great an addition to the power neces-

sities of the city and district cov-

ered would be used-all these togeth-

Letters From the People

Incinerator Plans

Portland, Or., Feb. 4 .- To the Editor

of The Journal-Noticing in the city pa-

pers that the council is proposing to

build another incinerator for the dis-

enter a protest, in behalf of Portland's

unsanitary and many more things which

a great city. Why not be progressive,

and plan and build for the future in

Portland is laying the foundations of

The disposal of garbage by the re-

in 1886. Since that time reduction

plants have been constructed in the

majority of our larger cities. The re-

heat and the recovery of the by-pro-

ducts which have a market value. In

grease is usually refined into several

the 25 reduction plants in the United

States there is produced annually, ap-

average market value of \$3,500,300.

once each week from November to

Think what such a system as this

For the sake of the children of our

it would make an ideal place for the

and playgrounds, boulevards and good

roads, and an industrial farm where

Stewart's Wool Bill Criticised.

Journal from your staff correspondent

at Salem, dated January 31, he gives a synopsis of a bill introduced by Senator

in introducing the bill in the form he

by practically all of our "statesmen,"

Mr. Stewart's bill is evidently intro-

I was walking along Second

Now, if Mr. Stewart wants

Portland, Or., Feb. 3 .- To the Editor

The Journal-In an article in The

MARIA L. T. HIDDEN.

our great privilege

demand for these by-products.

it might not be polite to say,

our teacher.

plants.

May 1.

question.

THE JOURNAL

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Our hopes, like tow'ring falcons, At objects in an airy height; The little pleasure of the game Is from afar to view the flight, -Prior.

REAL LEGISLATION

has passed favorably on the table Deschutes survey. A Multnomah senator stands in the committee.

Every business organization in county.

great natural resource shall be saved t in that bill, and developed for man's service, or oppression.

has passed under private monopoly. house. The water powers all around us are passing under private monopoly.

rendering enormous service for the welfare, prosperity and happiness of man. That is what they will do if kept under public authority and the motive power they supply, be regulated for delivery at low rates. Such is a part of the program of the Deschutes survey.

Another feature is the proposed use of the waters of the stream for Irrigation. The potentiality of the Deschutes in this field is enormous. Intelligently applied, it can reclaim enough arid lands to supply homes and a living to a very large population. It can turn the descrt into vast production. Properly handled, it can bring the landless man to the manless land.

It is a program approved by the federal government. Indeed, the federal government offers to bear half the cost of financing it. There could be no stronger proof of the efficacy, purpose and importance of

cidental irrigation along the river. 1980. fort for the small man rather than number by at least a third. for the big man. It is endeavor for latures.

interests of Oregon.

A LOST CONFIDENCE

million dollar bond issue for Portland schools.

The public is refusing to vote public money for the purchase of land sale price of lands so purchased in the past. The price of property as valued for taxes in support of government is always so far below its price when such property is wanted by government for public uses that the people are hesitating to spend their money on further purchases.

A law requires the tax price to be the same as the sale price, but in every instance in which the public has purchased private property for and to expose the aeroplane to all one field in which legislation is long two to ten times the ax price. The kinds will be reproduced and remeeffect has been to destroy public confidence and to array the people against further public purchases.

There is no telling to what lengths this hostility will go. It was exhibited to a marked degree in the defeat of every measure on the recent city ballot where expenditure of pub-He money for purchase of lands for public use was proposed. It had the same effect in the defeat of the proposed bond issue in the school election, and is likely to similarly operate in future proposals.

The condition has attracted the notice of the governor of Oregon who recommended in his message to HE day after the Oregon legis- ed to develop, by its consumption, purchases. the legislature the enactment of a law prohibiting the payment of more than double the assessed value for any property purchased for public commission men for alleged viola- and mountains grew steadily year by hearty support, and he would give us uses. The enactment of such a meas- tion of the Sherman anti-trust law. year, from one mile to ten, then to something of benefit to humanity inure based on the average assessed

public purposes. It is no fault of the people that acy in restraint of trade. as ten times the valuations on which other states.

to be further muleted is not sur-

West has recommended.

THE CAPTIVE SENATE

T 18 to be hoped that the provisions of the teachers' civil servic) bill had all been prepared intelligently before 200 stunning creations in pink cheeks and millinery floated into the senate lobby yesterday. Otherwise nobody knows what and with the least possible detri- fic, and the uncertainty whether so kind of a law might ! ave been given UB.

Thirty gay senator al gazabos legislating pretty teachers into life jobs under the compelling glances of 200 pairs of approving eyes and before a battery of 200 dazzling smiles is not a situation conducive to great and wise forethought. It is a safe bet made a little speech 'r cast his lit- uty allowance, in the Multnomah of that power which is the foundatle vote with a weather eye on the county assessor's office of \$43,620 a tion of successful manufacture. living picture in the lobby, and that year. during the process, he did not know HE house committee at Salem veto message from the multiplication himself in extraordinary session and

way of similar action in the senate winds and the bill unanimously in the governor's office in the form Portland favors the project. It is who mostly votes no, didn't venture the two houses generously bestowed. not possible to understand how any a negative in that presence, but Multnomah senator can oppose it gulped the bill down as though it two houses the legislative body or and properly represent Multnomah was something awfully good. There is Assessor Reed the legislative posal of the city's garbage, I want to are men in the body who would walk body? No measure before the legislature up to the cannon'. mouth or tackle is of broader horizon. It presents the a grizzly bear, but not one of them bill an amendment, a veto, an exersimple issue of whether or not a had the nerve to dot an i or cross a cise of the power of eminent domain, pended upon this business, or, rather

Let us hope that the measure is be gradually monopolized for man's intelligent, and be fervently thank- ordinary session, the third house, the whole system as now managed is filthy, ful if it is. Heaven ws what it upper house, or the whole works? The water power at Oregon City might have been but for the lower

The bill has a serious side. The teachers deserve every encourage-The water powers are capable of ment. Theirs is the noblest work. They are under tremendous responsibility. They are building the future nation.

They should be protected in their positions. But the school system you urge that a judge must be parshould also be protected against unfits, and the children should be pro- tiality in the courts is not wanted. tected against inefficiency and

dering glances of the lobby literally horizon should be removed by mak- fats, and there has been an increased sandbagged the senate into a state of ing the judiciary strictly non-polithopeless unintelligence, and, on that ical. account, give the measure careful attention.

THE INVASION OF THE AIR

lic then entered the class of ticians as judges! experimenters. By the end of that year the licensed air pilots of The Deschutes survey is real leg- France, Germany, England and islation. It purposes the elimination America numbered 26. In 1910 the of speculators and speculation from number expanded to 465, in 1911 to control of the water powers and in- 1100, and, by the end of 1912 to

lands for the actual settler. It is ef- tries will probably increase the last her tance tax law.

equity and justice. It is the kind of prophecies for the end of 1913 are, be incorporated in the measure. legislation to give excuse for the in speed, miles per hour, an advance | The law is made farcical by the unsightly condition of back yards, alfeet to 26,000 feet.

Naval aircraft is here to stay, ures are absurd, France had, built or building, 19 dir-HERE is no trouble in finding ligible air ships and 260 aeroplanes, through the creased land values by the unable to leave the city, let us say that

for public uses because of the huge 100 aeros at the close of 1912, and heritance tax comes along that there all the other questions relating to the others building.

Italy ranks fourth, with six dirigi- its just due. bles and 28 aeroplanes.

miles from London. There all kinds Justice. of apparatus have been installed, to In whatever way the legislat. kinds of conditions. Accidents of all over due. dies sought

A full exhibit of both methods and results is to be made at the international exhibition this summer at Ghent, Belgium.

It is an entirely wrong notion that there has been no great advance in the powers and safety of the aero-

The aero is far safer than in its early days. The ratio of fatal accidents to successful flight; is con- slow degrees and on a small scale. stantly decreasing.

THE BEATEN TRUST BILLS

value for a period, of five years tion of the rejected bills. But the ward. With each extension the do- even protect the single industry of wool would have large effect in restoring principle of the Sherman law ought main of white coal grew. public confidence when money is to to be embodied in statute law in Ore- Neither the vast reserve of its unless enlarged upon. Does Mr. Stewart e voted for purchase of lands for gon. This state should do its duty power nor its limit of efficiency has care anything about the price charged

they are no longer willing to allow There may not be urgent need for force and greatness of the rivers an artificial stimulation of the wool huge margins and extertionate prof- such a law now. But the time will make up in volume for their lesser cation to that effect in his bill, the to speculators. Wher they have come when it will be needed, as is fall. con so much of their money paid proven by the experience of New out on boom valuations that are five Jersey, Ohio, Indiana and many developed mines of community and supposedly marked down from \$25 to the line.

measures. They owe a duty to the pass ceaselessly by, waiting always nation and to the people of the na- for the harness of dam and lock to The legislature could do much to tion to use the state power to pre- be placed upon them. But from anrestore the lost confidence by enact- vent destruction of legitimate busi- other point of view the public is a ment of such a measure as Governor ness by the practices of illegitimate continual loser while industry delays business. When a state refuses or for the means of profitable developneglects to use its authority for pre- ment. venting combinations in restraint of The lesson of Keekuk must be trade. It shirks a responsibility to the studied by these states of the North-

west. The bigness of the undertakpeople and to the nation. The very fact that few trusts have ing, the overwhelming forces of the appeared in Oregon is the very best Mississippi in flood time, the huge reason in the world for passing an scale on which the dam must be conanti-trust law. It can be done now structed, the no ssity of keeping with the least possible opposition the great river open for boat trafment to existing interests.

WHICH?

RE the two houses at Salem the tractor and the investor. But they Oregon legislature, or is As- did not, and the power provided for sessor Reed the Oregon legis- both present and future needs met a lature?

The two houses passed an asses- always been in this age. Consump-

In order to ward off the goverthe constitution from a koran or a nor's veto, Assessor Reed convened amended the bill reducing the dep-Anyway the rules were suspended, uty allowance to \$33,620 a year. the regular order thrown to the His amendment is of public record parsed with a whoop and hurrah, all of a written pledge to use \$10,000 a quicker than scat. Even Dimick, year less of deputy allowance than

Under the circumstances, are the

Is Assessor Reed's change of the ures for the cleansing of our city. Too or a recall of a legislative decision? Is Assessor Reed, when in extra- every thinking man and woman. The

POLITICIANS AS JUDGES

ILLS at Salem propose a non- the best possible manner? We have partisan judiciary for Oregon, all the world for an object lesson, and Whenever there is insistence that judges shall be political, duction method was first introduced this, then and there the bench is robbed in the United States at Buffalo, N. Y., of its alleged sanctity. The moment tisan, you insist that complete impar- duction of garbage consists in the break-

Nowadays, the courts need every-If not, it will be unfortunate. be given every chance to hold the re-Perhaps the governor will take spect of the people. All suggestion by-products, such as glycerine, stearin, judicial knowledge that the bewil- of political influence or narrowed stearic acid, red oil, candle tar and soap

Numerous other states have taken | proximately, 60,000,000 pounds of grease that step, and their example ought to be followed in Oregon.

In many ways, the people have cities operating municipal reduction shown their weariness of politicians

THE INHERITANCE BILL

BILL by Senator Malarkey cities, makes the county clerk ex-officio member of the board of every way. In Columbus the garbage pated fool. appraisers for all estates that is collected free of charge, twice each It plans the saving of the reclaimed | Licensed aviators in other coun- come within the provisions of the in- week from May 1 to November 1, and

It ought to pass. If there is any The aviators' paper forecasts fu- other safeguard that can be added would mean to those who cannot afford ton or hemp. How would Mr. Stewart's At present, the only work in Eugene is real state upbuild on the lines of ture progress by the past. The to make the law effective, it should to pay 50 cents per month, as we have bill tend to correct this and kindred on the construction of the Portland, Eu-

meetings and public cost of legis- of from 108.5 to 137-duration of under valuations of a raisers. The leys, and vacant lots would be climinlongest stay in air from 13 h urs 17 low valuations are deliberately made Opposition to it is opposition to minutes to 17.75 hours - distance for the purpose of creaping payme t who can now do more than plead with progress and opposition to the true without stop up to 850 miles - and of the inheritance tax. In a big es- our city fathers, to consider their reheight of greatest ascent from 19,000 tate in Portland recently, the ap- sponsibility in connection with this vital praisement was so low that the fig-

Many such properties are built up poor who must breathe the foul odors growth of population and the indus- a proper up-to-date garbage plant must Germany at that date had 48 acros try of others. Often, the owner is be built for Portland. If Ross island and not less than 20 dirigibles, non-progressive, is extremely suc- could be obtained at a reasonable price Russia has been making great ad-cessful in evacing taxes, and it is not vances. She had five dirigibles and until the time for collecting the in- bestir ourselves in regard to this and is opportunity for the state to get building up of our city, such as parks

The inheritance tax is a just tax, poor, unfortunate men may be taken Britain is a bad fourth in the race. It takes what is long overdue from and cared for and trained to work. We She has, however, taken up seriously great wealth, and the amount aids in both study and construction. A na- lessening the burden on always over- taking care of the products of our litional laboratory has been estab- taxed poverty. It is a plan for the censed saloons and their accompanying lished at Teddington, about eight advancement of economic and social evils.

imitate artificially air currents and can strengthen the inheritance tax winds of varying force and direction, law, the step should b. taken. It is

NEW DEPARTURES

NEW page is turned in the use of hydro-electric power; when one of the great franscontinental railroads proposes did, but simply will point out the printo run all trains over 450 miles of cipal defect I note in most bills introthe road in its mountain division by electricity.

As in all such matters a daring duced in its present form to assist the improvement has been tested out by woolgrowers in some way, and not to It has filled those tests, and was as it is drawn on these narrow lines. promoted to daily use in city ter- It is plain the intent of the bill is to minals and interurban lines. But in get more wool put into the goods so many cases black coal was still need- as to create a demand for wood, and not to protect the general public in their lature killed two anti-trust the necessary power. Meanwhile the his bill to be of some use to the conbills, the federal grand jury in- transmission, of the hydro-electric sumer, the public, why does he not dicted a number of Portland power from its sources in the hills and sold? We could then give him our There may have been bad prepara- a hundred, and so indefinitely on- bill, as quoted in The Journal, would not

by passing a law forbidding conspir- been reached in the Northwstern the value is misrepresented or not? In states, while in the middle states the fact, does he care about anything but

One great advantage of these un- yesterday and noticed a mit of clothes or ten times the valuations on which other states.

In the suit was not worth over served a lail sentence, they would be as national wealth is that they do not states are paid, their unwillingness.

Other states are passing such deteriorate by non-use. The waters sion to the material used in its con-released, on the same charge as before.

COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE Now a bee bill, as well as a buil bill. Next, a bat bill, and a builfrog bill. Some members seem to think they are Balkanites and the governor the Turk

After all, Castro has probably enjoyed be rumpus; it was better than no no-The people want less lawing fol-de-ol, rather than more courts and court officers.

Evidently, the people of Portland think the limit of bonded indebtedness has been reached.

If the employes' compensation bill future, gets past all those legislative lawyers, it will be a surprise. er might have scared away the con-Nowhere else on earth is it a finer thing to be young than in Oregon now; big things are just beginning to happen.

great and rising demand., So has it Even the hobo convention broke wise forethought. It is a safe det The two houses passed an asses- always been in this age. Consumptwo, and ended in a row. Those fel that every one of the 30 statesmen sor's bill anthorizing an annual deption ever rises with supply—at least lows seem to be quite civilized and progressive.

> for reasonable and needed criticism of courts, the sooner will the judicial revolution come. . . If the founders of Portland could have foreseen the future city, they would have laid out larger blocks and

(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 accompauled by the name and address of the sender. If the writer does not desire to have the name published, he should so state.) wider streets in the wilderness of that time. A New York banker has been tenced to five years' imprisonment. His doctors are already making out affidavits that he will die almost right off if

> Occasionally a college professor, apparently for the sake of notoriety, seems to try to appear to be crazier than any of the other professorial lunatics, real or affected.

not let out

newspapers, against all half-way meas-An eastern archaeologist says North much time and money have been exwasted in the building we now have, which has been a thorn in the flesh of

OREGON SIDELIGHTS

Rev. S. A. Douglas, formerly of Ashland, has accepted the pastorate of the First Baptist church, at Grants Pass, succeeding Rev. F. C. Lovett.

Fossil Journal: Beautiful weather, with muddy roads, describes the past week's weather. Most of the range is bare of snow, and much livestock has forsaken the haystacks for the pastures.

Klamath Hecald: William L. Albright prominent tin plate manufacturer of Cinright of way to the government for the Nuss lake laterals. Mr. Albright has in-vested more than \$50,000 in the Klamath country, and has great confidence in the

Nehalem Enterprise: Local water-front owners are getting busy these days acquiring possession of the tidelands abutting on their lots, to make sure that they have a clear title to the property If this precaution had been taken years ago, it would have saved a lot of unnecessary trouble.

The Antiers club, of Lakeview, has perfected organization. The officers are: F. P. Cronemiller, president; Dr. E. H. Smith, vice-president; A. L. Thornton, secretary-treasurer. The club is purely The more editors that are sent to jal social. It will occupy ample and ele-gantly furnished quarters in the fine new Heryford building.

> Gold Hill News: The Willow Springs grange has inaugurated a ruthless cam-paign against the digger squirrel, and plans to eliminate that bold little pest in a tract of land comprising 5000 acres lying between Bear creek and the west ern foothills and extending from Central Point to Tolo. A wagon load of poisoned grain will be spread at the proper sea-

Corvallis Gazette-Times: Work dismantling the front of the north feet of the old Fisher block, corner Second and Monroe streets, is now under way. The buildings, reconstructed, will be occupied by the recently organized Corvallis State bank. The old America was the original land of Nod.

It was a pretty big stretch of country, even then, and Cain and his family had plenty of room in which to grow up oughly modern and attractive in appearwith it

EUGENICS

By Dr. Frank Crane, in any event, and often at how terrible Eugenics is the name of that science a price! They should be taught the which seeks to improve the human race facts, by competent adults, under cirby intelligent breeding.

It only needs to be stated, proof is and secreey. unnecessary, it is so self-evident, that there is no science so important as of their time gratis to charitable hos-

We are making a great to-do these some of their time to teaching the youth days about the rights of the children, of the public schools the fundamental their right to be freed from hard la- laws of their being? bor, their right to schooling and to dechild damned into the world with scrof-We hope all this is assured in the public confidence. The bench should form of grease and tankage can be re- heaven against the criminal negligence covered at an economical cost. The of the society that, for its own indifference or selfish pleasure, loaded him with the cross of life.

Our sympathy with unfortunate ones, our building of hospitals for their protection, shows itself to be but maudlin, when we dare not sternly remove the cause which produces them. Marriage and the intimacies thereof

we hold to be sacred. The creation of bungler," says Scott Nearing, "whose and 150,000 tons of tankage, having an human beings we screen behind the seven mistakes and failures grimace from Cleveland and Columbus are the only veils of sentiment. We still act upon every page of our divorce court recthe old-world lie that innocence and ords.' During the year 1911 the Co- ignorance mean the same thing.

To be very sure, we shall never enlumbus plant reduced 17,534 tons of VIATION was born about the in office. How much more emphat- garbage, the total cost of disposal be- dure that the mysteries of love shall bandage from his eyes and to have beginning of 1909. The public is their obvious weariness of polilic then entered the class of ticians as judges!

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lic then entered the class of ticians as judges! per ton, showing an earning of 54 cents riage be coarsened into calculating maper ton over and above all charges. I terialism, but why can we not see that the place of holding hands in the moon. might give further statistics in regard reverence is not necessarily stupidity? light as a mode of mating, and the to results of garbage reduction in other Ignorance is not the mother of devotion. A well informed, intelligent, clear-head- way blessed; but while the idiocy that There is no question as to the success ed woman can be just as pure and as is the enthusiasm of a healthy mind of these garbage plants, financially and capable of exalted emotion as an empty- is divine, that idiocy that cannot steer

own bodies. They find out the facts der.

cumstances devoid of the glamor of sin Physicians now are glad to give some pital work. Why could they not give

Once a week children are brought to cent food; but their most mandatory Sunday school to learn of Moses and ing down of the material by means of right is their right to be well born. At the prophets, which is a good thing to do; but would it not be an infinitely ula, syphilis, lunacy or some other in- better thing to do to instruct them thing possible to commend them to utilizing garbage, all the solids in the fernal handleap, may well cry out to once a week in that matter which spells life or deah, happiness or tragedy, to humankind

Those who are convinced upon this subject do not advocate any law, for in the present darkness of the general mind a law would be useless. They urge intelligent, tactful agitation until the public shall come to see the vital need of eugenics.

"Cupid has proved in the past a sac For all that, he is a dear god to the human heart, and it is not proposed to banish him, but to take the

superlative idiocy of lovers will be alaway from the bringing of defective The very first duty of the state is to offspring into the world is a far-reachinstruct youth in the knowledge of their ing curse, and a crime worse than mur-

struction, whether it was silk, wool cotto here in Portland, and what it would evils?

Why not make it a misdemeanor to mean from a sanitary standpoint. The misrepresent goods in the above manner, or in any manner, as to that? Why about to explain has been going on beadvertising, such as fake fire sales and contractors. Say a contractor employs closing out sales unless they are bona- 50 muckers, fide sales, and are actually selling val- fired to give way to 50 new muckers, ues they represent they are selling. If who, the same as the first, gave \$1 Mr. Stewart will frame a bill on these apiece for the job. The foreman, of lines he will have the hearty support course gets so much per head for the city, for the sake of the feeble and the of 95 per cent of the people of Oregon, and it will be an easy matter to tell the wages are reduced 25 cents a day, who the other 5 per cent are. L. F. RESING.

The Judge's Hours Per Day.

ruary 2 appeared an editorial of which the following is a part: 'Is the legislature going to force the

initiative for reform of court practice they could cash these time checks at and procedure? "Are the lawyers in the body to when

ought to prevent misery and vice and tion of the reform going to defy public crime and not spend too much money sentiment and permit the session to end without action? "Do the lawyers not know that if they To help solve these questions relating to the uplifting of humanity is doodle that the people will take the mar-

ter of court reform into their own unskilled hands?" It is to be hoped, for the good of the reform desired, that no such radical fested straw. As for the food, the cooks ourse as suggested will be resorted to. Care, time, energy and ability should be elements in the directing forces in the reform procedure movement. The Amer-

more than three years on a reform cor-

Stewart of Grant county to make it a poration law, and the work is unflumisdemeanor to advertise or mark goods containing wool other than as they are. Forty days is too short a period for a I do not doubt the senator's sincerity legislative body to frame and properly consider a reform procedure act, unless the work has been previously outlined by a competent enthusiastic body. New duced in the legislature and in congress Jersey appointed a committee that labored several years on a reform proceure act; then, on trial, found numer-

ous defects. A compromise measure providing for protect the general public, and should the creation of a working committee, to have no attention paid to it so long report to the next legislature, might be productive of good results, the committee to work without compensation, But all delays are not due to the presas to create a demand for wool, and not

> fective it may be. Laboring men are up at five, the fires re kindled and breakfast is over at 6, and the men are in harness by 7 and 5 o'clock. Fewer judges, and more time spent on the woolsack, would not be a had reform. D. C. LEWIS.

ent procedure act, no matter how de-

Tricks of Certain Employers.

Silverton, Or., Feb. 4 .- To the Editor production, to any considerable extent, of The Journal-When 54 men were arrested at the Men's Resort in Portland and it was found they had only for the goods? Does he care whether 70 cents, the judge advised them to go to Eugene, where they might find work. How did he expect them to get therewalk, or best their way? Not the latbusiness? If he does, there is no inditer way, I presume, for a judge would hardly advise a man to break the law. they were likely to be arrested as vagrants anywhere along If they were arrested and served a Jail sentence, they would be as

Let me tell a few facts about Eugene. gene & Eastern rallway. There is a strike on there.

For years this system which I am not enlarge his bill to cover all fake tween the employment agencies and the Every month they are orders he sends in. As winter comes on, every succeeding month. The 54 men might get work in Oak

Ridge, 50 miles from Eugene. Two men worked there until they had a St. Johns, Or., Feb. 5 .- To the Editor trifle over \$40 coming from the comof The Journal-In the Journal of Feb. pany. They were fired, and paid off with time checks cashable at the main office of the Utah Construction com-They had been working on the people of the state to resort to the Klamath Falls cutoff. They were told Oak Ridge postoffice. There they were told that a discount of 10 cents on the other members obviously look for initia- dollar was made for cashing time checks. They went elsewhere, but could find no one who would cash these checks for less than 10 cents on the dollar. Being broke, they realized that fail to eliminate the follies and flap- they must put up with this fraud or walk to the main office. Being men of

spirit, they walked. The bunk tents, or houses, as a rule, leak. The beds are piles of vermin inthey employ are drunks. a In Eugene. 15 men applied to the police for shelter over night in the police station. They were refused that privilege. Any statelean Bar association has already worked ment I have prade in this letter I can prove. AUSTIN PEARL LINSCOTT.

> More Hours, or More Pay. Hammond, Or., Feb. 4 .- To the Editor

of The Journal-The plaintive protest from the laundry woman in morning's paper, in which she remonstrated against the eight hour law because it is against her economic interest, was a typical representation of the

Bills With Teeth

Spekane Spekesman-Review. Woodrow Wilson's last six weeks as governor of New Jersey are closely watched by the country. Congressional leaders also scrutinize his work still more closely. To a degree he is giving the nation a new measure of himself His measures for the reform of his state's dealings with trusts indicate the spirit with which he will approach with them.

the problem of the nation's relations These proposed laws would effectually undo the work that made New Jersey the prolific and scandalous mother of trusts. They were drafted by the state's highest judicial officer and by a former ustice of its supreme court. They have

teeth, and these teeth are sharp and long and of iron. The purpose is the prohibition and punishment of monopolies of every kind, Combinations to limit production, stiffe ompetition or fix prices are forbidden. All stocks must represent property or money only. When an issue of secuties replaces another, the amount mus be the same. One corporation may not buy into another to establish a mono-poly or restrain trade. Holding com-

panies cannot vote unlawfully held se-

curities. Mergers are permitted only

on approval from the utilities commis-

One of these seven bills is the mailed fist for the other. It says: "Guilt is personal." It makes officers and directors of corporations personally responsible for violations of laws. sets their punishment upon conviction at imprisonment or a fine. It brings their misdemeanor under criminal law. Publicists and jurists and economists throughout the country generally indorse these bills as far as they go, They do not pretend to cure the trust problem. They mostly merely repeal disgraceful arrangements in a single state. But they recognize that it is the people's business what capitalization a corporation has. The statement of the conditions on which a corporation may buy out a rival blazes a new trail in an

The bills do what big business has desired. They specify what is permissible and what is prohibited. But they suffer from the same difficulty of definition that he taxed the United States supreme court ever since it began to interpret the Sherman law, Years of litigation will ensue.

untrodden wilderness of economics.

The main importance of these state bills to the nation is that they suggest the spirit and method of President-elect Wilson in dealing with economic affairs. When he needs expert assistance, he will go to experts. He will lean on more whose knowledge and experience weight their judgment. He will not run akuck

Fointed Paragraphs

The lazy man finds it easier to say than do.

In the spring a married man has to fall for Easter bonnets. It's simply impossible for any one

to keep his happiness to himself. The strength of a woman lies in the proper display of her weakness.

We never heard of a father being worked because his son worked too because his son worked too hard. Many an apparently straight man is

crooked enough to hide behind a corkscrew. A married woman's description of her Scientific formulae will never take ideal man isn't anything like the one

> Your neighbors may know that you have money, but what they may not know is how you got it.

injustice of the sweatshop and piece work methods now in use in many inlustrial institutions. Ponder over the wrongs of a system that makes some of our women protest against shorter hours. She thinks it is injustice to take away the "privilege" of working that extra hour each day. Does one not wonder that she does not see the other side and ask why it is so nearly impossible for her to make sufficient wages to keep her in food, shelter and clothing, by working eight hours? Think of a woman in this rich state crying for longer hours for no other eason than to make a living. What she needs and ought to have is more money. Almost everyone realizes this; therefore our minimum wage agitation. Minimum wages cannot be made too great, neither can hours be made too if enough labor has been expended to supply our wants.

Were we put upon this earth to work,

work, work? Did a good and omnipotent

creator (if there be one) intend to make

this world a workhouse? I don't think so. Benjamin Franklin once said: "Foul hours labor each day are ample to produce all of the necessities and luxuries of life, if properly distributed." I wonder if this hard working laundry woman would feel more oppressed if a kind legislature compelled her to work but four hours instead of her now "blessed" eight, compelling the employer at the same time to keep up the standard of wages and do away with the heartbreaking piece work. She would actual. ly have time to enjoy life. Wouldn't that be terrible? It is either a criminal act or unforgivable incompetency, if the laundries, now compelled to give more humane hours, are allowed to take away the few pennies from their enployes that this woman says the law will permit them to do. Isn't there some remedy that will give the tollers of our nation an opportunity to enjoy the fruits of their energies? If the ones who perform all of our labor are not entitled to the best there is in life, who in the name of providence, should enjoy the fruits of their toll? Let the unfortunate laundry women make their protests to the employers who are exploiting them and not to a body of men who are trying their utmost (apparently) to remedy their condition. Will the laundry woman please consider? WALDO H. COFFMAN.

Do You Really Know What You Are Buying?

"I am a judge of cresses," said the peasant, when he was eating hemlock. Many of us would be apt to eat hemlock under the impression that it was cress if we relied upon our own judgment. In the same way your self-reliance may cause you to buy poor values in the belief that you recognize high quality. Blind

buying is the germ of dissatisfaction. It may also be one of the many reasons for the increased cost of living. You can avoid-dissatisfaction, lower to some extent your cost of living, and gain a truer familiarity with the values of the things you purchase by relying on the word of the man who is not in business for a day-the merchant who advertises in

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