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ASTORIA'S OPPORTUNITY THE threatened withdrawal from Portland of the American-Hawaiian line gives Astoria a splendid opportunity.

ASTORIA'S OPPORTUNITY (continued) If, as reported, the vessels are to make Puget sound and San Francisco, it ought to be possible to make Astoria a port of call for the line.

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SAMPLES OF COMMISSIONS NEW ORLEANS, with a population of 345,000, is the first large American city to adopt city government by a commission.

SAMPLES OF COMMISSIONS (continued) There are, therefore, in the United States, no results that can be quoted from cities on a large scale.

counts of the city for 1911 were recently published. The city owns and operates the electrical power and light plant, the gas works, the municipal street car lines, waterworks, public scales, suburban gas works, markets, elevator and storage warehouses, baths, drainage, garbage incinerators, cattle yards and abattoir, pawa shop, harbor and belt railroad and its equipment. The receipts of the municipality for 1911 were \$12,729,785 from all sources.

Frankfort is constantly visited by students from all countries, who are deeply interested in this complete demonstration of the benefits of that which, in essence, is commission government.

A BILL TO BEAT ON page 202 of the state booklet is a bill that ought to be beaten. It purports to fix the "percentage that freight rates on less than carload lots shall bear to carloads, and to establish minimum weights and maximum freights, and providing penalties for violations of the act."

There has been no public discussion of the principles which are supposed to underlie the bill. It is accompanied by no argument which gives the real reasons for such legislation.

Contrary to general impression, the object of the bill is not to lower rates on freight at all. It simply tries to provide a relationship between carloads and less than carloads, and this is met just as well by a high rate as by a low rate.

THE NEW CHURCH HOUSE THE new church house of the First Presbyterian church, just opened in this city, is a practical demonstration of the extension of the functions of the church into the world.

As the city grows so grows the number of the young who are here without a home in its full sense, strangers in a strange land. But in this church house—with books, and music, and cheerful companionship, and equality of opportunity is a resort round which wholesome influences rather to keep the feet of the young in the straight path.

GOVERNMENT BY IGNORANCE REFERRING to the so-called majority amendment, a prominent Portland business man writes The Journal thus: This amendment by making it his duty, would force the elector to vote. If a voter does not understand the measure, I would advise him, as I would on any business proposition, to vote no.

would be encouraged to be more indifferent. Realizing that no-vote would be counted as a vote against a pending bill, the indifferent voter would take no trouble to examine it. Knowing that his vote would be counted against it, he would not give a whop whether the bill was good or bad.

Our friend says he would advise the elector who does not understand a measure to vote no. That is what thousands of other men are advising. And additional thousands of men who do not understand a measure are voting no of their own accord.

It is fair to add to this long list of those who vote no because they don't know, all those who from indifference and lethargy don't care? Would such an array of indifference, negligence and ignorance on the side of the minority and against those who have examined and want a measure—passed be a fair condition for use of the initiative?

CAESARISM BY power of appointment and dismissal, the president of the United States has power over a great army of 411,000 employees. Their combined salaries aggregate \$385,000,000, an enormous power of money for a president to wield over the politics of a nation.

It proposes through the Perkins commission to give him power to supersede all state laws and all state legislatures and all state courts relative to trusts.

What would Wall street contribute to the campaign fund of a president who had power to legalize trust monopoly? What would Wall street contribute to the campaign fund of a president who had the power of life and death over big business?

GEORGE PERKINS of the steel trust, contributed \$50,000 of life insurance money to the Roosevelt campaign of 1904. Frick of the steel trust, contributed \$100,000. Morgan of the steel trust, contributed \$100,000.

THE Astoria View. Portland, Oct. 2.—To the Editor of The Journal—The editorials and news in the daily press it would seem as though Portland was alarmed as to its future as an ocean port.

Letters From the People SMALL CHANGE Mrs. Pat Campbell; millions are sorry. Murphy isn't boss of New York state any more.

Tax on Land Values. Portland, Oct. 1.—To the Editor of The Journal—The following letter from the city clerk of Prince Rupert, B. C., will be of interest, as shedding additional light on the proposition to tax land values.

Intervention in Mexico. Westport, Or., Oct. 1.—There are rumors of intervention in Mexico. In this case intervention properly defined means a war of invasion in the interests of foreign capitalists, as well as those of our own people.

Lafferty as a Stand-Patter. Portland, Or., Sept. 30.—To the Editor of The Journal—What an awful blunder the Bull Moose party made when they induced A. W. Lafferty for congress!

Protest Against the Hat Pin. Portland, Or., Oct. 1.—To the Editor of The Journal—Noting an article in The Journal respecting the hatpin danger, I must at once protest.

The W. C. T. U. Convention. Lewis, Or., Oct. 1.—To the Editor of The Journal—It seems to me that the national convention of the W. C. T. U. in Portland has not been fully comprehended by the majority of the people of Portland.

World's Naval Powers. Madras, Sept. 30.—To the Editor of The Journal—Will you please give us the rank of the leading nations as to naval power with the number of vessels.

The State Aid Bill. Oregon City, Or., Sept. 30.—To the Editor of The Journal—The Daily Journal of the 26th inst., I find an editorial on "The State Aid Bill," discussing the nature and effects of paying interest on state road bonds.

COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF OREGON SIDELIGHTS Baker Democrat: One hundred and sixty cans of trout fry were received in this city yesterday for distribution in the various streams in this vicinity, which closes the assignment from the territory to the local territory for this season.

Several names could be mentioned of men who won't be the next United States senator. You may bet on election and lose: I bet on Oregon and you're sure to win.

SEVEN FAMOUS REBELLIONS Shays Rebellion. The Shays rebellion, which takes its name from the leader of the insurgents, Daniel Shays, who was a captain in the Continental army, had its taproot in the growing spirit of lawlessness.

Tomorrow—Dorr Rebellion. would have been snatched up greedily. Those large 8000 ton steamers passing by from Panama and San Francisco forget and intend to drop in Astoria harbor for cargo, but they won't come 100 miles up the river for it.

Woman Suffrage. Clackamas, Or., Oct. 2.—To the Editor of The Journal—Should women vote? Certainly women should vote whenever she is able to organize her own political party, hold her own election, elect her own candidates.

Pointed Paragraphs Every man is the hero of his pipe dreams. It takes nine tailors to finish a self-made man.

Warning to the Voters of Oregon The proposed amendment to the state constitution which will appear on the official ballot in November as "No. 305-9" if it carries, will take away from the people the right to govern themselves in taxation matters and return to private interests the power to "regulate" and "arrange" taxation.

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Fighting the Deadly Habits Samuel Morvin in American Magazine. Towas looked about him and saw a world sodden with alcohol, dazed with drugs and befuddled with tobacco.

Always in Good Humor ILLUSTRATING THE DIFFERENCE. "What is your profession or trade?" asked the lawyer of the witness, according to the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Always in Good Humor (continued) "Well, I'm a kind of a carpenter." "What kind of a carpenter, eh? What kind of a carpenter?" "They call me a jack-leg."

Always in Good Humor (continued) "They call me a jack-leg." "They do? Well if they call you that you probably are one. Will you please explain to the jury the difference between a jack-leg carpenter and a real carpenter?"

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