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What makes all doctrines plain and clear? About two hundred pounds a year.

THE LAWYERS' PLAINT

THE lawyers of the Multnomah bar association have passed a resolution said to be aimed at Governor West's theory as to capital punishment.

It is the lack of convictions that makes crime rampant in the United States, and it is the lawyers who have made convictions so rare.

Our criminal judiciary is a miserable farce, and it is the lawyers that have made it a farce.

A sample of the farcical administration of criminal law in Oregon was a decision by the Oregon supreme court which reversed the decision of the lower court because "the" instead of "a" was used in a hypothetical instruction.

Under our codes, an elaborate system of technical rules of pleading has grown up. Much time is wasted upon demurrers and motions which are filed in nearly every suit.

TRAFFIC OVER THE ISTHMUS

PRIOR to 1906 the Panama railway offered the only rail connection by way of the isthmus between the Atlantic and Pacific coasts.

In 1911 to date the increase was to \$99,000,000, exclusive of more than \$750,000 worth from foreign merchandise.

traffic to cities on the Atlantic and Gulf cities was in Hawaiian sugar, which accounted for \$37,000,000 of the traffic in the last year.

WHO'S WHO

ALL along, we have howled our heads off because Oregon has not received a fair share of reclamation funds.

Now, some of our citizens are protesting because we are on the point of getting more reclamation funds.

What must the president of the United States think of us? What must the secretary of the interior think of us?

Incidentally, who are the gentlemen that are misrepresenting the facts about the west Umatilla project to the settlers and water users?

There is one feature of the project that would alone be of incomparable value to the inland empire.

FOOTBALL FATALITIES

THE insurance of its football players by the Multnomah club is a reminder that 14 players were killed and 67 seriously injured during the late football season.

Among the killed, Bruce Adams, captain of the Fairmount, Indiana, club team, sustained a broken neck at Alexandria, Indiana.

Charles Lange died from an injured spine in a practice game at the Montana college of agriculture at Bozeman, October 28.

EGGS

T takes a show like that at the new Multnomah hotel to make people in Oregon think of the immense waste in our daily life that helps to keep the cost of living continually rising.

carload of eggs a day means in money value, and this quantity, says Mr. Minton, arrives here daily.

Another scandal is that while Oregon raises as good honey as the world can show all but an insignificant part of our consumption comes from Idaho and other states to the east of us.

Some farming folks despise these small industries—but they make a big mistake. The farm account book shows at the year's end how "many a nickel makes a muckle," as the Scotch proverb goes.

THE LOUD MOUTHS

THERE ought still to be room enough on earth for Lincoln Steffens. Is he an outcast, to be crucified, drawn and quartered because he advocated peace, compromise and mutual concessions at Los Angeles?

Too many men in this country are whetting swords, sharpening spears, arming with clubs and preparing to crush other men.

It is the radicals on both sides that make the violence. It is the loud mouths of capital as well as the loud mouths of the street that swell the list of explosions.

In its own defense, this public may have ultimately to provide a commission or court under state authority to which disputes will have to be referred and by which wrongs can be redressed.

BUSINESS IMPROVING

THE writer of a five column article in the Saturday Evening Post, which bristles with figures and deductions therefrom, sums up his conclusions in this statement, that business as a whole is "neither very good nor very bad at the moment, though probably better than the average condition for a series of years covering boom and depression."

The money market is so easy everywhere that all legitimate wants can be supplied at comfortable rates, with no sign of change in the near future.

The steel corporation reports net profits of more than \$29,000,000 for the third quarter of the year, being more than one million over Wall street's previous estimate.

of special interest. The money value of the products during that term rose from \$712,033,000, in 1904 to \$833,584,000 in 1909, an increase of 24 per cent.

A singular fact is that in the face of a growth in cereal products generally barley, meal actually decreased 58 per cent. But feed products raised 48 per cent, to 5,132,169 tons in 1909.

Letters From the People

Mr. Ryerson Replies. Portland, Dec. 5.—To the Editor of The Journal—I have read your reply to my inquiry as to the meaning of the cartoon published in your issue of December 4, and am pleased to know that it referred to "the McNamara class of workmen," and not to the workmen in general.

I still insist, however, that the cartoon, captioned as it was, was insulting to that class of workmen.

The damage has been done, and hundreds of people who form a part of "the public heart that beats in sympathy for the laboring man" who saw the cartoon will never see the editorial which explains what was meant, and have gained the same impression that the writer did when he first saw the cartoon.

Opposes Three-Cent Fares

To the Editor of The Journal.—In advising the street car fare Councilman Clyde gives evidence that he doesn't know the time of day. He should take a long look at the clock.

For a Happy Christmas Holiday

Portland, Or., Dec. 5.—To the Editor of The Journal.—The time is again at hand to swap presents and eat the turkey legs left over from Thanksgiving.

To Obliviate the Bridge Nuisance

Warrenton, Dec. 4, 1911.—To the Editor of The Journal—I have just read Mr. McFarland's letter on "Bridge Problem." He asks for a "scheme" for regulating the drawbridges.

Has Governor West the Right?

Hood River, Or., Dec. 5.—To the Editor of The Journal.—"Thou shalt not kill." The party who first said this killed a man himself, and another thing: if your governor, who is commander of the state militia, carried out his doctrine in full, how would it sound if he should say to all the soldiers: "Load your guns with blank cartridges, and if you are engaged in warfare, always save your enemies' lives?"

COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE. Some people never do anything, including the buying of Christmas presents, until they are to.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS

An irrigation mass meeting will be held at Medford Saturday. The Medford Commercial club has unanimously adopted resolutions protesting against the proposed free public market in that city.

Some men must be expected to abuse a conditional pardon or a parole. We hear of such men who may not be the best of the many who do not abuse the trust reposed in them and who quietly "make good."

SEVEN GREAT PHILANTHROPISTS

There are no more philanthropic people in the world than the stage folk, and they are never called upon for charity but they respond liberally.

Alley's name was preserved to posterity through his having founded Dulwich college, an institution which had existed through the 400 years intervening since his death.

Alley's ownership in Dulwich lands began in 1666 and steadily increased until he had acquired 1300 acres. He had barely got into possession of this property before the question how to dispose of it began to press upon him.

He built and endowed the college of God's Gift at Dulwich in his own lifetime. All was completed by 1611. The college, as at first incorporated, consisted of 15 "poor scholars" and 20 "poor brethren" the latter comprising an equal number of men and women, "poor brethren" and "poor sisters." The scholars and pensioners were to be

when crossing, going and coming. Just then I saw a steamer coming down a rapid pace. The current was very strong, and she had a large tow.

Just think of all the innocent men that have been condemned and you will think differently, Mr. Greenleaf.

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Murder Is Murder

The plea of guilty entered by McNamara as a staggering answer to the hysterical cries of plutocrats' persecution and justice outraged raised by mistaken sympathizers over the Los Angeles trial. Union labor itself was all too willing to make sweeping charges of oppression and official anarchy.

Meanwhile here is a lesson first of all to detect unionism. The blow this will deal the cause is heavy, and there is but one way to recover from it and to gain that public support upon which success depends.

Twenty-one gravestones pointed the finger of deadly accusation against these misrepresentatives of a worthy cause. The whole sickening picture ought to be stamped forever upon the memories of the American workman, so that he will make an end of this terrible wrong, this terrible dishonor.

Tanglefoot By Miles Overholt

Where is your big brother now? "The one with the eye-brows?" "Why, he's dead. He got into a fight with some Chinese gamblers and they smothered him to death. It was a bit queerous, too, for their names were Wun Lung, Too Long and Lie Lung. The coroner found my poor brother's remains for two hours; then he said my brother had died from congestion of the Lungs."

"I understand they are not going to have any violins in the orchestra that is to play for the Amalgamated union ball Friday night."

The Governor Indorsed

From the San Francisco Bulletin. The Anti-Capital Punishment League of California, through its secretary, has wired to Governor West of Oregon its congratulations for his stand to eliminate punishment from his state during his administration. The telegram follows:

Pointed Paragraphs

Many a day dreamer has attracted attention by snoring. There's one good thing about politics—you can get out.

The Torture Chamber

In olden days they used to rack the criminal and break his back, and one may know how tough he'd feel, if he was broken on the wheel.

It takes a hold-up with a vivid imagination to go on believing it is still the honeymoon when she is busy at the washbowl.