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Doing good is the only certain happy action of a man's life—Phillip Sidney.

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION.

THE MEN selected for railroad commissioners, so far as can be judged from their past records, will be satisfactory to the people, and good work and results may reasonably be expected of them.

DISINGENUOUS PLEAS.

FROM RAILROAD circles come arguments, pleas, and prognostications of dire disaster, on account of so-called anti-railroad legislation that has been enacted or is pending in various states.

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to them. The statement is made to frighten the people into an attitude of acquiescence in whatever the railroad may choose to do, or not to do.

that the state take hold of the job and so make sure of its being done. Anything The Journal can say or do to aid Representative Hawley in his efforts to secure the desired appropriation will be said and done.

DON'T KILL THE BIRDS.

THE PROTEST of the friends of songbirds against the Jackson bill, allowing fruit growers to kill certain species of them, ought to be given respectful consideration.

A NEEDED AMENDMENT.

IT HAS been reported that President Roosevelt now approves and will lend his support to Senator La Follette's amendment to the railway rate regulation law authorizing the commission to ascertain the present value of railroads.

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Mr. Bryan's Comptroller is mistaken in classing Oregon with the states whose senators are nominated by conventions before being chosen by the people.

Letters From the People

The Japanese Question.

Portland, Or., Feb. 17.—To the Editor of the Journal: The people of the United States are getting a fine return for the sympathy and aid they extended the Japanese in their war with the Russians.

Public Needs Sympathy.

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Great Red Men of History

By Rev. Thomas B. Gregory. OSCEOLA, THE SEMINOLE chief, was born in the Chattahoochee river, Georgia, in the year 1804.

Small Change

Vetoes are making legislative life strenuous.

Oregon Sidelights

An Echo man sold two brood sows for \$30 each.

Essays by Bobbie

By William F. Kirk. FURS: Furs are nice warm coverings for animals and well ladies, they are on the animals first and then on the well ladies.

The Real and the Unreal in Life

Earth is not a vaudeville, nor are we engaged by the Great Manager to do a contorted song and dance.

Butte girls won a strike. No doubt they are beautiful.

Delmas might find it easier to prove Thaw a victim of cigarette.

A Philadelphia man was fined \$5 for snoring and disturbing the town.

Roosevelt's support of the subsidy bill does not make it a bit better.

Senator Bailey has discovered almost as many liars as President Roosevelt has.

When we get pure foods and full weights, what will be the use of full pilots?

Whether he could do the trick again is the question that may be bothering the mayor.

San Francisco is fighting fleas and New Orleans mosquitoes, while Portland has its council.

Now that Schmitts has been pacified, the only one determined upon war is Captain Hobson.

The baseball season will be with us again, and then all our national, state and city troubles will be forgotten.

It is good for the farmers when the weather snowed under, also when the same thing happens to some politicians.

People are disagreed as to whether Rockefeller's latest gift was due to remorse or was intended as a roundabout bribe.

A Kansas editor has substituted for the usual railway time tables the announcement: "Trains are due when you see the smoke."

Women who persist in girding their bodies nearly in two at the demand of fashion should not complain if men won't let them.

"I was a boy once," said Senator Beveridge in advocating the child labor law. Some senators regard him as only a troublesome kid yet.

Why not an anti-lobby bill? It needs cracking in the head—Albany Democrat. Why do you want to create something to crack it in the head?

Delmas thinks he can prove that Thaw was insane for awhile and became sane later, by the lawyers he hired at various times. Hiring Delmas was a proof of returned sanity.

A Republican paper claims to have an unpublished poem of W. J. Bryan's, which it threatens to publish if he runs for president again. But maybe he wrote it when he was very young.

February 19 in History.

1568—Miles Coverdale, first translator of the Bible, buried at St. Bartholomew's.

1823—Sir Henry Savile, eminent mathematician, died.

1792—British flag hoisted for first time on island of Corsica.

1814—French army concentrated at Bordeaux for invasion of England.

1830—Bread riots in Liverpool.

1856—French spoliation bill vetoed by President Pierce.

1884—House Commons voted to uphold Gladstone's Egyptian policy.

1891—Egyptians defeated Osman Digna at Tokar.

1898—Episcopal jubilee of Pope Leo XIII celebrated.

1898—Dynamite explosion in Johannesburg killed and injured 300 persons.

1903—President Roosevelt refused to reopen the Sampson-Bolley controversy.

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