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We ask for long life, but 'tis deep life, or grand moments that signify. Let the measure of time be spiritual, not mechanical.-Emerson.

A NATIONAL TRIUMPH

HEN Woodrow Wilson signed the new currency bill and converted it into law last night, a new standard was constructive legislative of all the people. set in achievement in this country.

It was an end that congresses and committees of congress have vainly striven for twenty years to attain. Parties and statesmen have proposed and planned but never before have they been able to reach an agreement. .. The Aldrich monetary commission worked nearly five years on the problem, and went out of existence as its party went out of power without doing more than bequeathing to the Democrats the vest fund of information and banking experience on which the new been compensated already by the inlaw is based.

The man who came out of the cumulative events of a generation and led and lighted the way to successful currency reform is Woodrow Wilson. Though his leadership brought the change, the triumph is ests and the Wilmington Transpor- As banker and financier, he was fory is no mere partisan victory. It is a victory for American institutions and it should inspire the American people with a new confidence in their system of government.

Whether there should be four or forty regional reserve banks is a sold. matter about which honest men can

disagree. What the basis should be, on which great issues of currency are founded is a question over which honest men can differ.

But whether the political leaders of a great party that has been entrusted by the people with power should keep their pledges is a matter about which there an be no disagreement among honest men. forever free. Unless political parties commissioned

by the people to administer government keep the faith, unless those who triumph at the polls redeem their covenants with the perple, Republican institutions are a fraud ported to complete the transfer. and our governmental system a feilure.

skulduggery with its sequel of lost There can be no representative tide lands, sequestered swamp lands, government except in an empty stolen school lands, and gobbled for-

convicts all the assistance it is giv- ceived handkerchiefs. And "they said, in an interview, that the heavy ing people outside the prison who were cheerful all the morning."

cational institution. depopulating the jails and peniten- is what the spirit makes it. We price is paid.

A NOBLE DECISION

ion holds that tide and sub- the pioneer spirit, the ability to be merged lands are not sub- cheerful under adverse circumject to sale by the state, and stances, and the determination to in lots will not build a city. the parties purchasing such make the most of our present lot. that property did so subject to the right of all to, use the lands for com- Christmas sermon ever preached in merce, navigation and fisheries. In affirming Judge Bordwell of the of man, the doctrine of cheerfulness, superior court, the highest court in the advisability of abiding faith in the state declares that the com- the future when we ourselves are monwealth never had any power to doing all within our power to shape grant patents for the 1200 acres our lives for a better future.

of tide lands in dispute. The decision says the lands were acquired by the commonwealth in its sovtrust by the state for the benefit

The term "tide land." as defined in the decision, embraces lands on streams between mean low and high iar object in the busy business life land. tide. The majority opinion declares of the capital city. Thousands came from the purchasers.

says:

erty taken away might be entitled to remained a part of the vast finan- let them study the map, compensation, still they may have cial structure of the community. have cial structure of the community.

No journalist of his time was his creased value of the land inside the harbor line, if it were shown the equal. Some of the epigrams that Portland-Alaska line. property inside had increased in value, he wrote, some of the sharp sar-The claimants to the lands in casms he uttered in the political dispute who must now forfeit their campaigns of his newspaper days supposed title, are the Southern Pa- are still repeated by the old timers cific Company, the Banning inter- of the state.

tation Company. The state con- without a superior. The masterful tested the validity of their titles on mind had a keen insight into men. the ground that tide lands cannot a gripping, compelling grasp of afbe sold by the state, that tide lands fairs and these twin faculties of lying within two miles of an incor- mind made his way to fortune easy porated city cannot be sold, and and his power for substantializing that lands below the high tide mark his community vast.

ASAHEL BUSH

streets of Salem.

and in navigable water cannot be. For over fifty years the farms, the business enterprises, the whole

What an unbelievable difference commercial and industrial life of in status is presented in Oregon! Marion county and the capital city the working class has been compelled every clime and every age. Churchmen by lifting some cloud of sorrow, reliev- and it dropped neatly on my wagon. Here legislatures by one step and feit the touch and were stimulated to work for the mere necessaries of have endeavored to give them a relig- ing some pain or giving some token of Just as I had finished loading it, Sailor Here legislatures by one step and felt the touch and were stimulated another legislated or purported to under the cooperation of the relegislate the title to submerged markable banking establishment vided for by their children. lands to private owners, though that Mr. Bush reared. Nobody knows the enabling act under which Ore- the regiments and brigades of men same fate is due them. Their parents virtue any race or creed can claim for for years after and lingers in the recoi- off to the mill. When I got to the gon was admitted to the Union de- that his aid in times of stress tided clared the foreshore on navigable over or his kindly assistance at the go to high school or college their waters to be highways of commerce, right moment stimulated on to fortune.

First, the legislature granted a Mr. Bush was one of the great wharf-out right. Then it purported pioneers of Oregon. The commonto confer additional rights on up- wealth as we have it, was carved generation. land owners. Still another act pur- out of the wilderness and handed down to us by such men. It was the old story of legislative

ROAD ADVICE

front the countles of the

drain of money required to meet are not resident students at the edu- Their dinner consisted of poor payments on vacant town lots in elk, "so spoiled that we ate it and about Portland was a large The Nebraska plan is significant, through mere necessity," some cause of quiet business conditions for it suggests the conclusion that spoiled pounded fish and a few and tight money. Almost fifty per when people outside prison walls ac- roots. And yet they were cheerful, cent of installment purchases of cept their full responsibilities to This record of the first Oregon lots lapse to the sellers after fifothers there will be some hops of Christmas is evidence that the day teen to twenty per cent of the

The real estate business in Portthink Christmas is not celebrated properly unless there is an over- land has been brilliantly conducted. abundance of gifts, unless the table Some of the best brains in Portgroans under the weight of rich land played the game consummate-THE California tide land decis- food nobody should eat. We lack ly and honorably. But, in the end the truth is pressed home to us that booming the town and trading Scrooges.

There must be something else There must be payrolls. There must The Lewis journal is the best be commerce, not with our own back country alone, but with dis-Oregon. It teaches the brotherhood tant peoples. There must be an outlet and demand for our products lines connecting us with far countries.

> To get these outside trade connections, there must be steamship lines, and steamship lines cannot operate

ereign capacity, and are held in Fre HE tall form of the pioneer on good will and fair promises. It journalist-banker of Oregon takes money to buy coal and pay will appear no more on the sailors. It requires dollars to sus-

tain a steamship commissary. For three score years, the/impres-Unless given cargo by Portlandocean, harbors and navigable sive figure of Mr. Bush was a famil- ers, steamships cannot ply to Port-

The Alaska line must have sup that at any time the state decides and thousands went in and out of port or it will be withdrawn. Unthat any of the tide lands are neces- Salem, but the head of the great less Portland business houses essary for commerce or navigation, it banking house lived on, spun on tablish relations in the North and has the power to take them away and toiled on. Children were born give their shipments to the local into the world, grew to maturity Alaska line, that line cannot live. On this point, Chief Justice Beatty and were called to their last ac- It is the trading cities of the count, but the great genius of world that become the richest and Although outside purchasers of prop- finance went daily to his desk and the greatest. If anybody doubts it,

It is incredible that Portlanders will do otherwise than stand by the

# Letters From the People

(Communications sent to The Journal for lication in this department should be written on only one side of the paper, should not exceed 300 words in length and intuit be necompatien by the name and address of the sender. If the writer does not desire to have the name put lished, he should so state.)

"Discussion is the greatest of all reformers. It rationalizes everything it touches. It robs principles of all faise sanctily and throws them back on their reasonableness. If they have re-reasonableness, it ruthlessly crushes them out of existence and sets up its own conclusions in their stead."-Woodrow Wilson.

A Plea for the Toiler.

Portland, Dec. 23 .- To the Editor of The Journal-For nearly 2000 years life, and then in old age die poor, to be jous significance, but the significance is sympathy to the lonely and weary. It Tom drove up buried in paupers' graves unless pro-vided for by their children. box sctarian nor is it bounded by creed-al distinctions. Love of home, of chil-this, for the good deed done modestly to the wagon with what they called a Then, how about the children? The dren and our fellow creatures is not a and unselfishly sweetens the memory were not able to educate them as they its own,

clothes and other necessaries are too expensive for the father to provide, and they have to give up school and get work to help support the family. So the story goes, from generation to Why? Because the men with all the wealth won't give them a chance, for fear they may get a hold on a few dollars and start some little

dollars.

And so they hold the poor down, working them like slaves for ten hours a The poor

## PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

#### **OREGON SIDELIGHTS**

Days are lengthening.

Teachers and pupils are happy again. Sensible bankers; none of them is velling "ruin." Testimonial to the city manager sys-tem, in La Grande Observer: "So far La Grande has no regret at the selection of Manager Lafky. If things continue the way they have started in the city hall the municipality will have some-thing to be proud of in another year."

SMALL CHANGE

. . Talk about big businessi Consider that done by Santa Claus,

Two, big things done this year by ongress; several others to be done in 1914. . . ...

Harney county is among those quali-fying as winter resorts. The Burns Times-Herald of December 20 reports: "Snow fell here to a depth of a few inches last Wednesday, but it has cleared since. It was thought we would have quite a storm but so far very lit-tle has fallen yet this winter." Portland people are generally gener us, but doubtless there are som us, some

Of course there will not be one-tenth enough regional banks to satisfy all ambitious cities. . .

Praise sweet women as one may, the average Dad is a near-saint; he sn during and even after the holidays.

Is 1914 to be the good year, at last, such as is created by steamship be finally and permanently established?

Baker Democrat of December 21: The heaviest mail that ever went out of this city at one time was that last even-ing, when 49 sacks were sent from the local postoffice. Of this number, 46 sacks were for parcel post business ex-clusively, every sack being filled to ca-pacity. The regular first class mail was handled in three large sacks. A sow had a litter of-18 pigs worth \$50 ench-\$900-but not for table meat. The man who knows how can get rich from a sow.

Bankers all say the new currency bill is good and everybody else is sat-isfied; so congress can be forgiven for not passing it sooner.

It is reported that Huerta is about broke again. But if he keeps sufficient-ly loaded with booze he can imagine himself the possessor of billions. become not only successful but ver useful in a public and social way in large number of California citles."

In refusing a woman admission as a lawyer, an English judge ruled that she was not legally a "person." He should Tribulations of the rural carrier, as set forth in the Gold Beach Globe: "Two He should several gen-was last week sent by parcel post from Wedgerburn to parties living at Clay work on the Hill, eight miles above Illahe. Frank a judge, if ever, several generations ago.

"Proceed immediately to work on the West Umatilia reclamation project. Lowery, the mail carrier, says all he wired Secretary Lane. That is the sort gets out of that kind of freight is the of a secretary of the interior the coun-ity has long needed.

## MEANING OF THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

From the Oakland Tribune. in North Germany centuries before Con-Every person should make it his stantine inscribed the cross on the battle her business to bring joy to somebody's flags of Rome. Christianity seized upon heart this Christmas and every Christ- the customs and symbols of Christmas mas that may come hereafter. The evo- because they are emblematic and relution of Christmas is the evolution of Colent of virtues which Christianity human fellowship. The symbols of pa- teaches and endeavors to bring to their ganism have been applied to the ethics highest development. of Christianity. In the mistletoe we So every man, woman and child can have the emblem of an ancient Druidic enter into the Christmas spirit with the rite and in Santa Claus we see a good consciousness that he is answering the elf which the worshippers of Woden re- higher calls of his nature. It is not

garded as the minister of childish joys. necessary to subscribe to any particular Every custom associated with the creed to do this, only to respond to the Christmas festival, save devotional ser- emotions of the heart, to surrender one's vices in the churches, was handed down self to the social instinct at its best and

to us by our heathen ancestors. Every- at the moment when the sense of kin-one speaks of virtues which the Chris- ship makes its strongest appeal to the tian religion teaches and enjoins. They heart. are ethical and universal, and are recog-

nized as such by the disciples of every religious cult in the world. Hospitality, good fellowship, love of children and piness, to do at least one deed of kindthe charity that flows from the heart ness untainted by selfishness or hope of my oxen, got them with a downhill belong to every race and religion, to return. No purer joy can be earned than pull and they pulled the log up the skids lection like a hoarded treasure,

That is what Christmas symbolizes and practically exemplifies. It is broad- is above price," says St. Augustine. The out and said, "Where is Tom?" y humanitarian. It springs from all same sentiment is expressed by the He. him that Tom was back in the woods that is best and most poetle in human nature. It is expressed in merry-mak-ing, in hospitality and in the interchange of the spirit of Christmas, the spirit of wagon?" I told him I had loaded it on of tokens of love and esteem. radiant with the spirit of kindness. It ilized man. It is an answering note to helped you?" I pretended to be very conjures up the memory of old friendships and buries animosity with good faintly and imperfectly understood, ad-feeling. The heathen Celts of Britain dressed to his soul by some unseen business and get a little of their trade. were singing Noel long before Caesar voice ever since he awoke to moral concame and the Yuletide was celebrated sciousness.

behold! as seen as a move in the right only 10 men out of about 60 state is the road question. fear he may try to save a little money It is estimated that there will or buy a little home on the installment riotic citizens whose patriotism and poor man that can scarcely make a liv-that be is meas- ing at the business. If the license is "This was in the winter of 1848 and support of the powers that be is meas- ing at the business. If the license is ine successful government under the liste at the last regiment to proximately \$4,000.000 in the con-ballot box and a constitution if the but a railroad lobby beat the bill. struction of new roads and bridges gone, the payments on the little homes in special privileges through favors in \$100. ured by what there is in it for them- raised the city will have some more fam- 1849 and during this winter selves, at the expense of the taxpayers, lifes to feed, as not every sawman has the miners came out of the hills either A WOODSAW MAN. ordinances and laws,

IN EARLIER DAYS

### By Fred Lockley.

The new Catholic church at Tillamook now nearing completion will cost near-ly \$10,000. It is built of cement brick and is finished in Oregon fir. "They say a rolling stone gathers no moss," said Cy Mulkey of Roseburg. "I discovered that a rolling stone gets rid of its gold dust. At any rate, mine was ail gone, and I decided to get a job "They say a rolling stone gathers no somewhere to get some more money. the fall of 1848 and the spring of 1849 there was a man named Kilburn, who was running a sawmill. I struck him for a job. I was 17 years old, and I was small for my age. He looked at me with surprise, and said: 'Why, what can you do, boy?" I drew myself up as tall as I could and said, 'I can do any-thing that anyone else can do.' He said, 'What, for example? Can you drive oxen?" I told him I was a master hand with oxen. He said, 'All right, I'll give you a job.' I told him before l took the job I wanted to know what the wages would be. He said he would pay me regular man's wages, \$16 a day and give me free board wheneve the weather was bad and I couldn't work. I had been making a good deal more than \$16 a day in the mines, but class mail until mining opened up in the spring, sacks. I was perfectly willing to take the job

at that figure. He had two teams, A sailor who had deserted his thip when The coffee club idea is making head-way at The Dalles. Urging the estab-lishing of this institution there the Chronicle says: "The very successful coffee club at Eugene has awakened an interest for like clubs in quite a num-ber of Oregon cities. Such clubs have me and to help me yoke them up. Very "They were Spanish cattle. Not the

kind of oxen that I had driven across the plains, but long-legged slender antmals with very long horns. He had no ox-bows so we had to hook them up Spanish style. A beam was laid across the top of their heads and strapped with rawhide thongs to their horns. The wagons, yokes, harness and all were home made. Instead of chains, as they have in most logging camps, they had braided rawhide ropes. There was not a particle of iron in the wegon, yoke The whole outfit was of or harness. wood and rawhide. We were supposed to make two loads a day, driving to where the sawlogs were and bringing

them in to the mill. "The second morning I went to work, Sailor Tom and I went out together and drove in our cattles I went into the corral, caught my team, strapped on its yoke, hooked it up and drove off. Being a boy, I was sensitive and didn't want my boss to think that I couldn't do a man's work. As I came in with my load the evening before. I had notides a log about five feet through. I sized it up and decided that I was going to load that log all by myself and bring it in next load. It lay well on a grade so that I believed I could load it. I drove on the hillside below it, put the skids on the ground under the log with the other end testing on top of the big wooden wheel. Sailor Tom showed me how to take a rolling In such a moment no one should neg- hitch the day before so, taking a roll lect to contribute to some person's hap- ing hitch with the braided rawhide rope I blocked up strongly, unhitched

with his team. windlass, or Spanish hisch, and drove mill I got the log off by the same ma-"He that doeth good for love, of his neuver that I had gotten it on. Mr.

fellow man doeth himself a good that Kilburn heard me drive up and came I toll brew prophets, by Mahomet and by the and would be along 8000. He said. It is humanity and the finer feelings of civ- as anybody else would. He said, Who a call that man has heard, perhaps indignant and said, 'I fold you I could faintly and imperfectly understood, ad. do a man's work. Nobody helped me. I did it myself.' He didn't say much but I could see he was sizing me up with great curlosity, and I heard from others that he used to do a lot of bragging about me. As a matter of fact all

mocking name when the people are est lands.

promised reforms with pledges that An attempt to right the wrong are not kept. There can be no genu-ine successful government under the made at the last legislative session, proximately \$4,000,000 in the con-proximately \$4,000,000 in \$4,000 in \$4,000 in people are humbugged, tricked, and The docks bill offered by Kellaher and the repair and maintenance of are past due and all because of the few hoodwinked with unkept promises. proposed an honorable method by existing ones. How to expend this dollars yet to be paid, though perhaps Whatever anybody may think of which the state's title to its sub-money economically and obtain a there has been paid several hundred the new currency bill, noboily can merged lands could be recovered dollar's worth of value for every deny that it is a fulfillment, of one with a just compensation to upland dollar spent, is the problem. of the great pledges made by the owners and so-called innocent pur-Democratic party to the country in chasers.

1912. Even should the bill fall Lawyer Fulton, at the head of a local conditions. Some counties short of the expectations of its skilled lobby, helped to smother the have large area and small lists of law, isn't it? And then they keep putframers, in its great object lesson measure, and the people of Portland assessable property. This means ting it of for fear it might help a litas a redeemed party pledge, it will are now forced to pay more than large levies and small funds for the. Is eight dollars and a few cents mob interfered. still stand as one of the most spien- \$800 a foot for foreshore that of roads. Some counties have greater enough to live on? And they ought to did Christmas offerings ever be-stowed by a chief executive and a fornia cannot be taken away from road that is best for have a little to save for a rainy day. I being a janitor of 30 years standing do not mean office for life. A patriot stowed by a chief executive and a fornia cannot be taken away from road that is best for one is not same answer from every woman or girl congress upon a self governing coun- the people, but which in Oregon adapted to the other. Some coun- in Oregon. Does it take a girl a year try. In the faith that has been was alienated from the people ties have to bring their material a kept, in the plighted covenant to re- without a dollar of consideration greater distance than others. This be done there, or to hand a customer form the currency that has been and without a shred of justification means an increased cost.

CHRISTMAS IN 1805

Northwest. The Lewis and Clark

root from the Indians.

band of pioneers at Fort Clat-

fulfilled, an example of honest gov~ in moral or statute law. ernment and good faith has been set that no political party in this country will ever dare disregard.

It is a bill that is not only a onspicuous example of redeemed romises, but it was framed and conspicuous example of redeemed promises, but it was framed and passed in the open. It was bought was underwritten by no captains of bia river's mouth. It was the first finance and its passage brought observance of the day in the Pacific about by no system of intrigue. Its provisions and its prospects expedition was at Fort Clatsop, and are so appealing that 37 Republi- here is what Lewis wrote in his cans, 12 Progressives, one Indepen- journal: dent and all the Democrats but two, joined in its passage, giving by the discharge of the firearms of engineers who will save many times ness. a splendid illustration of the new all our party and a salute, shouts and what they cost. freedom at Washington in which a song which the whole party joined in The kind of

corrupt lobbles are dispersed, legis- under our windows, after which they free.

faith in responsible representative a handkerchief. government.

EDUCATION FOR CONVICTS

EBRASKA has decided that convicts in the state peniten- had we anything to raise our spirits tiary shall have some of the advantages of an education. e is to be cooperation of the There is to be cooperation of the some spoiled pounded fish and a few board of control, the state university roots. and prison officials in an effort to The expedition was in winter T IS unbelievable that any Port- of The Journal- For the supposed equip the convicts so that they may quarters. The men had undergone have a different outlook upon the untold hardships, and they were fac-

world and a better opportunity to ing a dreary season of rainy weather make good when given freedom. The state university has made ar- were far from home in a strange business. rangements with the board of con- wilderness. They were on their own

conduct a correspondence course for were cheerful.

It is a problem each county must working people, they are turned down solve for itself in harmony with by the majority, or put off from time

Above all is the consideration that roads are to be built for the how is this poor little girl, perhaps withbenefit of the greatest number and out home or friend, going to live on \$67 not for John Smith.

Road building requires technical knowledge and the first preliminary afford to pay them more." is to get good engineers or super- do we see riding around in automobiles, by no campaign contributions. It sop, a few miles south of the Colum-by no campaign contributions. It sop, a few miles south of the Colum-bia river's mouth. It was the first visors to lay out the work which and building new stores and factories. permanency. A foundation should for all these things? Ask the working be made on which all future work is people. We say-and we are not all to be based. When work has been Socialists, either-that all work should done on a definite grade with proper be eight hours, and all women should

> Christmas, Wednesday, 25th December, 1805: At daylight we were awoke

roads is dependent on local condi- might help the working people. If all pension and wages large enough for him didn't suffer from this wicked curse of which to throw a fit. retired to their rooms and were cheeristion liberated and congress made ful all the morning. After breakfast tions and is a matter of after officials were like this man and our been so much to renew national we gave the men who used tobacco it with dirt or macadam but always for the working people as well as cap-I received a present keeping in view that the foundation of a fleece hosiery shirt, drawers and is sufficient for a hard surface when

Indian basket, two dozen white weasels' Road building is like any other tails from the Indian women and some We construction, there must be a stable

HELP THE MINE

in wretched surroundings. They Commerce committee is soliciting good, intelligent citizen will deny that

the books and the university will from other people. And yet they lote with one another is they are efficient, honest; honorable, books and the university will from other people.' And yet they lots with one another. It didn't of anyone. The people having insti

the benefit of prisoners. The course After breakfast, the tobacco, Multhomah Bar Association meeting, will include arithmetic. American twelve "carrots," or small bundles, a trouble in Portland is the heavy fair trial, as other municipalities are history, grammar, literature, book- called carrots because of their shape, investment we are carrying in non- doing. ing and agriculture. It is pro- was divided, the men getting half. productive suburban property. posed that the university give the Those who did not use tobacco re- Some months ago, Mr. Selling forms could be put into practice,

V - refeler

If true reform is to be had and ef-ficiency and economy are to be estab-lished in any government it is obvious Santa, Look in Your Pack.

that some changes have to be made. letters from the people: imen who came first were those who Portland apparently has an abundance Dear Santa Claus: Will you not re- were nearby. The rush from the east When some good man gets into office and tries to get laws to help the Portland apparently has an abundance of the privilege brigade. Reference is member a lonesome grandmother and hereby made to the water meeting and send her a little Persian kitten? to time until forgotten. For example, a few more such delicate transactions, used to have one when she was a little

the law for the girls and women. Great Other cities have had this then pro- girl. That was many, many years ago. posed new system for years and found Wishing everyone a Happy Christmas, efficient, and no boiled shirt both young and old. it very

Being a veteran of 48 years ago, and have a little to save for a rainy day. I is a patriot at heart. Jobs or compensations are not essential to patriotism to learn to shake clothes in a laundry, and to be just to your famous janitor, or practically anything else that is to he very likely did not calculate his palriotism 50 years ago by the rule of spool of thread over the counter of a

15 cent store? If it takes over \$8 for Then they ask why girls go wrong. Then the employer comes up-most employers, at least-and says, "We can't sion.

sode. fate be paid not less than \$10 per week, and drainage the money has not been all men not less than \$21 per week, and wasted. Neither is money wasted if an employer can't manage to pay in paying good salaries to capable these wages, let him get out of busiother

A certain gentleman in office in Port- grateful people to do, even for a veteran, land has been trying to get six car tick-The kind of surface to be put on ets for 25 cents. Did it pass? No.

we divided our tobacco, which amount- thought. First establish a perma- different. They are gentlemen who are had his chance in life and it would be Not in a generation has there ed to twelve carrots, one half of which nent grade and drainage and surface not afraid to let you know they stand an injustice to the many who used tobacco who today are unable to find work at ital. Surely God never meant that all any price, to keep him longer, If Mr. Chamberlain were the only old the world should slave for a select few People are waking up to this fact, and man in the city's employ, it would seem

are waking up fast, too. If the people with capital are not willing to meet us half way I think they will be compelled to. Wars upon wars have been fought appear that he was one of many. would have spent this day in feasting foundation on which to erect the over less important things than this the city wishes to maintain an old age

The Janitor.

Salem, Or., Dec. 22 .-- To the Editor

lander will fail to support the object of making the administration new Portland-Alaska steamship more efficient, progressive, economical line for which a Chamber of and direct, outling red tape in accord the spirit of the times. No ance with

the commissioners elected and In Portland, we tried the plan of charge intend to make good and that work. As Mr. Ellers said at the tuted such an administration, one would logically conclude that they would be fair enough to give the new system This would mean, to give their commissioners a chance to create a new system under which the expected re-

dollars and cents. Some one told me the other day that In the ordinary walks of life a man when Abraham Lincoln married Mary figient as a younger man. It is also Todd he went directly to the Globe tavern at Springfield, Ill., to spend his to be supposed that this janitor, being an honorably discharged soldier, is, or honeymoon-and that he paid \$4 a week should be a recipient of a generous pen- for the two. He didn't go anywhere else It should seem that he might or spend more than \$4 a week on his But whom retire and let a more efficient citizen honeymoon because he did not have the money to spend. F, A. ENGLISH.

> The Case of Janitor Chamberlain. along the towpath of one of the old ca-Portland, Or., Dec. 23 .- To the Editor nais of Pennsylvania, and I met an old of The Journal-There has been much in man who had started life as a mule the papers of late concerning the sad of a janitor at the city hall, who driver on that towpath. He recalled with was dismissed for inefficiency, "an in- satisfaction the time when \$1 a week famous act," as described by a prom- was the beginner's wage; when the sec- worst of it when he has occasion to inent judge. However, is there not an- ond man on the canal boat got \$15 a transact business with a hard-headed side to this matter? Is there month, and when the captain's wage one. not a limit to what it is possible for a was \$25 a month.

and has not that limit been reached to live in comfort and put something high prices." Now, personally, I can't see much

had his chance in life and it would be point in harking back to the old days when money was not plentiful and when human labor was cheap. Working alone, you or I can't do anything effective toward lowering the cost of living-unless we resolve to leave the city and go that the city could afford to keep him to a farm where we can raise most of indefinitely, but from the array of witnesses at the civil service trial it would the things we eat. Mighty few of us

A GRANDMOTHER, 580 Morgan Street, Woodlawn.

YOUR MONEY

By John M. Oskison.

If will do that. Instead of wailing over the passing of bureau for men at high wages, well the days of cheap living, what ought we Certainly we have a duty. to do?

I believe that we can use exactly the same quality of frugality and forehand-There may be a question regarding edness in this age of 50 cents a dozen and it may not be necessary to look for Mr. Chamberlain's inefficiency, but from eggs as Lincoln could in the time when a successor when he retires. it cost him \$4'a week to keep himself and bride at the Globe tavern.

> It will always be true that the pay for efficient work will be a little more than the necessary cost of living; and it will always be true that the worker who saves the most of that difference will find ways to increase his satisfacper dozen for eggs as men paid 50 or 60 years ago, remember that you start in working, not for \$1 a week, but for \$4,

way from 15 cents to 30 cents per cord month, but \$200. more to have their work done. Why not No, really, the old days were not so

those kind of things are done more by We that want to spend their hard earned knack than by main strength. If a money for license, just to shut out some man will only use his head he can usu-

to spend their money in San Francisco or some of the other towns, or get jobs in the Sacramento valley and else-Portland, Dec. 24.-To the Editor of where. A good many of the men went The Journal-Please print this among back to Oregon because the bulk of the and all over the rest of the world began She in the spring of 1849."

**Pointed Paragraphs** 

A good manager can be his own boss.

In order to lay up money a man must salt down his coin.

Just before Christmas the days are shortest-likewise most men. . .

Men are like women in one respectthey are all more or less vain.

However, a good natured friend is sometimes an enemy in disguise.

A yellow cur looks as lonesome as a defeated candidate after an election,

A man is mentally strong at 60-if he can avoid falling in love with a silly About a month ago I was walking female of the species.

> Take a close look at the people you meet every day and rejoice that you were not born a cannibal.

> A soft-hearted man always gets the

"Of course," he said, "things was happens to tell his wife that he loves It when for many years a man receives a cheap in them days, and good, too! We her she looks around for a soft spot in

#### The Disappearing Hangman. From the Canada Monthly.

The reprieve of Charles Gibson, murderer, at the eleventh hour, reminds us that capital punishment grows again more and more repulsive to Canadians. The minister of justice declared that a careful consideration of all evidence had developed nothing to warrant a change of sentence. Then a petition with 50,000 signatures was rushed to Ottawa, and Hangman Ellis lost another opportunity to add to his skillful stranglings. The likelihood is that Mr. Ellis will not officiate very often again,

The Woman's Page The Journal each evening presents a number of striking features. Many of them are of exclusive interest to women; others are of general appeal. They all are worth while. Cultivate this daily feature page; you will find it prof-itable reading.

Protests Woodsaw License.

wood, from \$5 per year to \$100 per year? Doing so would not work a hardship on

and good; but, in the name of justice, let us not at the same time demand of our city leaders economy and efficiency. There may be a question regarding housekeeper's standpoint a man of

72 years is too old to wash windows, and I am not the only timid woman who would rather walk upstairs than trust myself to an elevator run by such as he. NEWLY ENFRANCHISED.

Portland, Dec. 24 .- To the Editor of The Journal.--Will someone please ex-plain why the woodsaw men of Port-as much rent and three times as much the woodsaw men alone, but the people working, not for \$1 a week, but for \$4, of the city would have to pay all the and that your captain gets, not \$25 a

let everyone live at a reasonable rate? fine for the thrifty as are these!