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Believe me when I tell you that the time will come when you will regret that you did not subscribe to this paper.

STABBING PORTLAND
VICTIMIZED at every turn, discriminated against in every way, underlined at her own expense, no city in the United States has been more handicapped in securing the benefits of her natural advantages than Portland.

It is a brief story. The rail rates to Portland from the Columbia basin were indirectly fixed by the Washington state railroad commission.

Ultimately, the Northern Pacific reached the sound. Then the Great Northern and other lines appeared.

It was a steady and consistent betrayal of Portland, and from it Puget sound has enormously prospered.

There has been going on constantly under the surface in Portland a ready and stealthy sacrifice of Portland's interests.

It is not an issue of a report, but an issue of commercial assassination that has been lost to others.

A HIGH RECORD
PORK passed to new records a pound in the Portland market yesterday. It is the highest midsummer price on record.

more and more money and more and more attention to the hog industry. Until a few weeks ago, we had survived for a year without the importation of a single carload of hogs from other states, a condition until that time, unusual in Oregon life.

SENATORIAL SANITY
AFTER approving free tolls for American coastwise ships at Panama, by a vote of 44 to 11, the American senate last night adopted a provision admitting American-owned foreign-built ships to United States registry.

The house should accept the amendment. It is a first step toward restoration of the American flag on the high seas.

For several years no vessel carrying the American flag passed through the Suez canal. For a whole year the American flag was not seen in the port of London, though the flag of every other nation floated proudly there.

The high tariff, which prevents American home-bound ships from bringing considerable cargoes, is part explanation of the disappearance of the stars and stripes from the ocean.

The foolish requirement that only American-built ships can fly the American flag is another factor in the assassination of our merchant fleets. The two together have driven the stars and stripes from the sea, and Americans abroad are rarely gladdened by the sight of the flag floating from a ship's masthead.

The American shipbuilding trust makes it impossible for shipowners in this country to get vessels at prices to compete with foreign-built ships. It is stated that American builders asked \$480,000 for building the Robert Dollar of San Francisco, and that foreign yards built it for \$230,000.

A great dredge used on the Panama canal was built for the American government at Glasgow for \$349,000. For constructing it, American builders asked more than \$800,000.

The American government bought this and many other great canal building appliances of foreign builders. The American house should now ratify the American senate's proposal for Americans to buy foreign-built ships, admit them to American registry and sail them under the flag of the United States.

It will be again put the stars and stripes on all the oceans and in all the ports.

BATTLESHIPS FOR JAPAN
JAPAN has commenced construction of three battleships of 28,000 tons each, all being super-dreadnaughts in construction, and carrying fourteen inch guns.

Since Japan has nothing to fear from either Britain, America or France observers see in the important additions to the navy of Japan provisions against possible renewals of conflict with Russia when that new fleet, just begun, to the tune of \$43,000,000 a year, may commence to make her influence felt.

go these lengths, or are they simply crazed by their enthusiasm? It is stated that there are in England twelve organized societies enlisted in the woman suffrage campaign and that only one of the twelve flaunts the banner of militancy.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY
FIVE new wireless stations at points selected by the British government, and one provided by the Australian commonwealth, will belt the wide world, securing practically momentary connection. The cost—\$600,000 for each British station, and \$500,000 for the Australian station—marks the importance attributed to the new link.

AN UPPER-RIVER TRAGEDY
IT is an unsettled question as to whether or not the navigation of the upper Columbia by the Open River Transportation line will be continued.

So Shakespeare's imagination, when Puck in "The Tempest" promises to "put a girdle round about the earth in forty minutes," comes into the realm of prophecy fulfilled.

Letters from the People
(Communications sent to The Journal for publication in this department should be written on only one side of the paper, should not exceed 300 words in length and must be accompanied by the name and address of the sender.

Majority Rule.
Portland, Or., Aug. 8.—To the Editor of The Journal.—Kindly give me space in your valuable paper to reply to the letter of Alfred D. Cridge published August 5.

He says: "It means that a minority of ignorant and indifferent citizens can defeat the will of the majority for those voting on a measure." The truth is, it means that no political boss with some homestead title can, by the aid of those ignorant and indifferent citizens, bring about a change in our constitution.

But, behold the change. Idaho senators and congressmen are hot-footed for Columbia appropriations. Washington senators and congressmen are strong advocates of upper Columbia appropriations.

Against Waste and Cruelty.
Portland, Aug. 7.—To the Editor of The Journal.—I would like to express my views on the destruction of fruits and other valuable goods at the crematory.

COLORED DELEGATES
A COLORED delegate was permitted to second the nomination in the bull moose convention, but no colored delegate was allowed a vote.

There may yet be record of the assassination of the upper Columbia line, and the restoration of rail rates to the old notches.

list party but it fell a victim to the usual camp followers and the forward steps of the Democratic party, led by Bryan.

Wheat and flour may go down in price, but not the loaf. Few will have more fun out of the campaign than La Follette.

Yes, October 1 is a good time to start the campaign. November 1 better. Between the Taft Republican party and the Wilson Democratic party there seems scant room for a big third party.

The town of Huntington was never so surprised in its life—nor was any other petty, wicked, and semi-lawless little town so surprised—just because Oregon has a governor, who does things.

Now we'll see the great game of a young fellow trying to run a big, tough old elephant out of his rich pasture, also the ever frisky and kicking donkey audaciously endeavoring to drive both the other beasts out into the sagebrush.

England, Murdoch developed extraordinary mechanical ability, which was observed by his employers, and Murdoch was sent to Cornwall to superintend the fitting up of Watt's steam engines, which were in great demand there.

Heirs of Anneka Jans.
To the Editor of The Journal.—In the issue of July 12 I read of the last hours of Trinity, the ex-patriated disciple on Patmos, an island of the sea, for his faithfulness in defense of the truth and opposition to sin.

Capital Punishment.
Portland, Aug. 7.—To the Editor of The Journal.—I have read with interest articles in the columns of The Journal, pro and con, on the pending question of capital punishment.

KEEPING HIM INFORMED.
From Fillegood Bleeter.
Clerk—Mr. Sapeigh complains in his letter that he is not hearing anything further about his suit.

What broke up their happy home? "It skidded and struck a telegraph pole."

Ben Lappman of the Gold Hill News is a considerable of a pole. Besides, he is a youngster. From his funny column we herewith produce his contribution to the Elk fund of poetry:

COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

Small Change
Great news! Roosevelt was nominated. The new ticket may also be a case of too much Johnson.

OREGON Sidelights
Eugene Register: When such days as yesterday come to the city what is the use of going to a summer resort?

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From Punch.
"Hello! Could you suggest the wrong number I ought to ask for, mine, in order to get a double 9-2 Mayfair?"

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From Youkers Statesman.
"Pop!"
"Yes, my son."
"When a man talks a great deal what is he called?"
"An orator, my boy."

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Wilson on the Tariff

The tariff question, as dealt with in our time at any rate, has not been business. It has been politics. Tariff schedules have been made up for the purpose of keeping as large a number as possible of the rich and influential manufacturers of the country in a good humor with the Republican party.

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When it's your turn to face the Judge the scales of justice usually go wrong.