

THE JOURNAL

AN INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER. Published every evening (except Sunday) and every Sunday morning...

We are going to have better city government because we are going to have better citizens...

PULL FOR AN OPEN RIVER.

THE QUESTION of putting in wharves is being discussed at The Dalles, Hood River, Arlington, and perhaps other points along the Columbia river...

Above Cello the conditions are less favorable for shipping grain and other products, yet the shippers up there should keep in mind the fact that the river, even though only partly open, can be and should be made a powerful factor in regulating rail rates...

WRITING PORTLAND OFF THE MAP.

AN EASTERN newspaper man, Sam G. Blythe, has been writing boom articles about Seattle, Los Angeles and San Francisco, especially the two former cities...

A USEFUL SOCIETY.

THE OFFICERS of the Travelers' Aid society have done many good acts, in the way of protecting innocent girls from going to ruin through ignorance, weakness or need...

sure that the girl tells the truth, for that she does so cannot in all cases be assumed. Officers of the society have the story of several girl stenographers that an elderly business man to whom they applied for work...

HIGHER SALARIES FOR TEACHERS.

CONTRACTS already filed show that the teachers of Umatilla county will be paid during the coming year about 15 per cent higher salaries on the average than last year...

The Journal perceives no strong reasons in the arguments made for a new system of numbering houses in Portland. The proposed change would be some expense to householders...

Bell From the Sea.

Probably very few people are aware that an old ship's bell which for many years has lain under the sea is suspended in the underwriting room at Lloyd's...

This Date in History.

1513—French routed by the English at the "Battle of Spurs." 1544—Port Royal taken by Sedgwick. 1711—Turks defeated by Eugene at Belgrade.

A Bureau of Elopement.

From the Cincinnati Enquirer. There has been a regular epidemic of mysterious elopements in Paris during the past six months.

THE PEOPLE'S BUSINESS.

TELEGRAPHING, like railroad-traveling, is so much public business that strikes should not be permitted to stop it or interfere with it.

Somehow the secret leaked out, as even the deepest mysteries will in time. This is the case in Paris, a perfectly equipped bureau of elopement...

It is frequently said that private corporations can handle this business and perform other services for the public in general, better than the government could, but this is not certain.

Mr. Harriman is rushing work on the Portland-Tacoma railroad, which nobody needs very much, and which is being built to "get even" with Hill, while 50,000 square miles of resourceful country in central Oregon lies railroadless and undeveloped...

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Can't the telegraph companies afford to pay their employes more wages? Dare they make public their profits? Can they deny that the men earn more, considering those profits and living expenses? The people would like to know.

Mother Magic.

In days of childhood, now long lapsed and dim. Often I sat within a holy place Where mystic word and solemn rolling hymn Touched the trance of souls of men to thoughts of Grace.

Control of the Pacific.

From the Cleveland Plain Dealer. The decision of the United States to send a big fleet to the Pacific probably marks one of the greatest advances this country has made as a world power.

PITY FOR MRS. BIRDSONG, BUT NO SYMPATHY FOR THE MAN.

By Beatrice Fairfax. Full pardon has been granted to Mrs. Birdsong, a western woman who had been convicted of murder and sentenced to five years' imprisonment at hard labor.

Her story is the old one of woman's fidelity and man's perfidy. The man was her family physician, and she fell in love with him and forgot honor and her duty toward her husband.

A Significant Letter. From the New York American. More and more the real inwardness of the government's railroad and trust policy is coming to light.

From the Manila Cables. Taft and Wright! Are they to be the opposing candidates in the next election? It is not improbable.

What Does It Profit Them? Hear the foolish people grumbling at the Capitol and in the rain; They complain about the losses or the little that they gain; They are fretting under burdens that they bear, and their shoulders low; They are mourning for the changes that they miss, long ago; Thinking all the world is drear, They are bemoaning the changes that But what profits are they gaining for the sadness that they show?

No Use to Kick.

From the Santiam News. How the politicians do kick at our present primary laws. Especially is statement No. 1 most detestable to them.

Would Like to Know.

From the Commoner. While Democrats can not sympathize with Mr. Foraker's standpoint views on the tariff question he can heartily approve of his attitude.

An Author's Attire.

Robert Lewis Stevenson's get-up is thus described by a fellow member of the Saville Club: "He wore a black flannel shirt with a curious knitted tie twisted in a knot like the Washington coat, rather tight dark trousers, a peacock and a white sombrero hat."

Small Change.

A "holy war" is one which the Lord kicks up. Now look out that you don't get into a local trow.

Secretary Taft will draw nearly as many people to Portland as the circuit.

Another boy, this one 12 years old, dead. Gun. The keys to the strike situation are numerous and contradictory.

Common sense is a safer and more valuable possession than genius.

Information on soul kissing can be obtained in Chicago for \$300. And then maybe it isn't any better than the old-fashioned kind.

Oregon Sidelights.

Tillamook's fair occurs next week. Forty acres near Weston yielded 3,500 bushels of wheat.

Stayton's hosiery factory is receiving many encouraging orders.

A 230-pound sturgeon, worth \$11.55, was caught near Rainier. A man near Athena got 80 bushels of wheat on an acre 105 acres.

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