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handed on a smaller issue of currency, so that process might continue until normal prices returned.

Then it seems that inflation of currency is the reflection of inflated prices. The one sure way to deflate prices is to produce more, that is, to do more work.

THE PUNISHMENT OF THE SLACKER. If Grover Cleveland Bergdoll has any remnant of the instincts of manhood, the contempt of those who are no longer his fellow-citizens will be a greater punishment than the imprisonment to which he has been sentenced.

His offense is the greater because under the constitution which he refused to defend he had enjoyed the wealth which he did not earn.

THE SCORN WHICH BERGDOLL ENDURES extends in a less degree to all those who, though qualified to serve their country, shirked their duty.

TOO HASTY. We are unable to follow the reasoning of the attorney in his opinion in which he holds that purchase by the city of the rails of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company would be unconstitutional.

It is true that the constitution prohibits any city, town or other municipality from becoming a stockholder in any joint stock company, corporation or association whatever.

Such action, says Mr. LaRoche, "would differ in principle not at all from an original undertaking to construct at the city's own cost and expense these tracks for the use of the city."

DEFENSE IS CONVICTION. In his speech in the house defending the aircraft production board from the attacks of the committee which investigated its work, the speaker is at the head of the party.

When the war in Europe began, the United States was fourth among the nations in the production of aircraft.

Then the best defense that the administration can make for its failure to produce aircraft during the war is that it had done nothing to produce them during the two years and eight months of war that preceded American participation.

which aircraft played, their rapid improvement and the exertions of the engineers to enlarge their air fleets.

THE RIGHT TO VOTE. An opinion given by Charles E. Hughes has done much to ally fears among women suffrage enthusiasts aroused by enemies of the principle.

It has been argued by those who seem to have a special mission to take the joy out of life, that ratification of the national amendment will not confer the right to vote upon women in any state where the state constitution limits the suffrage to males.

Mr. Hughes expresses the opinion that the amendment will be in effect the blind, but it also carries with it the power to make treaties which might soon become practically unlimited.

A BLIND HYMN WRITER. The centenary of the birth of Fanny Crosby is a reminder of the progress we have made in intelligent provision for the care and education of the blind.

It is a curious incident of history that a few years ago an attempt was made to eliminate from the state constitution this apparent discrimination against negroes.

DEEPLY AS ALL AMERICANS except the death battalion senators deplore the senate's failure to ratify the treaty of Versailles, the failure was the result of a policy which all power over foreign policy could be prevented from passing into the hands of the president.

THE NEW GERMAN CHANCELLOR says reactionaries will be swept out of the army "with an iron broom."

One court-martial sentence at which the enlisted man isn't likely to take exception is the one sending Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, rich draft evader, to hard labor in a federal penitentiary for five years.

THE PROPOSED wage increase for the bituminous coal miners is \$200,000,000—quite a sum to be absorbed by the consumers.

Municipal garbage collectors have gone on strike in Chicago. This is one case where we'd hardly expect a rash of strike breakers to take the vacant jobs.

the legacy covenant and the treaty with Germany would be an instrument, though distinct in character and purpose, and when enough senators to prevent ratification declared that they should be separated, he replied that they would be so interwoven that the separation would prove impossible.

Those senators who desired early peace and a place for the United States in the league with due safeguards for American rights and interests therefore had the additional motive of defending the place in the league which the constitution gave to the senate.

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By-Products of the Times. Kansas Inventor Proposes to Do Away With Stereotyping.

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Those Who Come and Go. To get some authentic information regarding the steelhead of the Rogue river, Dr. W. H. Rich passed through Portland yesterday on his way to assist in experiments.

A fellow never knows just what's going to happen when he strays away from his own "hobby town."

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THE REAL REASON FOR NOT KNOWING. Indignant Republican Gives History of Mr. Poindexter's Political Flops.

PORTLAND, March 30.—(To the Editor)—I have been reading with much interest in the Oregonian and other newspapers of the candidacy of Senator Miles Poindexter for president of the United States.

Justice is not the leading motive; it is expedience by which we are more guided in our affairs, and we only look to our own interests.

More Truth Than Poetry. By James J. Montague.

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