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THE ROYAL MAIL. Another great steamship line is programmed for service between Portland, the Orient and Europe.

It is the Royal Mail Packet Line, of London, one of the most powerful steamship organizations in the world.

Shipping makes slipping. One transportation line, whether railroad or steamship, tends to attract others.

The Royal Mail is a rival of the Hamburg-American. The coming of the one is the sequel to the coming of the other.

The announcement is of immediate concern to the docks commission. A heavy responsibility confronts that body.

Which a steamer is standing still, she is losing money. She only makes money when she moves.

A first thought of the commission and of all Portland should be to give effective service to these great ocean carriers.

Both the location and the preparation of the docks should have reference to the enlarged operations of a commerce already organizing for the Panama canal.

There never was a time when it was more important for the maritime interests of Portland to be handled with intelligence, concern and aggressiveness.

MAKE THEM CLEAN

Many Portland dairies are still unsanitary. It is the statement of the city milk inspector.

By improvement of the milk supply, the death roll of Portland infants was reduced from 100 in 1909.

The dairies that are still unclean should be made clean. We have had concrete proof that filth is death and cleanliness life.

From the mayor down, it is the duty of every one in authority or under official responsibility in the city government to constantly advance the purification of the milk supply.

If there are not sufficient facilities, other facilities should be provided. If there is lack of inspectors, enough thoroughly honest and competent men should be employed to secure a perfectly efficient inspection.

It is a cause in which vigilance should never be relaxed. The proof lies in the reduction of infant mortality from 100 in 1909 to 73 in 1912.

THE JEWS IN PALESTINE

There are nearly 100,000 Jews in Palestine. That is about one seventh of the population.

These are all colonists who have entered this Turkish province by virtue of a "red" passport, giving them only six months' right to residence.

There has been in Palestine no massacre of "pogrom" of the Jews. The Turks have no religious quarrel with them, since they, like the Jews, worship one God.

province of their empire. Quite recently a government telephone service was installed in Jerusalem.

There is, no revolt impending by the Jewish residents against Turkish overlordship in Palestine.

It is possible that such a solution may be offered, in the final settlement of the future of the Turks that is now impending.

This jealousy has both religious and political origin. The presence of Turkish soldiers has repeatedly been all that kept the adherents of the Greek and Roman churches from flying at each others' throats.

In political affairs, neither Russia, Germany, nor England is content to see the others' influence predominate in a land on the eastern shores of the Mediterranean.

THE LEGISLATURES

Whether is legislation drifting? In some of the law-making bodies now in session, measures are pending that would not have been seriously considered a decade ago.

In Massachusetts, there is a bill for old age pensions. It proposes \$2 a week for citizens of 65, who have paid a poll tax for twenty-five years and not been convicted of felony.

In Louisiana, a newly passed act provides that no manufacturer of boots and shoes can use substitutes for leather unless there be clearly stamped on the sole a list of the substitutes and in what part of the article they are used.

In Massachusetts, a representative has introduced a bill requiring all proposals for marriage to be made in writing, in order that they may, if desired, be made the basis of a lawsuit.

In Colorado, a bill provides for the appointment of a public defender on a salary of \$5000 a year, who shall appoint deputies in every county.

Its aim is to give to the man who is down and out able counsel for defense, in case he is under prosecution for crime.

In New York, a bill provides that the operation of an auto or other motor vehicle by an intoxicated person, shall be a felony, punishable by imprisonment only.

In California, "the red light bill" aims at the social evil by making it possible to enjoin the property in which scarlet resorts are conducted.

In New York, a bill appropriates \$500,000 for a state training school for farmers, open to boys of sixteen and under, who must live on the state farm and render personal service in farm duties, for which they receive \$7 to \$10 per month.

In California, a bill makes judges appointive for life, subject only to removal by the recall.

In Ohio, a proposed constitutional amendment permits counties that desire it, to abolish county government, opening the way for eliminating a dual government in large cities.

In several legislatures there are minimum wage bills and bills for widows' pensions.

BLUE SKY LAWS

Before any Blue Sky law was passed a popular prejudice had to be met, namely, that the private affairs of the people were not properly to be interfered with by public authorities.

Even now there seems to be unreasonable hesitation in adopting generally Blue Sky laws. In seven out of the eleven states which have legislated the requirement that new securities and stock investments proposed to be sold to the public must be first submitted to and investigated by a public official, has been limited to public utilities corporations.

Kansas and California have taken the only logical decision—that no good reason existed for stopping short of a general law for investigation and approval of all investments in stocks or bonds prior to their issue and sale.

It has been objected that uniform legislation by every state is impossible and that varying standards of honesty and value might result.

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merged lands to deep water almost invariably ends in monopoly, with railroads dominating the terminals of the harbor.

The statement from Kansas is that "the Kansas law has saved the Kansas people more money during the time it has been in operation than it takes to run our entire state government, and this money was largely saved to a class of citizens who can least afford to lose it."

ICE CREAM FROM BUTTER

A bill in the legislature proposes to fix a standard for commercial ice cream. It is identical in its terms with the United States statute.

There ought to be legislation under which state authorities can prevent adulterations. Ice cream is a food that enters into almost every life. It is often prescribed by physicians as part of the diet of invalids.

In Portland, some ice creams are made out of butter and skim milk. There is a machine by which butter is resolved back into almost atomic globules of butter fat.

The butter is mixed with skim milk, and, after heating the mixture is passed through a machine, called a homogenizer. The product is a white, homogeneous mixture, which cannot by chemical process be differentiated from cream.

There are two of the machines in secret use in Portland, and their entire output goes into ice cream manufactured in this city.

Ice cream from such a process would be objectionable. But the truth is that good butter sold as butter is worth more in the market than when sold as cream, and the manufacturer could not afford to use first class butter in the process.

It is known to pure food men that there are butters on the market in this state that are not made wholly from cow's cream, but partly of cream and partly of something else.

There is opposition to the bill. The fact that there is opposition to making ice cream pure is complete proof that some such bill should be passed.

FARMS REPLACING JAILS

The State Board of Charities and Corrections of California has recommended early action to replace confinement of prisoners in county jails by farm work on county farms to be acquired for the purpose.

The Board proposes to start the system with four farms, each providing accommodation for 500 prisoners. The four farms would be so located as to provide for the prisoners in a surrounding district.

It is hoped that the proceeds from the state farms would make them largely self supporting.

There is another law just as essential as the above. I believe at least 50 per cent of separations are caused by aggression or bad advice. A law should be enacted making it a criminal offense for anyone to advise or interfere in family affairs except a licensed attorney, or an official of a proper court.

It is more. It is of large consequence to the whole Inland Empire, involving Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

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Cheapened and facilitated freight handling at Portland through public docks, lowered freight rates, compelled by competition made possible by public water terminals, and open entrance for all railroads and for the ships of all nations to the port of Portland through unmonopolized public docks, directly concerns every legislator, and directly concerns the constituents of every legislator.

Letters From the People

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Many people who may not think Dr. Cook a very credible witness may yet agree with much that he says about Peery.

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NEW YORK DAY BY DAY

My old friend, the crafter, says that if you can find a diamond drill north and south through a crooked copper's head you couldn't find a trace of anything except bone meal.

There's such a thing as being too successful. Take a look at Charles Becker, for example. There was a time when Mr. Becker's arrival in a town made it a matter of course that the detectives of that municipality would do all their sleeping leaning up against a wall for a while.

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COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE. How ridiculous to think of the great French across as "aged."

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OREGON SIDELIGHTS

Burns Times-Herald: We receive a little more snow almost every day.

Astorian: That Clatsop is the model county of the state when it comes to managing its business affairs.

Dallas Observer: At Brooks, a few miles north of Salem, there is said to be a bottling loganberry juice.

Albany Democrat: The great colleges of the country have been privately endowed. Perhaps some day students will be coming to Albany from all over the west.

Salem Statesman: Residents of Eugene are to be given an opportunity to vote whether that city should have a band supported from the city treasury.

Corvallis Gazette-Times: The Agricultural college of Oregon has demand for more agricultural, horticultural and domestic science graduates than can be turned out by the college.

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A Tax on Industry

From the Christian Science Monitor. In the testimony given by George F. Baker, chairman of the board of directors of the First National bank of New York city, before the so-called "money trust committee" of the house of representatives at Washington on Thursday.

It should be remembered, antedated by two decades or so the period of consolidation, combination and enormous capitalization. Half a million dollars was a large sum in 1863.

Now, the questions involved here need not be discussed with special relation to this particular bank. The important thing to be considered is the opportunity which the present banking system gives the financier for the imposition of burdensome taxation upon production, industry, enterprise.

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I am purchased by the greatest number of people in each community. I am as necessary to you as you are to this city.

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Pointed Paragraphs

It is no sign that you are happy because you are good.

When a man loses his heart his head has to do a lot of extra work.

Truth may also be a joy forever, it is seldom a thing of beauty.

Every girl has an idea that she is not like other girls—and she isn't.

The man who has piled up a fortune never wastes any time wishing he was rich.

If a woman's ignorance is her bliss she is a mean man who will put it wise.

Almost any man can succeed if he has a little good sense and a little nature.

The man who attends strictly to his own business seldom has a headache the next morning.