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DAILY AND SUNDAY

He who ascends to mountaintops shall find Their loftiest peaks most wrapt in clouds of snow; He who surpasses or subdues mankind. Must look down on the hate of

those below.-Byron.

#### THANKSGIVING

HE thunders and shricks of war are not over and around us, as In Southern Europe. Famine and near famine do not threaten us, as in China. Pestilence, superstition and caste do not surround us, as in India. Caesarism does not govern us, as in Russia. Distressing it is 23 to 25 cents. labor uphenvals do not hang over our daily live, as in Great Britain.

We have files, and shall always have them, becuse an imperiect humankind is heir to ills. But in comparison with peoples under other suns, we are blessed in government, blessed in standards of life and blessed in an abounding plenty.

For the year, our soil yielded for our further prosperity a splendid total of \$10,000,000,000 worth of agricultural products, an aggregate of blessing that the human mind in its weakness, cannot comprehend. Let us be thunkful. 

### AN ALL-THE-YEAR CHANNEL

T IS true, as Major McIndee says. valley is in favor of a project haul our farm products to market. for an all-the-year channel between Portland and Eugene.

know the value of the great open different. road to the valley people.

Rivers and Harbors Act of July 25. last, to make both a preliminary exto report as to what, if any, local cooperation is to be expected.

If the committee appointed at the Albany meeting in October has found It impracticable to secure local coconclusion. Whatever fate is in store for the six foot channel it is mood to actually achieve. earnestly to be hoped that the valley towns will not cease their efforts to secure an all-the-year channel of such depths as may suffice for both present and prospective traffic.

## JUDGE FENTON'S REASONS

UDGE FENTON'S reasons in yesterday's journal for not using the Third street plaza blocks

Other unanswerable reasons are the scores or even hundreds of huthose blocks. No public park in Portland is so much used. To no other spot in Portland do so many go for sight of green grass and its faint suggestion of life in the great

Many a working girl, or tired charge, weary of the stony pave- graving, the largest establishment of tence has had a distinctly increased ments, drifts into the plaza block for its kind in the world. It employs deterrent effect. During the year selves. a few moments of recreation. Many 1900 men and 2100 women.

from the ceaseless tramp on the of each day's output of stamps is The police courts sent up 134 men weary limbs in the Third street park one different kinds of postage stamps 45 went for disturbing the peace. is an unanswerable argument against in denominations of one cent to \$5. Fifty-five were sentenced for 35 devoting the spot to an auditorium, and printed in fifteen different col- days, 51 for 65 days, and one man The proximity of the place to the ors are made for the United States on an indeterminate sentence of not business center makes it a priceless and our insular possessions. legacy to thousands, and it should

a park because of the terms of its be- revenue derived by the government stowal upon the city.

## THE BOOTLEGGERS

OR bootlegging at Albany, Al Peacock has been sentenced to pay \$1000 in fines and to serve of the jail sentence is made inoperative provided the culprit hereafter refrains from the "blind pig" indus-

will be exacted. Why do not men who want to sell each House of Congress. liquor go to places where the sale

lest?

forbidden the sale of liquor. Every the floor of either house. man is foolish who persuades himan illicit business by stealth.

It is an impossible business because it always ends in discovery, ably in the British Parliament." The secret is always given away by The Independent has forgotten pened except for the conviction in the character of the output. A that no such plan exists at Westmin- the minds of many men that some drunken man in a dry town is almost ster. English Cabinet Ministers sit, existing conditions are out of joint. One year ..... \$7.50 | One month ..... \$ .65 a sure sign that there is a sightless speak, and vote in Parliament not by It could only have occurred from a pig in the reighborhood. It was to virtue of the offices they hold, but growing knowledge of the swift with the Albany man, and \$1000 in by election as ordinary members for spread of poverty and the mournful fines and 170 days in jail are the some constituency. So strongly is effect of that poverty upon the sorocks on which his business split.

trail?

### A PRODIGIOUS WASTE

TN EUROPE, the average cost per mile for hauling a ton of farm products to market is less than ten cents. In the United States.

bad roads, is 35 to 40 cents per ton sage. mile. On the good roads, it is 10 to 12 cents.

mile, the whole cost of getting prod- predatory. road station is \$432,400,000. If all derstand them." the roads were good the cost would pay off the national debt.

It requires 25,000,000 draft

We all know that it would make keep would be saved, the interest and he hastens to explain that great for 50 years into the hands of these the Willamette river a powerful on \$1,000,000,000 investment in business men "misunderstand the competitor for heavy traffic with the them would be saved, and there people." railroads, and the regulator of would be saved in addition the great The senator is right. The elecfreight rates as effective as many loss through the natural passing of tion has impressed him. He has rogated at the behest of the bank ring laws or commissions. Every one half of them by the limitations of old seen a great light. Nearly 4,000,000 who stops to remember will call to age and death. In no phase of our voters deserted the Republican party mind the sacks of farm produce, the national life is there a more extra- because our "great business men" wool and hops, on the river banks, ordinary loss than the tremendous have misunderstood the people. His the many shipments of sheep and waste incident to inadequate roads. speech is a warning to our great bus-

the boats, and the rest of the proof with this waste. We have a wide- policies that will more nearly square 10 years. But it was dethroned as a that the river was the popular high- spread sentiment for better roals. We recollect also how rail but we have not been able to agree ests or be prepared for even ruder rates went up when the river fell, on plans. We are in that melan- shocks than the election returns of and fell when the waters rose. And choly status in which there are al- 1912. apart from the money question we most as many plans as men, and all

We are also anxious to have the Major McIndoe was ordered in the roads, but want them built without paying the price. If a way could be found to build them with hot air, amination of the river in view of Oregon would soon be resplendent an all-the-year six foot channel, and with beautiful highways, and life would be one long sweet dream of

However, we are making progress. cannot succeed until we agree. It operation for a six foot channel that taught us that there must be confact should be made known to Major cession and compromise, or no prog-McIndoe with the reasons for that ress will be made. Having learned that much, we should now be in

## BIGGEST ON EARTH

cover six acres of ground. Ex- ing in all 574 persons. tended, they would make a chain of for an auditorium site are un- glimpse of the colossal proportions who has a spark of manhood left to

> cates or national bank notes. Laid dent on him. flat, they would completely cover they would extend 140 miles. Their them to maintain that economic invalue is \$5,000,000, and their weight dependence which is a main support

The stamps and bills are turned

to go, finds there a temporary rest tured daily is 34,000,000. The value time and three for the third time.

Another important activity of the more than fifteen. never be used for other than park bureau is the printing of internal revenue stamps. If spread out in In addition, as Judge Fenton has single sheets, the stamps daily printpointed out, it can only be used for ed would cover eleven acres. The from these stamps is \$300,000,000 a

> This country little realizes the magnitude of its gigantic operations.

PRESIDENT TAFT'S ADVICE 170 days in jail. Eighty days N A RECENT New York speech ing to each department head in

He urged that Congress would not forbidden? Why attempt to thereby be better informed as to membering that at Lawrence, the

ing sheriffs, prosecutors, constables to prepare themselves by intimate eminent Chicago women.

The New York Independent, edi- we never knew before.

If men have the irresistible im- any office in the government of the republic. pulse to sell booze, why lon't they day the official vacates his seat and retain his parliamentary seat.

### READING THE OMENS

omens. He has interpreted the election returns. In a great speech before brigadiers of finance and captains of industry in In the United States, the cost, over New York, he delivered them a mes-

Senator Root is always impressive In his speech, he was both impres-In the United States, we haul 200,- sive and significant. He said that 000,000 tons of farm products to thousands of people look upon our market every year. The average great business men with suspicion, length of haul is 9.4 miles, and at and that many of our wealthy men the average of 23 to 25 cents per regard the people as lawless and "They misunderstand ucts from farm to market or rail- you," he explained, "and you misun-

Senator Root was cha!rman at Chibe halved and we would save \$216,- cago. He was master of ceremonies 200,000 a ear. In two years, we in the nomination of Mr. Taft. He would save more than enough to ray was the instrument through which nothing of what they were moulding for the Panama canal. In five years, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Penrose and other into form, and which was only sprugg we would save more than enough to great captains of reaction staged the Republican campaign

He has heard the results of the of its worth to the public, let us lock that everybody in the Willamette horses, worth \$2,000,000,000, to count. For the 7,637,676 votes for on the obverse side of this gem of bank With proper rouds, we should require but half as many horses, their keep would be saved, the interest

hogs, waiting to be taken on board In Oregon, we are face to face iness men to either get ready for Kinley, knew nothing of it for eight or with plain people's views and inter-

## PRISONERS' EARNINGS

TN DETROIT for two years past a system has been in operation for the employment of those committed from the Recorder's Court, and from the Police Courts, to the City House of Correction. Wages notes, with no gold behind them for reso earned by prisoners are applied by the Poor Commission toward the The late election taught us that we support of the prisoners' dependent

The new plan is hailed by the ludges of the Criminal Courts in Deers, without the unwelcome necessity of indirectly punishing the families and dependents of the prisoners.

During the past year \$6652 was manufactures enough postage offenders and portioned out by the stamps each day to completely Board among 139 families, number-

The superintendent testifies stamps 527 miles long. If there strongly in favor of the disciplinary were no other means, our rate of worth to the prisoners of the new stamp making would give us a method. He says that it helps him redeem himself through labor, since Equally impressive are the facts he views his work less as an imrespecting the printing of currency. posed and worthless, treadmill, task, Every day, we print 1,250,000 United and more as a means of earning a of putative money into its place? States notes, gold and silver certifi- partial livelihood for those depen-

in the life struggle

Under the condition of imposed out by the bureau of printing and en- labor the House of Correction sen-117 prisoners were received for the The number of stamps manufac- first time. Only 18 for the second \$600,000, and 600 employes are regard the Recorder's Court 21. Nonquired in their manufacture. Fifty- support sent 76 men to the House, less than two and a half years nor

## THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE

F THE 7,000,000 working girls than \$200 a year, and three fifths less than \$325.

This statement was made before a council committee at Chicago, when Jane Addams and Mrs. Joseph T. Rowen of the Juvenile Protective Association of Chicago made an ar-President Taft advocated very gument against a segregated vice strongly the passage of a law giv- district. They contended that the try. Otherwise, the full sentence the administration a seat, and the dent to the small wage is a recruiting influence for the paths of vice.

true, they are appalling. Yet, reis not forbidden? Why attempt to thereby be better informed as to membering that at Lawrence, the no more than the value of flour or of the finances of this country can be put it lilegally in dry territory, when actual conditions in the executive father of a family received an aver- a machine. Every exchange effected by into the hands of the government, where

It can be sold legally in wet terri-departments. That cabinet officers, age of \$9 a week, and that some of tory? Why insist on being lawless, being liable to challenge on all mat- them earned as little as \$6 or even when it is just as easy to be law- ters in their departments, both as to \$5, there seems little reason for abiding? Why be constantly dodg- policies and occurrences, would have questioning the statement of these

and the law, when, by doing business and detailed knowledge on all mat- It means that sooner or later there in wet territory the law cannot mo- ters to be debated. And that the will be an adjustment of things in nation, being daily advised of the this country. We are probing now Peacock was foolish. Every man progress of such debates, would be into social conditions as we never is foolish who traffics in intexicants informed on the national business probed before. We are discovering in a community that has, by ballot, by questions so put and answered on things about our economic life and its effects upon the social order that

self that he can successfully conduct torially, adds its approval to the In the midst of a great national President's suggestions. The paper abundance, we have just witnessed adds that this plan "works admir- the partial break-up of a great political party. It couldn't have hapthis accented that on acceptance of cial and economic conditions in the

The figures respecting the 7,000, operate in that vast inimitable wet has to present himself for re-election 000 working girls and women in the zone, where the law cannot molest to his own constituency-and this country recall Woodrow Wilson's or make them afraid? Why do bus- not as a mere matter of form, but, campaign declaration that "the peoiness perpetually with courts, sher- as has been many times exemplified, ple should break into their house iffs, and jails constantly on their he runs a distinct risk of failure to and occupy it." In the name of the working women of America, let the president-elect and his congress help the "people to break into their house and occupy it" after the 4th of next ENATOR ROOT has read the March. Let them help drive out the privilege and plutocracy and give poverty a chance.

## 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 accompassed by the name and address of the companied by the name and address of the sender. If the writer does not desire to have the name published, he should so state.)

Where the Aldrich Plan Leads. Portland, Nov. 25 .- To the Editor of The Journal-You were pleased to permit some Portland bankers in your Sunday edition to express themselves in favorable comment of the Aldrich monover two years in conclave, so secret do the least possible good? that the general public knew little or upon us during the latter part of the last congress, before we settle down

self-appointed worthies. The principle of initiative, referendum and recall is not dwarfing in public estimation, and that this fundamental right must be ab-

to accept this plan at the bankers' idea

is ridiculous. Another matter must be considered These functionaries of the money trust instituted a sly decapitation of silver as years was so carefully guarded that even our foremost statesmen, like Mc- prophecy relate to a current event. primary money, and voters were made were thieves and anarchists who desired to right this colessal wrong. The money basic money we might have had. Some 20 years have elapsed since that happening became acutely known, How

do the bankers stand now? The Aldrich monetary plan calls for gold or its equivalent in every repetition where money is in question; and this equivalent is defined as notes, mortdemption; and the launching of two bilfor in the bill!

Are the gold-bugs getting in readiness to assert that greenbacks, after all, were our best currency? If so, they will probably insist that a bank's greenback is better than Uncle Sam's, and this ex-

is required, with as much more, which THE United States government earned by the House of Correction go into hiding, locked up in vaults behind bars of iron and walls of steel, gold and silver, because they are the the average 20 per cent required as a guarantee for over \$17,000,000,000 of degold coin in the country, and if our other forms of money, mone of it legal tender, were also locked up for that circulating medium in the country to do Would it not be fair for the bank-

ing fraternity to admit this situationadmit that the purpose of the Aldrich money plan is to get at and unlock this deposit guarantee, and stuff other forms They should, but if they do they open

a Pandora's box of evil suggestions, for the people then to clamor for-that The effect on the 139 families who Uncle Sam should take the matter in five acres, and placed end to end, have been aided has been to help hand, just out ten billions of legal tender (which the banks do not want) put the best of securities behind it rather than surrender this function to the banks.

Now we know, since the Aldrich plan wants it for the banker, that it is not cidental to the growth of a young nahigh treason, anarchy nor thievery to tion. I am at times amazed at the autimodestly claim the function for our-CHARLES P. CHURCH.

## Our Money System.

Portland, Or., Nov. 24, 1912 .- To the Editor of The Journal-In the first of the series of articles now being published on the money question, Mr. Hepburn very clearly describes the proper and lawful function of a clearing house, which is to facilitate exchanges to enable banks to perform the great detail labor involved in the banking business in the quickest and least ex pensive manner; but the remainder of his article is not free from misinterpretation. The cash reserves which the banks

hold, as justice and the law require, do not "supplement the use of checks and drafts," but constitute the basis and security of the check and draft system and women in the United of circulation. The bank note, check, States, one fifth receive less draft, silver certificate, gold certificate, treasury note, etc., are contracts. They serve as counters and as the evidence been protected for 16 years and only a of an obligation. The obligation arises few have had the benefit of protection. ex contractu. The obligation may be We know by the Wilson vote that the impaired or there may be a total failuge masses in general want a change and to perform it. Then loss necessarily are dissatisfied. results to one of the contracting parobliged to accept these contracts in pay- protected industries. Big business and their contracts depreciate, and the coun- far. discouragement and privation inci-try, corporation or individual who re- the Wilson vote shows plainly that the ceived full value for them when they voters want a change. As soon as we were emitted has, through necessity or get the income tax and the land tax in otherwise, failed in the fulfillment of operation we are ready for free trade. The figures seem incredible. If his assumed obligation. The value of Wall street has got to learn that it

## A THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Thou who didst safely guide a Pilgrim band To haven calm, on a December morn, Holding within the hollow of Thy hand The destiny of millions yet unborn;

And Thou a fortress and a tower of strength To hearts that trembled at the task begun, When outraged Freedom proudly claimed her right At Concord Bridge and e'en at Lexington;

Thou Cloud and Fiery Pillar leading on The marshaled hosts of Many joined as One; Thou who didst bid us break the bondman's chains, Thou God of Lincoln and of Washington!

We thank Thee that through poisonous mists of doubt, Through lowering clouds of sin and passion base, Through storms of unbelief that shake the world, The Nation's eyes may still behold Thy face.

We thank Thee that despite the tumult wild, The strife for power and rank, the greed for gold, The Nation's heart beats ever strong and true, The Nation trusts Thee as in days of old.

We fall in adoration at Thy feet, Lie prostrate there, the while we humbly pray; Forgive our weakness and our folly, Lord,

And lead, O lead us all the way! -M. B. F., Eugene, Or.

## COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

### SMALL CHANGE

There is no adequate recompense for a person vilely slandered.

Not all kickers are to be condemned; members of football teams are excep-

If you can't do as well as you'd like, young man, then do just the very best you can.

With perhaps one of two exceptions, no American ex-president ever needed a pension.

Probably a good football game can be played in dry weather, but it seems unnatural. Yet with many women bridge and

shopping are not the most important things of life. Is Carnegie trying to see how much

Strong and convincing arguments are uplift of the community. made in favor of a minimum wage law for women and children.

Archduke and Heir-apparent Ferdi-nand of Austria-Hungary looms a large and important figure on the perturbed European field.

The condemned murderers in Salem

may have no personal friends, but De-cember 13 will be a sad day for many, besides the governor. If federal prosecutions are to keep on increasing, nearly everybody will be involved somehow, including the pro-verbially "groaning" taxpayers.

portion to population in the Union.

The young woman who killed a man since limped along with but one-half the It is a waste of time, effort and money to try a pretty young woman for mur-

Some newspapers and people seem to expect that the tariff is going to be fully and finally settled next year. But the tariff will probably be an issue

gages, bonds, commercial paper, bank the use of money is an exchange of it ought to be. Wall street gambling value for adequate value, which consti- and the Chicago wheat pit have been tutes complete and final redemption. blots on the country. It is nothing less lion dollars of this despised flat stuff Money is always a chose in possession. than gambling. on the country, if called for, is arranged whilst its paper representatives are device. Alas, the banking method, they named be used to the fullest possible extent an ernment in 1916, for the election has

> convertible circulation. The medium of redemption should be metals which the people have selected as nations and in our own congress, mistaking their functions, have ignorantly deprived the people of the use of silver as money. That there is not enough redemption money is as true now as when Mr. Bryan first proclaimed it in 1896, notwithstanding the increased supply of gold. The legal ratio which permits only monometallism was a mis-take, and, for that matter, unconstitutional, though the validity of the law of 1786 establishing a ratio of 1514 to 1 Las never been called in question. Space will not permit of further discussion. JAMES B. CARR.

## No. Thank You.

Corvailis, Or., Nov. 25 .- To the Editor of The Journal-While recognizing, as every intelligent person does, that certain abuses-which are gradually but surely passing from sight-are but inpairiotic acts of individuals honored by bearing the title, American citizen.

Andrew Carnegle, who was one time business with my father, the late Str H. G. Reid, in England, is the latest His successful-and strictly example. legal-release from taxation on his \$3,500,000 New York interests is the kind of thing that breeds reds.

His offer to pauperize the chief executives of the government of the mightiest country on the globe is, to speak mi'dly, "fresh." It is indeed the limit! Only good United States can express one's feelings toward this wholly super-

fluous offer. Let someone send Mr. Carnegie a copy of the constitution, DODDS REID.

The Opportunity of 1912-16. Columbus, Wash., Nov. 23 .- To the Editor of The Journal-Many men think we are going to have hard times if the Democrats take the tariff off. We have

The Lawrence strike shows that ties. If the laboring masses, by virtue poverty is rampant and that the tariff of a legal tender law, or otherwise, be has been a curse to the workers of our ment of wages, their wages decline as Hamiltonian ideas have been carried too The people have got dired and

## OREGON SIDELIGHTS

Astorian: Forty-five dollars was the amount taken in at the candy carnival given by the Astoria high school. The proceeds were given for the benefit of the high school football team,

Baker Democrat: Baker county mines will produce \$150,000 per month during 1913. This statement is based on the authority of men closely identified with mining and is a conservative estimate.

Salem Statesman: The students at the Indian training school at Chemawa are to be taught practical demonstrations in dairying, and to promote this the present superintendent has added ten choice Holstein cattle to the dairy herd there,

Terrebonne Oregonian: Terrebonne Christian association has been organ-ized with Dewitt Williams president, and M. A. Lehman, secretary. The object is to maintain Christian worship and service in Terrebonne and to asin all honorable ways, the moral

Astoria Budget: The laying of the main conduit for the waterworks system at Seaside is practically completed and it is expected the water will be turned on within the coming few days. The new conduit is about 3½ miles in length. It is expected that next year a small storage reservoir will be built. a small storage reservoir will be built.

Grants Pass Courier: Grants Pass people have fully determined that a rail-road to tidewater must be constructed without delay and in this matter they are acting with one accord with a full determination to bring about the building of a line which will give us a con-nection with an all-water route to the great cities of the Atlantic coast.

Eugene Guard: There is a plan on not to hold an industrial exhibit of It is easy for persons determined to do so to fit passing events to ancient and obscure "prophecies" or to make and obscure "prophecies" or to make a boys, and the domestic science and sewing departments for the girls, will in-If everybody would put the Made-in-Oregon slogan into practice, this would soon become far the richest state in pro-

Bandon Recorder: Portland is hav-ing a land and dairy show which is In a popular ci attracting the attention of many vis-concrete questions itors. But down here in Coos is where the real stunt is pulled our.
We have a continuous performance the ound. No greater dairy country in the United States than is year round. found in Coos county. The grass grows in winter and summer and a good cow is worth to her owner \$150 per year. Now beat it if you can,

Our postal savings bank law is in choses in action, and the time may the interest of the bankers, and I say come when they cannot be reduced to it is a detriment to the people, for if possession. Paper representatives are the treasurer of the government handled legal in origin, but, apart from the no- the deposits of the people bonds would tion of exclusive ownership which de- be a thing of the past. Governor Martion of exclusive ownership windustrial shall struck the keynote when he said "devised from the necessity of that if we don't do anything for the mutual exchange." While paper should people the Socialists will have the govin the bond, with Shylockian perspicacity adequate reserve of gold and silver shown us that the voters have become should ever constitute the security of a radical and they are looking for results and it is up to the Wilson administra-

tion to do it if it has the nerve. I see that Mr. Shields was the savior of the land hogs of Oregon, but the tax Legislative bodies in various question is not settled yet; it is a mater of education, and the voters will learn that to make prosperity for the workers they have got to adopt the Henry George system. The Everett people went 2 to 1 in favor of the land tax. and I think the state of Washington two years from now will be a unit for single tax. My friends on the sound write me that the woods are full of single taxers.

## Cement Plant a Bonanza.

Portland, Nov. 27 .- To the Editor of The Journal-I see the editor of The Journal has been trying to induce capital to invest in the proposed cement plant. Do you realize it is one of the best paying investments there is today? And the demand is increasing every day. If you could only visit the cement works near Ottawa and La Salle. Ill., all of them running full capacity day and night, with everything to win and nothing to lose, you could soon get capital to take up this proposition and with the raliroad facilities and the best home market, what more could one ask? M. D. GREEN. home and send their wives.

## Value of the Initiative

From the Public

There are few places so, backward of persons so dull as not at this day to understand the essentials of the initia-tive. It is a method of legislation by the people themselves, free from veto by governor or legislature, or any other representative power, and obstructed by no necessity for securing other per-mission for a popular vote than that of a percentage of the voters concerned. For this reason the initiative stands out conspicuously as the climax of peo-

ple's power. Not that legislative bodies or other forms of representation would be abolished by the initiative. Legislation by representatives would be as necessary as ever, and more truly representative. The effect of the initiative upon rep resentative bodies would be to take from them the tremendous power which they have usurped, and to restore to them the functions of representation from which they have fallen away. They would be people's committees in most things, instead of people's bosses in all things.

This restoration of power to the people has made friends for the initiative among most advocates of radical changes in government. Wisely so.

For whether or not such changes shall be made or be prevented, the people themselves ought to decide. ought not, on the one hand, to be plunged by their representatives into changes they do not want, nor on the other to be obstructed by their repre-sentatives in securing changes they do want Wisely so for a further reason.

Under representative authority of the plenary sort, general stimulation of public oipnion is extremely difficult if not wholly impossible. Legislators themselves may grow in civic intelligence through the clash of opinion which centers at a capitol during seasions. Consequently, when radical proposals come before legislative bodies with virtually plenary powers, some stimulation of thought may be secured. But it is almost confined to legislators Even they experience it under circumstances quite likely to prevent from consideration. "Influences" at the capitol, or fear of prejudice among people at home, may give their thinking a "crooked" course. But however it be with legislators, the people as a whole get little or no political education on public questions that are decided by legislatures, and that is not good for popular government. If their intelligence is to reach its best or even its better possibilities, the people themselves must have direct responsibility for decisions on changes in public pol-

For a double reason, therefore, does the initiative commend itself to advocates of radical changes in public policy. It makes, for one thing, a direct appeal to the people possible; and incidentally, for the other thing, it promotes public intelligence regarding public policies.

Practically, the educational function may be the most important of all the functions of the initiative. Is not general training in the responsibilities of democracy one of the essentials of democratio government? Can any other be more vital? With general civic intelligence, democratic government is in all things assured; without that intelligence, no democracy can long survive. And popular intelligence in civia affairs is impossible without popular and training such as

In a popular clash of opinions over concrete questions of policy, to be decided directly by themselves, men learn to think right. Thinking right, they incline to vote right.

## Always in Good Humor

A CHEAP BUY. "What sort of a chap is he?" "Well, after a beggar has touched him for a dime he'll tell you he mave a little dinner to an acquaintance of his."-Lippincott's Magazine,

SECRET OF HAPPINESS Mrs. Brown-Smith-They must be very happily married. Mrs. Jones-Robinson-Why do you think so?

Mrs. Brown-Smith-Oh, they little of each other.-Judge.

THE OBSTACLE From Satire, Jey Rider (talking on the telephone) Is there any thing to prevent you from getting a car around here prompt-

## Pointed Paragraphs

Garage-Tes, Bir; your last bill.

It's surprising how fat a fat woman

She is a wise woman who laughs only at the right time. Wall flowers are society girls who

were nipped in the bud. He is a wise man who keeps his good opinions of himself to himself.

The more pains you take with your eating the fewer you will have afterward. Yes, Cordella, there were false

prophets centuries before the weather bureau was established. We know a lot of men who would be most successful if they would stay at

# Good Advertising Performs A Genuine Public Service.

It gives information about new and better things to wear, home necessities, comforts and utilities.

It enables every one to purchase the essentials as well as the luxuries of life at lowest cost.

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