, now, an apple section. He does not mention
the prune of which 700 tons were sold a few days ago, or the loganberry, two of the leaders. He says the city is surrounded with logged off lands when it is surrounded
by prairies and he draws a picture of Oregon's timber by prairies and he draws a picture of Oregon's timber
being exhausted in a few years, when the cutting of it has not yet actually commenced. The "millions of feet of timber near the city in the foothills" was no doubt a bit of camouflage, for the visitor was not used to the
magnificent distances of the West and did not realize that the timber he saw was from twelve to twenty miles away He says too that Oregon's timber will soon be a thing of
memory only, "like the bison, the passenger pigeon and the towel. As a matter of fact with Oregon's present milling facilities which this year will cut perhaps
fifty million dollars worth of lumber, no effect is made on the supply, as the growth more than balances the cut ting. There is more timber going to waste every year
from becoming over ripe, and not being cut than is used
by all the mill timber in the United States and when it gets in the as barren of timber as a billiard ball is of hair. Salem descriptionist, especially as "there aint no such animal." against someone that could have told him something
about this the center of the greatest fruit products secpatted us on the back to the best of his ability, and his were not. However Popular Mechanics has the thanks
of all Salemites for its good intentions and the kindly
别 as through a glass-darkly. He concludes his interesting on the devastation of the Oregon forests which have lef
the state a stump strewn wreck" Perheps, but estly appeal to his magazine not to permit him to invade this field of romance. Down in the depths of the Atlantic with the submarines and such, he will find a field better suited to his imagination.
A poet in the Oregon Sportsman sinfss about "the sun
sinking to rest in the blood-tinged west", The poetry is all right but the facts are nixed as they generally are When poets have the handling of them. The sun does not
sink to rest, for while it is apparently sinking here in Oregon it is climbing over the eastern horizon on the other side of the world, so the poetical illustration would
have the sun sinking to rest and rising to go to work at the same time. Poets are permitted to do almost anything even to performing the apparently impossible such

## LADD \& BUSH, Bankers

A Government income tax officer will be at the Court House from January 2 until January 30, 1918, income tax law and will fish i, explain the new come tax blanke

All single
and all mane income of $\$ 1,000$ $\$ 2,000$ or over, will be required to make a report.

IS HE "OUT FOR THE DOUGH?"
Charles Eisenman, vice-chairman of the supplies com mittee of the National Council of Defense before the committee investigating the failure of the quartermas' army, testified there was an over-supply of for the army uniforms. On the other hand Quartermaster for eral Sharpe and Colonel Lindsey, inspector for the department testified the supply was a million yards short, summer caused a shortage of three million yards and a cause of this months, many factories being kept idle bethat the committee had taken no part in letting maniz facturing contracts. This was flatly contradicted by the accused of letting a contract to his relation other things ing of shoddy elippings that will permit the making of cused of causing a wool scare, and of asserting that ac use of 30 per cent shoddy in the manufacturing of cloth hough Mr. Eisenman was "out for the dough"
February in Oregon is an "egg month" Oregon bidin like latitudes in the East. Eggs are quoted in Portland $t 45$ cents, and that they will get much cheaper is doubt-
ul. Those in touch with the markets and conditions are the opinion that if the price gets down to 35 cents it alue of the lowest. They base this opinion on the food $r$ than meat. It is pointed out too that the price of all grains, which hens must have to produce, is so high that
a price below 35 cents will not pay for the feed, and that in consequence should prices go below that, the chickens will go to the block and chicken raisers will go out of usiness. With fish retailing around 30 cents a pound The Public Service Commission Saturday granted the ortland Railway, Light \& Power company which owns he Portland street car system, increased rates, placing urchased at $\$ 2.75$. The whole matter is Portland's own ffair, and if she is satisfied it is of no interest to the alance of the state.

There is quite a demand for Oregon potatoes, especial uarter. Owing to the weather a cent to a cent and a hipments are to California. With the moderation of the

Rippling Rhymes
 HOME GRIEFS
Sometimes I am forgetting the woe acros
the sea, for sometimes private fretting is
putting crimps in me. The tragic Russia putting crimps in me. The tragic Russian must scratch like thunder to buy a load o
coal. Our own sad sordid troubles make nations' worries seem like cheap trans lucent bubbles, or figments of a dream Repairing pipes that busted, the plumber with frost, and badly spoiled. With face long as hearses my neighbors come and moan of desperate reverses that Italy ha
known. Although disaster thickens, hat I do not weep; but some one stole my chickens, while was sound asleep; it's hard to mourn for fighters in far swiped my Brahma hens. When Byng was bravely bynging, the bells rang joyous peals; men thought should be singing, and kicking up my heels. But then my cow was ailing, and I sat in her room, and watched her slowly failing, and wasting to her doom. How could chirp and twitter, and sound triumphant call, when that Polled Angus critter was croaking in her stall? I can't forget, my masters, the little workday ills, though
triumphs or disasters may shake the ancient hills. The Daily Novelette

## Margaret Garrett's Husband



Twenty Thousand Autos Still Unlicensed, Only Three Days Grace $=\mathrm{F}=\mathrm{m}=$ WOMIEN SUFFERERS MAY
NEED SWAMP-ROOT


