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Portland, Tuesday, Sept. 3, 1918.

SHALL MOONEY HANG?

A conspicuous feature of the Labor day parade yesterday—and elsewhere, according to reports—was the Mooney banners and badges. Some protested against the hanging of Mooney; others asked that he be set free; and others demanded a new and fair trial.

It is inconceivable, of course, that any responsible group of men and women in America should insist that a murderer be not punished. If he is guilty, he should suffer for his crime. If he is innocent, he should be exonerated. So, if Mooney is guilty, not any American citizen should insist that he be set free.

What is the basis of their opinion? Would it not be well for them to make an impartial investigation of the case, so as to determine its merits on the basis of the facts judicially ascertained? On the one hand there is the verdict of a jury of twelve men—the American method—sustained by the unanimous judgment of the Supreme Court.

President Wilson has been persuaded to make an appeal to the Governor of California for Mooney. It appears to be taken for granted that the President has conferred himself of Mooney's innocence. The Oregonian has not seen anywhere an authorized statement that President Wilson has interested because he was seeking to save a man wrongfully accused and convicted.

THE LOT OF THE SLACKER. The slacker who has any remaining doubts as to the universal contempt in which he is held will doubt no longer if he will read the letter of the Provost Marshal-General of the United States. Nor is this all. The machinery of the law is being perfected to a degree that bodes ill even for those who have thus far escaped the dragnet.

CONSERVING THE AUTOMOBILE. The order of the War Industries Board to automobile manufacturers, to be prepared to place themselves on war basis by January 1, 1919, does not mean that there will be no new automobiles for private use after that date.

AUSTRIA DIVIDES THE LOOT. In its extreme need of money to carry on the war the Austrian government has offered loot captured from the enemy as premiums for subscriptions to the eighth war loan.

The fact of the congestion of the railroads has been impressed upon every one. So far as passenger automobiles are used for travel which otherwise would be made upon railroads, they are relieving the pressure upon the latter.

NOT DEAD.

The Fresno (California) Republican, edited by an eminent Progressive, later chairman of the state Republican committee (in the fateful year 1916, when California tried to go for Hughes, but didn't), has now found new and absolute proof that the Democratic party is finally dead.

By imposing an extra tax of only 3 per cent on unearned as distinguished from earned incomes, the House committee is extremely merciful to those who live on the profits of their fathers' little muscular effort.

THE COUNSEL OF ENGLAND IS EMBODIED in a report of President Fisher, of the English Board of Education, in a statement recently given out by the United States Bureau of Education.

SWINDLERS AND LIBERTY BONDS. The Associated Advertising Clubs of the World are reminding members in exposing a class of get-rich-quick promoters and swindlers who are now preying upon a new class of investors created by our changing industrial conditions.

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The feat of Lieutenant Edmund G. Chamberlain leads the palm so far among performances of airmen, and the story of it makes those of the knights of old seem tame by comparison.

One point in General Mangin's message of congratulation at the performance of American troops in battle is open to criticism; that is his surprise that "troops comparatively new should have conducted themselves with such dash and brilliancy."

As men are withdrawn from one occupation after another which requires little muscular effort, it would be surprising if they expected it though they were gratified at seeing their expectations realized.

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In Other Days.

Twenty-five Years Ago. From The Oregonian September 2, 1893. WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 2.—The Senate passed the day in discussion of Senator Dolph's bill appropriating \$500,000 for the execution of the Chinese exclusion act.

Graduates of the Keeley Institute of Oregon held a reunion last week at Forest Grove. The graduates were noticeable for the neat blue badges that adorned their coats and their happy and smiling countenances.

From The Oregonian September 2, 1893. Memphis, Tenn.—The editor of the Memphis Appeal tells us that he has received a letter from a man who writes: "I am your old friend and I am glad to hear of your success."

From The Oregonian September 2, 1893. Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 31.—The Georgia Senate has unanimously passed a resolution authorizing the Governor to issue a proclamation disbanding armed resistance throughout the state.

WHY SULPHURIC ACID IS KING. Light Also Thrown Upon Importance of Platinum in This War. When the chemist clamor for more platinum and the Bureau of Mines says we are producing it, it is not the person who wears a platinum-set jewel is branded as a slacker.

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