

WORLD OF THE FUTURE

Capital Punishment Viewed From Various Angles by Interested Correspondents—Opinions on Diversified Subjects Are Expressed.

PARDON CURB RECOMMENDED

Reader Would Take Power Away From Governor.

PORTLAND, Jan. 3.—(To the Editor.)—Every good citizen is surely anxious for the drastic execution of the law against crime, and indeed it looks very much as though new and much more drastic measures should be taken against the ever-increasing crime wave that sweeps the country. So we must without delay decide on a prompt and effective, safe and sane, issue of punishment for the part of the people, an unmanageable power. The human mind stands bewildered in the presence of its own creation.

The time will come, nevertheless, when human intelligence will rise to the mastery over property and define the relations of the state to the property it protects, as well as the obligations and the limits of the rights of its owners. The interests of society are paramount to individual interests, and the time will come when a mere property career is not the final thing in mankind, if progress is to be the law of the future as it has been of the past. The time which has passed away since civilization stands before us, but the time of the duration of man's existence, and but a fragment of the ages yet to come.

The dissolution of society bids fair to become the termination of a career of which property is the end and aim, and the time will come when the elements of self-destruction, democracy in government, brotherhood in society, equality in rights and privileges, will have been spent to re-establish the next higher plane of society to which experience, intelligence and the will of man have led.

It occurred to me at the time of the Centralia massacre that handing the pardon power to the people would be a step in the right direction when capital punishment was considered. I would therefore advocate what my judgment tells me is a more sane and reasonable measure, that will be absolutely sure to receive the sanction of the majority of voters and which would be a step in the right direction when capital punishment was considered.

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My method to deal with first-degree murderers would be to have them positively imprisoned at hard labor, without the remotest possible chance of a pardon. The pardoning power in first-degree murder cases should therefore be taken away from the governor, and under no circumstances should he be allowed to commute a sentence to life imprisonment, or to grant a pardon to any one who has committed a crime as serious as that of a first-degree murderer.

GEER MADE BY PHRASE

C. J. Schnabel Says "Miscellaneous Candidate" Elected Him.

PORTLAND, Jan. 3.—(To the Editor.)—The Oregonian editorial giving the origin of certain phrases was interesting. Some 20 or 25 years ago Governor Geer coined one which has been used since that time, and which would become a by-word in Oregon politics and would land Mr. Geer in the office of governor, and it did.

LIBERTY BOND TAX OPPOSED

Subscriber to Second Loan Cannot Afford to Sacrifice.

PORTLAND, Jan. 3.—(To the Editor.)—Can any sane person advance any valid reason why the taxes on the Liberty bonds should not be eliminated? They are a burden on the people of very limited means. We were asked to buy our full limit, both present and prospective, in thousands of others, did so. I bought \$2000 of the second loan, almost to the full limit of my savings, and now, in these days of high prices, I find I need the money, but I find I will lose \$150, which I cannot afford, as I am 60 years of age, and doubtless the tax will be done away with in time, but will it be before the ones that came into the aid of the government at the time of need have lost?

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WILSON DECLARED AUTOCRAT

Reasons for Dimming Light Are Presented by Observer.

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When Mr. Wilson nominated and elected himself a delegate and nominated the Paris conference and boarded the George Washington for Paris, his motives were not clear to many. Some believed it was improper for him to go; others that it was unwise. He was a man of high character, and he was a man of high character, and he was a man of high character.

"GOD'S" LAW IS RECALLED

"Whoso Sheds Man's Blood, by Man Shall His Blood Be Shed."

NAHOTTA, Wash., Jan. 2.—(To the Editor.)—Why should people disagree as to the scriptural authority which has been given to the law of the reporting bureau, and French translator. Both are looking forward to the day when they will be able to return to their homes and their families, and their duties are such that at present they must be adhered to.

DEATH PENALTY IS UPHELD

"Maudlin Sympathy" for Hardened Criminals Is Opposed.

PORTLAND, Jan. 3.—(To the Editor.)—The subject of capital punishment and the taking of human life by the state has been a subject of discussion for many years. It is a subject which has been regarded as a necessary exercise of the power of self-defense naturally vested in society. It is an indispensable means of protecting the security and the preservation of the state.

TIP IS GIVEN AUTO DRIVERS

Study of Laws and Strict Observance Held Duty.

PORTLAND, Jan. 3.—(To the Editor.)—On one of our principal streets, before an engineer can hold the throttle, with many lives and valuable property behind it, he is required to pass an examination on the operating rules of that company. He is required to be familiar with all forms of hand signals, automatic interlocking, air, and whistle signals; to fully understand train orders; to know the rules of the road; to know the proper flagging when conditions necessitate. An engineer must also be able to handle a train, and he must know that when he is being signalled to stop, he must stop, and when he is being signalled to go, he must go.

RAZORS ISSUED 40 YEARS AGO

Writer Describes Toilet Kits Given to Soldiers in Old Days.

PORTLAND, Jan. 3.—(To the Editor.)—The following is an interesting article on the history of razors in the military service: "This is the first time in history a razor has been part of a soldier's equipment. Over 40 years ago the undersized 'serviced out' with a kit. Among other things was a linen cap, patterned after a 'housewife's' cap, known as a 'hold-all.' This had a pocket at one end, and a number of loops for the reception of small articles. These were case knife, fork, spoon, razor, button stick (for hold-all), comb, pocket knife and shaving brush. With the things in place the hold-all was rolled and secured by strings and fastened to the soldier's belt. At such times everything had to be clean and placed exactly in its appointed position, hence it was customary for the soldier to have his inspection and another as working tools. These he carried where most convenient, and he knew exactly the amount of air to use and how and when to use it and within how many days he would be in the work. No soldier who was not served so frequently used cold water alone, or in an emergency had a dry stick of soap. The mounted troops, was done by the rough-riding. As he had experience in riding over rough ground, he was perhaps the best man for the job.

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