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WHAT OF PUBLIC POLICY?

Unfortunately there is no process by which it can be ascertained from the courts in advance just how the city can bring the jitneys under regulation. The City Council must go ahead experimenting until it guesses right, and then the safety and convenience of the public may be protected.

TWO PRISON POLICIES.

Governor Withycombe, too, is granting a goodly number of paroles to inmates of the Oregon State Prison. The parole board, as Governor Withycombe has said, is an executive. It is not a judicial body.

THE INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM.

The initiative and referendum powers reserved to the people by this constitution are hereby further extended by the voters of every municipality and district as to all local, special and municipal legislation, every emergency measure, and every ordinance, resolution, ordinance, or other law, which is not in violation of the constitution.

PRESERVING GAME.

There is any quantity of facts to support Dr. Hornaday's statement that hunters let the wild game level off. The birds are not being protected. The deer are being killed for sport. The fish are being overfished.

AN OLTIME HERO.

The Washington Star's poet laments the disappearance of Jack Harkaway, one of the oldtime heroes of romance. "You were a great man, a great man with a great heart and a great brain."

VALUE OF OLD COINS.

Seemingly ineradicable is the popular delusion that all old coins are so rare and so eagerly sought after as to be worth more than their face value. Rare coins have unusual value to collectors only, whose number is very limited.

cover the great Jack Harkaway to be little better than a humbug. His philosophy was commonplace. His courage was only animal spirits.

MAIN FACTS.

The cardinal fact of the land-grant situation is that the railroad company owns the land under a grant made by the United States Government nearly fifty years ago.

MUD FOR DEFENSE.

Mr. Bryan's idea of National preparedness is a complete system of modern highways. They would be very good for our army to travel over, provided we had an army, but they would also be a great help to an invading army if we had no force to block its advance.

AN EXTRATERRITORIAL LAW.

The Austrian law making it a crime for an Austrian subject in a foreign country to make munitions for Austria's enemies is the same law which Ambassador Dumba endeavored to enforce in this country.

WE STILL FEED THE ALLIES.

There was a decided lull in exports of wheat in July, the total having decreased from 23,340,241 to 9,256,542 bushels, compared with July, 1914.

CRATER LAKE.

The latest health reformer to invade this city is advising not to eat a breakfast. That is nothing. There are other things that are not so good for you as breakfast, but all are in the cemetery. Hurry those sausages and hot cakes!

THE \$1,000,000,000 LOAN.

The negotiations for a \$1,000,000,000 loan with the Anglo-French financial commission are giving American bankers needed education in international finance. They assumed that the two allied governments would be induced to give collateral security for any loan that might be made.

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SETTIN' HOLDIN' HANDS.

When a fellow gets to thinking of the days when he was young He can feel till yet the feeling in That was planted when the organ of his being first was stung.

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European War Primer

Unlike the other belligerents, vulnerable in every part, Russia has unlimited reaches of territory where no invader could be inflicted, where no invaders would ever come, and where, if they came, their coming would be to no purpose.

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Twenty-five Years Ago

From The Oregonian, September 15, 1890. Washington.—It is expected the land-grant forfeiture bill will be agreed to in the Senate today. Senator Sawyer will next call up the anti-trust bill.

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Seattle.—Major H. C. Baxter, proprietor of the Bellevue Hotel and for many years proprietor of the Boston Hotel in Boston, well known as one of the best landlords in the country, died at his home near here yesterday.

Twenty-five Years Ago

New York.—Wall street's new daily financial paper, The Journal of Finance, will announce tomorrow a project for providing Chicago with a vast terminal system. It is to be known as the Chicago Elevated Terminal Company.

Twenty-five Years Ago

Moscow, Idaho.—This city is greatly excited over the discovery of opal deposits four miles northwest of here. James Allen, a scientific jeweler of Moscow, found them thrown up from the ground by a volcanic eruption, well on the farm of William Leasure.

Twenty-five Years Ago

Rev. L. J. Trumbull, pastor of the Baptist Church, Albany for three years, has resigned.

Twenty-five Years Ago

Dr. (Mrs.) Owens-Adair, of Astoria, has offered to donate to Willamette University 50 acres of land three miles from Clatsop Beach, provided the university will build and maintain its school thereon.

Twenty-five Years Ago

Henry Willmer, the well-known police officer who went to San Francisco to participate in the admission program, says the people did themselves proud in the undertaking.

Twenty-five Years Ago

The Portland football club played another interesting game (Rugby rules) at the Oaker yesterday. Garry was umpire. Messrs. Mills and Carruthers were the respective captains. Mills team wins.

Twenty-five Years Ago

President Osborn, of the Chamber of Commerce, left last night for San Francisco.

Twenty-five Years Ago

Mrs. John Ditchburn is visiting at Wilton, Wis.

Hali a Century Ago

From The Oregonian, September 15, 1865. F. B. Sprague who has recently visited the wonderful "sunken lake" in Southern Oregon, has written an interesting article on the subject. Mr. Sprague says he does not know who first saw the lake and he adds that he does not think it should be named after the discoverer.

Hali a Century Ago

The London correspondent of the New York Times says that he demands for the surrender of the officers and crew of the Alabama, which has been so pointedly refused by Earl Russell, the British minister in Washington. He says that the government is sorely perplexed.

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