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duction in working hours does not cause a reduction in wages, most of the observation in this particular has been confined to factory employment. There, too, it has been quite amply demonstrated that more and better work is performed by the employe in eight hours than in ten. But what would be the effect of an eight-hour day on work that in one period of the year is casual as affecting the larger body of workers while in other periods it affects individual employe and large numbers only because distributed over a wide area, as in the case of the construction of a bridge or the laying of a road? It is by no means positive that the effect of the law would be more detrimental to the farmer than the laborer.

increase in the payroll which would result from granting the concessions demanded at 50 per cent, or approximately \$33,000,000 a year. It goes into detail as to each one of the employe's demands. In the absence of a statement from the other side and of a detailed study of the controversy which could be made only by arbitrating, it is impossible for The Oregonian to form any conclusion as to the merits of each point in dispute, but The Oregonian unhesitatingly indorses the following statements of the managers: "Railways are engaged in a public service."

those sentiments and this speech he goes on to say: "The first and most essential difference is that the Government of the United States has actually acknowledged the independence of the late Spanish colonies, while his majesty's government continues to refuse to withhold such recognition." "If the message of the President is to be considered as an attempt to recover his dominions on the part of Spain herself, there is no objection to an attempt to recover his view of the subject and ours as perhaps it is possible to conceive."

The Coming of the Queen
By Dean Collins.
High-ho! For the call down the river
From trumpet and bugle notes, thrilling
And keen!
The city shall stand with expectance
A-queer!
To watch for her coming—the Festival Queen!

UTOPIAN FALLACY TOWARD CRIME
Such is Theory That Punishment Should Be Reformatory Daily.
PORTLAND, June 7.—(To the Editor)—I have received a circular asking a subscription to a fund to secure the repeal in Oregon of the law imposing the death penalty.

Twenty-Five Years Ago
From The Oregonian of June 8, 1889.
Seattle, W. T., June 7.—Fire yesterday swept away the entire business portion of the city. The loss will reach \$10,000,000, but preparations to rebuild have already begun.

CONCERNED ON CANAL TOLLS.
Democratic Senators are concerned on the canal tolls controversy. They fear that if the bill is passed, it will result in a plain repudiation of one of the principal reasons given by President Wilson for repeal of coastwise exemption and have adopted it. In his address to Congress on March 5, Mr. Wilson said:

WHERE THEY?
General Carranza says he expects to be in Mexico City within three weeks. If he shall be, he will be the conqueror of Huerta and the practical ruler of Mexico.

THE CANNING MYTH EXPLODED.
The generally accepted fact that the Monroe doctrine had its origin in the mind of George Canning, the British statesman, and was by him suggested to President Monroe is proved to be a myth by Canning's own letters, which have recently come to light.

THE OLD GUARD.
In urging postponement of anti-trust legislation Senator Brandegee of Ohio, in making a statement before the Senate, said that the old guard, who desire its postponement to the day of judgment, they complained of the uncertainty of the old law, but now that it is proposed to remove the uncertainty, they use the depression as an excuse for delay.

TARDY APPEARANCE IS LAMENTED
Judge Murphy Repeats That Female Militancy Comes So Late.
PORTLAND, June 8.—(To the Editor)—Now what do you suppose Michael Monahan calls our lovely women in the June Forum?

SUGGESTION AS TO FIREBOATS
Should Be Able to Go Under Bridges and Use Gasoline for Power.
PORTLAND, June 7.—(To the Editor)—Everybody but the city officials or former city officials has seen the advantage of the fireboats being so equipped that they can go under all the bridges.

Half a Century Ago
From The Oregonian of June 8, 1864.
Multnomah County election returns, incomplete: For Congress—J. H. D. Henderson, Union, 824; James K. Kelly, Democrat, 819; For State Printer, Henry L. Pitcock, 1109.

THE DEADLY BATHTUB.
This is a prophylactic age. All progressive people have abolished the bathtub. In many bathhouses, the public soap cake, the stretcher strap is under suspicion, the milk, the meat and the plumbing are inspected, but the end is not yet.

WHAT IS THE MATTER?
Several months ago President Wilson gave warning to states that there must be no pernicious tampering with the prosperity of the country. Anybody who detected in such deprecations would be "hanged higher than Haman" in the public estimation.

THE MAN WHO SAYS HIS WIFE HAS A SECRET BUT WHO PREFERS TO WITHHOLD IT FROM HIS WIFE.
The man who says his wife has a secret but who prefers to withhold it from his wife, after he has told it to Mr. Rapp, has set the imaginations of the curious at work on Madame Schumann-Heink's reputation, and they are apt to imagine something worse than the truth.

COMPETITION AMONG PORTLAND'S BUSINESS STREETS.
The House is playing the old game of the spendthrift—economizing on necessities in order that it may enjoy luxuries.

THE PRESIDENT'S FRIENDSHIP FOR LEGISLATION BENEFICIAL TO THE WEST IS PURELY NATIONAL.
We should like to see some of the ardor of passion thrown into it.

THE WATER WAS CUT OFF FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF MARKET AND CLAY STREETS YESTERDAY WITHOUT NOTICE.
Major Francis left yesterday morning for Fort Hoskins and Fort Yamhill to pay off troops.

THE EMPRESS OF ASIA TEN DAYS TO GO FROM VANCOUVER B. C. TO YOKOHAMA.
It is a large, consistent user of newspaper space, and it has found that such advertising increases business and wins the good will of the public.

REGULATION OF FARM LABOR.
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