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Years following years steal at last they steal us from ourselves away.

#### DEPENDENT PORTLAND

estalogues 125 to 150 steam schoon- taste of all. ers which operate in the Pacific trade. Practically each managing owner of these boats resides in San Francisco, and nearly all these vessels are registered with a San Franciaco entry.

Most of these ships are built from the Columbia river and manufactured in mills along the Columbia by Oregon mill men. After being built, the owners of these vessels depend largely on Portland distributors for their income. A large percentage of this freight originates either in southern California or at the doors of Oregon,

Here is evidence of the backwardness of Portland in doing those things that strengthen her claim to stored wealth. distinction as a seaport city. The essels built of Oregon materials and supported by Oregon traffic pay good dividends or they would not be built. Though Portland is reputed to be one of the richest cities per capita in the United States, we rely on other cities to build the carriers for doing our business. Though we are at the strategic center of what it is possible to make one of the most effective waterway systems in the world, we depend upon other cities to build, equip and operate our vessels. Why are we not registering their tonnage at Port-

The weightiest local issue before Portland at this time is her transportation and her relation to her transportation. The greatest oppor- have been as neglectful of their geopacity to solve the transportation problem right. Whether they know It or not, the men of means in this city are squarely confronted with the question of how well it is to

The Astoria handicap must be re- head, moved. The rates for northwest products down the Columbia must he fixed on a basis of a downhill haul instead of on a basis of an overmountain haul. Portland must fight for seaport advantages by utilizing her waterway advantages, even to the extent of financing Portlandowned and Portland-operated water lines.

### ZONAL POSTAL RATES

twenty-two cents for eleven pounds the output to Oregon buyers. that Britons pay. It is another ques- There is no field in which Oregon south, east and west. The tariffs a change. of the express companies might be simplicity itself as compared with the tariff for the national mail, cov-

It is suggested that there is something anomalous in paying the same City, let us say, as between Portland, Oregon, and Portland, Maine, which may be true, and yet in the im- has ever been in sight. mensity of the parcels traffic of the decency and in order, fall?

## CITY GARDENING

THE JOURNAL children a direct, personal, and easer children a direct, personal, and cage ENT NEWSPAPER. | Of fertile ground. Now this has come, and every schoolhouse, is, or it ad should be, the inspiration of the children's labors.

Much has been said, but not too tered at the pertoffice at Portland, Ot. Much has been said, but not too of the nutransmission through the mails as second much, about the vacant-lots that are the spot. being, and will still be, turned over for the children's gardens. But the good influence stays at no fences, and should begin at home. Every word said about the benefit to the child applies to the parents. No one knows till he tries how much pleasure in the growing, and how much comfort in the eating, is to be had from just a bit of ground 30 feet square-beginning with radishes in March and finishing with beet root in January. The experiment in each case is on a very small scale, but it is in the line of making friends with the land, and may inspire the taste for the life on the little suburban M farm of which we hear so much.

Why was the response so instant, so general, to the suggestion that F Portland is to be a seaport it has run over Oregon to set the chilought to be a seaport. A publi- dren to work-spade and rake in cation recently issued by the hand? Because it appealed not only shipowners of the Pacific coast to the good sense, but to the good

### NEGLECTED OREGON

HE total gold output of Oregon since the beginning exceeds \$100,000,000. This is the rec-Nobody knows how much gold has county will have control of the sethe products of timber grown along been carried away in buckskin sacks and credited to other states.

We know but little about the gold is that about \$100,000,000 in placer gold has been taken from the beds of of road building? If so, he is in creeks and deposits along their favor of state aid. banks. This placer gold is not the main deposit, but only the superficial wash. The leads from which it was eroded by the processes of the ages constitute a far greater total of ing? If so he is against state aid.

We know little about the geological deposits of Oregon. We know nothing about our geological possibilities. We are doing the amazing act of shipping Bedford stone all the way from Indiana for use in Oregon buildings, though it is certain that there are literally mountains of all kinds of building stone of the finest character in the state. All we know about gold possibilities is in the finds that have been made by individuals, little skilled in the lore of geology. All we know building these ships in Portland and of the geological deposits is that which has been picked up here and there from the outcroppings by persons acting in an individual capacity. There has been no exhaustive

only three other states in the union whether or not this city has the caproducts last year. It imported \$12,-000,000 worth. It could have produced at least two thirds of that im-

> The city of Portland alone conproduced but \$1,000,000 worth,

good Oregon money was sent away to pay for them.

We used in Oregon last year \$3 .-000,000 worth of Portland cement. T is said that the house committee but did not manufacture a pound. to adopt the twelve cents for eleven establishing industries of the kind liberation. pounds that Germans pay, or the everywhere, selling large blocks of

tion to plunge us into the mazes of has been so neglected as in her geo- lots along principal streets for those conal rates applying north and logical possibilities. It is time for who come to see the Rose Festival

### LIMITED WAR

ering every postoffice in the union back and forth.

OR several months Italy has ing parades and viewing the exer-failed anywhere to such an extent that back and forth.

It is being done away with. Instead, all Turkey. The net result has been to keep a running sore rate between Portland and Oregon open in both countries, and to fill suffragette in the United States, and has been a failure, and yet I do not hear banks-while no end is now, nor meeting that he tried to address in

nation there may be salvation, very tired, and very anxious to get when it was all over the colonel was Editor of The Journal.—A textile work-What the people in general have reto grips with her antagonist. The fully convinced that what he had er at Lawrence, Mass., was known by
What the people in general have reto grips with her antagonist. The fully convinced that what he had er at Lawrence, Mass., was known by
What the people in general have reto grips with her antagonist. The fully convinced that what he had er at Lawrence, Mass., was known by solved on is that no pretext shall be first is that King Victor Emmanuel been up against was no mollycoddle. found in any commission for long or is off for Venice to meet Kaiser Wilindefinite delay. The verdict against helm, who is at once Italy's ally and he express companies has been ren- the sultan's best European friend, gave Peter W. Severson a splendid find it. But they haven't got the backdered. How soon can execution, in The second, that Italy proposes to competence. Mr. Severson is a man

quite, without a peer in the in- end the war that the sultan can ac- pretty reliable maxim that only two dividual homes, each on its cept without losing his crown, and generations intervene between shirt them stay there all their life. I have own plot, each the care and pride of probably his head, as the conse- sleeves and shirt sleeves. Ha owner. What more grateful sight quence there are no other two men in these days of industrial and polit- who can. Any terms that the kaiser An Arkansas jurist has held that ical unrest than to pass up one long suggests will probably leave a point a fair price for a kiss is \$40. Of they had to pay the taxes on them. street and down another, on a Sun- open on the boundary between Egypt course, the rule is subject to bargain day morning for choice, and to note and Tripoli where a few German day exceptions. the neat and comfortable dwellings, ships may rendezvous after Agadir each with its garden that might well fashion. Then the English pot will If you do not register and if you flowers and vegetables. There, at proof of sincere desire to keep the government and high taxes? way rate, is the evidence of domestic peace. If this proves to be the case there will be a great opportunity for

that they have the Turkish welf by First?" What about the familiar slothe ears and see no way to let go. | gan, "Made in Oregon?" the ears and see no way to let go,

If the Italian fleet bombards Condantinople or Salovika the problem of the near east will be opened on

### MR. HICINBOTHAM'S LETTER

GAIN Mr. Hichbotham is to error. He has not read the proposed road bills. He thinks 'state-aid" means a state high-This is made clear in his article in The Journal yesterday.

"State ald" does not mean a state

build and pay for the roads, and the farmers or those outside the cities supply the money. "State aid" is a measure proposing to cut under this inproposal for the state to supply a crease and to use for government purpart of the money for building county roads, and to require city dwellers, public service corporations and cluster comes from attribute the consupply the money. "State aid" is a ers, public service corporations and transportation companies to bear a part of the cost. By the plan, the city dwellers, the public service corporations and the transportation companies would pay 56 per cent and the farmers 44 per cent of the money the state contributes through the state-aid plan to the counties for

road building. The money received from the state is to be expended by the county courts, assisted by the state engineer who acts in an advisory capacity, ord at the United States mints, which means that the people of a lection of roads on which state-aid money shall be spent.

Does Mr. Hicinbotham want city possibilities in Oregon. All we know dwellers, railroads, and other big enterprises to bear part of the cost

Does Mr. Hicinbotham want the farmers to pay all the cost of road building and city dwellers, the railroads and Big Business to pay noth-

#### SUEZ LOSES PANAMA GAINS

NE of the greatest experts on 'naval architecture, Professor I. H. Biles, writes that a vessel of 700 feet in length offers 20 per cent greater economy in transportation, as compared with one 500 feet in length, provided that the draught is increased in proportion to the length. With the Suez canal as now operated the 500 foot ship is the extreme of length of ship in practical use. The Panama canal will pass the 700 foot ship from one ocean to the other, according to figures given by Elmer H. Cortbell of one class, for doing absolutely nothing, New York, and will thereby start at great advantage with her rival.

It may be assumed that Panama research into the subject. In fact, will from the first attract the whole commerce between Atlantic America The state of Oregon produced less from Britain, Germany and France, sent throught the western canal. So real is the prospect of this competition that some of the most progressported. This is the finding of the ive of the directors of the Suez fare with Portland as a seaport city last legislature, with Professor Parks preparations for widening and deepof the Agricultural college at its ening it in advance of the absolute necessity.

Since there will be international sumed \$5,000,000 worth of clay and unrestricted competition at Panoffered by the big ships will draw from the state of Washington, and ports and the orient. So will the flores locks be fully justified.

on postoffices and post roads will We bought it in copious quantities in Sunday's Journal. The harmony against good government in California, recommend a commission on in- from Washington on the north and road committee is holding them for they were probably not all women. quiry as to whether a reasonable California on the south. Both states discussion and criticism, in an efflat rate for universal parcels send- have for years been exhaustively fort to get their provisions as nearly women obtained the ballot. ing on this continent can be profit- searching out their geological re- perfect and as widely acceptable as If the sister should happen to obtain able, and if so what that rate should sources, and putting them in cat- possible. No measures ever sub- her enfranchisement and does not want be. It is a quite legitimate ques- alogued form before investors, mitted to Oregon voters have been tion if the United States can afford with the result that they are prepared with greater care and de-

Wherever possible, why not have seating accommodations on vacant can be done to afford a little comfort and rest to those who stand for hours on the stony pavements watch-

There is but one known militant Brooklyn last night. The bout of There are many signs that Italy is words lasted fifteen minutes, and

break the promise under which she of justice and honor, and he gave for something better, as to starve work-

have been entered in a beauty com- boil over again. If the kalser re- do not vote, in the primaries, what M. J's letter and call of March 18, I petition for green lawn, roses, spring frains he will have given one more right have you to wall about back am delighted to learn that there are

The only thing that was needed the English, by way of recompence, Oregon materials, grown in Oregon

their by carrying Oregon products. The trouble with the Italians is What is this we hear about "Oregon

# Letters From the People

Heation in this department should not ex-500 words in length and must be accompa-by the name and address of the sender.)

### Confiscation!

Fortland, Or., March 25.—To the Editor of The Journal.—The occasional protest that the single tax would prove confiscatory should not be ignored. In-stead of being unreasonable that con-clusion is quite natural. Its most persistent advocates first held that opin-ion. (To become a single taxer write highway. At present, the countles against it.) In buying vacant lots, speculators, of course, place on them a higher price to the home builder that's why they buy them-

clusion comes from getting at the ques-

tion from only one side. vestigation will show that the single tax, instead of proving confiscatory, would prevent that confiscation now so rampant. That is why its adher-ents are for reform. That is why real ones are always on the job. Property by them is regarded as almost sacred. They claim when one has recompensed society for the privilege of using the earth to produce wealth that all just taxes have been paid; that the results of his efforts are his, to have, to hold, to enjoy; that neither government nor individual has moral right to take any part without rendering adequate return. Consequently the tax now levied on man produces is unjust. is a double tax in that it has already been paid. The tax was paid before the things were produced. It was paid either to the government direct for the privilege of producing, or to the holders of the bare land, who are

in reality deputy tax collectors. When

rent is paid to these deputies all just claims of society have been satisfied. But the elimination of this phase of confiscation, as compared with the total, is of little consequence. It is just a little trash—a byproduct, Let us take from the massive industrial picture just a little bit of a speck-the man putting up a home in one of Portland's boundless prairies. His every activity immediately pumps considerable confiscatory fluid into the neighboring nothingness; and into it, too, there is plunged, by every child born in Portland—and by every family tumbled in by speculative farm lands—more of the same man-compelling power. Year after year from the sea of vacancy these values surge upon the defenseless home—swirl at the front, dash at the rear, swash upon the sides and soon it is completely swamped. Before long any one of the holders of vacancy, by increase alone, has power to absorb the little home. Without effort each has the ability to take over real human labor. What one has striven for others get by standing pat. If that isn't confiscation, what is it? Isn't it giving to one the capacity to take what an-other created? Doesn't it bestow upon the ability to take what others con trive, hammer and saw into useful service?

Call it what one will, single taxers term it confiscation, and that is what they are fighting. Will those who claim to be against confiscation-against the and the orient. It is more than prob- taking by those who do not earn what tunity that lies within the grasp of logical investigations as has Oregon.

Portland is involved in the issue of Oregon produced less able that the biggest ocean carriers others do earn—join forces in the cause?

"Unearned wealth necessitates unde-

## How Women Use Ballot.

Union, Or., March 23 .- To the Editor of The Journal-In reply to "Not a Sufbureau of mines, established by the waterway are already advocating Mrs. G. K. of Aumsville, Or., would say fragette" in March 22 of The Journal, by that I have been an advocate of woman suffrage for about 45 years, and have lived to see it become one of the most popular and progressive issues of the day. As for the statement that the states that have woman suffrage have poorer products last year. The whole state ama the cheaper rates that will be laws, pertaining to women and children, her to send to Mrs. Margaret Houston, Plain and fancy brick, tile, terra freight from the smaller ones, which 302 Goodnough building, Portland, Or. cotta and kindred products of clay will have the advantage of shorter Send 10 cents and ask for package No. were brought in huge quantities distance by Suez between European 4. Secure the literature and post herself on the laws passed in 1911 in Colorado, Idaho, Utah, Wyoming, Washingprovision that dictated the great di- ton and California. She will perhaps mensions of the Gatun and Mira- have cause to change her mind. I agree with the sister that the recall of the Seattle mayor is one of the many good things accomplished by women's ballots, The road bills were printed in full if, as she says, 45,000 people voted for one, have never argued the the millennium would be here as soon as the

to use it she can simply let it alone, the same as some men do, but please do not stand as a stumbling block in other people's way, until the wheels of progress run over you. She names as opponents to this great cause a few women who in politics. have happened to secure celebrated husbands. A few more, mostly writers, that women further into the commercial have taken advatnage of all the benefits world and lead her away from society the suffrage women have worked for. and then they have the effrontery to and the Elks? Why not do all that write against the equality of their sex. found out that woman suffrage is a failure. I take notice that it has never is growing more and more in favor all the time. There is a thousand times more cause to declare that man suffrage the hospitals and empty the Italian the colonel encountered her at a anyone advocating that the men should be disfranchised. MRS, M. R. T.

### Lack Backbone.

Oak Grove, Or., March 21 .- To the more gumption and would quit such By Its growth, the community thing better, they would undoubtedly bone or the sand to try anything else. declared war, and utilize the Italian back a handsome share of the publing for such wages. There are people fleet to attack Turkish European lic's bounty to deserving institutions. who wouldn't quit a job no matter how and have carried it across the continent ports. small the wages, for fear they couldn't but Thomas Walker of Empire, now find anything better. If they had gendered, put the hindes in the handle for ORTLAND is coming into her If the king of Italy and the kaiser It is wise not to be puffed up uine American citizen spunk, and would me after the first were worn out. This city is almost, if not cannot come to some proposition to over one's wealth, for there is the get out of such mills, they undoubtedly is a fair knife yet. Z. T. JOHNSON. own. This city is almost, if not cannot come to some proposition to over one's wealth, for there is the get out of such mills, they undoubtedly been through the mill and on both sides of the fence myself. If some people lify that is nine inches taller than the were given the earth and hell for a calf pasture, they would still kick if

C. L. VON DERAHE. Opposes Women Voting. Portland, Or., March 19 .- To the Edi-

voting

# COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

#### SMALL CHANGE.

Party enthusiasts are mostly men who have a political job or hope to get one.

As soon as the baseball season opens politics will have to take a rear posi-tion with many.

Well, you newcomers, isn't this better than wearly waiting for the snow-drifts to disappear?

The colonel must have immensel magnified that call from the peop that he thought he heard.

When a woman is unreasonable, like the little girl who when she was bad was horrid, she is extremely unreason-Now Chinese female suffragettes are

adding to the new attempted republic troubles, of which it had a full load be There is much in political and social life to be righted, but the anarchistic street spielers will only hinder needed reforms.

Expected before this to read that the detectives now claimed that George Humphrey killed Barbara Holsman and the Hill family.

Governor West says criminal laws are lame and need revision. Perhaps, but a greater need is radical reform in the administration and adjudication of the laws, especially in the courts.

Girl has attained great and sudden notoriety because Andrew Carnegle on seeing her picture said she was the prettiest woman in the world. But is Uncle Andy an expert judge? Saloons in Baker and Huntington closed during an evening lecture in those towns by Bishop Paddock. Which shows that the bishop is an influential man for good, and that the saloon men are not altogether bad.

### OREGON SIDELIGHTS

There is only one prisoner in the Wasco county jail.

The members of the Christian church at McMinville are considering plans for enlarging their church building.

In the first month of the taxpaying period. Klamath county taxpayers turned in an aggregate of \$100,000, one third of their total.

A show house is to be built at Forest Grove. It will be of brick, one story in height, with a frontage of 42 feet and a depth of 100 feet.

Ashland Tidings: Deer are more than plentiful in the foothills around Talent this year and every day reports are heard of them coming close in to civili-

The erection of a new steel bridge across the Yambili river near Whiteson has been decided upon by the Yambili county commissioners. The estimated county commissioners. The estimate cost of the structure will be \$10,000.

The disgusting bickering and backbiting of lawyers in trying cases not
only causes people to lose respect for
laws, courts and lawyers, but costs
taxpayers much money.

Governor West save coints.

Beaverton Reporter: Charles Walter, a blacksmith of Glencoe, has a gasoline engine that furnishes power for his machines, of which he has a number. One of the odd features of the shop is a pile of old horse shoes that is three feet in diameter and 12 feet high.

Klamath Heraid: Farmers in the vicinity of Pine Grove have petitioned for the establishment of an irrigation district to cover about 8000 acres, by pumping. County Judge Worden has written U. S. Reclamation Director Newell to find out if the water can be secured in case the district is formed.

man for good, and that the saloon men are not altogether bad.

We profess and believe, we preach and pray, and teach what may not be so; we hope and fear, we exhort and obey—but we da not, cannot, know. We have our faiths, our forms, our creeds, by which to heaven to go; they fit some natures, supply some needs—but on earth we never can know.

Enterprise Record Chieftain: For the next two months Wallowa county residence will not do much bragging about their climate. Winter or something worse, has returned, and even the midday sun has been unable to make much of an impression on the chilf. But then, when the spring snows are past, think of the glorious summer weather that will come.

in her affliction, but it was a long time

before he had any thought of marrying

When the German girl referred

## SEVEN ROMANTIC MARRIAGES

#### John Calvin.

John Calvin selected his wife, as he out in Strasbourg John Storder died did everything else, in the most mat-ter of fact way. When Calvin's friends dren. Calvin was kindness itself to her ter of fact way. When Calvin's friends were urging him to choose a wife, and were kind enough to give him many her, suggestions as to the kind he should select, they did not alone stop at this, above staggered at the study of French but they undertook to find this "special as a part of the wedding dower that for him. The reformer had a she must bring to Calvin if she wished few ideas of his own, however, in regard to a life companion, and he wrote bit of gossip about her, decided that of these to Farel, who was organizing the wedding could not take place. He a Reformed church at Neuchatel: again scanned the list of some dozen

"Remember, what I expect from one or so names of ladies who were said who is to be my companion for life. I to have the qualities he demanded in do not long for the class of loving a wife, and finally he decided that he fools who, when once smitten with a fools who, when once smitten with a devote himself to his religious work.

It was when he had reached this from her nest.

The only kind of heauty which can win The only kind of heauty which can win a change of heart, and they were marked.

The only kind of heauty who is chaste, not a change of heart, and they were marked.

The listened in vain for a fair tenant so coo, like a hen scolding chicks from her nest.

Then a feeling of loneliness filled him with dread, and the tears trickled down from his eyes, and sad and neglected he bowed low. is likely to interest herself about my The wedding was as festive as the plous health.'

A young German girl of wealth and show, and the chief leaders in the refine family was proposed to him, proposal and the study of the French guage; Calvin insisted that she should About a year after their marriage learn it if they were to be married. The Calvin and his wife went to Geneva, girl asked for a few days to think over the matter of his proposal, and the study of French and Calvin at once dropped the matter of a union with her and began to write another young lady. After Calvin had been banished from Geneva he went to Strasbourg, Germany, this city being a center for those who had adopted the reformed religion. His learning at once gave him a po-sition as professor of theology, the council of Strasbourg appointing him. He was also made pastor of a congregation of French refugees.

There were many followers of a certain religious faith called Anabaptists in this city. Prominent among these was a John Storder, who, with his wife, was attracted by the eloquence and plety of John Calvin, Both of these persons were well educated and keenly intelligent. They joined Calvin's congregation and he was soon a close and cherished friend in their family.

In the midst of a plague that broke

ideas of the bride and groom form movement were present or sent representatives. where they spent the rest of their lives. On May 1, 1541, the council of Geneva revoked Calvin's sentence of banishment and invited him to come back there and preach. The house given them by the city may still be visited in the Rue des Chanoines, not far from the Church of St. Peter, where the pulpit is the same one he occupied.

Three children that came to them died in infancy-a bitter grief in their lives. Letters from Calvin to his friends, still extant, tell of his anxiety for Idelette in these trials. After nine years the wife began to fail. Calwin cared for her children as if they were his own, and felt in so doing that it drew Idelette nearer to him. He wrote of her: "I am separated from the best of companions, who, if anything could have happened to me, would willingly have been my companion, not only in exile and in want, but also in death."

Tomorrow-John, Duke of Argyle.

men's votes, and be used by the corrupt political bosses for their own selfish these sections of fence were for the ends, on account of women not being lions' cages. They are made of threefamiliar the many political schemes and phases. Women will pay tops, about six feet high. What is the dear and very dear for their experience necessity of having any fence around a

It is only another temptation to place and home to be used, not to be loved and honored, as she should be. Why did T. R. and some other bosses convert to the appearance of the grounds, be-She has even heard of one woman, a themselves to the suffragette move-Mrs. Goddard in Colorado, who has ment? Because they saw they could ands of dollars, and let them donate nicely use those states for their own selfish cause. Don't rush at this matter: wait and see how successful the states are that now give women the

Man has lost his moral courage when he calls for good women to divide their attentions with home and society to help clean up his blunders. Why not ask her to go forth in all branches of commerce to earn money for his upkeep? Making laws is the same thing, only getting to it with a cloak over woman's head. Stop, think and listen. W. M. CLARK.

Carries Knife Fifty Years. Myrtle Point, Or., March 22 .- To the Editor of The Journal-I saw in The Editor of The Journal—I saw in The ally beautiful park by these unsightly Journal that a man has a jackknife that and expensive things? MISSOURIAN. he has hed for 20 years. Now, I have a knife that I got when I was 14 years old, and I am 64 now. I bought the knife of Aleck Boon in Greensboro, Pa.

## A Mammoth Calla My.

Crawfordsville, Or., March 18,-Mrs. Harry Allen, of this place, has a calla one belonging to William McCalebo, mentioned in the Tuesday issue of the Semi-Weekly Journal. It stands four leaf measures 16 inches long by 11 wide The lily is now blooming.

Why Fence This Park?

some women broad minded enough to taxpayers and come out square and fair and raise their the public generally, will the park voices to protect their narrow minded commissioners, or whoever is responsisioners against the pitfall of "women ble, tell us what good and sane reasons the day take the control of the cont

it was to be a zoological garden and public park of this nature? Other cities I have visited have naturef no fences, especially where is right inside the residence district, as Columbia park is. moval of the fence would add gre

that fence to the county to fence in Kelly's Butte, or some other jail yard, which is the only thing it is suitable for. There are also a lot of other things that are worthy of the attention of the suits. taxpayers in connection with Columbia We at one time had a very attractive little park, where we could go with our friends for a few hours' recre ation, but after spending many thous ands of dollars for imported brush," digging trenches and building bulwarks, etc., we have nothing to show for it except a lot of unsightly mud banks and fences and a lot of apparatus, but no lawns worthy of note. Can't they spend money fast enough in some other way, instead of ruining our natur-

### John Spargo.

Portland, Or., March 25.—To the Editor of The Journal—I read with great interest and appreciation the many good letters from the people on the subject of and whistled all day upon Socialism in your paper. We Socialists Some lilting ragtime ditty that's rolowe the editor many thanks for the licking and gay will gain the public publication of these letters, for they are doing a world of good. Now, I wish to say to the readers of

these letters, if you would like to hear one of the best lecturers on Socialism in America today, go hear John Spargo. Mr. Spargo was born in Cornwall, England, of wealthy parents, who, when he was 10 years old, lost their wealth. feet nine inches above the ground. One Young Spargo was forced into the Cornwall mines for a livelihood. From that time on his life was a terrible struggle for the bare necessities. He studied during the evenings, entered and gradu-Portland, March 25.—To the Editor of The Journal—For the satisfaction of the taxpayers and the edification of the public generally, will the park that speaks from within."

Go hear John Spargo next Wednesday bie, tell us what good and sane reasons March 27, 8 p. m., at Women of Wood-they have for constructing such a fence craft hall, Tenth and Taylor streets. His

#### Isthmian Canal Tolls

mt the eastern point of view in respect to canno tolls, which to a large extent are necessarily the views of

rood thinkers in the west, nor do we think they are correct views. And we believe it would be well for our eastern friends to get hold of our point of view, both as to free passage for ships in the constwice trade and as to excluding railroad owned ships in the castwise trade from the use of the

Of course, a portion of our people are infected with the prevailing hatred of all important corporations—and it is they who make the most noise—and demand free tolls for the sole alleged reason of tormenting "the railroads." But that is not the view of the influential elements of western society. They do not consider the railroads at all except to wish that they may be prosperous and profitable in legitimate ways, so that they may be able to constantly give us better service. You cannot get good service from a poor rall-

But we do insist that seaports are entitled to the benefit of the sea route and that the canal, being an American internal waterway, should be treated like other internal waterways.

When the nation spands money for the improvement of the Mississippi it does not collect tolls on coastwise or internal trade. Neither should it do so in the case of the casal. We protest against making that costly and mer-itorious work the sole exception to our national policy.

When we improve the Mississippi we do not do it to injure the railroads, but to benefit commerce. And the railroads adapt themselves to it. It should be the same with the canal.

The reason for excluding railroad owned ships in the coastwise canal is

based on the most costly experience of a quarter of a century. If permitted to use the canal in coastwise trade at all they will continue to dominate. because no steamship company will dare compete with a railroad line. To do so would be to court bankruptcy. Different lines will compete with other lines of equal strength, but not with a railroad owned line. Nor do the railroads, as some of our exchanges assume, desire to engage in coastwise sea traffic "as an adjunct to their business" except in the sense

that it will help their business to control rates via the canal. If railroad owned ships use the canal in coastwise trade there will not be, because there cannot be free sea competition. And to that, we protest, we are entitled

#### Tanglefoot By Miles Overholt

THE KING RESUMES THE THRONE. The janitor sat in a cushioned chair and fanned himself with a club, apring had come in with its balmy air, and folk weren't calling him "Dub."

The phone wasn't ringing at every turn:
nobody was yelling for heat;
It appeared that the tenants had heat
to burn—a treat, now believe me,

The janitor loafed for an hour or two; not a call from above jarred his

And sad and neglected he bowed low his head, and the echoes sent back his sad cries. The song birds were singing, the flow-ers abloom, the sun shone the ers abloom, the sun shone the best that it could.

The janitor rose, sought the cool fur-nace room and slit up some kind-ling wood.

Then he built a fire and fanned it well. till the furnace grew red in the face; He

turned on the dampers, the heat went pell mell shooting swiftly all over the place, a the telephone rang, and the jan-itor ran with a glad, lightened

itor ran with a glad, lightened heart to reply:

Each tenant, which means every woman and man, yelled: "Turn off the heat or we die."

As he piled in the kindling, the janitor sang, then running to answer the phone.

His heart was o'er full when the telephone rang. Once more he was

### phone rang. Once king on his throne! Pointed Paragraphs

A rolling stone gathers some hard

Small men feel big when standing on their dignity. It's his running expenses that keeps many a man behind,

The self-made man usually tries to monopolize the spotlight.

If you want other people to look down on you look down to them. A man is seldom so level headed that he can't get a hat to fit him.

There are times when we should be thankful for what we fall to get. It must be some satisfaction to sailors to know that buoys will be buoys.

draws files-and often with similar re-It's easier for a man to make money if he isn't on speaking terms with his

Flirts draw men as sticky fly paper

conscience. Some women are hard to please. They hardly get a wedding gown before they begin to look up material for a divorce

# The Old Songs

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

The modern airs are cheerful, melodious and sweet, we hear them sung favor and hold it-for a day. But when the day is ended, and we are tired and worn, and more that half persuaded that man was made to mourn, how soothing then the music our fathers used to know! The songs of sonse and feeling, the songs of long ago! "Jungle Joe" effusions and kindred roundelays will do to hum or whistle throughout our busy days; and in the garish limelight the yodelers may yell, and Injun songs may flourish—and all is passing well; but when to light the in the cottage windows the lights begin to burn, when parents and their chil-dren are seated by the fire remote from worldly clamor and all the world's de sire, when eyes are soft and shining, at hearts with love aglow, how pleasant the singing of songs of long ago!

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