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> Have more than thou showest, Speak less than thou knowest, Lend less than thou owest, Learn more than thou trowest. Let less than thou throwest. -Shakespeare.

> > LINCOLN

government BELIEVE this 66 cannot endure permanently ket exists elsewhere than in our easthalf slave and half free."-Abraham Lincoln.

Twenty-two thousand textile work- petitor. ers at Lawrence, Massachusetts, are

sking an addition of 21 cents a week for women and 31 cents for men, to their average wage of .\$6 week for women and \$9 for men. The textile industy is one of the most highly protected in the world, and the tariff is on the pretext that it benefits the worker. Every other day there is a pauper burial the state of Oregon has been issued among the textile workers at Lawrence

Even the negroes in old slavery days did not have a pauper funeral every other day. Nor was their standard of living at a lower level in the blackest hue and advises peo- thing that human beings need more than must be that of textile work- ple who must depend on their earn- than "reform" is recreation diverted ers denied an average wage advance of 21 and 31 cents a week.

pauper issues of the life struggle from \$2.50 to \$4 a day, and there can be devised. It is following the among the workers at Lawrence, would there not once more come out of the silence that great utterance at Springfield, "I believe this govly half slave and half free?"

Then, as he said in 1858, we can expect the Union to be dissolved- blasted." I do not expect the house to fallbut I do expect it will cease to be Eastern newsparers are looking for Minneapolis, Cincinnati, Toledo. And divided.

In the light of history, it is ra- gon. They have long seized upon ing to the trumpet call. The Unithat, not in a tariff, but in an eight hour day and a minimum wage, lies the country. the immediate hope of American labor.

ULSTER BLOWS OFF STEAM which to discredit munifion labor. We will bring in and arm Oregon.

Australia and from Amorica, but ing those of national honor and in-American mohair is generally sold at terest. Are these ations plotting home and worked up in American all the while to submit three quesmills. It is said that American mo- tions which they and we and the hair is not of as good quality as whole world agree are not arbitrable. either Turkish or South African. Here come in the Monroe doctrine,

The Bradford market is not so our immigration laws, and assumpvery stable, as the domand and tion by the federal govornment of therefore the price, warles with the debts of the southern states during fachions in ladies' dress. It is used secession.

in dresses, and if bright colors are To make that assumption win two fashionable the call for mohair out of the three commissioners hpgrows. It is made also into braidpointed by the president with the ing, and into edging for men's coats consent of the senato, would needs and vests. What is known as bril- join the conspiracy to betray their liantine is a mohair fabric. Also country. are linings, plushes, bindings. Imi-

No corresponding objection has .25 tation soalskins, astrakhans, and been raised by the other parties to and then .....s es other skins are made from mohairthese bargains, who have not venit is also used for sofa, chair, and tured for their own credit's rake to table covers. Teddy bears, and other voice such discreditable suspicions, toys are of mohair. Most of the moif they ever entertained them. hair is made up with cotton warps The responsiveness of German -and mohair being used to imitate adds a new attraction to the treaties furs, so mercerized cotton is used to If things that are equal to the came thing are equal to each other, why

The uses of it are extending and are not the treaties of each with the demand increasing. It has now the United States the high broad to its regular place in the industries as binding agreements between themselves? Then indeed would the day 't is well to know that a big mar-

star of peace arise. ern states, and one which is well able THE SOCIAL INSTINCT to prove a regular and vigorous com

T is encouraging to note that the American people are beginning THE LABOR CIRCULARS

HE manifestos of the Portland when philanthropic organizations labor council are bearing fruit. come to realize that the welfare of The Indianapolis Sun of Februthe community is largely dependent ary 4 has the following:

"A warning to Indiana people young. It is a matter for congratuwithout capital to keep away from lation that Portland is rising to the by the Central Labor council of call for social centers. Portland and vicinity through Governor Marshall.

imitate moheir.

of Yorkshire.

gardless of station, race or color, have in common is a desire to be "A communication paints the condition of the Oregon laboring man with other human beings. The one ings to steer clear of that state. in the proper channels. The recog-"The letter declares that instead nition of this vital need means more

Could the great humanistic heart of being paid \$7 a day, as is adver- to the nation than any educational are usually three men looking for course of nature: it is the most human step that has yet been made every job.

"Unscrupulous employers of labor toward national progress. and dishonest real estate men are In more than 100 cities ernment cannot endure permanent- held responsible for the misleading towns in the United States, there are advertising which has brought thou- social centers. Rochester was the sands of people from the eastern pioneer. Following in her wake hear him repeat in 1912, "I do not states only to find their dreams come New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago, Pittsburg, Milwaukee, The labor council planned well. Baltimore, Cleveland, Columbus,

literature with which to blacken Ore-

tional to believe that Abraham Lin- every opportunity to print deroga- versity of Wisconsin has a departcoin, looking down on the gleam- tory statements for, counteracting ment of social centers and civic deing bayonets of the strong arm at the excellent reputation Oregon velopment. At Madison, Wisconsin, Lawrence, would, with broad human- fruit, Oregon wheat, Oregon laws, there recently gathered a national ity and exalted patriotism, insist Oregon climate and Oregon people convention, the result of which was have recently acquired throughout the formation of the National Association of Social Centers and Civic De-

The labor statement sent out some velopment with headquarters in New time ago is exactly the stuff the York City. eastern press is looking for. The

In Chicago the public schools later statement and the posters now have been opened in the evening as being sent will give them other am- social centers. There the young folk gather for dancing, bowling,

There has always been so much objection to all kinds of road bills that fopposition has become a mere

the families who are starving out-

formality. Letters From the People

(Communications sent to The Journal exe fication in this department should not exe 500 words in length and must be accompa-by the name and address of the sender.) nications sent to The Journal for pa

Portland As a Port.

Oregon City, Or., Feb. 8.-To the Ed-tor of The Journal-Let all who keep itor on so persistently and positively assert ing that Portland cap never become a great sectory, study the following facts and then forever hold their peace." A hundred years ago a coasting schooner drawing five fest could not sail up the Clyde to Glasgow, Scotland. No one proposed moving the port down to the mouth of the river. They simply brought the ocean up to the city, and now the largest steel steamers in the

world are built there! So narrow is the river-not half the width of the Willamette that they launch them at an angle; otherwise they would run into the opposite bank! A Glasgow man was showing off the forest of shipping to a Yankee friend with consider able pride, "Do you call that a river? said the "American scornfully. "You ought to see our Hudson!" "Hoot, mon." answered the Scot. 'Ye have naething to beast aboot, for God made your Hud

, but we made the Clyde! Manchester, England, was ambitious to become a seaport. It was inland, did

not even have a river, and had to con tend against the opposition of the grea to take cognizance of the needs seaport of Liverpool only a few miles of youth. It is a hopeful sign but nothing daunted it dug i way, canal at enormous expense, amid a per fect network of railroads, and brought over thirty feet of water up to Man chester. Compared with that, the prob upon wholesome recreation for the lem confronting Portland is a mere bag

Philadelphia is quite a seaport with its two millions of people. It is 100 miles from the mouth of the Delaware,

which does not compare with the Colum The one thing that all people, rebia. League Island navy yard, which accommodates Uncle Sam's largest battleships, is there. The port of Phila-delphia is compelled to keep large and powerful les boats in commission to keep the river open in winter. The write seen teams crossing on the ice ic New Jersey for weeks at a time, the ice boats themselves frozen in gorges at Gloucester and Hunter's below the city, 20 feet thick, reof Abraham Lincoln realize the near-trom \$2.50 to \$4 a day and there can be devised. It is following the waiting for the river to open. And yet never a word was said about moving the port to the mouth of the Delawar with its capacious bay!

It must be remembered, too, that Philadelphia is in competition with New York, less than 100 miles north, with its 4,000,000, and Baltimore, an equal distance south, with nearly 1.000,000 The fact is, sailors the world over, prefer a fresh water port for many rea sons, not the least of which is the fact that the river water cleans the bottom of their ships of barnacles and other sea growths and saves them the expense of docking and scraping. There now California and Oregon are risroom enough on this Pacific coast the not very distant future for a is room enough Pacific coast San Francisco, a Seattle and a Tacoma of 1.000,000 each, and a Greater Portland of 2,000,000 or 3,000,000. Nature has arranged the rivers, the water grades and the hinterland in such a way that nothing can prevent a huge city grow-

ing up at the "Forks of the Columbia, except an earthquake. Let no one stultify themselves again by asserting that Portland can never become a great seaport! It is impos sible for it to become anything less! W. C. SCHULTZE.

The Labor Council's Circular. Portland, Feb. 6 .- To the E The Journal-The Central Labor Coun-

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# COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

### OREGON SIDELIGHTS The Bend band has been reorganized

The Oregonian is in favor of good roads, if they can be obtained without The rising of Dr. Sun as president of China seems to be indefinitely de-layed.

trip down to the southern border id be an enjoyable incident for the

The longer Mrs. Russell Sage out lives her husband, the better off th world will be.

SMALL CHANGE.

The man who has eight wives and seven planos was careful never to get them all together.

What Mexico needs is, the deportation or destruction of other dangerous weapons.

The death of another "aged" man is announced. He was 50. Much of the world's best work is being done by men past that age.

Speaking of the pardoned ex-banker, Morse, a dispatch says "his death is only a question of time." Well, that is true of all of us.

Girls in various places in the state are giving lesp year dances, but it isn't reported that they are asking their best fellows the momentous question.

Taft's renomination is already as-sured, say Hilles and McKinley. Then why all this preparation for a stu-pendous effort to effect his nomination?

Surely, there should be a monument from one to two r to the memory of Sam Simpson-though than one column, better recognition of his genius while he was alive would have been of more value to him

"It's leap year," said the blushing maid, to the bashful young man at her side, "so to ask I mustn't be afraid, Will you take me for your loving bride?" The young man turned first red, then pale, he stammered coughed, seemed aught but glad, before her steady look did quali, then said: "Till ask my ma and dad."

The California Fruit Canners' asso-ciation has decided to close its box fac-tory at Bhippington. A commercial club has been organ ized, at Sublimity. Its membership in cludes citizens of neighboring towns and villages.

The freshman class of Pacific uni-versity, at Forest Grove, will give their annual play February 22. They will present "What Happened to Jones." The Hillsboro authorities have pur-chased a fine team for \$500. The ani-mals will be used on street work and in hauling the fire apparatus to fires in the unpaved districts.

Woodmen of the World at Milton are planning a memberahip campaign to in-orcase the enroliment from 53 to 100. A banquet on the evening of March 21 will end the competition.

The Oregon Oriano, published at Val but discontinued a year ago, has been revived as a 12 page 5 column monthly and will be devoted to the genera farming and livestock interests of east ern Oregon,

Harrisburg Bulletin: While there are some who do not believe the King drag is a good road tool for this section of country, the Bulletin will continue to advocate its use in preference to some people's method of doing nothing a-tall.

McMinnville Telephone Register: The comfortable financial condition of Tam-hill county is well reflected in the brev-ity of the delinquent tax list. The time is not long past when it required from one to two pages. Now it is less than one column.

to the memory of sam simpson thouse better recognition of his scalus while he was alive would have been of more value to him. The Columbia Orchard promoters are reported to have swindled people out of \$2,000,000 or so; but that is probably she has been visiting, to Woods in an no legal crime. A \$2 matter would have been different.

Job.

while still in

THE SPIELER'S LAMENT. KNOCKED

They've took us from th' rubbernseks; they've drove us from th' show; They've sewed our jobs up tight as wax; we've got no place to go. They've took the ple from us, by heck, which you'll agree is mean. An' en th' job that once was mine they've put a blamed machine.

Questions That Go Deep

> From Colliers. The pioneers of the Imperial valley a southern California know pretty well

the significance of the phrase "up against the real thing." They have made a rich farming country out of nothing if any pioneers ever did, and they have had about all the difficulties discouragements in the calendar. They went down into a desert below sea level and were mismanaged, baked, sandswept, and were misimanaged, baked, sand-swept, and every now and then flooded by the crasy Colorado. It is interesting toward, therefore, in the Imperial Valley "Proportiant-"the entire population of the valley has formed into a compact. legal, progressive entity to act officially for the people with all the authority vested in the supervisors of a county' for the purpose of seeing to it that the entire 365,000 acres in the Imperial irrigation district is irrigated as soon as ossible. The scheme involves many difficulties of adjustment with companies already in the field, but the "Press" thinks that these will be met satisfactorily. "Only the city of the dead," it says, "is without problems. The fact that the community has problems and is solving them is the best possible recommendation of that people and of the interests they represent. The experience which has brought the Imperial valley people together has made them a little impatient of the more artificial uses to which some of their neighbors put land. "Real estate to Los Angeles and San Diego," says the "Press," is what corn and cotton are to exchange brokers. If those citles should look on real estate as the basis of productive-ness, vast good could be accomplished. But the coast cities are given to sitting on the safety valve of industry-cheap They do not bend their energy land. in building empire, preferring to build bungalows." These remarks were sug-

gested by reports from Chicago that 150,000 persons were out of employment, and by a storr in a Los. Angeles paper of a young married man who had been trying for a year and a half to find a

Thuse remarks were sug-

Tanglefoot, By Miles Overholt

(Phonographs are to take the place the spielers on the sightseeing cars San Diego, Cal. The machine will operated by the driver.—News Item.)

They've took us from th' rubbernecks;

Now, what in blank does a phonograph

Now, what in blank does a phonograph know bout th' city hall? How can it tell when it's time to rest, or to stand up straight and hawif What can it say bout th' "grandest view," or th' tale of th' shosts that walk? Gee, ain't it ficrce! A blamed machine to take our jobs and talk? They've said: "Go out and peddle soap,

SEVEN HOMELY NOTABLES John Wilkes. Ugliness personified was the great of state for filegal seisure of his pa-

Then the great hold which this evi Wilkes became prominent in English visaged man had on the people became apparent, for in 1768, France, he was again elected to par

when he was prevented gained their independence. The son of from taking his seat, and committed to a distiller, he was born in Clerkenwell, the king's bench prison, it led to dread And being rechosen several ness became a byword. And, strange times, the election was as often declared George III hated thoroughly the very

that he could have chosen for a wife thought of his ill-formed, unseemly countenance, for he was known as the almost any lady of England, of whatever rank or wealth. Wherever he went champion of popular liberty. Mobs. women forsook handsome men, of no marching with banners in the streets, matter how great distinction, to give yelled his name, and the watchword of their attention to him. He boasted that, with a quarter of an hour's start, thousands was "Wilkes and Liberty." When in the early twentles, his ugly he could win the hand of any hady face, with its irresistible fascination women, won for him the hand of against the handsomest man in Eng- for And apparently his boast was one of the most beautiful hetresses of well founded, for men of fine manners the times. "Beauty and the Beast, they and courtly graces looked impotently call us," said he once, in talking to a on when he entered into a company. friend, "and really I cannot find fault

in the streets. history at the time when the American Revolution had its inception and was through until the colonies liament, and carried

London, in 1727. Early in life his ugli- ful riots. as it may seem, he had the power of void.

attracting women to such an extent

When still a young man Wilkes ob- with the description tained the rank of colonel in the Buck-In 1770 he became an alderman and cil, whose ramifications cover North inghamshire militia and soon afterward four years later lord mayor of the city America, know the conditions existing a seat in parliament from Aylesbury of London, and was eventually returned to parliament and allowed to remain. Here he soon gained for himself no Wilkes' morals matched his one. They also know that never in the toriety and popularity and his unlovely pockmarked countenance became known ugliness, for he was known all his life throughout all England and feared by as a wild and profligate character. But those in power. "The "North Briton," a he was scholarly and able and se the implacable foe of the arrogant and stu-pidity which marked the administrasome states have 400 people per square paper which he conducted, commenced

Ugliness personitied was this pers, but in the meantime himself in-English commoner, John Wilkes. His pers, but in the meantime himself in-receding, scowling forehead, over little, curred another prosecution for printing ill shaned an obscene poem called an "Essay on nose and wide, thick-lipped mouth, dis- Woman." closing, as he talked, uneven, yellow tusks, made his countenance so repel-lant that the children fled from him to France.

30,000 men the unionists pro- Nor will the reading public of the claimed. No Nationalist meet- east discriminate. Apparently the "ing shall be held in this our ancient labor council only aims to keep superintendent of compulsory educacity. The outcome was the mouse of workingmen from coming to Orenoisy abuse in the streets. The words gon. The assertion in the labor were violent but nothing else, while poster that "10,000 men in Portland two Nationalist meetings were held are unemployed and starving" will be accepted generally as meaning in Belfast instead of one.

The standing committee of the that Oregon is a good state to side-Ulster unionist council resolved that step. When to it is added the asthey would take steps to prevent the sertion by the labor council that meeting. But it was held and Win- these men were brought here by lyston Churchill and John Redmond ing advertisements, eastern readers made their promised orations, only will at once conclude all favorable disturbed by the suffragettes' cries statements about Oregon are false and the state a place to be avoided. for votes for Irish women.

The pressure of the times had With a few more manifestes by brought the government and the the labor council, it will presently Nationalists together. It was an- be so that any easterner, compelled nounced that all the main features by business engagements to visit of the home rule bill have been Oregon, will come with one hand on agreed on-that Ireland is to have his pocketbook and with a cocked financial as well as political auton- revolver in the other. If a part of omy, the only reservations being that our population advertises the other the English parliament retains con- part as a bunch of crooks we must trol of the old age pensions act, and expect our visitors to come in 'sweet 16' and then not provide a of the continued working out of the stealthily, be as guiet about it as decent social recreation center to Irish land act for which England possible and make a quick getaway. combat the temptations of a destruchas supplied the capital.

So far as reported Winston Chur- gon to recover from the effects of young man at 17 also should have chill's speech was set in the concili- the circulars and posters. They will a constructive factor to keep him out lation. Great corporations cast anchor atory key.

He declared that entire religious sent out by development bodies and rooms and only 19 boys' clubs in freedom, without either Catholic or Oregon counties. They will be mis-Protestant predominance was pro-junderstood, and a meaning read invided for. to them by both eastern newspapers

There is an inordinate amount of and eastern readers that was not innoise in this Ulster unionist cam- tended. It will be charged that the paign. How much of it is due to state is in a ferment with union labthe English unionist party, and the or, a charge that will have a conlords, will not appear. The home siderable effect in keeping away rule bill offered the best chance of capital. In a general way, the labor attack on a government measure. statements will lay Oregon under Their social service plans which suspicion, and undo a great deal that

make up the rest of their program has been done toward peopling the were too popular. Hence these tears. | state. The old English policy is to let

men talk as long and as loudly as they will, but they must not act. It generally wins.

### MOHAIR

State of the second

treaties? Then the declaration ONSIDERING how fast the An- of Secretary Knox the other day in gora goat is taking its place as the presence of the German ambas-

Constant.

HASTEN THE TREATIES

a regular inhabitant of an Ore- sador, setting near him, supplied it. gon farm, and how many more Germany, the secretary said, stands of these animals, both useful and ready to follow the lead of Britain beautiful, there will be as their value and France in becoming bound to is better known, it is worth while the United States in similar engageto learn somewhat about the indus- ments. try elsewhere.

Then let the scnate note. If these The consul of the United States grave and reverend ceigniors are to at Bradford, in Yorkshire, England, fear the scarecrow that Mr. Roosethe home of the mohair trade, has yelt and his follower, the senator just sent out a general sketch of from Massachusetts, have set up, let much interest. the people know and mark it.

Dutil recently almost the entire | Scarecrow, and not argument it supply of mohair came from Con- is, and it rests on assumption, pure stantinople. But now South Africa and simple.

has disputed the market. In 1911 These nations, Britain ; nd France, the state and to its fortunate con-Turkey mohair was imported to and, it is hoped Germany, solemnly tractor it would be well caid "olet" England to the total of 6,650,000 aign and ratify treatios binding them --- it smells high, first 'of slavery and to the total of 5,550,000 sign and ratify treatles binding them -- it smells high, first of slavery who remain would reduce their work- well and creditably fulfilled his official is - Cape mohair 18,110,494 with the United States to arbitrate for they who earn it por robbery to mg hours one-fourth. Then all of the duties. By his able, indefatigues and

gymnastics and other diversion that appeal to youth. In speaking of over the whole country as well as any the innovation, William L. Bodine, tion says:

"Social centers at the schools for young people should be commended, and not condemned. Their expansion merely means more constructive agencies for young people be tween 16 and 20 years of age. They will eventually eliminate the 'tough' dance hall with the special bar permit and the poolrooms, that are merely incubators of crime.

"It is far better to have dignified dancing at social centers, properly supervised, than to drive girls into the portals of the public dance halls, where the Salomic contortions of the 'grizzly bear' and 'bunny hug' create the prejudice that exists

today against dancing "It would be superficial reform; to save a girl from the cradle to It will take a long time for Ore- tive agency that confronted her. The very largely counteract advertising of the poolrooms. We have 936 pool-

Chicago." -----

EXPLOITED PRISONERS

N abuse on which light and air has been let in is the abomination of contracted prison

labor. A manufacturing concern, based on contracts for the labor of the convicts in Maine, Illinois, and Kentucky, has quite recently issued in-

vitations for subscriptions of its preferred stock. it has the audacity to announce that it feels certain of

paying seven per cent dividends on the preferred stock, and expects its TS another reason wanted for the net earnings to be double enough to early ratification of the uninjured peace and arbitration pay that and 10 per cent on its common stock. This last it proposes to

donate to the preferred stock subscribers. This company's factories are within prison walls, 800 prisoners are contracted for at 52 cents a day, while free labor of similar class earns \$2 a day, it pays no rent for

factory buildings, storage warehouses and grounds inside the walls, and is supplied with free light, heat, and power.

are

Of the profits of such labor to

of Portland and Oregon has the suffering been as intense as in the middle west and eastern states. mile and others less than 20, the floating population will naturally seek the line of least resistance, until the whole more leveled, 'regardless of what the after having been expelled from council may say or do. And yet know-ing all this, they send letters broadcast proclaiming and wilfully misrepresenting conditions in the state.

Here is a man at 50 years of age with less than \$300 of capital who pought acres of the despised logged off five years land, and in less than

bought an adjoining 10. He is now fairly prosperous. What man has done, cases similar to his. The same opportunities are here yet, and thousands of earners who would otherwise be reduced acres can be had for from \$10 to \$20 per acre.

Why so intelligent a body of men as the Central Labor Council should single out and humiliate Oregon, and more es-Portland, seems passing There must be some motive, pecially strange. other than love for city and state. The bottom failing out of crooked real estate deals in Seattle and Portland could hardly be held responsible for the bread

workday. line in Boston, Chicago or St. Louis. Almost all so called hard times of late years are the result of class legisto windward, demand and receive laws solely for their benefit.

The Central Labor Council and asso ciates for years have been doing the same. Bills now pending in states and nation if passed will give them more power as against the worker outside the organization. Could they divert the coming people to other states, and the demand come for 10 people and only six to respond, they would have the Portland just where they want it. between the devil on one hand and

So between the devil on one the deep sea on the other, the common people can be thankful they are allowed to live. JOHN IRWIN.

The Problem of the Unemployed. Portland, Or., Feb. 9 .--- To the Editor of The Journal .--- It seems that the discussion of the unemployed problem has been almost discontinued of late.

should not infer from this that the situation has been relieved to any great extent. The quieting down is due to an acceptance of the inevitable-a patience inspired by the hope of an early spring, when work will be resumed to a great

extent. There are hundreds of thousands of unemployed in the country today, and in for the senatorship. And if he is untheir sligan ever is: "More work!" situation will be relieved somewhat in the spring. But next winter it will be that Bourne is unreservedly for the Orthe same old story again-the unemployed problem and a discussion of ways and means to relieve the destitution incident to enforced idleness. The tendency among those who hap-

pen to have a job as winter sets in is, to work longer shifts, fearing that work and standpatters?

will be scarce later on. This should be If Mr. Selling happens to see this, "ideal conditions for profitable reversed, and instead of an increase of will be explain his position through the working hours per day, there should be columns of The Journal? a decrease.

Does this seem unreasonable? Let us point out some of the things that Senassume that one-fourth of all work is ator Bourne could have done, and should have done, and failed or neglected to do, shut down during the winter months. Then out of every 1,000,000 wage carnin his official capacity, for the good of

out of employment. Suppose that these It seems to me that Senator Bourne has

a series of attacks on the Earl of Bute's administration and he was contions of the government at that period. victed in the court of the king's bench he stands out as one of the strongest figures of his time. the house of commons. He succeeded in

Tomorrow-John James Hei Degger. getting a verdict against the secretary

former working force could be put back broad-gauge championship of the initia to work again, at the same wage-scale tive, referendum and recall, he has per hour. This would work no injustice multiplied his usefulness, not only to the state, but to the cause of good on factory employes and contractors; as all work is paid by the hour, and government everywhere. He is clearly therefore, the finished product would entitled to the hearty support, for reman can do. I could give scores of cost no more than before. It would inelection, of every friend of the Oregon sure employment to thousands of wage- aystem.

Senator Bourne has served his novto want during the winter months, itiate, now has good committee assign-Modern machinery has made this step ments, and by seniority is in line for imperative, and in my mind, this is the better ones.

only method that will bring about a per-He is now in position to do things manent relief for Oregon, that no newly elected sens-Of course there are those who will tor could hope to. Seniority counts there

throw up their hands in horror at the even more than genius or abnormal abilmention of this plan, at first. But I ity. Then what folly to propose a have heard men (wage earners, at that) change, for whimsical reasons wher argue loud and long for the 12-hour any change involves the loss to Oregon of the seniority which Bourne has, and

Is it not somewhat ridiculous that we which will require years and years for must be confronted, year after year, by Selling or any other aspirant to acthe problem of the unemployed, as soon quire?

Does it not look, on reflection, as as winter sets in, and are forced to acthough Mr. Selling was more interested knowledge that the situation is growing worse instead of better? It is imin adding a dignified title to his other pessible to bring about a condition that good things, rather than the welfare of will permanently insure a greater Oregon, and the cause of good govern-amount of work. We can only hope for ment? B. L. BAILEY.

a more equal distribution of jobs. No ) Wants More Light. matter how reluctant we may be to ac-

knowledge it, labor is the paramount Portland, Feb. 9 .- To the Editor of The Journal.-I have been reading with much interest the writings of many of your contributors in regard to the single tax. As yet I have failed to glean

from their letters the system of taxation as applicable to church properties. private school properties and properties of charitable institutions, also, how

street railroads will be taxed and what basis will be used to value the above properties. In my work I meet all classes of people. I find that nearly all the small property owners are for the single tax and all large property own-

ers are against it; still none that I have come across are, as they say themselves, "well informed." One of your contributors who signed "Lascomb" started his writings, as though he thought everyone

in Oregon understood the question thoroughly. Undoubtedly he is and has been a student of the single tax for a long period of years. Mr. U'Ren in what writings I have read of his, is first effectual step towards Socialism. I ardent admirer of Tom Johnson's policles, which differed somewhat the Henry George, Dr. McGlynn policies, If Mr. U'Ren or, "Lascomb,' will an-

swer through the columns of The nal, by explaining the way the single tax will apply to the above institutions, I am sure it will be read with serious-ness by hubdreds of voters who are clamoring for more information in re-gard to the question. NOSWAL

It is easy for a man who way third term as president to inagine the people demand him to take it."

They've said: "Go cut and peddle somp, or anything you please; There's nothing doing here no more; th' phonograph's th' cheese." And so we gotta amble down; they've trimmed us slick and clean; It's knocked us out with just one punch —a dad-blamed crank machine!

But how in blank does a phonograph know when to stop the car And tell th' rubes on th' two back seats how high the mountains are? How does it know when they pass th' street where th' Injuns hit th' mat?

Say, aln't it tough! A blamed machinel And we lose our jobs to that?

Praise for The Journal.

From the Oregon City Courier The brightest editorial page of any newspaper that comes to the Courier's exchange table is The Portland Journal's. The editorials are able, independent, fearless, and on subjects that make people think, and a part of the page is given over to the public as a medium through which any man may express his ideas on any subject. The Journal knows what the people want these days and it is delivering it.

Out of the Mouths of Babes.

Neighbor-How's your mother this morning, Tommy?"

Little Tommy-She's better, thank

Neighbor-Can she sit up? Little Tommy-No, ma'am. She can sit down, but she has to stand up.

Willie's mother had been telling his father about the little boy's misbehavior during the day. "Mamma," said Willie, "you have the

baddest memory I ever saw." "Why do you think so?" she asked. "Cause," was the reply, "you always remember the bad things I do."

Very Likely.

From Life. "Ah," said the Christmas guest, "how

wish I could sit down to a Christman dinner with one of those turkeys we missed on the farm when I was a boy as the central figure!"

"Well," said the host, "you never can tell. This may be one of them."

# Real Winter

(Confributed to The Journal by Walt Mason the famous Kansas poet. His prose-poems are regular feature of this column in The Dall Journal.)

The backbone of winter is often decried by people who huddle around the fireside: whenever old Boreas kicks up fireside: whenever old Boreas kicks up his heels they send up a package of lachrymose spiels and sigh for a counwhat writings I have read of his, is try where snow isn't found, where roses along the same lines. Numerous Social-and lilies will bloom the year round. But ists I have conversed with say it is the I love a country with all snows, where winter has whiskers clear have been a resident of Portland I year down to his toos, one all over your fea-and came from Cleveland, Ohlo; was an and the toicles cling all over your feahave been a resident of Portland 1 year down to his toes, where blizzards cavort tures till thawed in the spring. cold is a tonic that braces you up and makes you as ray as an unlicensed pup; it fills you with ardor to do hefty things: the healthy man likes it and things; the heating man likes it and dances and sings. A wind whooping down from the white Greenland hills is better than any one's cottonwood pills, while langorous zephyrs will fill you with bie and make it hard labor to burble and smile. There's energy, health and a solace in cold! The backbens of winter is better than gold!

Cones Marrisht, 1911, George Matthew

issue of today, and must sooner or later be controlled by legislation. WARREN M'CULLOCH. Thinks Bourne the Man. Portland, Or., Feb. 10 .--- To the Editor of The Journal,-Among others, Ben

Selling is apparently awaiting a "call" to enter the lists as a contestant for the seat of Senator Bourne. A while back, he was announced as one of the Taft Boosting committee, and I notice that "Taft Headquarters" is now in the Sell-

ing building. As I have sized up his senatorial stillhunt, he is put forward as a champion of the Oregon system of lawmaking

Unless he convinces the people beyond a doubt that he is unreservedly for the Oregon system, he surely hasn't a look The reservedly for the Oregon system, why at in is he boosting for Taft? We all know

egon system and I think he has demonstrated that he couldn't be, and at the same time favor the reelection of Taft. Does Mr. Selling think he can "carry

water on both shoulders?"---or get intelligent support from both progressives

And while he is about it, will he also

ers there are 250,000 workers thrown the country or the state?

before their eyes.

# Such, this company, adds manufacturing." They say that they have no strikes or labor troubles