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No thought is beautiful which is not just, and no thought can be just that is not founded on truth. Joseph Addison.

PASSING

SWIFTLY AND silently, the pioneers are passing. Another is missing from the roll call in the passing of Mrs. Martha Avery, whose death occurred in Portland this week.

She was of the type of brave women who helped to tame the wilderness of the Willamette. She came over the 2000 mile stretch of plains and joined her husband in Oregon when the tepee and the wigwam of the Indian were almost the only sign of human habitation.

The chief value of the figures is that they show the farm is going to be more and more inviting as a source of livelihood. They establish clearly that the real need of the country is for more pigs, prunes and potatoes, and not more peddlers, politicians and plutocrats.

NEWSPAPERS AND PUBLIC PRINTING

THE JOURNAL is opposed to graft in any form or under any guise. It believes that graft by a newspaper is as culpable as graft by a professional.

When a newspaper renders advertising service to the state it should receive as much compensation as it charges the business public, and no more.

The relation between the newspapers and any legalized public printing should be on a strictly business basis. Several of the measures proposed by the upstate publishers are worthy of adoption, but the law should fix the rate on a business basis, and provide against holdups of the public or the state by secret agreement of rival publishers.

Why? CHILDREN OF Portland are drinking the milk from 500 cows that are rotten with consumption.

Why, then, doesn't the city use its powers? The city charter has been in existence these many years, and city health boards, city attorneys, and city councils have been created to know what those powers are and to apply them.

A city health officer draws salary for the sole purpose of protecting the health of Portland people. The present city health officer is on record as officially declaring that "not an ounce" of milk from tuberculous cows should be permitted to be sold in Portland.

It is several weeks since the former pure milk ordinance was declared void. How many more weeks will it be before another will be provided and applied?

OREGON SHEEP AGAINST THE WORLD

THE OREGON bred and reared Cotswold sheep entered at the Midwinter Sheep show of the National Wool Growers' convention, just drawing to a close in this city, by Fred A. Koser of Rickreall, Polk county, are declared winners against the prize winners at the Royal Sheep show of Great Britain.

Comment is not needed. The facts speak for themselves. Cotswold are a purely British breed. Originating in Leicestershire, a central English county, they have through many generations been carefully bred, both for mutton and for their long wool, and have held their own against all competitors, until their champions bring them to Oregon.

Mr. Rositter finds that there are about 40,000,000 more swine on American farms than 40 years ago, but this increase has not kept pace with that of people.

THE MATTER WITH US

AMONG PEOPLE who have been recently discussing the high cost of living is Edward S. Rositter, in the Atlantic Monthly. He claims to have discovered that people are increasing faster than food products.

So the good work goes on—with-out haste, without rest. And the gutty tremble lest their turn come when their evil deeds shall come to light.

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600 dozen more eggs than they laid in 1899.

He goes into similar details with regard to milk, butter, potatoes, and other foodstuffs, showing that their production has not increased in the same ratio as population.

The figures are employed in an effort to show that the combinations and trusts are not solely responsible for the high life cost.

Under the effective corrupt practices act in England, and its various amendments, punishment has been inflicted on the infected community by disfranchising every one of the voters for a term of years.

THE UPRISING OF THE CANADIAN FARMER

AT THIS TIME a deputation of farmers from western Canada, 500 strong, are in Ottawa, the seat of Canadian government, to present and press their demands, which are condensed as follows:

1—A reduction of the tariff, especially on agricultural implements imported.

2—Government ownership of wheat elevators at terminal railroad points.

3—Government ownership of the proposed Hudson Bay railway.

4—Government aid to establishing a "chilled," or cold storage beef industry in the west.

THE HEAVIEST burden on all civilized nations, under which all are staggering at the opening of this new year, is that of making and keeping ready for wars which indefinitely threaten.

Both hemispheres are more or less overhung by the same cloud. Perhaps the greatest responsibility of statesmen lies in quieting the jealousies of nations by agreements and understandings which shall remove or allay whatever causes of dispute exist or threaten to disturb the common peace.

Germany and England are at once the greatest culprits and the greatest sufferers, by force of that most dangerous maxim, if ye seek peace prepare for war.

It is no secret that the late King Edward, the peace maker, used all his power and influence to find means for stopping the mad race. Germany could not, in his lifetime see her way to an agreement.

When possible causes for war have been made to disappear it is but reasonable to expect that preparations for war may be called to a halt, in spite of reckless provocations in the yellow press of London and Berlin.

The commercial rivalry of the two nations will proceed—it will be always with them. But its weapons are bank credits and enlarged factories and more steamship lines.

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Democratic legislature of that state which elected Calvin S. Brice to the senate.

During 1910 employers' liability commissions were created by the legislatures of Massachusetts, New Jersey, Ohio and Illinois, as well as by the federal government.

All Oregon should take pleasure and pride in helping Astoria celebrate its centennial this year. Though 100 years old Astoria is a lively town yet.

Here it is January 8, and no frost yet. Send the climate news back east, though this is nothing very unusual for Oregon.

Oregon has also produced the best ram. Oregon products of whatever kind usually take first prizes.

Ever since Mary had a little lamb the sheep has been a lovable animal and of great value to humanity.

Portland made a great record in 1910, but will make a bigger one in 1911.

Perhaps it might be well also to attend the January sales early.

Roosevelt may yet become celebrated for silence.

Now, Salem becomes conspicuous in the date lines.

What! Has Peary got to prove it some more?

Luke's Theories

Luke Fergus claimed that theory was the basis of success. He said without a theory that all work was just a guess.

Then he got up a theory how the government ought to run.

He flattered out an airship that 'ud flutter to an air-ship.

Accorded to his theory. An' he started out to fly.

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names of their erstwhile owners still remembered only by old New Yorkers.

Above Madison square the transformation has been even more radical and rapid.

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News Forecast of Coming Week

Washington, Jan. 7.—The Interstate Commerce Commission will begin the hearing Monday of arguments in regard to the proposed advance in railroad rates, thus bringing to a close the most important public investigation of railroad business methods and conditions that the country has ever known.

A conference of the steel manufacturers of the United States will meet in New York Monday to discuss prices and steel conditions.

Two criminal cases in which women are the defendants and both of which have attracted wide attention are scheduled for trial in Newark, N. J., Mrs. Caroline B. Martin is to be tried for the alleged murder of her daughter, Mrs. Oeoy W. M. Sneed, whose body was found in a bathtub in East Orange, in November, 1908.

The 25,000-ton battleship Arkansas, one of the largest warships in the world will be launched Saturday from the yards of her builders, the New York Shipbuilding company, at Camden, N. J.

The legislatures will begin their sessions in Arkansas, Texas, Alabama, Wisconsin, Washington, Oregon, South Carolina, Iowa, New Jersey, Kansas and several other states.

Important developments are expected during the week in relation to the senatorial contests in New Jersey, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New York, Iowa, Ohio, and one or two other states.

In Oregon, Oklahoma and several other states the new governors will be inducted into office.

In Florida, for the fifth time within two years, a state-wide Democratic primary will be held Tuesday for the selection of a United States senator. Senator Tallahassee, whose term is about to expire, is not a candidate for reelection. The three candidates are W. A. Blount, of Pensacola, and John N. Stockton and W. P. Bryan of Jacksonville.

The proceedings of congress, the re-assembling of the Dominion parliament after the holiday recess, the meeting of the British Columbia legislature, the first national convention of women voters, to be held at Tacoma; the meeting of the National Tariff Commission association in Washington, with President Taft, at special sessions, the meeting of the National Civic Federation in New York City, at which an important report on proposed legislation for workmen's compensation will be presented, and the convention of the National League of Commission Merchants in Minneapolis are among other matters which will receive attention in the news of the week.

Social Secretary of State

From the Washington Star

While the president of the United States enjoys his social secretary and Mrs. Taft has her "boudoir cabinet," a coterie of Washington's fashionable women who help the first lady of the land to arrange her social program, and every government of any consequence has its social secretary, our state department is fully equipped along similar lines and is capable of discharging its peculiar social obligations through practically the same medium.

A New Business in Arkansas

This is a story Theodore Roosevelt got from Ople along a road in Arkansas

I was riding along a road in Arkansas on a hot summer day when I came across a man who was sitting on the end of a log in the broiling sun. Strange to say, he was shivering as if he were sitting on an iceberg. He seemed on the point of freezing to death.

"Why do you sit in the sun?" I asked, very curious. "It seems to me you'd hunt the shade."

"Can't get up no fever," he replied laconically. "My chill has been on me for several hours. Then I has the fever. When the fever hits me, I hunts the shade."

"How long have you had chill?"

"Nigh on to 30 years, You see, stranger, this is a chill country."

"What is it, you mean some other state, and get rid of the chill and fever?" I pursued.

"What would be the use?" he asked simply. "I'd probably have to get used to some other sort of a disease. I'm used to these here chill now. Besides, I have to learn some other trade; some new way of making a living. I done shook so long now I ain't fit for nothing 'cept to sift meal and shake down persimmons."

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SEVEN LITERARY PRISONERS

John Bunyan

It seems hardly credible that a book which today is recognized as a religious classic, and which, next to the Bible, has been more translated than any other book, should have been written in jail.

Natural it was that a work so produced should for a long time attract little attention outside of the humber classes for whom it was really intended. Bunyan was one of their number. It was slow to reach the polite circles, who esteem a written work for its intellectual quality; its literary flavor, its early vogue was entirely among the poor, the obscure, the unlettered.

It was the soul of the converted tinker spreading from the Bedford jail to an audience whose welfare he had at heart, and with whom he thoroughly sympathized. It was written for them by an unlettered man whose trade placed him among the lowliest in the days of Bunyan's tinker was often no better than a vagrant, a light-headed pifferer whose wandering habits lifted him but little above the gypsies whom the good English yeomen despised.

Early in life Bunyan became restless, restless for the most part by his sins. But at length the clouds broke, and from the depths of despair the pent-up soul passed to a state of serious felicity. An irresistible impulse now urged him to impart to others the blessing of which he was himself possessed. His

Democratic legislature of that state which elected Calvin S. Brice to the senate. The new senator, Atlee Pomerene, is not a man of national reputation as yet, but nothing scandalous or suspicious has been reported of him.