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Honor travels in a strait no narrow... Where one but goes abroad; keep then the path. —Shakespeare.

INJUSTICE IN IDAHO

Justice was outraged in Idaho yesterday. In sending the publisher, editor and a stockholder of the Boise News to jail under contempt proceedings, the Idaho supreme court delivered a heavy blow not at the press, but at the judiciary.

The act is almost a ca. trope to the bench. It is the most powerful argument ever put forth for the recall of judges.

The offending of the newspapermen was the criticism, and the publication of Theodore Roosevelt's criticism, of the decision in which Roosevelt electors were denied a place on the election ballot.

Even a captured spy, is, under the rules of war, not denied the right of appeal to the president. He is tried by a court martial, which is the equivalent of a jury of officers.

We are still under a Republican form of government and the United States is still a democracy.

SABOTAGE IN AMERICA

When sabotage in name and in fact was invented and practiced on French railways only a few years ago Americans held up hands of horror and rejoiced that we were not as other men are.

structive power. In some forms high explosives, due to the chemist's art, fill torpedoes, shells and mines. Criminals have not been slow to grasp the new weapon ready to their hand.

It is society powerless in the face of this new danger? Precautions have been devised and legally enforced restricting the sale and recording the purchases of poisons.

Higher than spools. The Democratic senators at Washington ought not to engage in a general hold-up of Republican appointments.

There never was a time when the American people had so little respect for spools and spoolmen. They are sick and tired of officeholders and office seekers.

Patronage should be an episode, not an institution. That the people so regard it is proven by the fact that with all the power of federal patronage, President Taft was barely able to renominate himself at Chicago.

The country is longing for principles, not patronage. Democratic Democrats should make it their business to see that the Democratic party is a party of principle, not of pelf.

As the Democratic New York World says, "they did it in order to have great wrongs righted, to have abuses corrected, to have long needed reforms instituted."

One of the greatest reform Democrats of all time was Samuel J. Tilden. He said in 1885: "I depended on ideas as a political force more liberally and less on party management than anybody else has done."

RAILLESS ELECTRIC CARS. IN FOUR consular reports between January 30, 1911, and December 26, 1912, accounts are given of the introduction, operation, and progress in Great Britain of the new system of railless electric cars.

The methods accepted, after long scrutiny and experiment, in the cities of Leeds, Bradford, Keighley, and Edinboro. In Britain, have recently been adopted in three of the mining towns of South Africa, with populations of from 12,000 to 15,000 people.

Leeds and Bradford were the first large cities to install the new plans. Edinboro followed, and at least six bills were passed in the last session of Parliament authorizing their use in other English cities.

The overhead equipment of poles and wires in English cities has cost between six and eight thousand dollars a mile. The cars travel on gradients of 1 in 15 and 1 in 22, respectively, in Leeds and Bradford.

overhead wire has a lateral play within a limit of fifteen feet on either side, and showed no disposition to leave the wire.

THE LIQUOR DEALERS' PLAN. OREGON retail liquor dealers insist that they are out for reform. They asseverate that they will emphasize 1913 by driving the "rough stuff" out of their business.

There is little if any defense for drinking. Great railroad corporations have ordered their employees not to drink while on duty.

These reforms are not from motives of sentiment, but from reasons of business. They are the cold, calculating thought of business men, and are augury of further changes of the same kind certain to appear.

What the liquor dealers then are confronted with, is the movement in business, the movement in industry, the movement in education and the movement in the church against the sale of liquors, and it is a most formidable phalanx of hostility.

Any less will bring crucifixion. A HEAVY PRICE. PORTLAND shipments of flour to the Orient for December totaled 9000 barrels.

Thinks Roads Not So Bad. EOLA, Or., Dec. 30.—To the Editor of The Journal—I believe that a vast majority of the farmers and stock raisers who own and operate under present conditions the improvement of the public roads is keeping pace with the development of the state in other ways.

Soap-Box Menace. Glendale, Or., Jan. 1.—To the Editor of The Journal—Allow me to comment on your issue of December 13, wherein you state that the desire of the weak minded boy of 17, who, with a loaded revolver, proposed to fill President-elect Wilson, was caused by the soap box oratory and inflammatory newspaper articles which are now prevalent throughout the world.

TIN HORN FINANCE. THE story of worthless securities, swindled men and frenzied finance, as told for several days in the federal court in Portland, shows how the promoters of the Columbia River Orchards company conducted business.

The trials in Los Angeles and since in Indianapolis have torn the veil from an American campaign based on the same principles. But science here has supplied the means, and, sabotage, under the name of syndicalism, has found ready and reckless human agents at its disposal.

Dynamite, with its first cousin—nitroglycerine, is now one of the chief products of modern science, used in all the great works by which man conquers natural obstacles. Without railroads could not be built, mines opened, harbors excavated, foundations laid—it has even been carried to the orchards to plant trees.

the securities of defunct corporations, all unconscious that the concerns have gone out of business. They still wait confidently for dividends that never appear and for a return of the investment that is lost.

There is no greater field for constructive legislation than in the enactment of a measure admitting only honest corporations to charter and permitting the sale only of stable securities in this state.

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NOT GUILTY! From the Chicago Record-Herald. "You are charged," said the court, with malice aforethought appropriated to your own use and behoof of a certain article, to wit: A vehicle—said vehicle having been wrongfully and feloniously abstracted by you from the premises of John Doe on the 14th day of August, Anno Domini 1907, contrary to the statute in such cases made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the people of the state of Illinois. What say you?" "Not guilty, judge," protested the prisoner. "All I done was to steal a bus."

COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE

Now the city candidates may come out. Thirty holidayless days hath January. Maybe that last storm was the predicted hard winter.

Among the impossibilities are good roads without large cost. Most of those recently freed-fed people are again as hungry as ever.

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CLARK AND BRYAN

From the New York World. If Mr. Bryan should become a member of Mr. Wilson's cabinet, and if Champ Clark should find that his personal resentment is such that he can have no political or social relations with Mr. Bryan, and...

Then the World respectfully suggests that the Democrats of the house of representatives proceed to select a speaker who can work in harmony with the administration.

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