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LET SWITZERLAND BE THE JUDGE. The position of the United States Lyman Abbott, editor of the Outlook-He maintains our right to free bona shall be er he also maintains that we cannot honunbiased tribunal,

Colonel Roosevelt contends that, as no foreign ships can engage in our constwise traffic, there is no discrimination against them in exemption of he might have added that that company can only suffer damage through decrease of its power to abuse the bonding privilege. He offers this most

position:

I do not think that it sits well on the that caused peresentatives of any foreign nation to make any plea in reference to what we do with our own constrains traffic; because we are benefiting the whole world by our action at Panama, and are doing this where every deliar of expense is paid by ourselves. In all history I do not believe you can find another instance where as great and expensive a work as the Panama Canal, undertaken not by a private curporation, but by a matter, has ever been as generously.

getting an unbiased tribunal, saying that "Switzerland is almost the only mmunity which has not some combut he holds that we are under a "moral obligation to arbitrate the question if Great Britain so insists." He continues:

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It is to be presumed that we made the promise with our eyes open and were aware that it might not be wholly pleasant to keep it. I was certainly alive to this fact. But the very fact that the promise may not be casy to keep is the reason why we make it with the solemnity attending a ireaty. A promise to arbitrate is worthless unless we mean to keep it on the precise occasions when it is unpleasant for us to do an Moreover, this arbitration must be, if Great Britan so desires, at the Permanent Court at The Hague, unless we are prepared to violate our solemn arbitration treaty.

Containly if Great Britiain insists on

Certainly if Great Britain insists on arbitration, we must consent. Great Britain insists on arbitration by The Hague tribunal, we must also consent. If we made a bad bargain in signing the arbitration treaty, we can take our medicine. We are not re-pudiationists, treaty-breakers. Our inselves as a Nation without honor.

But while accepting the principle of arbitration, we might fairly point out Great Britain that, when the arbitration treaty was signed, it was not contemplated that a controversy might arise wherein every power represented at The Hague, except one, had interrepresentatives. to be well received. herself to the charge that she insisted on having her case tried by a court timber is rotting in the reserves. known to be open to bias and that she

arbitration conventions. neutral ground among nations.

Commenting on Roosevelt's letter, the Outlook proposes that we shall development, avoid the necessity of arbitration by repealing the exemption clause of the canal law. To do so would be to admit that we had consciously or carelessly violated a treaty; it would be to abandon without contest a possibly valuable right, which we have asserted. We are not prepared to make so humiliating a confession, nor to abandon any rights we believe to be ours. The law was passed in the belief that we had the right to enact every provision contained in it. We owe it to ourselves to uphold the good faith of our actions; to maintain that, if we misconstrued our rights, we did so honestly. By agreeing to arbitrate, we should defend our honor, even if we

### COMPLETE THE CELILO CANAL

Completion of the Cellio canal will the Hamburg-American line, the largest steamship company in the world, ance of legislation in Oregon by perbegins reaching out for traffic in this sons not residents or taxpayers in Ore-

move next for removal of other obstructions until the Columbia comes an open waterway to the point where it touches the Canadian Pacific Railway.

GOVERNMENT WITH A VETO CLUB. The attention of Governor West is called to the constitution of the State of Oregon, article V, section 15, defining the veto power. If, says the constitution in substance, a measure passed by the Legislative Assembly shall be approved by the Governor, he shall sign; but if not, he shall return it with his objections to the house where it shall have originated.

Two years ago Governor West vetoed fifty-eight measures, after the spired by pique or anger toward the another insidious intrenchment and authors of the bills, or by a definite we are getting used to stumbling upon and unconcealed effort at revenge.

take the consequences.

When the Governor sends in his veon the exemption of coastwise vessels toes, let us hope that he will abide by flons, crime driven under the surface from canal tolls is well stated in a the constitutional requirement that the and breaking forth again in new from canal tolls is well saled the constitutional requirement with his ob-letter from Colonel Roosevelt to Rev. bills shall be returned "with his ob-jections." When his real objections The shall be entered in the record, it will coastwise traffic from tolls, but be seen how far constitutional govto arbitration by The Hague tribunal, however difficult it may be to get an experiment of the following tribunal prejudice, and how far a sacred constitutional prerogative has been persistiutional prerogative has been persistiutional prerogative has been persistiutional prerogative has been persistiutional prerogative. verted into a vicious executive club.

RECOGNIZING THE FACTS.

"Oregon now has, through the Orecon system-or will have after March our own coastwise vessels. He be-lieves the only damage would be done to the Canadian Pacific Railway and Senators and a Democratic Covernor,"

Ind.

Roosevelt admits the difficulty of publican Senators. Except for the pernicious industries are driven to the

that discovered that the Government inces. All show that, while there was refuses to sell ripe timber in the reserves at a lower price than that fixed of the law in some provinces during pudiationists, treaty-breakers. Our interest in the sanctify of treaty obligations in general, which would be upheld by our consent to arbitration, is immeasurably greater than our interest in the maintenance of our position in the canal controversy alone. We would better carry that dispute to The Hague with practical certainty of the Government, says the Post, has an adverse are and our protects monopoly at every point." It and our protects monopoly at every point." It also general, which would be upserved one-fifth of the standing by the large private timber owners or the so-called timber monopolies. Have solved as the country became quieted the revolution, measures for suppression has discovered that the Government as a temporary cessation of enforcement was giving away by leasing the seal fisheries of the Pribilof Islands is shown by the results of the Government of the foreign away by leasing the seal fisheries of the Pribilof Islands is shown by the results of the Government of the so-called timber monopolies. Have the revolution, measures for suppression has discovered that the Government was giving away by leasing the seal fisheries of the Pribilof Islands is shown by the results of the Government of the so-called timber monopolies. Have revolution, measures for suppression have been more rigorously entered timber owners or the so-called timber monopolies. Have revolution, measures for suppression have been more rigorously entered to the complicated and impracticable provisions of that bill, more than the revolution, measures for suppression have been more rigorously entered timber owners or the so-called timber monopoles. Have revolution, measures for suppression have been more rigorously entered to the complicated onthe total bill, more than timble of the provision of the follows. School for the provision of the fedical provision which appropriate one-third of the provision which as the revolution, measures for suppression have been more rigorously entered to the country of the school for the catch of

ests identical with those of one of the parties concerned. We might propose that, for this reason, the tribunal be composed solely of Swiss judges, since that the East will not possess a true with those of one of the parties of the Section of Swiss judges, since that the East will not possess a true dare to force it upon her again by terests, could impart no bias to her sense of reservation under the guise withholding co-operation. Were Eng. The British protest of conservation until the policy still land or any other nation to withdraw Commons. terms that this proposal could not fall When lumber cost to the Eastern con- serve the name "foreign devil" among Great Britain sumer becomes unbearable perhaps we the Chinese. uld not reject it without exposing shall have an official inquiry which will show the extent to which overripe

But this one wasteful policy of the feared to submit that case to a court Government so openly disclosed ought hich was rigidly impartial. to be of sufficient weight, without a Switzerland is eminently qualified in personal application of its hardship, to the subdivision of the zones into every respect to supply the tribunal cause a reconstruction of that senti-it was the first republic in Europe ment in the East so ably expressed by and it was the scene of the Alabama Colliers when it declared that our arbitration. It has long been the Western natural resources were enosen meeting ground for peace and tirely surrounded by thieves. It ought bitration conventions. It is the also to give some weight to the other complaints voiced in the West concerning land-locking and retarding of

#### HOME RULE FOR OREGON.

No notable percentage of the people oted to adopt the initiative with any iden that it was to be the vehicle for attempts to make Oregon an experimental field for new schemes in ernment conceived or advocated theorists scantily scattered throughout the United States and Canada. been so used.

whatever in the financial standing of the commonwealth, or in the prosper- case of letters, which are all of apity of the people, or in the general wel.
fare of the community, poured money crease does not enhance the total cost, into Oregon in an endeavor to obtain including terminal charges, sufficient-

outcome should their views be adopted, able. This is one reason for adoption the Columbia River navigable and wished us no ill will, but they had of the zone system.

Another reason is that a flat rate for 400 miles from its mouth, the no more than a theory—a theory that Snake River for 200 miles from its had never been demonstrated, that

begins reaching out for traine in this sons not residents or taxpayers in Oreregion by establishing a line to Portland. That company's experience on the Elibe has made it acquainted with the interest of the electorate in homethe Immense advantage and economy bred issues, and when heavily financed,

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In the Postmaster-General power to the interest of the electorate in homethe Immense advantage and economy bred issues, and when heavily financed, revise rates, zones, weight limits. The

the commercial and development bodies of the interior proves that that section is fully awake to the advantages of the unlawful for any person, firm, association or corporation within the united their energies with those of the lower river country in pressing forward a work for the common good. The Celilo canal completed, they will move next for removal of other obbe- the busybodies.

views or desires at the polls on its own behalf. The electorate itself is competent to judge what is good for Oregon without the advice or pald propaganda of citizens of other states or countries. The bill is to prevent undue parassment of the valers and the state. harassment of the voters and the state ought to pass.

#### ARSON AS AN INDUSTRY.

Discovery of a well-defined and session had adjourned. It was notorious that a part of the vetoes were in-much surprise. It is merely crime in The Governor now threatens other expected places. The arson business is shall not go through. He proposes gunmen. It is the stepbrother of orthat the members shall line up, or ganized police graft and a first cousin of dynamiting. It is crime modern-ized, crime imbedded in modern condi-

The morally oblique sons of greed must devise new fields of operations. While they must have no conscience, ernment at Salem has been superseded no regard for law or for fellow human deavor they take refuge in another Burglary and thuggery and common murder do not appeal to the peculiar sensibilities of all our criminals. one thing, the beaten paths of crime are both dangerous and unprofitable.

decrease of its power to abuse the bonding privilege. He offers this most is disputed, for a Democratic newsis disputed, for a Democratic newsdustry the perverted creatures who enpaper of Portland declares solemnly
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page in the work take no account.

When China is exerting herself so more roundly smites its pocketbook. from the agreement it would well de-

PARCEL POST ZONES CONDEMNED.

The parcel post is hardly in good working order when agitation for change begins. The Postal Progress squares thirty-five by twenty-seven miles as having been "concocted by express and railway interests" and as naving "practically confined within distances of 600 miles of their respective localities the business of the ple on the borders." It demands the substitution of the flat-rate system, now the common law of the postal world, and the common custom of the American railway world."

The zone system was copied from Germany and Austria and was adopted ecause of the much greater distances over which parcels are carried in this country than in England, where the parcel post was first introduced. The cost of collecting and delivering parels-in railroad parlance, the termi-Yet in the last two elections it has nal charges—is the same whether they one so used.

Men who have no personal interest but obviously the cost of transportapractical test of the soundness of or ly to prohibit a flat rate, but in the fallacy of their own reasoning.

They perhaps had confidence in the hanced cost of carriage is consider.

Snake River for 100 miles from its mouth. It will extend the open rivers to Priest Rapids and Pittsburg Landing. It will multiply manifold the area having the benefit of water transportation at the very time when the Hamburg-American line in the large. It will amplify and prosperous government, and tractions of the latter, who were the objections of the latter, who were the most strenuous opponents of the particular deposition of the particular deposition. In the Darry the Hamburg-American line, the large. would enable mail-order houses to in-

of river steamboat and barge lines as it has been in the past, calls for a defense fund that is a drain upon pricexpected to use to the fullest extent the great waterways of the Pacific Northwest in gathering freight from principle. Northwest in gathering freight from the interior to load its steamships.

The memorial sent to Congress by the Senate a measure aimed to defeat to reduce than to raise the rates, to better hurry.

the busybodies.

The direct legislation machinery of Oregon is so readily workable that no proportion of Oregon's electorate is described of open typic to present its him so wide discretion. Should the deprived of opportunity to present its him so wide discretion. Should the

A cat show is an innocent diversion becoming a hothed of agitation. It for people who can think of no better way to dispose of their time and money. Compared with the noisy and obtrusive dog, the cat is an agreeable animal. Sometimes she is useful, which Discovery of a well-defined and well-developed arson industry in New York and Chicago will not occasion reputation on false pretenses. As a much surprise. It is merely crime in another insidious intrenchment and we are getting used to stumbling upon the reptile in strange stripes and unpots, pans and dish clouts. In the par-lor she seems less happily placed. No vetoes if his legislative programme the complement in lawlessness of the doubt her true habitat is the barn. where she thins out the rats better than a trap. We pay a willing tribute to the cat's merits, but feel no burning desire to hug her or to see her caged will try to remember to pray for them.

One result of the Balkan war is a proposal of the monks of Mount Athos to organize a republic with their patriarch as president. Mount Athos, which is 6350 feet high, is the tip of the easternmost of the three fingers into which the peninsula of Chalcidice, southeast of Salonica, divides, and was cut off from the mainland by Xerxes with a ship canal one and one-half miles long in order to avoid taking his

bitter opponent. Like division exists among the Tories and Nationalists. A Populist convention was not a circumstance to the scenes which the eternal feminine will provoke in the House of

What is believed to be the last lottery drawing authorized by the Italian government has been held at Rome, and thus Italy falls in line with those enlightened governments which refuse the gambling passion among the per The winning ticket, worth \$100,- and 000, has been lost, and one theory is that it was on board the Titanic,

Mr. Albert Flads Election Figures Prevention of Litigation More Im-Gulde to Plain Programme. Pertunt Than Technical Reforms.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 20 .- (To the Edltor.) During the last two years there

the issuing of bonds or county warrants by that county for the construction of permanent public roads in that
county.

There was much contention over the
provisions of this bill, principally relating to the preliminary proceedings
authorizing the issue of the county
bonds. One party contending that the
people should locate the roads to be
improved, the other that the people
should simply vote upon the issuance
of the bonds, leaving the County Court
to designate the road or roads to be
built. After amendment and re-amendment, the former Grange method preup at a show. Still, we extend our charity to those who differ with us on there is ample time during the 40 days' these points. We forgive them and session of the Legislature to make any required amondments.

is on there is ample time during the 40 days session of the Legislature to make any section on the part of the Grangers (the old and the tin soldiers, all the county and state bonding bills, high way commission and state-aid bills presented by initiative were defeated at the polls. But the people have spoken in no uncertain voice upon these questions. Nearly every voter in the state has voted for one of the three county bonding bills—only through ignorance or carelessness have any voted for more than one of these competing measures. Yet the official returns cast on all questions.

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and for the years 1911 and 1912, pay-able out of the current revenue, yet it should be passed over the Gov-ernor's veto because it fixes the deswell their revenue by pandering to amendment as to dates and amounts o- appropriated, after it becomes a law, and if the Legislature enacts a law putting into effect the state bonding amendment the appropriations for aid to counties can be made payable out of the proceeds of sales of the bonds.

ROAD SITUATION IS ANALYZED PLEADINGS AND COURT PROCEDURE

PORTLAND, Jan. 22 .- (To the Edl-PORTLAND, Jan. 22.—(To the Editor.)—Would it not be well to devote more time and thought to laws which will prevent and discourage litigation? We all know that there is too much litigation and much of it not only useless but an absolute injury to all carries concerned. In huminess, enrice the seven miles this side of Murfreesboro. They have been guilty of the most outrageous enormities, stealing private property, robbing peaceable citizens and running off negroes. have been no roads built in this state more time and thought to laws which under the provisions of the constitu- will prevent and discourage litigation? have been no roads built in this state under the previsions of the constitutional amendment adopted by the people in 1810 authorizing counties to create indebtedness for the purpose of building permanent roads. No such roads have been built; first, because after the Legislature at its last seation had passed an adequate law enabling the counties to avail themselves of the provisions of this amendment, the Governor, yielding to blandishments of disgruntled lobbyists, after the adjournment of the Legislature, vetoed this bill.

I refer to House bill 224, providing the menth of by which voters of any county in this state may provide for the issuing of bonds or county warriants by that county for the construction of permanent public roads in that county.

There was much contention over the provisions of this bill, principally relating to the preliminary proceedings authorizing the lase of the county bonds. One party contending that the founded upon a written instrument. In

founded upon a written instrument. In this state an appeal to the Supreme Court may be taken in six months; in Washington it must be taken in three. The enactment of an employes' compensation law will prevent many cases being brought and do away with a great deal of the work of our courts. There are now too many groundless, speculative cases in court. The law should prevent and discourage these cases in every way possible. This can be done by making it unprofitable both to the lawyer and to his client to bring were adopted and an address to Presi-

The strong has through the Oregonal medical properties and a Democratic Governor, remarked The oregonal and children and a Democratic Governor, remarked The Oregonal and children may be burned for the strong through the Oregonal and children may be burned for the strong through the Oregonal and Children may be burned for the strong through the Oregonal and Children may be burned for the strong through the Oregon system that it is simple antennent of fact as displaced for a Democratic Children and the Work take in necessary and the oregonal and children may be burned for the properties of the propert

Another effect of this pelley is that the Government's ripe timber is not cut, but tanads and decays. The "Tair profit on his investment, but no more," which the Government offers to the timber of column have been burned. Only in the state thin, as is shown by the fact that it as selling only one-tenth of the timber it another the following condition.

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and making an appropriate out the purposes of this act.

This bill was also a compromise solid.

The rural school supervisors of Oremeasure and, like the other two passed on the last day of the Legislature and vetoed by the Governor after adjournment.

Now, although this bill provides the expenditure of only \$160,000 per year expenditure of only \$160,000 per year last the the that the rural schools most true then that the rural schools most true then that the rural schools most rule then that the rural school supervisors of Oreston and Oresto need supervision? What does for the farm, mill, able out of the current revenue, yet does for the farm, and the standard over the should be passed over the Governor's veto because it fixes the details of the apportionment of state funds which can be made applicable to any amount and for any time by amendment as to dates and amounts of state of the commendation of the current standard for the farm of the commendation of the current standard of the commendation of the current standard of the commendation of the current standard of of school and further makes attendance compulsory. What, then, will you do with the shortage of qualified teachers?

Let us not rashly criticise the office that is the making of our rural schools.

That mention of efficiency and merit rather than partisan politics as Wilson's guide in making appointments may send cold shivers down the spines of some of the hopeful, but when they recall that similar statements have been made by former incoming Presidents, only to be forgotten a few weeks later, their confidence will return.

If Thompson's bill were to become law, prohibiting campaign contributions from outside the state, many people would have to work for a living.

Orange, Conn., offers a dollar a head to all bables born within the town. A dollar is little inducement, but might be welcomed as a sort of salvage.

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#### Half a Century Ago

Cairo, Jan. 12 .- A Vicksburg paper

The Indian Scout," the poem, "The Indian Scout," does not appear, "The Dying Scout" is given, the first erse being

Comrades, raise me, I am dying, Hark the story I will tell. Break it gently to my mother. You were near me when I fell. Tell hor how I fought with Custer,

How I rode to tell the news:
Now I'm dying comrades, dying.
Tell me, did we whip the Sleux?
The book mentioned was published by the Burr Printing Company, 18
Jacob street, New York, and can be consulted at the Portland Public Li-

## WHEN MAN PERFECT

That is the subject of one of a number of absorbing special features that will appear in The Sunday Oregonian. It is a glimpse into the days of 1000 years hence, when the human family has evolved apace. The picture is drawn by prominent

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