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The brave man seeks not popular applause. Nor, overpowered with arms, deserts his cause: Unshaken, though felled, he does the best he can.

NO FIAT GOVERNMENT

PORTLAND has a city charter. It has a city council. The charter creates the council. It confers certain powers on the council, and limits that body in the use of power.

GOV'NING WEST'S POLICY

GVERNOR HOOPER of Tennessee is copying in his state the prison policy of Governor West of Oregon. An article in which the Chattanooga Times commends the plan, appears on this page.

SWINDLERS BY MAIL

THE postoffice has been of late years the best protector of the public against those swindlers who use the mails to disseminate their lying circulars.

A GROWING INDUSTRY

THE JOURNAL will print tomorrow an estimate showing that the egg production of the state for the past year was \$9,500,000, and that it was an increase of more than 50 per cent over the output of 1911.

to that of exporters. The building of railroads into the section is a contributing cause to the changed aspect in the inland empire. The outlook for 1912 is for a still further enlarged output of poultry and poultry products.

PAUPERS AND BAYONETS

THE record shows that for a long time past there has been, every other day, a pauper burial among the mill operatives.

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THE GRAY WOLVES

INDICTED for contributing to the delinquency of a girl of 14, a man of 60 pleaded guilty this week in Judge Gatens' court and was given three to twenty years in the penitentiary.

WILL MADERO WIN OUT?

ON the one hand we hear every day of revolts and outbreaks and disaffection — of the friends of the revolution turning from Madero, of efforts to get rid of cabinet officers, of incipient disloyalty of General Orozco, his best general — of Mexican newspapers doubting if Madero can win out.

THE CITIZEN ON TRIAL

LEGISLATURE is what the citizen helps to make it. The citizen has the chance to choose. If he doesn't discriminate in his choice, the product is liable to be a bad legislature and a hyna howl after the body has adjourned.

cial interests with private ends to serve are careful to get their candidacies early aired. It is a bet that they never overlook. The legislative slate fixed up for the assembly in the secret meetings held in corporation offices in Portland is still a green memory.

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THE TIPPING QUESTION

Portland, Feb. 6.—To the Editor of The Journal—In reply to W. H. Lilley's article under date of January 17, on "Tipping Question," I will say that Mr. Lilley evidently does not know much about civilized life or he would not seek to become famous by being instrumental in organizing a club to make war against and abolish tipping.

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that a plan proposed by one is objected to by another. The pull-down process has always managed to defeat all legislation. Why do not Attorney General Crawford, the Oregonian and the Multnomah county court propose a plan that will be objectionless?

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Extracts from Bulletin of the Oregon Agricultural College by C. I. Linn. Oregon is a very large state containing many varied conditions.

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SEVEN GREAT ASTRONOMERS

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Next week—Seven Homely Notables. Tanglefoot By Miles Overholt. THE NEIGHBORS.

Said William Smith to a friend of his, My neighbor's wife is the best there is. She never falls to stop and grin. And say, "How-do," in a pleasing way; She's the same sweet woman every day— In my neighbor's wife.

But when I enter my own front door, My own wife yells: "Don't track the floor With your muddy shoes; for I've just swept. The house, of course, is quite well kept; No glad smile lights her wife's face; She wouldn't greet me with tender grace To save her life."

Said Thomas Jones of his neighbor's wife of Smith: "To save my life, I can't see how my neighbor's frau Can always smile, but she does, some-how. At home down town, at any place, The same sweet smile lights up her face; And that's no myth."

"When I go home, it's different, quite; I'm glad when I come home at night, But no one greets me with a grin; My wife just says: "Well, are you in? She doesn't meet me joyously; My home lacks much in harmony—" "Wish I was Smith!"

No Time to Waste. (Contributed to The Journal by Walt Mason, the famous Kansas poet. His prose-verse is a feature of this column in The Daily Journal.)

Life is short—I've much to do—so I can't sit round with you putting up a line of walling, talking of some fellow's failings, thrashing o'er the situation that is threatening our nation! Life is short and I am busy writing verses dull and ditty; that the frau may have a bonnet with a large stuffed rooster on it, and I haven't time for fussing o'er the government or fussing misfit laws which knock the people higher than the village steeple! Life is short; its thread is slender, and I'm busting a suspender, faintly tearing up the trackage to accumulate a package, so that when I'm old and hoary I can live in pomp and glory. So that when at last I'm planted my fat ghost will not be haunted by a hungry widow's sighing—so I'm not a time for crying o'er the nation's chronic troubles, o'er the "peepus's" busted bubbles. Life is short and men are fooling time away in empty drooling over things that don't concern them, dodging fires that ne'er will burn them.

Out of the Mouths of Babes. Teacher—Johnny, would you like to be president of the United States some day? Johnny—No, ma'am; I'd rather have a steady job.

Small Margie's father had just purchased a piano and a victrol asked its name. "We just got it last night," replied Margie, "and haven't named it yet."

Lola, aged 4, was present at dinner one evening when a number of guests were being entertained by her parents, and during a lull in the conversation she began to talk very earnestly. "Why do you talk so much, Lola," asked her father, "and when you do, 'Cause I've got somethin' to say,' was the innocent reply.