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pushing preparations for increased ocean and rail traffic, the Columbia must not be content until it is open to the world.

OREGON'S MARRIAGE LAW. OREGON'S law requiring physical examination of men seeking marriage is called class legislation by two district judges.

Judges Jones and Dayton have taken a most extraordinary position, and they have announced it in a most extraordinary manner. If the Oregon law is class legislation, it is unconstitutional, and that should settle its fate.

But there is a larger issue than the necessity for judges to remain discreet at all times. These two magistrates say, in effect, that because a law does not accomplish its full purpose, then, and for that reason, it should be annulled.

The class legislation argument is far fetched. It is true, the law is not perfect, but it strikes at the chief cause of much suffering and unhappiness in married life. Judges Jones and Dayton say the law is defective because it does not require physical examinations of women.

WRITING to The Journal, "A Woman of 60" expresses her appreciation of courtesies shown her by Portland street car conductors. She mentions Mount Scott and Woodstock conductors specifically for the reason that she has used those cars more than others.

When the Panama canal is opened both freight and passengers now traveling by rail across a continent to secure the advantage of New York's port will in large part avoid the land journey.

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corrupt judiciary on every hand," Judge Sheppard said, "do you not think it behooves every jurymen to consider any case brought before him in an impartial light, and to render his verdict to the best of his ability, exercising the functions God gave him to their fullest capacity?"

After hearing Judge Sheppard's scathing rebuke and his opinion that the evidence was more than ample to convict, the defendant arose voluntarily and pleaded guilty to the charge, despite the fact that two former jurors had failed to reach a verdict in his case.

It may be that Judge Sheppard should not have expressed his opinion about the defendant's guilt, but courts are established for the enforcement of justice. Three jurors had disagreed, and yet the defendant voluntarily pleaded guilty. Justice depends upon the jury as much as upon the judge.

BONDS FOR GOOD ROADS. JACKSON county will vote next Tuesday on the issuance of \$500,000 of road bonds for the construction of Oregon's first link in the Pacific highway.

If the bonds are authorized, 48 miles of paved highway will be constructed in the immediate future. This stretch of good road will connect with the California state highway on the south; pass through Medford, Ashland and Central Point, thus adding five miles to the total mileage; cross the Siskiyou mountains at easy grades, and terminate at the Josephine county line.

It is noteworthy that Jackson county has combined sound financing with other progressive ideas. The bonds are to be serials; \$100,000 will be paid at the end of 10 years, and the remaining \$400,000 will be retired in equal installments at five year intervals.

THE present highway over the Siskiyou mountains has a 33 per cent grade in places; grades on the new highway will not exceed six per cent. The new road will pass population, and through each township except two. Jackson county was given 25,000 population by the census enumerators; the new highway will serve 19,000 of the people who live either directly on or close to it.

It may be that residents living off the new highway will vote against the bonds. If they do they will vote against their own interests. Jackson county has been spending an average of \$100,000 a year in taxes on roads, and the greater part of the money has gone on the highway it is now proposed to permanently improve. Remove that money sink and annual taxes can go toward improvement of outlying roads. The money will go there, for one good road will demand other good roads. That has been the experience everywhere.

JACKSON county is to be congratulated on her ambition to become Oregon's southern gateway. The 53 miles of improved highway should be completed before the San Francisco exposition opens. Visitors from all parts of the world should be given visual demonstration that Oregon is a progressive state—and there could be no better demonstration than 53 miles of first class highway in Jackson county.

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speaking, or forever after hold his peace. Tokio having again responded, it's now Washington's turn to add another new note to a mellifluous lullaby.

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 500 words in length, and must be accompanied by the name and address of the sender. If the writer does not desire to have the name published, it should be stated.)

"Discipline is the greatest of all reformers. It rationalizes everything it touches. It obeys principles of all false sanctity and throws them back on their reasonableness. It gives men over to existence, and sets up its own conclusions in their stead."—Woodrow Wilson.

Portland, Or., Aug. 28.—To the Editor of The Journal—On August 16, 1913, the body of August Bebel was cremated. On August 16, 1913, thousands of men, women and children bowed in silent tribute before a man whose light shined through the four corners of the earth, though all that mortal of him has passed away. On August 16, 1913, there was burned into the pages of twentieth century history an unforgettable page.

Woman, pure chaste woman, can well erect to him, in her purest heart, a castle of reverent and God-like love. For his heart ever went out to her ungodly, for his own inferior position in the body politic.

"Every child that is born, whether boy or girl, is a welcome addition to the community, inasmuch as the community sees in the child a continuation of itself. It is the duty of the parent, therefore, to rear the child in such a way that it will be able to perform its duty to the fullest extent of its powers.

THE mysteries of life and death are solved at the passing of a great soul, such as that of August Bebel. The book which we all love to read, and believe in; in death he is truly laid to rest in the most blessed of all resting places—the minds, hearts, souls and loving memories of his fellow working-men.

WOODBURN, Or., Aug. 28.—To the Editor of The Journal—I see in your issue of the twenty-ninth a letter written by a Mrs. A. M. Watson with regard to the "A Woman of 60" article in your issue of August 21. It is quite evident that Mrs. Watson had a different experience there from a majority of others who are living there. I have been there, but own no land nor have I any interests there whatsoever, but I feel I must do justice to that great country, where so many people are making wealth and raising up their families in a country where they are not laboring on paupers' wages as they are here in many places.

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PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE. The woman who hesitates has no secret to tell. If a woman can't be flattered it's a sign she is deaf. You can get insured against any accident except marriage. A lot of dead ones in every town are holding out on the undertaker.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS. Strongly advocating the Jackson county road bonds, the Gold Hill News remarks: "The building of the road will distribute \$500,000 in Jackson county—among our own people. It will give employment to the laboring man and almost all of the fruit of the attention of the investor to this county."

COMMENT ON CURRENT EVENTS. From Collier's. The tragedy-comedy, "William Sulzer—A Man of the People," has now been produced by Manager Charles F. Murphy, the heavy. Before the curtain fell, the audience's only question was: Would Murphy and his creatures stab Sulzer in full sight of all, or would they give him a chance to expire more gracefully off-stage? Tammany made and unmade the fallen hero. The moral of the piece is, for the people: Don't look to Tammany for your governors.

YOUR MONEY. By John M. Oskison. Here is a quotation from the late James R. Keene, one of the most widely known stock market speculators this country has produced. "No man has a right to speculate unless he has the instinct of a gambler and can't satisfy it in any other way. The few men that I have known who have made money by speculating, would have made it in any other way by directing their energies in legitimate channels. As for the thousands who have lost money by speculating, the lesson is obvious."

CONGRESSMAN LAFFERTY EXPLAINS. Washington, Aug. 28.—To the Editor of The Journal—In a recent issue of your paper I see a few of the second-rate settlers on the Siskiyou lands visited Secretary Lane, while he was in Portland, and complained that the first settlers, whose claims they jumped, had not lived up to the law, and that they had reported adversely as to these first settlers who were a private agent, and later as a private attorney defended them. That is not true, and I trust you will publish this statement.

IN EARLIER DAYS

By Fred Lockley. "Art is a fickle jade. I have won her all my life. Success in art is like love—it goes by favor," said Charles Y. Lamb of The Dalles. "Well, I am getting my revenge. As I wanted to know the who the chap for me, my children have made good. They have starred in a play written for them. Stanley, my boy, and Lolita, my girl, starred in 'The Two Little Waifs' for three years, traveling all over the United States."

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