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FOR THE FUTURE. The experiences of Portland with elaborate schemes to make a new and wonderful city beautiful, or an ideal metropolis, with lovely boulevards, attractive parks, modern theaters, public and private, all in their proper place and order, have not been fortunate nor profitable.

Just now there is a city-planning body which is seeking to solve some of Portland's problems. It has been steadily at work for some months, and it is probable that it will get somewhere.

All thoughtful citizens know that Portland must determine soon whether it is to step into the front rank as a modern port city, or whether it is to accept whatever fortune, circumstances and a fine geographical location shall bestow.

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dered to install meters. This is proper, of course, if the city says each shall buy the meter.

KEEPING UP WITH THE TIMES.

The idea of a great resort on the Oregon beach for the recreational benefit of the people of the coast is not new.

Word comes from Seaside that a definite plan has been given there for improvement designed to make it what Ben Holladay dreamed it should be, and more.

Good roads have opened up a new era in Oregon and everywhere. The new roads are the result of the beach assures a great movement every summer and during the winter, too.

In an article opposing capital punishment it is venturesome indeed to quote as a writer does so today, perhaps figuring that a correspondent who is a socialist has a license to do so.

And the quotation that Mr. Barzee gives from the Russian dictator is not only wrong, but incomplete. Whereas Mr. Barzee is a socialist, who occasionally writes for the newspapers, John Spargo is a socialist.

So the delectable Lenin was not talking about the public in general, as Mr. Barzee leaves us to suppose, but speaking cynically of his own followers.

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situation in the United States to reflect the demands of the allies. It probably believes that the American army of occupation would not advance beyond the Rhine, and that the French and British would do so.

TOO LENIENT WITH THE I. W. W. The I. W. W. conspiracy against the United States will not be broken up by such treatment as Judge Baskley gave several members at Tillamook.

These are not times to trifle with sedition and treason. They are times for severity. Men who conspire to overthrow the government or other men's property are punishable.

The parole system is abused when applied to such cases. The safety of the nation and state should be the first consideration in the case of a man who has committed merely petty offenses.

GENETICS IN THE ARCTIC. James E. Crawford may be right in his assumption that the "blonde Eskimos" of the Arctic, first observed by the explorer Stefansson, are a distinct race.

Undoubtedly those 1,500,000 gallons of old bourbon whiskey to be distributed to stockholders of the distilleries will be used for medicinal purposes only.

There must be one or two oldtime "motors" who can tell the pampered platform men of the present how the paralytic initiative and vestibules in snow storms long ago.

All the robbers are in winter quarters and the sparrows are hustlers who can play snow like a range cow.

These temperatures and discomforts demonstrate women are tougher than men.

It was ice cream in the bottle on the porch.

BY-PRODUCTS OF THE TIMES

Music Tones Are Felt in Various Parts of the Body. There is, after all, very little difference between Beethoven's moonlight sonata and a succulent stein of beer.

While having some of the family furniture that came over in the Mayflower done over and polished some years since, I formed the acquaintance of a deaf furniture polisher.

The old saw that "few die and none resign" was upset by H. D. Demmond of Bend, who is in town with his family and registered at the Imperial.

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Major George Newlove, who had charge of the guard who had fled from their home in Montreal to avoid the rigorous winter and came to the Pacific coast to enjoy the mild climate, and then the snow came and with it the east wind.

Those Who Come and Go

Things didn't break right for Dan Kellaher, former city commissioner, who was in Bend Sunday. In the dining room of the hotel he was struck by a pitcher of syrup when he was sitting at the table.

L. B. Reeder, who was speaker of the Oregon legislature in 1901, now lives at Rathill, Idaho, about 400 yards from the international boundary.

"I'm wondering," observed Manager Childs of the Hotel Portland, "how long it will continue to snow before the stuff begins sliding off the roof and I have to put ropes around the sidewalk."

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PRIVATE VENGEANCE PROSCRIBED

Nothing More Intended in Christ's Reference to Mosaic Law. UNIVERSITY PARK, Ore., Dec. 9.—(To the Editor.)—That the words of Jesus of Nazareth should be applied to the present situation is a point sanctioned by the spirit of the teachings of the law.

It would be an absurdity of the first magnitude to assert the over-riding principle of self-defense by reading these words so important for the purpose indicated by them.

The matter of appealing to statistics in preference to decrease or increase of murders by capital punishment is unreliable. Who knows exactly the number of murders committed through fear of death how many are kept back from killing their victims?

Opponent of Death Penalty Finds Cause in Leader's Remark. PORTLAND, Dec. 9.—(To the Editor.)—In support of the sane writings of my humane friend, Grace E. Hall, who has been the champion of the death penalty, let me say all have bowed the knee to Baal in the war-made lust for blood.

Then the Centralia affair. If capital punishment is a deterrent, it is a deterrent to the Centralia affair. It is a deterrent to the Centralia affair.

Bible Quotation Against Death Penalty Contradicted by Writer. ORENCO, Ore., Dec. 9.—(To the Editor.)—Please allow me a little space for a reply to the letter of Grace E. Hall, published in your issue of Dec. 8, 1919.

The weekly number of accidents in Portland is a shame on a civilized city. It is a shame on a civilized city. It is a shame on a civilized city.

Washington—The postmaster-general's estimates for the coming fiscal year include \$500,000 for steamship service between the San Francisco and the Sandwich Islands.

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More Truth Than Poetry.

THE MINE SWEEPERS. They never had a half a chance at glory. They never had a half a chance at glory. They never had a half a chance at glory.

Alert of mind, untroubled and un-sleeping. And if they kept their perilous watch, they kept their perilous watch. And if they kept their perilous watch, they kept their perilous watch.

For victory's mighty progress cleared the way. Made an army's path across the ocean. And baffled craft and cunning of their prey.

There are twice as many students of chemistry as there were a year ago. Chemists, you know, can make alcohol.

Ill health has laid a blighting hand upon her splendid liberty. Has closed the door on liberty and space.

She has set herself a duty or a little of it. That she means shall be accomplished every day.

Every day some deed of kindness—for another—can you guess. What change would come if all were just that golden hour, when the sun is low, and the world is new.

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