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and awaiting the report of the Tariff Board, the President has not only shown wise statesmanship, but played good politics.

THE GALLOWAY DECISION.

The decision of Judge Galloway in the State University appropriation case is substantially that the entire referendum procedure is so tainted with fraud, spite and dishonest purpose as to invalidate the petitions.

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THE SHERWOOD PENSION BILL.

The Sherwood pension bill, which has passed the National House of Representatives, contains provisions which every person who cares for the welfare of the country ought to study.

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Country Town Sayings by Ed Howe

A man will usually do more for his stubbornness than for his religion or his country. Nature is the supreme court that reverses any law opposed to human experience. There are so many patent medicines now that unless a man breaks a leg he doctors himself. In the old days of barbarism, the people fought with hatchets. Civilization buried the hatchet, and now men fight with gossip. 'Til I tell you the worst thing I ever did, I heard a man say, in company, And I'll bet the thing he told wasn't the worst thing he ever did. At first, a woman only wants a husband; but after she gets him, she wants everything else in the world. Ask any book agent who sent him to you, and you will find it was one of your friends. Every man is a coward if confronted by the proper terror. A man never knows the price of a Christmas present given him; a woman can tell within a few cents, no matter what the present is, or where it came from. There is a popular saying to the effect that Opportunity knocks once at a man's door, and, receiving no response, departs and returns no more. As a matter of fact, Opportunity hammers at a man's door as persistently as a woodpecker hammers a telegraph pole. LAW-ABIDING WHI RE. BEAVERTON, Or., Dec. 19.—(To the Editor)—I would beg the privilege of saying a few words in reply to the editor's article of December 12. He says, among other things, that "organized labor realized that behind the prosecution in the Los Angeles case was a money power almost unlimited." I fully agree with him there. Every respectable, patriotic and law-abiding citizen in the whole country would have willingly contributed the better of his wages such dastardly murderers to justice. The sooner all individuals who uphold such savagery can get this idea into their craniums the better it will be for them, for the true American citizens who love justice and fair play, legal equality and industrial freedom, who have made this country what it is today, and who intend to make it a great deal better in the future, are not in a temper to tolerate such barbarities much longer. As for the investigations are through with I venture to predict that the above statement will be amply verified. Just because the "Comings over" have done their course (although convicted in the minds of most thoughtful men), the fellows that abused the loudest for them seemed to think that they could carry on the murderous work with impunity. But, thanks to an aroused public opinion and the grim determination of the home-loving, fair-dealing men of this country, his conduct of the country, such bandits will be hounded down hereafter and brought to summary justice without ruff or pity. "Coming over" and "what their shadows before," and it doesn't require any great stretch of the imagination to see that the decent, law-abiding element of this country will denounce its destinies for a good many years to come. To all of which statements I am sure that "A Union Man" will respond with a hearty "Amen." A LOVE OF FAIR PLAY. The Abode of Parsons. London Tit-Bits. A Scotch minister took one of his parishioners to church, and on a noted day, he said: "I dinna like lang sermons." The parson with some wrath replied: "John, ye'll do, and go to a place where ye'll hear the privilege of hearing lang or short sermons." "That may be," said John, "but it wina be for lack of parsons." Weighing Husband's Salaries. Chicago Tribune. Women of Chicago are to be taught how to spend their husbands' salaries. An organization whose principal object is the study of the spending of income was formed several days ago in the clubrooms of the Woman's City Club. It is the Chicago branch of the American Home Economics Association. The Oregonian's Stand Right. PORTLAND, Dec. 24.—(To the Editor)—May I commend most heartily the editorial, "Fruits of a Prison Policy." The whole course of the Oregonian on capital punishment is sane and the only way. C. E. CLINE. Christmas Features of the Sunday Oregonian. Santa's First Stop—Full page, in color, of the new Santa Claus and his first stop in Portland. The Shrub of Thorns—An account of the wonderful Glastonbury thorn, which made the agonizing crown that Jesus wore. It blooms unseasonably in America this year. Christmas Under Fire—C. B. Lewis tells of a trying day in the great Civil War on Christmas day. A Beggar Maid—A gripping Christmas story by Lily A. Long. quaint Christmas Customs—A glimpse into the cheery practices of Yuletide in olden times and today. Nineteen-Eleven—A page on the year just closing—a year to be wondered at. "They're Sure to Get Me"—So says Burns, fatalist and detective in McNamara case, in a remarkable interview, which is given a full half page. An Argentine Cinch—Another crisp short story of the business world. Fables in Slang—George Ade writes two fables for Christmas, both of them in his richest vein. The Jockey Who Slept—A corking short tale about a newspaper reporter and his "feature story." Dorothy Deere, Slim Jim, Hairbreadth Harry, Mrs. Time-Killer and Mr. Boss get into fresh difficulty. Anna Belle's cut-out clothes and a puzzle will give the little ones a joyous hour. Many Other Features