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Every noble acquisition is attended with its risks; he who fears to encounter the one must not expect to obtain the other.

THEN AND NOW

IT SEEMS TO BE expected that the president will veto both the wool bill and the farmer's free list. We do not see how he could do otherwise.

And all these years the Oregonian has denounced the tariff except when there was a chance to reduce it. It has shaken the earth with its thundering.

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In many particulars, demonstrated themselves to be a body of militant men. The progress of the county is reflected in Medford which grew in ten years from a village of a few hundred to a city of nearly 10,000.

A million and a half for good roads is example of the Jackson county spirit, and a plan for a people who do things. The roads to come out of such an expenditure will bring back to the builders all they cost and much more.

THE LAST FLUTTER OF THE LORDS

OF COURSE THE English house of lords rightly shares the odium of the wild scenes in the house of commons in the last two days with its irresponsible and disorderly advocates.

It has shaken the earth with its thundering. The flame from its nostrils was terrible. It smote the battlements of protection, and the rattle of its sword and spear was mighty.

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From these facts. In the sixty-first fiscal year the two prisons, San Quentin and Folsom, held an average of 2844 convicts, and cost the state of California \$496,658 net, \$14,448 having been credited for the earnings of the prisoners.

The new law authorizes the employment of the convicts in the manufacture of goods of whatever sort that are used by state, county or municipal institutions.

San Quentin has begun the manufacture of clothing, such as shirts, underclothes, overalls and shoes, for the inmates of all state institutions.

It is making good woolen clothes for the discharged prisoners. It is making furniture for state offices, and the plant is intended to provide all the desks to be used in schools throughout the state.

Speaking as an individual the secretary hoped that such profits might be held for the prisoners' benefit, to give them a start when released, or contribute meanwhile to the support of their families.

FIFTY MILLIONS FROM NOTHING

ANOTHER SECRET of high finance was dragged into the light at Washington yesterday. How the steel trust enriched itself \$50,000,000 with no cost but postage and printing was told by a record of the corporation before the Stanley investigating committee.

The record was a book of minutes of the corporation, and George W. Perkins, who was under examination, reluctantly admitted its authenticity.

The record also disclosed that the steel corporation contributed \$2000 a year toward the educational endeavors of the Protective Tariff league, and charged the expenditure to the "Welfare" account, an account that Mr. Perkins reluctantly explained was devoted to "sociological" questions.

The record also disclosed that \$3000 was contributed by the steel trust for printing a second edition of a book entitled "Protection and Prosperity," another public benevolence charged to the "Welfare" account.

These exalted philanthropies taken in connection with \$50,000,000 made out of nothing by the trust with no further cost than postage and printing are an eloquent example of how the good Morgan, the good Perkins and the good Rockefeller are looking after the "public welfare" of these United States.

They recall how, "to stop a panic" the steel corporation took under its protecting wing the Tennessee Coal company with coal and ore deposits worth \$200,000,000, paying for it only \$29,000,000, not one dollar of which was in money.

Meantime, while the benevolent Morgan and philanthropic Perkins are stopping panics and looking after the "public welfare," one third of the 90,000 men employed in the iron and steel industry, according to the report of Secretary Nagle, work seven days a week. One fourth of these 90,000 men work 84 hours, or over a week, which means twelve hours or more a day, seven days in the week, including Sunday, and at a beggarly wage. Sixty per cent are foreign born, and nearly two thirds are Slavs.

Blessed be these pillars of our "public welfare."

CIVIL SERVICE IN PORTLAND

THERE ARE SIGNS of an effort to dislodge the civil service system in Portland government.

If any should attempt such a scheme, they should be looked upon as enemies to the public.

There may be slight defects or over-much machinery in the present arrangement. A slight modification here or there might add to its working efficiency, though even this may be doubted.

But the principle of civil service should survive, and every policeman be under its protection. Properly applied, its operation should make for efficiency and against inefficiency.

Proper civil service rules do not mean that an incompetent policeman shall be retained. They do not mean that a grafting patrolman cannot be discharged. They do not mean that corrupt detectives may continue to draw salary from the city and serve the crooks.

In clause 1, defining the nature of disputes to be referred. In English papers the word is printed "Justiciable," a technical legal term applicable to such affairs as admit of judicial decision, and which seems to fit the case better than "Justifiable."

Letters From the People

(Communications sent to The Journal for publication in this department should be accompanied by the name and address of the sender.)

To the Editor of The Journal: The thanks of the music loving people of Portland and surrounding country are due to you for your excellent and timely article on the subject of an auditorium organ.

Whether Edison lives 150 years or dies tomorrow, his great work will live after him and keep his name among the very highest on the list of fame, as long as mankind and civilization endure.

A Pennsylvania woman who preferred to die from a dog bite in her leg rather than let a doctor examine her, is making a name for herself as a modest to live. By the way, are there no women doctors in that part of the country?

An elaborate and circumstantial statement has been issued from San Francisco, Cal., regarding the earthquake there on July 17. It was very slight, scarcely noticeable, and did no damage at all.

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COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE: Seattle is always strong for Ballinger and Guggenheim.

Benefit your neighbors; benefit your state. Buy Oregon products.

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OREGON SIDELIGHTS

At a meeting to be held tomorrow night at Astoria a camp of the Spanish War Veterans is to be organized.

Two accountants employed at Baker to expert the city's books and accounts have reported with an unqualified O. K.

The school board at Salem has ordered drinking fountains, 13 in number, for such school buildings as are not already equipped.

Joseph Herald: Mr. Meeks reports a record breaking yield of six tons of red clover to the acre, five tons is reported from several ranches, but six is surely the limit.

Through the will of a great great-uncle, James S. Sumner, an attorney at Bend, will fall heir to property in Oklahoma worth \$12,500. The decedent was a Choctaw Indian named John Smith.

Beaverton Reporter: A new schoolhouse, new church, new bandstand, electric lights, new plum, well, electric engine sounds not so bad for Beaverton, all inside of a year's time with a rock road nicely oiled through in for good measure.

Prineville Review: C. J. Sundquist, who has a dry ranch on Poverty Flat, has cats that measure four feet in length. Not making the usual distinction between nine and 10 inches in length. The cats are called the "mortgage lifter" and "the Choctaw quist." Its yield here is prodigious.

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The President Sign

From the New York World. In passing the free list bill, the senate made only one change in the bill.

The Republican insurgents in the senate and sources wanted to keep the home market closed to food products which American farmers in normal times are capable of supplying in excess of domestic needs.

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