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Renew their strike threat in order to
coerce congress to legislate as they
demand. The remedy is, as Mr.
Root says, "limitation of the right to
strike at a point where it conflicts
with self-preservation of the com-
munity."

Large interests in foreign enterprises"
and he gives this hint:
The sentimental appeal to American in-
vestors and to American people generally
is to invest in Europe. It is to invest
in the "new world" of Europe. It is to
invest in the "new world" of Europe.

of the distance between the earth
and the moon, he estimated, the mis-
take would have no weight whatever.
"and if it passes that point it will
fall into the moon by the sole effect
of lunar attraction. Providing for
an initial velocity of 12,000 yards a
second and allowing for decreasing
velocity, he arrived at 300,000 sec-
onds as the time required to reach
the point where the attraction of the
earth and moon would be in equilib-
rium. From this point it would fall
into the moon in 50,000 seconds,
from which he deduced that it would
be desirable to discharge the project-
ile 97 hours, 13 minutes, 20 seconds
before the arrival of the moon at the
point aimed at.

SPECIMEN "OLD-TIME PLATFORM"
Logical Conclusion From Mr. Mar-
shall's Recently Expressed Desire.
PORTLAND, Feb. 20.—(To the Ed-
itor)—View President Marshall has
announced his desire to go as a
delegate-at-large to the national dem-
ocratic convention upon an "old-time
democratic platform." He should be
encouraged.

Those Who Come and Go.
To mark 200,000 bluebacks at the
Herman creek pond of the Bonne-
ville hatchery, Dr. W. H. Rich of
Stanford University, arrived in Port-
land yesterday. Dr. Rich is one of
the chief authorities on the blueback
salmon. The markings on the 200,000
fish will be the removal of the anal
and ventral fins, the same markings
as placed on 50,000 bluebacks in 1916.

In Other Days.
Twenty-Five Years Ago.
From The Oregonian of February 21, 1895.
Washington.—Frederick Douglass,
the noted colored orator, who was
born a slave, dropped dead in this
city last night.

More Truth Than Poetry.
By James J. Montague.
ADVISE TO THE LOVELORN.
If a lover comes a-wooing, as a lot of
them are doing,
With the manners of a moving-pic-
ture star.

ROOT STATES THE ISSUES.
Elliott Root put first among the
issues of the campaign President
Wilson's assumption of autocratic
power, the democratic party's sup-
port of him in doing and the party
to decentralize the executive powers in
recognition of "the necessity that we
shall restore our republican form of
government with the liberty of the in-
dividual citizen preserved by limita-
tions upon official power and put an
end to the dictatorship which we cre-
ated in order to carry on the war."

PEACEFUL PICKETING.
Prior to enactment of a law by the
1919 legislature the boycott was
illegal in Oregon. It was not a
crime under the statutes, but the
supreme court had held that the boy-
cott was wrongful per se, and was
subject to restraint by injunction.
The 1919 law attempted to legalize
the boycott when conducted by
peaceful or lawful means. Now the
idea of the various labor organiza-
tions and that of the lower court
as to what are peaceful or lawful
means do not coincide. The contro-
versy will go to the supreme court.

THE GOVERNMENTAL CRAZY QUILT.
Reference to reorganization of the
government by Governor Lowden
and Herbert Hoover is a healthy sign
of public interest in a subject to
which little attention has been given,
though it is intimately connected
with that economy which appeals to
every man when he prepares his in-
come tax return. The government is
a vast public utility, in which bureaus
and divisions have been attached to
departments without regard to their
proper functions. A degree of red
tape and formality surrounds the
operations of the various bureaus to
each other which obstructs and adds
to the cost of public business.

Verne did not originate the idea
of a trip to the moon. As he him-
self has pointed out, a certain David
Fabricius boasted in the seventeenth
century of having seen with his own
eyes the inhabitants of the moon.
John Wilkins, "Discovery of a New
World," written in 1638. Fontanelle's
"The Plurality of Worlds," was a
sensational in its time. "The
Strange Adventure of Hans von Pfaal,"
who launched himself in a balloon
on his journey to the moon, a famous
moon story by Edgar Allan Poe,
probably furnished Verne with his
immediate inspiration.

Plank No. 4 would repeal from the
platform the denunciation of the
republican party, declaring that
"its corruption and extravagance have
exceeded anything known in history,"
and that "the party has become a
nearly doubled the burden of the
debt created by the war. Under its
repeated assaults the republic has
been reduced to a state of bankruptcy
and should it succeed in November
next, and inaugurate its president, we
will bring about the ruin of the rep-
ublic and the scattered fragments of
the constitution."

They are spending money like
water in the oil business, says
E. H. Bloom, a New York
traveling salesman, who is at the
Multnomah. "I saw in one town a
man who took a car out of the
garage and so did his wife and boy, but
I watched them go into a jewelry store
and the man bought his wife two dia-
mond necklaces, one for each, worth
another for \$500, and he bought the
younger a diamond stick pin for
\$150. The hotel jobbers look like
some stock market speculators who
were three weeks ahead for a room
at one hotel, there were no accom-
modations when I arrived. I saw a
family of five in a room with two
less, riding in a big automobile with
a white man driving it. Many colored
men who owned land on which they
could not make a cent, had their land
fitted as oil was struck on their
acreage and they march around with
silk hats, silk shirts, cutaway coats
and gold-headed canes. These colored
people, on the time of their
lives and enjoying every minute of
their prosperity."

Easy Enough for Poet to Be Serious.
Yet Produce Bad Lines.
PORTLAND, Feb. 20.—(To the Ed-
itor)—In The Oregonian recently, in
"By-Products of the Press," appears
a paragraph which is quoted in ex-
amples of bad lines by great poets.
I am guilty of being an amateur
poet and would like to explain how
easy it is for a poet to lose himself
in the realm sublime and yet produce
the ridiculous.

The Jewel of Inconceivability.
The prohibitionist insists on drug-
gists possessing alcohol before they
sell it, but they maintain at the
same time that this is wholly super-
erogatory.

It is the greatest question to be
decided in the campaign, for it
determines whether Mr. Root points
have grown the others for which, he
tells us, the republican party must
find remedies. He placed next in
importance ratification of the treaty
with senate amendments long before
the presidential election. But for
the autocratic power exercised by the
president, no occasion would have
arisen for discussion of the treaty
in this connection. As Mr. Root
says, the president's practical dic-
tatorship was "created in order to
carry on the war. It should have
ended when hostilities ceased, and
Mr. Wilson should have called con-
gress to full exercise of its constitu-
tional powers. If he had done so, he
would have called the senate to ad-
vise him and act with him in making
peace, as the constitution requires,
and he would have assured in
advance its consent to the completed
treaty, just as McKinley assured ratification of the treaty with Spain. By
setting at naught the constitutional
part which the senate should have
made in making treaties, the president
drove the senate to assert its power. His
thus involved a question of constitu-
tional prerogative with that of ratifica-
tion, and caused the republican
senators to insist on points which
might otherwise have been deemed
unimportant.

One circuit judge, we think, has
expressed the opinion that peaceful
picketing is impossible. The majority
of the Multnomah circuit judges
have held that the peacefulness of
the means must be determined from
the nature of the strike. A still later
opinion by Judge McCourt seems to
hold that picketing in concert or by
urging by word of mouth prospective
customers not to patronize a boy-
cotted place of business is not peace-
ful. A lone picket, however, is
considered peaceful. The fact that
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not mean that it is constitutional.
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Recent discussion of methods to
make ourselves understood of the
moon, recalled the interesting story
of the "Great American Desert,"
in his highly imaginative tale, "From
the Earth to the Moon." The paral-
lel is all the more interesting in view
of realization of the forecasts that
Verne made in his fanciful "Eighty
Days Around the World" and "An
Extraordinary Voyage Under the
Sea."

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science with a lively fancy; his coun-
terparts show that their science may
be tempered with imagination. Near-
ly every student of the history of
science is tempted to say, "Verne
is wishing that he could solve the
financial phase of the problem as
easily as Verne was able to do.

Plank No. 7 will appeal strongly to
every voter having a sense of humor.
It is from the platform of 1892 and
reads as follows: "The democratic
party is the only party that ever
loved the country a foreign policy
consistent and vigorous, compelling
respect abroad and inspiring confi-
dence at home."

Discrimination is Apparent.
Why Censor Movies When Same Plot
Is Sold in Book or Play?
PORTLAND, Feb. 20.—(To the Ed-
itor)—I am against arbitrary cen-
soring of pictures or any other form
of public amusement. I do so for the
reason that without rigid censorship
they have greatly improved and I
feel sure that producers and theater
men are just as much interested in
keeping pictures clean as alleged re-
formers.

Lost.
By Grace E. Hall.
She came to live with me one day,
'Was several years ago,
A dainty little maiden with a smiling
face,
Her eyes were like the corn-flowers,
Her cheeks like blushing roses,
And O, she had a little cute tip-tiled
sauce nose!

America's Finest in Autos and
Trucks Invade Portland for
Annual Auto Show
From the moderate-priced to the most expensive, from the
jaunty runabout to the luxurious limousine, America's best on
rubber tires will be on display at the Portland automobile show,
which opens here Monday. Every man and woman interested
in motor cars will want to visit the show, and every prospective
buyer will want to study the wealth of advance informa-
tion contained in the special Eleventh Annual Automobile Num-
ber of The Oregonian, issued tomorrow. Three heavy sections
packed from front to back with automobile features, articles and
pictures, tell the story of the biggest show Portland has ever had.

ECONOMIC DISEASE DIAGNOSED.
In its financial and commercial re-
view for the year 1919 the London
Times attributes to the present eco-
nomic troubles in Europe to short-
age of goods and surplus of paper
money, while expenditures of each
nation still exceed income. The true
effect of this condition was concealed
till war measures were abandoned.
Then it became known that "the bloated
figures of trade and wealth were not
in a measure prosperity at all, but in
a way an indication of the world's
poverty." The Times finds in the
latter half of the year a growing con-
fidence in the need to get back to
a saner economic basis, to restrict
public and private expenditure, to
obtain an increased production and
to stop the manufacture of money as
a means of making good a deficiency
in wealth production.

It is not surprising, therefore,
that Professor Goddard's idea of im-
proving on the Big Game method
of the "Great American Desert,"
beyond our atmosphere, if not the
moon itself, should now be received
with especial interest in France.
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Apparently Senator Sherman does
not believe the man in ordinary
circumstances could do it. In his own
words and blames Henry Ford for
prevalence of what the senator calls
"a pest." Yet he must admit it is
a fine machine to learn with, and,
if he knows, will also admit the con-
struction of the "Great American
Desert" would cost, if not to say better.

Jack Dempsey is quoted as saying
he'd just as lief fight for one cent
as for \$1,000,000. No doubt that's
why he is so anxious to boost the
"Great American Desert," a compromise
between the two.

Senator Sherman declares the Ford
automobile is an international pest.
It is indeed to some men of Pierce-
Arrow fortunes who want all the
roadways to themselves.

Report of a prairie fire sixty miles
wide sweeping Argentina recalls old
days of the "Great American Desert,"
when such affairs were too common
to be news items.

Law on Flag Design.
PORTLAND, Feb. 20.—(To the Ed-
itor)—The one cherished design
I find an old envelope with this
printed thereon: A blue sea with the
sun rising over it, and the
surrounding stars and 13 stripes.
The "world" appear the words "Our
Country," and beneath the design, "Its
Constitution is the basis of its laws."
was, the 24th state, was admitted to
the Union. Was the custom then ob-
served to star the flag as it is now
each new state came in? I thought
not so far back. And are the 13
stripes on a flag? Any further in-
formation of the history of the flag
or derivation, will be appreciated.

SUFFRAGE FRIENDS CELEBRATE—One hundred years
ago, when Susan B. Anthony was born, women were like the
youngsters of today when election day came around—to be seen
but not heard. Maybe Miss Anthony and her famous disciple,
Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, were a little ahead of their time, but the
common folks, but the caravan has caught up at last and the
world is willing to recognize the leadership of both women. The
women folks of Oregon, known as one of the most progressive
of suffrage states, will find a wealth of interesting reading in
the account by Mrs. Helen Johns of the life and works of the
two women, whose birthdays came this month, just a day apart,
February 14 and 15.

CLIMATE BINDS UP WOUNDS OF WAR—A second article
on what Oregon is doing for the boys who have come back from
the battlefield as wreckage of the titanic struggle. Maybe your
boy is still paying the price of devotion, a price which can only
be measured by the rule of life itself. At any rate Uncle Sam
is doing a lot right here in Oregon to show that he is an ap-
preciative old duffer and ready to help his boys. DeWitt Harry
told only part of the story in last week's issue. The humanist
part of the narrative is yet to come. Be sure and follow it up
tomorrow.

WIVES OF FOREIGN NOBLES DISILLUSIONED—The
glitter of the crown, the lure of the title in the lands where
aristocracy knows its inferior, how often has it brought only
sorrow to the rich American girl, instead of leading to the rain-
bow's end. Had you supposed that these matches, born of ambi-
tion and clouded by the glamour of royalty, were like those in the
story book, "living happily ever after"? The divorce courts are
telling a different story. These women, scores of them, are now
seeking to rebuild their lives in the land which they wanted to
forget. You'll find this feature worth attention, giving inside
glimpses of the lives of women whose family names are almost
household words throughout the land. With illustrations.

Some of the testimony in a current
divorce case goes a mile beyond
movie close-ups in the matter of
occupation.

It's a wise director who dodges a
school board meeting in these parlous
times of near-pickets.

Another holiday stretch starts this
noon for forty-seven fifty-second

Descent of Property.
PORTLAND, Feb. 20.—(To the Ed-
itor)—A husband dies without a
will and there are no children, does
will get all of his property, or can
his relatives claim any of it.

Tom Thompson, one of the well-
known west men of Pendleton, is at
the Imperial.

All the News of All the World
THE SUNDAY OREGONIAN