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THE WASTE SYSTEM

THE monthly billing system involving an annual expense of \$1,000,000 more is not the inheritance of a former administration. But it is maintained by Commissioner Daly. He is not responsible for it. Why does he not return to the former inexpensive plan of no bills?—Oregonian.

When Daly tried to "return to an inexpensive plan" in collecting water rents, the Oregonian bitterly objected. It set up a yell to awaken the dead. It screamed and shrieked and kicked. It called Daly names. It led the mobs that went to the city hall to bully the commission into abandonment of a plan that would have saved \$50,000 to \$100,000 a year.

Why didn't the Oregonian howl at the monthly billing system when Mr. Wilcox and Mr. Ainsworth and Mr. Mackay were installing it? Why didn't it scream itself sick when \$5000 was being paid for the system and when a large number of clerks had to be employed for months in installing it?

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It is, however, not the decay of the old pipe line or the certainty that with general waste of water new ones will be built that is the commanding factor in the meter discussion. What about the distribution system? How can you put a 67,000,000 gallon supply, which the Oregonian talks about, through a 30,000,000 gallon distributing system?

When it comes to considering cost, what is the cost of \$400,000 worth of water meters compared to the \$5,600,000 that the distributing system of Portland costs? With its policy of letting water run unchecked through its flat rate system, into the sewers and then to the sea, how is the Oregonian going to deliver water to Portland consumers without doubling the capacity of Portland water mains? Which will cost the most, water meters for all consumers or a doubled distribution system?

eral fire should start under such circumstances, and how lucky it is that no calamity of the kind has yet befallen us! In brief, the Oregonian's plan is to stop no leaks, to close no faucets, to let the water run unchecked into the sewers. The meter plan proposes to give everybody all the water they want to use and on a basis of paying for what they get, so the promiscuous and unrestrained flow of water into the sewers will be stopped.

The Oregonian's plan means more pipe lines at a cost of millions, and a doubled distributing system at eight or ten times the cost of the proposed meters. The Oregonian's plan is one of trying to fill a water bucket, the bottom of which is full of holes.

THE GORE VERDICT

IT TOOK a jury but four minutes to reach a verdict in the damage suit against Senator Gore. It required thirty minutes for the people in the court room to finish their demonstration of pleasure at the verdict. The jury went out of its way to say in the verdict that "we find the evidence submitted by the plaintiff entirely insufficient," that "said evidence wholly exonerates the defendant," and that if the defendant had introduced no evidence "our verdict would have been the same."

Attempts to ruin incorruptible men are often made by bringing a woman into the case. The trick is one in frequent use at Washington. Most instances are never heard of, because, unlike Senator Gore, the victim compromises and the land pirates who were robbing the Indian tribes of Oklahoma thirst for revenge on account of the exposures made of their methods by Senator Gore two or three years ago. Disgruntled politicians and disappointed place-hunters also have grudges against him.

"We have got to get rid of Gore," was the statement of one politician as sworn to at the trial. When advised to keep the hotel episode quiet, Mrs. Bond, the plaintiff, was quoted on the witness stand as having said, "the affair will be spread broadcast." "We have other cards up our sleeves and will get Gore yet," was the boast of one Oklahoma politician. One party to the incident wrote Gore's friend that if "Gore will appoint Thaddeus Robertson first assistant United States attorney for the Western District, he and I will see that our part in the Gore-Bond affair never will be pushed."

Other testimony of the kind has convinced the country, as it did the jury, that the whole affair was staged for the political destruction of the Oklahoma senator. Its inglorious failure is due to the undaunted courage with which Senator Gore met the issue. It is a courage phrased in his own refusal to "treat or retreat in the Bond affair—a courage that found him a blind boy at 11, a university graduate, a United States senator and a national figure at 43.

MAKING ALASKA FREE

THE adoption of the Chamberlain bill for an Alaska railroad by the house in a vote of nearly three to one almost certainly presages passage of the companion bill for a leasing system of coal lands in Alaska. The Chamberlain bill is amended and will have to go to conference, but it is expected to reach the President for signature next week. The companion bill was prepared by Secretary Lane, who appeared before the house committee Tuesday to explain its terms and urge its passage.

Under the leasing bill a certain generous portion of the coal lands will remain in the possession of and be operated by the government for use of government railways, for the navy and as an emergency check against possible monopoly if it should develop under the leasing system. All coal lands are to be surveyed at once, and such as are not in the public reserve will be leased to private individuals and corporations for periods not to exceed twenty years, and in lots of not less than forty acres nor more than 5120 acres. From all coal mined by lease the government is to receive a tonnage tax of two cents and an acreage tax of fifty cents to \$1 according to the length of the lease period. All funds derived from the leasing system go to the underwriting of the government railways and Alaskan development.

The proposed legislation may be regarded as a sample of Woodrow Wilson's New Freedom. It opens the way for men of small means to engage in coal mining as contrasted with the usual status of coal production confined entirely to Big Business. It is a sure plan for preventing the boundless natural resources of Alaska from passing under control of the selfish monopolists, who were early on the ground, and but for the fighting of men of whom Pinchot is a type and newspapers of which The Journal is a type, would have robbed the people of the United States of the underground empire of treasure in the North.

The proposed Alaskan legislation means industrial freedom, liberated business, new opportunities

THE EIGHT HOUR LAW

LABOR COMMISSIONER HOFF went too far in trying to put the firemen and police of Portland under the provisions of the eight hour law. For a public office like that of labor commissioner to be used in an effort to add more than \$1,000,000 to the cost of paying the salaries of firemen in Portland was indefensible. No city in the United States maintains firemen on an eight hour basis. As held by the Oregon supreme court in its sensible decision Tuesday, firemen are not laborers. They have little in common with the men who perform manual work. As the decision says, "while the firemen must at all times be ready to respond to alarms whenever given, they are not subject to actual toil eight hours in any twenty-four except in cases of emergency."

The effort to put the firemen under the eight hour law was a length to which the labor commissioner should not have gone. The nonsensical of the plan discredits his office in the better services it has to perform. It was better for the cause of those who seek a general eight hour day if the blunder had not been made. Scarcely less foolish is the insistence on an eight hour day and six days a week for employes in state institutions. The added cost to a single institution at the capital is \$65,000 a year, and at a time when everybody is groaning under the burden of taxes.

The inefficiency of average public service is notorious. What greater folly than to make of such employes a labor aristocracy with limited hours, by laying a tax on real workers in private employments with longer hours! The Journal, Feb. 19.—To the Editor of the Journal—"We of the churches" cannot put the blame for the liquor traffic upon the "many." They are in a very small minority. There has been no time within the past 50 years that "we of the churches" could not have put the liquor traffic out of business if we had wanted to. When the liquor traffic has gone, the liquor traffic has followed. Whether civilization follows the flag or the missionaries, there is one thing certain—the liquor traffic follows the missionaries. There was a story told a good many years ago of a ship that sailed from Boston for some point in South Africa. On this ship there was one missionary and his baggage consisted of rum, to be unloaded at the same point. This is an old story.

Here is a clipping from the Baltimore Sun, of about 20 years ago, that will interest Fanny Harley, no doubt, the author unknown: CONVERT YOUR OWN HEATHEN. Convert your own heathen, let the pagan pray To his ancient idols in his ancient way: What to you is sacred, hallowed is to him; Your God is Jehovah, his are Elohim. In you right the Bible, in your left the Gospels; You have preached the Gospel while the priests and monks roared; Prayers and anthems, soldiers' sack and loot; The True Faith, though planted, has not taken root. Nor the shell-shrieking, nor the myriads slain, nor the war-scarred heroes, nor the martyr's pain, Add a jot of gain to God's glory; If you harbor honor for an inch of clod. Why send missionaries to the aged east? Why send to unbribe the human beast? Worship in your temples, pagoda or mosque alike resplendent in the darkest dusk. You reverence the fathers of the early church; They are dumb of ages diligently search; Where anons slumber they kneel at the shrine; Of the dead whose solace no man can resign. In the sight of heaven all is pious when you pray; Whether cross or crescent—talisman or star; Whether you be Hebrew, Greek or Hotentot. Why this fevered frenzy human souls to save; God will never forfeit what in love he gave; If you seek to be holy and your purpose fair, You may leave your spirit to your Maker's care! Trust not your religion on the heathen's head; Do not make a fetish of your cultured boast; Civilizing the nations, teach them to refrain From the lust of powers at the cost of pain. Do not crush the soul-life of the savage; Do not drive the goddess to a goddess grave; Spare the human brother, though he be a beast; Many hymns are sung to new celestial rays. Convert your own heathen, let the pagan pray To his ancient idols in his ancient way: What to you is sacred, hallowed is to him; Your God is Jehovah, his are Elohim. R. A. BARKER.

ROSSMERE CURB ASSESSMENTS. Portland, Or., Feb. 18.—To the Editor of the Journal—"What is justice? Does the city council deal out equal justice to all citizens of Portland? All who are familiar with the Rossmere subdivision of the city of Portland know that the curbs on Forty-second street from Sandy boulevard to the Beaumont line and the curbs on Thirty-seventh street to Forty-fourth street inclusive from Brazeo street to the Beaumont line, were torn out, the driveway made and new curbs constructed, when the district was paved last summer. The commission council has distributed the cost of this alteration of Forty-second street to the whole district, which makes the assessment about \$2 on each lot in the district, while on the Forty-seventh to Forty-fourth street inclusive, from Brazeo street to the Beaumont line, the council has assessed the cost of this alteration to the lot owners, making the cost to each inside lot about \$21 and to each corner lot about \$32. The attention of the council was called to this matter before the assess-

ment was made, and it was made familiar with the circumstances. These are two parallel cases, with decisions rendered in both. The first case was presented to the council and its decision made, and the second case was immediately presented and in less than 20 minutes a decision altogether different from the first was rendered. How can the council harmonize these two decisions? Is this justice to all concerned? Is it justice to charge one man \$20 to \$30, and his neighbor only \$2 for the same work and at the same time to assess one of these to the whole district, why should not the other be disposed of in the same way? R. E. GEHR.

REPEAL OF FEE TOLLS. Martin's Bluff, Wash., Feb. 17.—To the Editor of the Journal—I am after the repeal of the Panama canal tolls, therefore I apply to the Journal. Kindly tell me how free tolls on coastwise vessels are to help the Panama canal. The Panama canal is what would likely become of the Panama canal if British and European shipping were to stay out of it? And if they kept out of it, what would be the American shipping through the canal more than pay for the lubricating oil in the working of it? It was a giant undertaking so far as the world is concerned to open a nation. All this we must admit. Yet, can we afford to keep this as something grand to look at, and write about, and are we to encourage foreign shipping? In the solution of this, it is well to keep our situation in view. The farmers of Washington and Oregon are up against it right now, and they have only a taste of what they may expect. With the bulk of our lands so hard to get, and the water so scarce, and with the best part of this country cropped out, and being cropped out, with the unreasonable taxes already levied on the non-developed lands for improvements and the host of non-workers that prey on the hard working farmer, I wish to remind you that the canal is a great help to our Grand Trunk Pacific, when it runs through to Prince Rupert, and that vast country has a few years more to develop? They have this market next door. If you deem this worthy of notice, don't run away from stern realities. The farmers of Oregon and Washington, don't clear the decks for action. Who are to be our leaders? They are not in the market. They are not in the market. If I remind you where we stand. FRED QUARRIE.

ONE WAY TO HANDLE PATENTS. Cascadia, Or., Feb. 17.—To the Editor of the Journal—The article in Saturday's Journal relative to a spring motor recently patented is well worthy of thought. If the invention proves successful, the people that will be used for thousands and thousands of them in the United States. It was stated that the "inventor was going to New York to dispose of his American right for seven figures." Now I would propose that we join in asking our congressmen to try to interest Uncle Sam in purchasing the patent. If it proves up to expectations, and that the government then manufacture and sell the motors at cost. Such a course would pay the inventor the large sum of \$75,000, and the government with seven figures, \$9,999,999, at the cost of about 10 cents for every man, woman and child in the United States and give the people the benefit of a useful invention. But if the patent right is sold to Wall Street (judging by past observations) the people will be left to pay for it. If the patent right could now buy for 10 cents a stitch in time saves more than nine sometimes. F. W. BATES.

THE VALENTINE CUSTOM. Portland, Or., Feb. 17.—To the Editor of the Journal—Someone is writing that the good old custom of sending Valentine's cards is to be discontinued, to be regretted if such is the case, for their manufacture gives employment to hundreds of persons, perhaps thousands, and is the old custom, for the sake and of the exchange of love's sake and of the exchange of sentiment, is concerned a great deal might be changed, for there is but a very faint old-time affection left in the hearts of the people, and in exchange of friendship and sentiment. Indeed, it really is a beautiful custom, and the valentines are so artistic in their makeup that it is more than

A FEW SMILES

Teacher—Who was it supported the world upon his shoulders? Answer—My Atlas, sir. Teacher—Who supported Atlas, on Monday? Answer—The book don't say, but but I guess his wife did.

One day an Irishman entered a London butcher's shop and ordered a pig's head. The butcher, a rather fleshy individual, always enjoyed having a good laugh at the expense of an Irishman. Having paped the pig's head, he resolved to play a trick on the Irishman. He turned the back of the knife and pretended to cut off his own ear, and he said to the Irishman: "Oh, no, thank you, sir," said Pat. "I don't want more than one pig's head at a time."

Harris was lying on the couch very ill. The servant in the next room knocked down some dishes with a tremendous crash at Harris's nerves. Harris's nerves were quite unstrung and he fell out in a rage. "I suppose you have broken all the plates," replied the servant, meekly. "There isn't one broken."

"Well, then," growled the enraged maid, "why did you make all that noise for nothing?"—Everybody's Magazine.

THE MANAGER—I've got a new idea for a melodrama that ought to make a hit. THE WRITER—What is it? THE MANAGER—The idea is to introduce a cyclone in the first act that will kill all the actors.

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, and should be accompanied by the name and address of the sender. If the writer does not desire to have his name published, he should so indicate.)

"Discussion is the greatest of all reformers. It rationalizes everything it touches. It demolishes all false sanctities and throws them back to their source. It has no responsibilities, it ruthlessly crushes the pretensions of its own conclusions in their stead."—Woodrow Wilson.

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PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE. Some people are not spiritually cleansed by a baptism, even in icy water. "A large family of well-bred little pigs, something for the owner to be proud of." "Can it be possible that all the would-be gubernatorial hits are already in the ring?"

TOO SPRINGLIKE. Weather in February is not a good sign; chance for pessimistic predictions. "Congress proposes to adjourn June 15. Last year it proposed to pass the tariff bill in May."

THE GOVERNMENT WILL DOUBTLESS be quite as well off if Immigration Commissioner Caminetti should resign. "A stenographer must be, or should be, an exceptionally intelligent and educated woman; that is, she should be able to spell correctly."

OTHER AND OLDER AND GREATER states in regulating the hours of work and wages of women employes. "Though way up in literacy himself, President Wilson does not believe in a literacy test for immigrants, says a Washington correspondent."

THERE IS LARGE DEMAND for eastern lamb and good prices, in sheep and food supply would have a good wool tariff, too. "Thousands of women workers in New York City earn less than \$6 a week, and of girls under 18 years, and thousands of sweatshop women, and girls, who work more hours, still less."

AN ENGLISH MAN has been fined \$50,000 because he voted on a very high which a firm of which he is a member was not particularly interested. We are not so particular about our congressmen—yet.

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ORGANIZATION SIDELIGHTS

An electric light and power company that has an operating plant at Keno is prospecting Klamath Falls with the view of extending the city and supplying competition. "The position of music supervisor of schools has been vacated. Junction City and Miss Josie Moorhead has been elected to the position. Each class will receive instruction twice week."

Reports from over the state, the Gazette-Times says, indicate that O. A. Alumni and ex-students to the number of at least 100 will assemble for the grand reunion to be held at Corvallis, June 8. "Organization of industrial clubs is in active progress in the schools of Grant Pass and Josephine county in general. County Superintendent W. H. Age and State Field Worker Harrington are conducting the campaign."

A big lot of cheap coal sent into La Grande in the time of greatest demand has costed the city at least \$100,000. The Observer says, most of the wood used in the neighborhood of 100 cords of wood has been bought at the top of the year's prices. "The Commercial club of Eugene had printed placards bearing this inscription: 'This home favors the new high school building. The money was distributed about the city, says the Observer, and a majority of the residents have placed it in their windows.'"

S. W. Boyd, Shelby Teeter, W. S. Keyes and Fred W. Miller, who are Cottage Grove citizens who attest the helpfulness of the hen. Mr. Boyd has raised about 1500 chickens, in eggs alone. All are building additional poultry houses. "J. B. Starr, a dairyman from Iowa, is looking over the Cottage Grove area for a view of the 'Walla Walla' location. The Leader says Mr. Starr has about 250 fine Holstein milk cows, and he has a fine herd of Jersey cows in all, and therefore could not get along with less than about 1500 to 2000 acres of good farm and pasture land."

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IN EARLIER DAYS

By Fred Lockley. From building steamboats to making violins is quite a change," said W. R. McCord of Portland. "In the early days they did not have great factories such as they now have for the manufacture of furniture. Furniture making was carried on in a small way in every community, hence the occupation of cabinet maker was a common one. I learned the trade of cabinet maker and joiner before coming to Portland in 1850. After working at carpenter work for two or more I got work on the steamer Willamette doing the finer cabinet work on her cabins. She was a sidewheeler on her cables. She was a sidewheeler and was introduced into the upper Willamette. She was 150 feet long and 23 feet beam and registered 272 tons. She was built at Canamah. The next summer she was taken over the Falls at Oregon City and put on the Astoria run. "Captain John McCroskey was in charge of the building of the 'Walla Walla.' He sent for money to pay the hands upon one occasion and the money was sent to him in the form of fifty Indian stories you hear. For instance, I remember being out with five of the other soldiers and an Indian scout called Crooked Mouth John, who had crossed the mountains and was chasing to him. Crooked Mouth John rode up to him, put his gun against him and fired. You could see the sparks come out from the muzzle of the Indian's sculp, making five small sparks, one for each of us, so when we got into camp that night, we had six scalp to show for the six Indians we had killed."

"In going up to the Indian country Joe Meek went with us. We all knew that Captain Kelly would probably be elected captain, and Meek went along expecting to be elected captain. When Captain Kelly received his promotion, we talked it over and decided to elect Meek as captain. They said Meek was an old mountain man and had fought Indians all his life and was certainly a better man than some mighty hard fighting. We thought we had better elect someone else, so we elected Captain Stafford as captain of the company. The Regiment, Oregon Mounted Volunteers."

Pointed Paragraphs. Large scandals from small talks grow. "Properly helps some men to forget their friends. As a matter of fact, necessary evil is unnecessary. To live long and prosper let the other fellow worry. Men are never criticized for what they do if they never do anything. To blame is human—and to blame it on the other fellow is still more so. Even in the good old summer time one encounters a lot of cheap scamps. The man who wants the earth is apt to get his share—if the mud throwers are on the job. Thanks to a shiftless husband, many a woman has developed into an able financier. Every man ought to know at least as much about his own business as he does about the other fellow's. And many a girl wastes her time trying to get into a very long range, with a cooking range would be more in her line. Every time a spinster looks at a man who has just been led to the altar by a widow she says to herself: "How easily you poor men are fooled!" The Gating gun was invented by a physician—not necessarily because he despaired of depopulating the world with sugar pills, either.

THE RAGTIME MUSE. Paupers. I once was a captain of high finance, Who now am I, a poorer man; And you, in this same poorhouse, by chance. Once I was famous as a social queen, But I misjudged the times, my dear, And might I mistake for right, For gone is my high lord and deposed, And dominant parasite! You once were secure in your beauty's sway— You wakened to find it fled! Your riches subjects would not stand, And another reigned in your stead. So, I was cast to the poorhouse, where I played for life's highest stakes; Are we sad sinners, whose chance has passed, Or two of the world's mistakes? Well, be it ours, mistake or crime, Or the world's—the result is bad, But oh! the delights of our day and the And the fun that we two have had! They cannot rob us of that, my queen, And let us in our long and deposed, They've taken our sceptre and regal mien, But they've got to pay for our keep!

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Knockers. Portland, Or., Feb. 20.—To the Editor of the Journal—Please give me a little space that I may give my view of the knocker. I have been in many of the large eastern cities and have also been up and down the Pacific coast. I have never been in a city where the home people knock their own town like they do in Portland. I have seen every city that I know of, but entirely within Crook. The Paulina reserve lies mainly in Klamath county, extending into Lake county. "Petitioners for Oregon Wet. Portland, Feb. 19.—To the Editor of the Journal—Believing that you are an advocate of morality and of that which is for the betterment of humanity, I am writing that you may through the columns of your paper see the warning people that are up on other homes that there are so-called men and women making a canvass of the city of Portland securing names. As they term them, have the worst wet. As I was walking on Third street, in front of the new pool hall, there was a woman with pencil and paper, and she was asking for the names of the men who were in the furniture store on the same mission. I am a believer in morality and clean government, and I have the worst wet for the demon rum, the murderers of all good and right, I would call through your paper, to all lovers of honest principles, to awake, be up and ready, come out like honest men and women and slay this beast, this dragon, the destroyer of prosperity and good homes. DR. ELIAZER DE ROCHE. Location of Certain Forests. Oregon, Feb. 19.—To the Editor of the Journal—To inform you in what counties the Paulina and Deschutes forests are located. S. D. RICHARDSON. [The Deschutes reserve lies in an