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REGULATION, NOT COMPULSION. The terminal company, which controls the union station, desires time to negotiate with the outside railroads on the subject of common use for the station.

THE MATOR ON THE JOB. Among other talents bestowed by a bountiful and discriminating Providence upon our popular and versatile mayor, let it be said that he is a police officer.

POVERTY AND CRIME. The most casual scrutiny of the so-called criminal of crime fails to justify the favorite theory of certain criminologists.

NO BOSS OF THE SENATE. Senator Penrose's change of front on the emergency tariff bill should put an end to the fable to which Democrats gave currency during the campaign that he is boss of the senate.

THE ITINERANCY IN PIONEER TIMES. The circuit rider, typified by Mr. R. A. Booth's proposed gift to the state of an historic route to the pioneer minister and in memory of the Rev. Robert Booth, father of the donor, recalls the period of construction on the frontier.

DEEP CHANNEL TO THE SEA. The channel from Portland to the sea is new deeper than it has ever been, and it has been cut to more than the extent of depth over two months earlier in the season than usual.

lumbia this year by sending all three of its large boats down the river, and the government intends to send its three diggers to the Willamette toward the end of the season.

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Those Who Come and Go

An Oregonian who believes thoroughly in Oregon schools as the place to educate his children is Dr. J. W. Geary of Burns, who was in Portland yesterday to visit his son, who is a student at Jefferson high school. Dr. Geary is a member of a famous old Oregon family. His father, Dr. E. H. Geary, was rector for several years of the University of Oregon and pastor of the First Presbyterian church in Eugene. He has a fine record as a member of Governor Geary, the "war governor" of Pennsylvania. Old-time Oregon residents who knew the Eugene pastorells well said yesterday that Dr. J. W. Geary grows to look more like his father each day. Dr. Geary says that a business man like this was observed at the Napoleonic wars. In New York city figures for 1920 show little variation from the accepted proportion of 105 boys to 100 girls. As a matter of fact, the records at 16 maternity hospitals in Manhattan and Brooklyn show that the proportion has fallen off little, the figures for 1920 being 104 boys to 100 girls. Data from the board of health corroborate the findings at the United States hospitals. Up to September 30 New York's birth record was 52,377 boys and 49,320 girls—New York World.

Such incidents perhaps bring us nearer the commune. Also they give tired pedestrians a laugh. It was raining. A limousine stopped on Fifth avenue and a matronly woman and a girl in long curls stepped out. The girl held a leash which was fastened to a pom. The dog stepped about awkwardly enough to attract the attention of the crowd. It was a small, black, curly-haired dog, a rain-proof blanket. It seemed quite miserable—O. O. McIntyre's New York Letters.

Roosevelt Chin, Wilbur Chin and Isabel Chin, who do not bear the names of pictures, but of three Chinese children whose father, Chin Shee of Willows, Cal., has asked the superior court of Glenn county to declare his children by judicial decree.

Major Thomas E. Cathrow, U. S. A., representing Colonel Falls, head of the educational department, U. S. A., for the 9th corps area, of which General Hunter Liggett is commander in San Francisco, arrived in Portland yesterday morning and is registered at the Portland hotel. Major Cathrow spent the morning at the state military academy and had luncheon with J. A. Hill, president of the academy. Colonel W. H. C. Bowen, U. S. A., and John D. Davin, U. S. A., J. W. Daniels, later he has honored at a reception given by the cadet commissioned officers who were present to the visitor.

Clarence D. Smith, field secretary of the Kimball school of theology at Salem, is in Portland for a few days on the invitation of the industrial school. The school is conducted by the Methodist Episcopal church of the Pacific northwest. It is independent of Willamette university in administration and maintenance, but its students have free admission to courses of study offered by the university. Mr. Smith is in Portland to recruit young men for the ministry, and to discuss financial support of the school.

Mrs. T. W. B. London and her daughter of Vancouver, B. C., have returned to Portland after a trip to Salem. They will go to British Columbia this morning. Mrs. London is a sister-in-law of Edwin B. London of this city. She was married in Portland, but has lived in British Columbia for several years, where her husband is a business man. Mrs. London and her daughter have been at the Portland hotel.

John Vert, a banker of Pendleton, has just returned from France. His wife is still in Europe, but will return soon. Vert has lived in Oregon for many years and went back to France several months ago for a visit with old friends and relatives. Vert is prominent in the Masons of the state and his wife is prominent in the Eastern Star. Mr. Vert is at the Imperial.

Many automobile enthusiasts have come to Portland for the auto show. Among them are E. J. Franz of Hood River, who has a new car, and a number of other enthusiasts. They are staying at the Imperial, as is T. J. O'Keefe of Boise, Idaho, dealer in automobile accessories, who is also here for the show.

M. E. Fagan, chief of the office of accounts of the state, is in Portland on a visit to the state service with headquarters at Washington, D. C., is in Portland for an annual inspection of the office here. He came to Portland from San Francisco. He is at the Perkins.

Meacham, O. R., feels lost when Burdett Ross leaves town for even a day. Mr. Ross, who is postmaster and owner of the general merchandise store in Meacham, is the sort of man who is a good neighbor. Meacham is a growing little town in Umatilla county, 46 miles west of Pendleton.

Leo Bloss of Sedalia, Mo., is at the Multnomah. Sedalia is the little town that figured so prominently in the case of Mack and Mabel. Mack was a sleepy town then but now is one of the most thriving of the smaller cities in Missouri.

John Burroughs' Nature Notes

Can You Answer These Questions? 1. Why do migrating birds strike lightning and get killed? 2. Can the varieties of pine tree be distinguished by the number of needles growing in each cluster? 3. How does a bear's jaw work in chewing? Answers in tomorrow's nature notes.

Answers to Previous Questions: 1. How long have we had apples in America? While apples are now successfully grown from coast to coast, our first apple is said to have been introduced from England in 1639 by the governor of Massachusetts Bay; and in 1647 Governor Stuyvesant imported the first recorded grafted tree to New York. The first apple in this country known as Third Avenue and Thirteenth street. It lived many years, and its trunk was allowed to stand as a relic until 1896, when an accident demolished it.

2. What is the right time to collect birds' nests? Birds' nests are found best in winter when the trees are bare, and without harm to the birds, since the nests have then served their purpose. Dip specimens in gasoline to kill vermin and write a label for each, telling when, where and how the nest was found. A scrap-book of pictures of nests is often a help in making identifications.

3. Are bats animals or birds or insects? Bats are warm-blooded animals, mammals, like any animal that suckles its young. Their habits are not very well known, but they are thought to have two young to a litter, about July. The baby bats often travel by hanging to their mother's neck, but sometimes hang to her under a head downward, on tree branches, or back of window blinds. Only harmless species live in this country.

Effect of Rates of Exchange: Losses to Exporters Occur Only When Future Rate is Miscalculated. SALEM, Or., Jan. 9.—(To the Editor.)—Please explain how the amount of exchange between the currency of the different countries is calculated. My banker says he don't get the difference and another says no one gets it. If no one gets it, why the difference? A PUZZLED LOSER.

The normal exchange rate as established by the cost of transporting gold from one country to another plus interest on the gold while in transit. The present abnormal rate is primarily due to diminished confidence in the ability of foreign governments to pay in gold and to abnormal balance of trade.

In a transaction for example with the United States, an American English importer of a light draft on English banks is drawn in pounds sterling, which is the English currency. The American exporter sells these drafts to an American bank. As the drafts draw no interest, the American bank figures interest on the time the drafts will be in transit before acceptance, as well as the time the drafts are in transit. At this point comes in the exchange rate. The bank must estimate what the exchange rate will be at maturity of the drafts, so that the English money when converted into dollars will be sufficient to repay the original dollars invested as well as the interest thereon.

It will be seen that the bank figures not only on interest on the money it invests in the transaction, but also on profit or loss in the exchange rate, except in-so-far as there may be misjudgment on the part of the bank in anticipating the rate, or possible miscalculation on the part of the exporter if he has accepted a poor rate for the time being. Exchange rates are quoted daily in the press. A pound sterling is today worth \$1.75 in American money. If you receive today a cable of 1000 pounds sterling, present exchange for a given quantity of wheat you would figure that you had received \$1750.00. If the rate is \$1.70, you would receive \$1700.00. The difference is \$50.00. There is no profit or loss in the exchange at the time the purchase was completed.

THIS IS NOT COUNTRY OF CASTE: Some Reasons Given Why Married Women Seek and Get Employment. PORTLAND, Jan. 10.—(To the Editor.)—About the controversy relative to women workers, married or single, I wish to say that there are individuals in this country who, for various reasons, apparently, as those of India, where caste or heathenism decrees that women shall do this and so, and that they shall be ashamed if they are married women who are employed. I am asking if the married man is invariably able financially to meet the needs of his family, or if he is unable to do so, and if he is unable to do so, how is the married woman who is employed to help him? Is she to earn her living or aid the family if needs be? If she did not do her part the very ones who help the most are the ones who are most probably to be helped. Then, too, employers are not hiring on sentiment; they are paying the high wages which are in evidence, and if (as some assert) the married woman is the best worker, what wonder that she is preferred? The reasons are not caste or heathenism.

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More Truth Than Poetry

By James J. Montague. THE AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE. I stood beside the phone one day, And thought up bitter words and strong. Which I proposed, forthwith, to say. If central got my number wrong, I hoped, in this untoward event, Her ladyship's replies to me Would be extremely impudent And wake my powers of repartee.

For when one gets a busy line In answer to a casual call, Or when—by obvious design—He does not get a line at all, It's consolation to have Profanity's explosive art. A few rough words in anger spoken, Your brain upon a troubled heart.

An objection will suffice To move a maid to much disgust, But a mechanical device, He does not get a line at all, No matter what wild words you fling. It just resumes its dreary droning, And so this automatic thing I have said in the pleasure of phoning!

WILSON REJECTS OFFER OF \$150,000 FOR ARTICLE.—N. Y. Sun. Probably it was article 10. IF WE HAD OUR CHOICE. Mrs. Fankhurst is coming over here to suppress bolshevism, but there are a lot of us who would prefer bolshevism.

SHI HIGH. There hasn't been any reduction in the wages of Shi. (Copyright, 1921, by the Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

Confession. By Grace E. Hall. I have prided myself on my reason. I have prided my mind and have smiled. If doubt has assailed for a season, Then vanity came and beguiled; I have said in my heart that no pleading Evermore should awaken a thrill, That the lure of a face interceding Had lured me forever; and still Each pulse that was prone to awaken, Each heart-beat that seemed overfast, That love was emotion mistaken, A fever that died out and passed, Ah! That was when ideals despoiled Lay heaped by the throne of despair, When confidence sharply recoiled, And caution repeated "Beware!" Then came the truth with your message and yearning, Your greatness of soul and your songs, Your words of impulse deep-burning, Your purpose so lofty and strong; There was strength in the clasp of your fingers, A faint gleam of eyes dark and true, And the truth in my mind fiercely lingers— I'd be saint or sinner—for you!

In Other Days. Twenty-five Years Ago. From The Oregonian of January 11, 1896. The rainfall at McLinnville during December was 19.1 inches. The steamer Gray Eagle surprised the fishermen of Jefferson last week by making a run up the Salliam river to that city, the first visit of any boat since 1882. The city hall may now be considered as completed, for all the money in the fund is expended. Fishermen at Oregon City, dissatisfied with their business this year, say that for the past ten years the change rates are quoted daily in the press. A pound sterling is today worth \$1.75 in American money. If you receive today a cable of 1000 pounds sterling, present exchange for a given quantity of wheat you would figure that you had received \$1750.00. If the rate is \$1.70, you would receive \$1700.00. The difference is \$50.00. There is no profit or loss in the exchange at the time the purchase was completed.

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More Babies Are Chingwe. Exchange. The Moro mother is never troubled by the fear that her baby coach is out of fashion, for she never has one. She throws her children on her shoulder, one on each side, perhaps, and the youngsters cling to her hair.