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and then, too, some employ loss his job through such strict adherence to his simple duty. But it is to be hoped that no such fate will overtake Traffic Officer Quinn, who held up the President and his fiancée when they sought to break the traffic regulations in the town of Frederick.

Some surprise will attach itself to the observation that President Wilson was annoyed at the halting of his marriage in the wrong place, on the wrong street in passing. Some surprise is also occasioned by the steadfastness with which Officer Quinn stood his ground. When pressed by secret service agents, he stated that the President of the United States obey the regulations that are enforced on other individuals.

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MEN OR MICE.

President Wilson, it is said, has won Chairman Hay, of the House committee on military affairs, over to his programme of National preparedness. It is no mean achievement, for Hay is instinctively a Little American, in a chronic state of alarm over the militarist bog.

Secretary McAdoo, of the Treasury, who is here nominally on official business, but actually to see how the political land lies for his august father-in-law, does not hesitate to support the Wilson program for a great navy and a greater army.

President Wilson wants an army of a million trained men, regulars and reserves. President Wilson also is committed to a policy which will add to the Navy in five years ten battle cruisers, six battle cruisers, ten scout cruisers, fifty destroyers, fifteen fleet submarines, eighty-five coast submarines and various auxiliary vessels.

Do the Democratic newspapers and the Democratic organizations of Oregon stand with Wilson or with Bryan? Let them speak up. Are they men or mice?

DOCTORING WITHOUT DIAGNOSIS.

The figures prepared by the Merchants' Exchange and published elsewhere in The Oregonian today are fit food for the thought of those who may have profited by the first prifer lesson given in the last few days ago on the needs and requirements of the Port of Portland.

In the tables mentioned is found the actual record. For ten years the Port of Portland has held its own with the Puget Sound district in quantities of wheat and flour shipped by water. The past year's figures even exceed the general average.

But the figures are more impressive in their bearing on commerce totals relatively to the Puget Sound and Puget Sound when stated another way. On wheat and flour shipments combined Portland in the cereal year ended July 1 held a record above the average. Its percentage of wheat and flour moving by water from the entire Northwest was nearly a third more than the average of other years of the ten.

For all practical comparisons Portland is on an equal basis with Puget Sound in quantity of wheat and flour shipped by water, as these two commodities provide return cargo a vessel has no materially greater inducement to carry imports to Puget Sound than to Portland.

There is no way to dispute the actual figures. Their meaning is obvious. Something besides wheat and flour for export affects the export tonnage in and out of Portland as compared with the gross of Puget Sound. Where Portland falls behind is in transcontinental traffic, in movement through the port of commodities other than wheat and flour.

It is a characteristic trait of Americans that they are wholly undisciplined. No one realizes this so fully as the person who has the public to deal with, whether as streetcar conductor, traffic officer or means or influence not only feels his rights as an American citizen, but assigns to himself special privileges because of his station.

Often the one who is in charge of the public service or of corporations fear his influence and are coerced by his threats into making an exception to the rules they are supposed to enforce.

Hence we must all glory in the spunk and character of the employee who refuses to change rules for anyone's benefit. Now and then such incidents come to public notice. Now

SUPERFLUOUS JOBS.

Striking cartoon in Oregonian represents Old Man Portland awaiting a swarm of state commission members, or upon the state commission members, or upon the state commission members, or upon the state commission members.

Undoubtedly there are superfluous state employes; undoubtedly, The Oregonian urged upon the recent Legislature, as it had upon previous Legislatures, the wisdom of consolidating various state departments; and it had for many years protested against the multiplication of useless commissions.

But we should be highly gratified if our Newberg neighbor would name the commission members against whom it desires The Oregonian to direct its "swatter." The Oregonian will cheerfully comply, if it shall appear that Newberg has accurate information about the subject.

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