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We must never undervalue any person. The workman loves not to have his work undervalued in his presence.

THE GREAT GRAB

JUDICIAL decision, the Portland waterfront from the west side of Front street to the river, throughout the city, was once public levee.

There is a mighty contrast between the judicial finding of that day and the opinion handed down at Salem Tuesday.

An atrocity of the process of encroachment is the gradual narrowing of the river to its present width of only 750 feet, and only 600 in its narrowest place.

In the same report, Major Handbury officially informed the chief of engineers that M. C. George, as a representative of the legislature, urged the removal of the harbor line to a point farther from the middle of the stream in order to resist the encroachments of upland owners.

Private owners have not only absorbed for themselves the great public levee then extending from the west side of Front street to the river, but have crowded the river farther and farther toward its middle until it is scarcely more than half its former width.

In this record of a waterfront in Portland there is a warning to Astoria and Vancouver. All that can be done by private interests to kill the commerce of Portland has been done in the grab of the Portland waterfront.

greedy absorption of private ownership. Tuesday's court decision at Salem is a powerful warning to Astoria and Vancouver never to let private interests gain a foothold along the city waterfront.

REPORTS

REPORTS continue to be current to the effect that the expiring council will convene in a postmortem meeting and go through the extraordinary performance of attempting to grant a franchise to Mr. Heuser.

There is not a man in the council that can afford to share in the charges of fraud that would be raised and that are even now darkly hinted at.

SUBSIDIZING MATRIMONY

THE senate finance committee, through amendment of the proposed income tax law, seeks to encourage matrimony and parenthood.

The committee proposes an additional income tax exemption of \$1000 for married men or women with dependent wives or husbands.

THE WEBB LIQUOR LAW

A RULING by Attorney General McReynolds on the Webb law prohibiting interstate shipments of liquor into "dry" territory is something of a novelty.

The effect of Attorney General McReynolds' ruling is to make it possible for dry states to legislate against interstate shipments of liquor.

THE POOR MAN'S BURDEN

THERE is forecast that the administration may name Francis J. Heney as special prosecutor to succeed McNab in the California cases.

man is always able to protect himself against public exactions. With his superior shrewdness and power of money he finds ways to avoid public exactions, as is seen every day in the dodging of inheritance tax and in the easy manner in which big property holders escape with comparatively small taxes.

UNDECORATED HEROES

MICHAEL HUBER, 17 years old, who had never won plaudits, was standing on a New York dock where an excursion steamer was tying up.

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 accompanied by the name and address of the sender.

AMERICAN JEWS IN RUSSIA

IN SPITE of Secretary Bryan's evasive statement, there is reason to believe that President Wilson has intimated unwillingness to renew the commercial treaty with Russia unless that country concedes the right of American Jews to reenter Russia without restriction.

Russia's treatment of Russian Jews may not be an American issue, except as it is civilization's issue. But the American citizen, whether he be Jew or Gentile, should have the assured rights of an American citizen.

Russia wishes American Jews to keep out of Russia, or if they return to submit to onerous restrictions. America should not consent that any American citizen be denied full rights and privileges of all American citizens at home or abroad.

Fragmentary and explosive reports from across the border would seem to indicate that another Mexican government will soon be ready to open financial negotiations with obliging New York and foreign bankers.

Secretary Bryan toasted the bride in grape juice at a recent Baltimore wedding, but escaped this time with a news paragraph, having broken no diplomatic precedents nor luncheon chinaware.

member that it is impossible that a man can keep company with one who is covered with soot without being partaker of the soot himself.

SMALL CHANGE

Ennui troubles only the idle. The best man wasn't in every case, the best baby.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS

Prineville, at the recent school election, voted unanimously against the free text books proposition.

OVER NEW YORK'S BACK FENCE

When Frank Vanderlip was a sub reporter in Chicago he often called on Police Inspector Thomas L. Hartigan.

It's refreshing to hear of a private secretary who isn't afraid to step out of the beaten secretarial path.

are generally corrected or correct themselves. Many bosses and foremen of gangs of men on outside work are overbearing, insulting and brutal.

Another case here is that of Private Charles Waisley, a prisoner, who was confined for being drunk and while awaiting trial took sick in the guard house.

I quit smokin' 'long las' fall; I quit smokin' 'long las' fall; I quit smokin' 'long las' fall.

PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

Small change, Oregon sidelights, over New York's back fence, pertinent comment and news in brief.

CHINA'S OUTLOOK

China's outlook, from a letter of recent date, written by L. K. Hornbeck, professor of modern history in Pennington college.

Pointed Paragraphs: Only a wise man knows when not to be patient. Desolous is the tribute a woman pays to a man's vanity.