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Not Guilty. It has been judicially determined that a court of justice is not a harbor of refuge for Klerianism.

It is not an asylum to which men whose acts call down criticism can run for shelter. Nor is it a tool to be used by Klerianism to muzzle free speech.

Like its suit in court against the Broadway bridge, the so-called contempt proceedings were an attempt by Klerianism to use the court for personal ends.

This attempt to muzzle the press so that Klerianism would have license to go on with its obstruction with impunity from criticism should be of value to the people of Portland in revealing the true inwardness of this opposition to the Broadway bridge and Portland's progress.

EXPRESS COMPANIES VERSUS THE PEOPLE

IF THERE is an industry in the country that needs attention from representatives of the public interest, it is the express business.

The most effective means of curbing these combined, grasping, "extortionate" monopolies, the Tribune points out, is the parcels post. Free delivery of mails has proved a great success and benefit to the people.

Every congressman—at least every one in the least degree fit to be a representative of the people—knows that a parcels post would be a boon to millions of people and would injure nobody but the express companies.

reasons; now there are eight—the express companies. These monopolistic, extortionate concerns have more influence with alleged "representatives of the public interest" than nearly all the rest of the people have, than justice and public welfare have.

Did you ever hear of Representatives Ellis and Hawley advocating a parcels post or postal savings banks? No, and never will, until Cannon passes out the word that they may do so.

How would it do, then, to let the express companies and the banks vote for them and the rest of the people vote for men who might truly represent them?

ASTRONOMERS AND THE TAIL. HOW HAVE the mighty fallen—meaning the astronomers who for weeks had been telling all us people who have no great telescopes and but little astronomical knowledge that the earth would pass through the comet's tail Wednesday afternoon of evening.

The explanation is that the comet's tail has a "lag," which swerved or delayed it from keeping its engagement according to predictions.

But let us not be anything more than facetiously critical of the astronomers. They probably made a pretty close guess, and what little information most of us have about the heavenly bodies is due to them.

REPRESENTATIVE SMITH has discovered a new vineyard in which to have the congress of the United States work. His bill makes it unlawful for prize fight news to be transmitted from one state to another.

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of the forms of law, and of what possible value is any public vote on a pending measure? If the Simonized councilmen shall persist in making this veto of the mayor effective, a precedent will be established to the effect that the mayor, or the council is not subject to the forms of law, and that they have full right to review, revise and reverse any and every act taken by the electorate.

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IT IS ALMOST incredible, but we all know that a foul murder was committed at Colville, that every detail of the tragedy of poison reeked with suspicion, that the most powerful indicting evidence was presented to them, and that the authorities, until driven to do so by publicity, refused to prosecute.

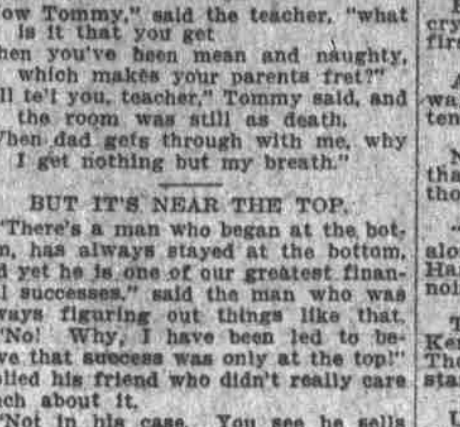
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trial and commercial." Everybody depends finally on the farmer. He is the backbone of all business. And the Pacific northwest farmer, according to the present outlook, will gather a greater harvest and enjoy more prosperity this year than any other one in the country.



"Now Tommy," said the teacher, "what is it that you get behind your back when you've been mean and naughty, which makes your parents fret?" "I'll tell you, teacher," Tommy said, "the room was still as death."

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COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE. Old mother earth will race her rounds for a long time yet. Still, a funeral is not exactly Roosevelt's favorite function.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS. A Canyon City redish is 1/4 inches around the waist. Three near Grants Pass contained ripe cherries on May 17.

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REALM FEMINE

Fads and Fashions. NEW YORK, May 21.—An inspection of the materials for spring and summer wear shows that certain old-time, reliable materials have returned under new names, particularly among the rough cloths and commandos.

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AFTER THE WEDDING. (Continued from The Journal) by Walt Mason. The famous Kansas poet. His prose-verse is a regular feature of this column in The Daily Journal.