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Amblition is the avarice of power, and avarice is the lust of dominion which was first encouraged only as the best means of obtaining it—Colton.

BURN THE RESOLUTIONS

THE JOURNAL is in complete sympathy with those who do not believe in hangings. It protests with them against the maintenance by the state of a human slaughter pen.

It agrees with them that in states where there is no death penalty, there are fewer murders than in states which have capital punishment.

But they and The Journal are in the minority in this state. As a minority, it is their duty and The Journal's duty to yield to the will of the majority until the minority, by the ever shifting changes of public sentiment, becomes the majority.

It was a vote at a peaceable election. The proceedings were regular. There is no charge of fraud. The returns were properly canvassed.

All this is of public record. It cannot be repealed. It stands as the act of the constitutional majority.

It is wrong to urge Governor West to take such a step. It is wrong to urge him to repeal the election returns.

The resolutions should be burned. The petitions should be destroyed. The journey to Salem to urge the governor to take a wrong course, should be abandoned.

PULLING DOWN YOUTH

THE Congressional record gives the details of results of a census taken in the 108 saloons in the city of Toledo, Ohio, quite recently, and in the billiard and pool rooms and on the streets of that city of about 200,000 people.

A total of 1239 boys and 13 girls were found in the saloons; 21 of the boys were taken home, too drunk to know their own names.

Over 1500 boys were sent to school who were guilty of habitual truancy, the fault in half of the cases lying with the parents.

izer of the remarkable work of the Toledo association. The active work there is done by groups of volunteer probation officers. These officers work without pay, but are recognized by the judge of the city juvenile court.

THE TRAMP SALESMEN

PORTLANDERS are beset with tramp salesmen who do business by sample. They sell millinery. They sell gowns. They sell furniture. They sell pianos.

They sell for great New York department stores. They sell furniture from eastern establishments. They sell for people who spend money everywhere except in Portland.

There is an army of these invaders constantly in Portland. Curiously enough, they do a lot of business. There are always people who bite at every kind of bait.

Some of the sales are for future delivery, and some are immediate. Some peddlers pay a license, but many do not.

They pay their taxes in New York, or Chicago, or St. Louis. They do not help support government in Oregon. They employ no labor in Oregon.

They sustain no homes in Oregon. They do nothing to benefit anybody in Portland or in Oregon.

They are leeches upon legitimate business. Their sales prevent Portland establishments from employing more Portland people.

In view of the facts, it is amazing that all Portlanders do not do all their business with home establishments.

CONSTANTINOPE

THE next few weeks will determine an issue in which the common aspiration of the individuals of every Christian nation will be weighed in the balances against the dullness and conservatism of the ruling classes which always favor the status quo.

The blood bought approach of the armies of the Balkan states, headed by Bulgaria, towards Constantinople, inspired the new war cry "Constantinople for Christendom."

The armies of the allies were halted at the Thetajia fortifications. They were stayed there not only by the terrible, imminent and inevitable loss of life, but by the influences of the politicians of the great powers, who dreaded to undertake the uncertainties of the future ownership and control of this metropolitan city.

Many writers in the press of all languages believed that in the denationalizing and neutralization of the great city by the straits the solution was possible.

In these uncertainties the politicians have found their opportunity to confirm once again the Turkish sultan in his control.

HER BELOVED HUSBAND

EDGAR POTTS MARSHALL, of Newton, New Jersey, is a wiser man. Recently, he inserted this advertisement in the local paper:

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN—My wife having left my bed and board, I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by her after this date.

It appeared, Mrs. Marshall published a reply. It ran thus: TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN—After reading a few lines contained in the columns of your paper in regard to myself I beg to differ with the author.

In the first place, how could I leave my beloved husband's bed when the faithful old bed on which I slept, including the ancient feather tick and a few board slats, are the property of his said father? A straw tick is also included in the make-up, the covering of which I purchased myself with the income from my flock of chickens, which I worked hard to raise.

I also beg to announce that I have furnished a greater part of the board for my father-in-law, for myself and for my "precious one" ever since his poor mother was laid in her grave. Therefore, how could I leave her board? I also took in sewing and kept boarders to help sustain my faithful husband.

OUT OF JOINT

THE congress now doing business at Washington is out of joint. It is a hand-me-down. It is a down-and-out. It is a remnant left over from an out-of-date election.

The message sent it last week was from an expiring administration. It was from a president who has been abandoned. It was a note from a by-gone election.

There is inharmonious legislation by congressmen whose successors have already been elected. There is lack of appropriateness in continuing an order which a recent election has laid aside.

When they framed the Constitution, the fathers feared to make legislation and administration quickly responsive to the electorate's expressed will.

There is no reason in electing a congressman and not seating him in a regular session for thirteen months. In 123 years of experience, we have learned that what is really needed is to make the legislation and administration quickly responsive to the expressed will of the electorate.

There is no reason in continuing the already obsolete plan of voting for electors instead of voting direct for president and vice president.

If the direct plan had been in vogue Jackson instead of John Quincy Adams would have been elected in 1824, Tilden instead of Hayes would have been seated in 1876, and Cleveland instead of Harrison would have been successful in 1888.

IN THE DAY'S NEWS

"STARVATION," was the diagnosis written after the name of Amelia Schick, admitted yesterday to Bellevue hospital, New York. The record also stated that she was seventeen, and that she had no home or friends.

Her face was emaciated from the privations she had suffered. She had been wandering from place to place, asking for work, and sleeping wherever she could find shelter.

Permit me to say through your columns that I am most emphatically opposed to a restricted district designed for the maintenance of any vice. A restricted district is unethical, illegal, immoral and therefore unnecessary.

Certain Councilmen Criticized. Portland, Dec. 7.—To the Editor of The Journal—What manner of men are the two councilmen who propose to raise the wages of 230 common laborers to more than \$2.50 a day?

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Other men have done the same thing. The lordly swing of such a notice—used to be impressive. But it has gradually leaked out that the real pillar of support in many a family is the wife.

COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE. Forgotten it already—buying "Oregon-made"? Each of the anti-Turk allies thinks it is.

Violent hatred often soon succeeds violent love. Cheerfulness is about the best sort of make-believe. The 12-er is going to be a big year for Oregon and Portland.

Penal to a man like Colonel Roosevelt seems rather ridiculous. But were not yowling and scratching to be expected in a cat club?

Letters From the People

A Good Word for the Turk. Portland, Dec. 7.—To the Editor of The Journal—Editorially The Journal has much to say about the Balkan war and the Serbs and Bulgarians.

Too many people are quick to condemn, "shoot a firmity to commend; swift to attack, slow meticulously to approve. Governor Eberhard of Minnesota would abolish appellate courts, and he is not as crazy as lawyers will say he is.

Thousands of Democrats will find that the great trouble with this country is that there are not "offices" enough. Some of those places mentioned in the war dispatch of mine of us used to read, when children, in an old book, called the Bible.

After all, there is nothing very wonderful about a woman making a competent election judge, or clerk, or juror, or voting intelligently. The case of that man found dead in the woods in Clackamas county with his pockets full of money, is it possible that all that "little wad of money" has not been disposed of yet?

TARIFF REVISION

From Harper's Weekly. It seems to be taken for granted that adequate tariff legislation awaits only a majority of votes in the two houses and the signature of the new president.

It is a fact, of course, that several measures have already been passed under party pressure preliminary to a national campaign, and have been duly vetoed. Granting the excellence of the provisions of these separate bills, the fact remains that their purpose was purely political.

Think Reprive Proper. Sublimity, Or, Dec. 7.—To the Editor of The Journal—In The Journal of December 2, it is declared that the petitions for reprive of the men to be executed December 13, ought to be abandoned.

Opposes Restricted District. Portland, Dec. 7.—To the Editor of The Journal—I was very much surprised to read in your issue of Friday, Dec. 6, that the jury of women had decided in the course of their deliberations in the jury room that a restricted district is the best way to handle the vice problem in Portland.

Socialism and Peace. Portland, Or, Dec. 7.—To the Editor of The Journal—The editorial in yesterday's Journal under the caption, "It is Well," was interesting, for it almost blurted out the truth concerning one of the most stupendous crises of a century.

Pointed Paragraphs. But the man who borrows trouble is never asked to pay back. Bachelors are "women's rights," and widowers are women's lefts.

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OREGON SIDELIGHTS

Duane Guard: Aaron G. Gould, the well known Portland architect, is here with plans for a city hall which he desires to submit to the mayor and city council.

Albany Democrat: An Albany Y. M. C. A. in an assure fact, one "Upo" which the young men of Albany are to be congratulated. The institution is one that does a great work altogether, and there is a fine field in Albany for one.

Grants Pass Courier: It is expected that the first issue of the new poultry journal will come from the press in time to assist in telling the public of the poultry show features that will be part of the big exhibition to be held in this city January 14 to 17 inclusive.

Klamath Herald: As a result of the action taken by the county court in refusing to authorize the construction of wooden bridges over canals of the second unit laterals of the Klamath project, the reclamation service has done extra work in corrugated metal pipe bridges at all crossings.

Salem Statesman: Jackrabbits are causing considerable damage to orchards in certain parts of the Willamette valley. The farmers thus meeting with loss ought to organize rabbit driving parties and enjoy a great deal of sport in making away with a few hundred of the worthless beasts.

Astoria Budget: John Jekker, an expert tanner who was employed for a number of years in one of the largest tanneries in Finland, has leased a tract of land from Wilson Bros. adjoining the wharf at Smith's point, and will start a tannery there. The plant is to be a small one at first, and will be ready for operation within a short time.

Riddle Tribune: The petition of Miss Mollie Sullivan to be appointed postmaster at Canyonville, which was sent to the department some time ago, bearing more signatures than any other petition ever sent from that place, has been withdrawn. Miss Sullivan concluding that she does not desire the position under the new civil service rules.

Problem of the Jumping Man.

Hillsboro, Or., Dec. 7.—To the Editor of The Journal—In an article in The Journal of December 4, it is asserted that a man who jumped from the floor of a moving car, would alight at the exact spot from which he jumped, provided he jumped straight up, if the car were enclosed.

The man cannot alight exactly at the same spot, because his speed is delayed by the gravitation, while the car is pulled ahead at a constant speed. Of course, this will hardly be shown in a difference for a few feet, but it is above the floor, but if he could be one-fourth of a minute above the floor the distance from the place from which he jumped to the spot where he alighted, would be considerable.

Pointed Paragraphs

But the man who borrows trouble is never asked to pay back. Bachelors are "women's rights," and widowers are women's lefts. A pretty girl will turn a man's head in spite of the ball on his neck.

Many a woman has found her widowed so sad that she refused to keep it. Even the intoxication of love may leave one with a headache in the morning. All women are born free and equal—but they don't look it at the bathing beach.

Every mother knows that her own child is superior to any other child in the neighborhood. When a married man has to use a handkerchief to connect his trousers with his suspenders he is justified in his belief that marriage is a failure.

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Through the advertisements in THE JOURNAL you are offered exceptional opportunity to purchase the most artistic and serviceable furniture, the choicest rugs, the most beautiful draperies, and all the most useful and convenient utensils and labor-saving devices for the home.

Foresees Great Victory. Albany, Or, Dec. 7.—To the Editor of The Journal—I am greatly pleased to see how so many of the royal womanhood of our "awakening" are by their votes "awakening" the masses in all diverse places; and on this, the seventy-fourth anniversary of my birth as an Oregon native son, I tender them my sincerest thanks and congratulations.

Criticizes the Granger. Arlington, Or., Dec. 7.—To the Editor of The Journal—In a news dispatch of recent date it was stated that the Pomona Grange of Roseburg had declared against school holidays and for a law compelling teachers to teach not less than 26 days a month throughout their term.

God bless the noble women of our land, and may they be the "Deborahs" (see Judges, chapters 4 and 5) that will lead the mighty temperance armies.

Houston's Ocean Steamship Canal

From the Christian Science Monitor. Six stalwart Texans in December, 1899, stood before the rivers and harbors committee of the national congress, and coolly asked for \$1,250,000. They had gone to the national capital with a proposition from the city of Houston that should congress appropriate the amount should the city of Houston and the county of Harris would put up a like amount—all to be used to improve the Houston ship canal to the Gulf of Mexico.

Two and a half million dollars were wanted to deepen the Houston ship canal to a minimum depth of 25 feet throughout its course of 50 miles from Houston to the Gulf of Mexico. Barges and tugs, revenue cutters and small coasting vessels were then plying its course, as the government had in earlier years expended some money in improving this natural arm of the sea.

Houston was growing, though, and wanted deep water. The possession of a waterway already had given Houston the much prized water rate, but as the city extended and developed into the metropolis of the southwest the need for a greater waterway became more apparent.

Houston's ambition was to become a water port. An example was found in Manchester, England, an inland city which is now a great seaport through the energy of that city in cutting a ship canal through solid rock and along the course of the Mersey river to the sea.

The Mersey was little more than a ditch and it was necessary to dig from 20 to 25 feet from the bottom of the stream to make the canal. In one stretch solid rock was pierced, and the canal carved through it took millions to bring deep water to Manchester, but it made Manchester a deep seaport.

Houston is far better situated in the beginning of canal preparations than Manchester was. Houston possesses Buffalo bayou, a natural arm of the sea, varying in depth from 18 to 24 feet. To bring the largest ship of ocean commerce to the very doors of Houston all that is necessary is to dredge about seven feet of mud and silt from the bottom of the bayou and construct a permanent work along the course of the channel through San Jacinto bay to prevent filling in by the action of cross tides and currents.

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