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Fools are stubborn in their As coins are hardened by the And obstinacy's ne'er so stiff As when 'tis in a wrong belief. -Butler.

BUT ONE STEP

ORTLAND has one new asset for progress It is the first unit in the municipal dock program. It an acceleration to navigation. was dedicated Saturday with fitting ceremonial.

Captain Warner of the great ship ern and perfectly efficient dock. E. J. M. Nash of the Royal Mail vately owned waterfront. declared, at the same time, that commerce, equal in many respects to the best docks of the world.

It has 30 feet of water, a depth sufficient for the largest ships. The Journal congratulates Portland | ages from independent boats. and takes a large measure of pride in the fact that this newspaper led the fight for municipal docks and helped to heat down the heavy opposition that at one time confronted the plan.

But this dock is only a step. There are other changes that must be made. Shipping does not receive a quick dispatch in Portland harbor.

The Cardiganshire, for instance, is held in the port four or five days longer than should be necessary. It is a heavy loss to the 000 tons measurement capacity and capable of carrying 13,500 tons dead weight,

There is the loss of wages and subsistence, and for such a ship it is a large sum. To it must be added the loss of tonnage at other ports incident to the long delay.

The delay is partly caused by the refusal of one of the lumber organizations to permit the loading of lumber at night. The elaim is that at night the product cannot be properly graded.

In other ports, notably at Seattle the grading is done beforehand and the cargo all ready for loading when the ship arrives. with twelve powerful are lights and can make the scene of activity at night as light as day. In addition, the present cargo, for instance, is rough lumber for China and Australia in which exactness of grading is not essential. This source of delay alone keeps the Cardiganshire in the harbor four or five days longer than necessary.

to be removed. There are others, it would have to sacrifice. Mis-There is not sufficient depth of water off many of the docks. At one where the Cardiganshire is math of misery and hatred and taking on much cargo, there is in troublesome internal problems. one place but seventeen feet. Such Bulgaria went to war against her a depth is ridiculous in a harbor allies. She lost the greater part that hopes for big ocean com- of her Turkish conquests, tens of fact that the ship can make the misery that she is now suffering journey up and down the river will extend through the years. between Portland and Astoria with How many are there in the United a draft of several feet more than States who realize that to interis possible at some of the Portland docks.

And there are other defects that | problem? must be removed. The port aubor under disadvantages which can icy of peace? easily be removed.

Portland is thankful for the new municipal dock. But it is have quick despatch, or they will not come to Portland.

PEACE OR WAR

NTERVENTION in Mexico would storm swept country by the nations Freeman with the other. of the world led by the United

Some day, declares Mr. Angell, there is to be a world republic and we are on real civilization, such, advocated quarterly payment of the United States can prepare for for instance, as when we manu- taxes. a leading part in that world repub- facture pistols and arm thugs like lie by an effective handling of the the "tattooed robber" and send Mexican situation.

of a day when war shall cease may chance their way. among the nations Mr. Angell does But, what else are pistols made get the non-partisan judiciary bill not base his argument on senti- for? ment but on economy. War, he sets forth, is unprofitable to both conqueror and conquered. The ex- ciation has unanimously passed courts out of politics is extremely tension of credit and the growing resolutions opposing the repeal of popular with the people. interdependence of governments free tolls. No wonder! If free render the fruit of victory more tolls be repealed, Canadian lumbercostly than its worth. It is not men can underbid Oregon lumber- steadily gaining on the men. It is dollar in a saloon. Now it this stuff were all consumed by sick people, worth the price that has to be men in the Gulf and Atlantic ports now more than one woman to two there would not be many of us left able tunity to participate in the beneficial

THE JOURNAL TO RESTORE THEIR LANDS TO THE PEOPLE tions, and vote right. In no other

FFORT is to be made by the people of Oregon to recover for the public use, submerged lands in river beds for the benefit of commerce

These lands were once the peoples. The story of how, on pretext and another, they passed under private monopoly, especially in Portland, is familiar history. It has been told and re-told many times in The Journal.

In California these lands, by decision of the highest state court, are the peoples, and no legislature, no court, no state power can take them away from the people. It is sought to give the people of Oregon the same control of their submerged lands, and to that end "tide land Constitutional Amendment" is to be proposed for adoption under the initiative. The title of the amendment is:

Tide land constitutional amendment making beds of navigable waters the state inalienable and subject to public use for water commerce; and authorizing cities to construct docks thereon or the leasing thereof upon fair rental value to be paid for the joint benefit of said cities and the ommon school fund of the state.

It is in the people's interest that the amendment is proposed. There is no money with which to hire men to circulate initiative petitions. The work will have to be done by volunteers, and The Journal hereby calls upon those who believe in the plan to help secure the signatures.

The last act that took these lands away from the people was a decision last June by the Oregon supreme court, which decision was a point blank reversal of former decisions by that tribunal. As indicative of the basis on which the decision was made, the following from the opinion is illuminative:

The contemplated use of the lands (passing under private monopoly) is not inimical to navigation. On the other hand, it is plain to any one that the industries of commerce and manufacture with which the shore of the Willamette in our metropolis teems and the storing of the articles and products as well as the construction of docks and wharves are

Scarcely any statement could be more absurd. A court decision based on such misinformation is pathetic. It is controverted by all authorities on transportation. Its falsity is proven by all experi-Cardiganshire declared to the ence. Every great port in the world has already abolished or is writer that it is a thoroughly mod- rapidly abolishing private ownership of docks. London, at a cost of many million pounds sterling has taken over the last foot of her pri-

It was ignorance of its subject that caused the Oregon It is effective in all its facilities court to hold the private monopoly of the river bed was not anat ! a splendid convenience for tagonistic to navigation. Thus the interstate commerce commission says:

> independent boats that were originally built and fitted to engage in freight business are unable to engage in that business because defendants (the railroads) controlled the terminals and wharves and refused to permit ndependent boats to load or unload thereat, and refused to receive pack-

Either the interstate commerce commission, the highest authority in the world on transportation is wrong, or the Oregon supreme court is wrong in holding that private ownership of waterfronts and river beds is not antagonistic but beneficial to commerce. Another great transportation authority that is wrong if the Oregon supreme court was right, is the inland waterways commission. It says:

Every city situated upon a seaport or on navigable water connected with the sea, which constructs and operates municipal docks, will not only prevent the monopolizing of transportation, but will secure the lowest competing rates by water and will at once become a terminal point and receive the lowest rates by rail.

That is to say, the supreme court of this state did not know what it was talking about. Calvin Tompkins, one of the best known experts on transportation, said in a speech in New York, May 27, 1913: All other (than New York) great seaports are publicly planning to administer and control their terminals to attract commerce, since it is They cannot afford to known that private control and exploitation limits opportunity. James J. waste the time of a vessel of 18.- Hill's statement that the railway system of the country has broken down at its city terminals should be supplemented by the advocacy of municipal terminals, to always remain under city control.

Yet, the Oregon supreme court held that private monopoly of waterfront is not antagonistic to navigation; and it was on such a blunder as to fact, that the people's claim to their tide and submerged lands was swept away.

That is why a movement has been launched to gain back for the people the submerged lands that were theirs in the beginning and that were taken away on unjust and immoral pretexts. Will the people help?

jured, in widows and orphans and delegation at Washington to vote in national debts and crushing against Oregon loggers and for taxes.

They will realize that wars can not be carried out by schedule and that when once begun they will lead to consequences that cannot be foreseen. The issue must be fought out even though the original object of the war is lost sight of. The price paid surpasses any-It is one condition that ought thing that the country imagined takes are made that lead to enormous waste of wealth, an after-It presents the strange thousands of her army and the

It is well to defend national thorities can find out what they honor and national destiny but is a wild beast. He is to have comare by inquiry of men who are it not often that national honor panionship. The necessity of benetrying to navigate into this har- and national destiny dictate a pol-

A JUNGLE ECHO

money when held up on a lonely road by a man believed to be Charles Hopkins, Freeman is come about because the method of dving and Gerb is dead near Mount collecting has never been sound. Vernon, Washington.

be futile in the opinion of Nor- known as the "tattooed robber." advance for a whole year. When man Angell, the English peace He was armed with two pistols, and the collections are adjusted to the advocate. The only solution of when he found that neither victim needs of public business so milthe Mexican problem, he asserts, is had money, he killed Gerb with a lions of money will not be drawn ple work they should have the use of would not if they could; and if they the complete ostracism of that blow from one revolver and shot from the people and piled up in

be at large with two revolvers!

them out to fall upon and kill de- committee, announces that only 300 law the town is dry, but in actuality wrested from this, the natural, logical,

which has for its aim the main- together. The loggers are fighting tenance of peace it will occur to for employment. After the experithem to compare the tribulations ence of the past winter with un- where the fire was and the best way the Siuslaw reserve will do the same. of a peace policy with the tribula- employed, it would seem like all out. All could have been done in There are parties moving in on their tions of a war policy. They will Portland would be behind the lumstop to consider that war is war berjacks in their fight for free and they will take into account the tolls. What a strange spectacle economic waste in dead and in- for any member of the Oregon

Canadian loggers! BRUTE OR HUMAN?

TESSE POMEROY, convicted of ment in the Massachusetts their upkeep." state prison for 38 years. This man, more brute than human, has would like to feel that satisfaction, I shown no evidence of reform dur- ask that the explanation be passed ing all the years of his confinement. He has been a constant menace to the institution.

Frank L. Randall, new prison commissioner, is to try the theory that a penitentiary fails of its purpose unless the men confined there ment; it is more a reformatory than a punitive institution.

Solitary confinement has not revene in Mexico would end in the formed Pomeroy; it has perpetuhim. He is now to be treated as a time? though he were a man instead of rides, etc., etc. MRS. A. BONHAM. , and lead to the establishing of many fiting him personally is to rank restraining his vicious instincts.

If Pomeroy improves under the

It is founded on the false principle some system whereby a man can get The assailant, if Hopkins, is that enough should be collected in the medium of exchange to pay him Cleeton decision has brought on. In some respects, what a travesty That is why The Journal has long

W. M. Davis, chairman of the on the ballot. The ease with which the signatures were secured indi-The Pacific Coast Loggers' asso- cates that the bill for keeping the

of the United States, and many an men. The way for women to help to take care When people find themselves Oregon logging camp will be re- equal suffrage in other states is strawberry fields.

should have the ballot.

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 sength and must be accompanied by the name and address of the sender. If the writer coss not desire to have the name published, he abould so state.)

"Discussion is the greatest of all reform-ers. It rationalizes everything it touches. It robs principles of all faise sencity and throws them back on their reasonablemess. If they have no responsibleness. It ruthlessly crushes them out of existence stl sets up its ewn conclusions in their stead."-Woodrow

Salesmen Are Needed.

Portland, Or., March 28, 1914 .- To the Editor Oregon Journal-The writer was very much impressed with the remark of Captain Har-iman of the Alaska steamer, that it was not "circulars but salesmen" that were needed now in Alaska to get the best results. Now is the time to prove that Portland is awake and ready to grasp its opportunity. It has been suggested that a fund be raised by subscription to enable the smaller manufacturers and dealers to send a salesman direct to Alaska, so that all lines of Portland's manufacturers would be represented. I think the idea is an admirable one. There are a good many small manufacturers who cannot very well afford the expense of sending a salesman and standing all self." expenses of salary and traveling, for the first year or so, but if these expenses were prorated among every one of the city's various interests in proportion to their capital or property it would make the proposition of wonderful benefit to the city and make the steamer line an assured success. We are going to tax ourselves for the locks and it is only a business proposition to go after the business in an intelligent way. I firmly believe that if \$100,000 were heard her say:

judiciously used in this manner the returns to Portland inside of two years would be ten dollars to every one exended, and establish relations with Alaska that in a few years will be worth millions of dollars to the city

share of the Alaska trade they will de-S. E. HOLCOMB.

Protection Against Fires.

Portland, March 30 .- To the Editor f The Journal-A great howl has been nade about carrying guns, that take a ife now and then. Little is said about the thousands that suffer, perish and die from fires. We hardly think of those common occurrences, until they ome home. Friday we witnessed the efforts of guests from the Perkins otel, trying to get to places of safety. One lone telephone operator stuck by her post, in danger of her own life, to do her duty.

We pass laws for fire escapes. But ell me what is the good of fire escall fire slarm and phone this one girl veyors are here now examining this he had 483 deaths among 54,000 em-sidered or accepted. The satisfaction and the young lady at the desk, by of my place is in cultivation or grass, king down her receiver, could talked to every guest, informing them stock. Is it not time we protection, when we could save the from one-half to seven miles from the suffering of thousands, and with no additional outlay? Timely protection is what we want

G. ERNST BAKER.

The School Board Automobiles. of The Journal-I see in the papers and living springs. that School Clerk Thomas has satisleague "the exact purposes to which clover grow seven feet high and so murdering several children, has the seven automobiles owned by the

With the belief that there are thousands of taxpayers who, like myself,

When I first knew they had one automobile I questioned the justice of such expenditure, since our street car service reaches every school and when I saw "Car No. 3" the question mark grew larger. Then, again, I saw "Car No. 5," and the question mark grew out of all proportion. Now when I find they hold seven of these luxgrow better. He believes a prison uries my curiosity gets the better of is not merely a place of punish- me and must be relieved, if only by

So I'm giving some of the questions uppermost in every ordinary taxpayinal cost? What the upkeep? opening up of a vast and dangerous ated all the brute there was in were favored? How many are used at side of the door. I hope this will in-

Wealth, Money and Wages.

Clackamas, Or., March 26 .- To the Editor of The Journal-In regulating on an equality with the need of the finances of our nation, it might the representative of wealth, created new treatment, his case will be a or to be created, there ought to be tary Redfield, and make him convers-

In 1904 the per capita was \$31.41. Now, if every one worked every day in The present tax muddle has the year, there would not be money enough to pay more than \$1 per day. To keep wages up, so that every man can have good wages, there must be of its natural trade routes. for his work without robbing his fellow man (or woman)

the people more money? money without having to pay interest on it. Muscle without intelligence the banks a year in advance, there would be an almost total waste. I am not within the province of the govern-What a fine specimen of man to will be no such muddle as the for good wages. Good wages makes good times and a happy people. To have good wages, there must be enough his determination to establish a con- men? Can I tell them that the only money to pay. VIOLA BURR.

Prescriptions and Prohibition.

Hood River, Or., March 28 .- To the state law, one must be sick, in the first place, then get a doctor's prescription, which costs \$1.50, to get a

A FEW SMILES

"Yes, I had a brother in Boston once," said a Chicago woman to a Bostonian.

as in some get its name."
"Handel and eydn society, peros," suggested her tor.
Vell, I guess so. el and Have ety there, but I forget its name." Haydn society, perhaps," suggested her

Handel and Haydn were Boston men weren't they?"-Christian Register.

On his eighty-fourth birthday Paul veteran Adirondack hotel Smith, the keeper, who started life as a guide and died owning \$1,-000,000 worth of forest land, was talking about boundary disputes with an old friend. "Didn't you hear (D) (D)

of the lawsuit over

a title that I had with Jones down in Malone last summer?" asked Paul.

The friend had not heard. "Well," said Paul, "it was this way: sat in the court room before the case opened with my witnesses around me. towns. Jones bustled in, stopped, looked my witnesses over carefully, and said: 'Paul, are those your witnesses?' 'They are,' said I, 'Then you win,' said he. T've had them witnesses twice my-

Kate, aged six, had been attending

chool only a few days. She had learned at least one lesson-to raise her hand if she wanted anything One day she was sent to the chicken

to get the eggs. As she reached the chicken house door her mother "All you chickens that have laid an egg raise your hands."-The Deline-

ator.

himself, but one can go on our streets has been absolutely banished from the ime to act is now, and if the business on street corners; but the cop doesn't plague to deal with; he had 50 per interests of Portland cannot decide on see them. Some of them carry pre- cent reduction from 1906 in malaria, some practical plan to receive a just scriptions in their pockets and get typhoid, dysentery, pneumonia and

> Is this what we call prohibition? If and Colon-a territory of 448 square so it is a failure here in Hood River, miles, extending five miles on either I am not a saloon man, but if we had side the canal route), he has had in cessive taxes. Have we any officers in Hood River

Settlers in Siuslaw Forest.

apes unless the hotel guests are lands here in the Siuslaw forest rewarned in time? Had the Perkins serve. There is land here for several During 1906-7 he had 1273 deaths would not have been compelled to risk land for homestead entry. Six places ployes. her life, nor would the guests have have been taken within this neighborbeen unmindful of the notice given, hood in the past few days. One of for by pushing one button the phones the forest rangers told me he thought every room would have rung in- about 50 per cent of the land could be with an average force of 33,000 durstantly, a red light would have lit be- taken for homestead. There is good side the phone, the fire gong at the agricultural land on four sides of my had 4000 die. nearest station would have sounded, place. I settled in 1904. About half and every acre is producing feed for howled for up to date appliances for bench land, and ranges in distance homesteads now. This is all hill or ocean beach, in Lane county, 20 miles north of Florence and 20 miles south of Waldport, in the vicinity of Saddle mountain and Big creek, and also near of the north fork of the Siuslaw There Portland, March 30 .- To the Editor is plenty of running water everywhere

On my place potatoes produce 57 thick it is difficult to get a sickle been kept in solitary confine- school board are put, and the cost of through. Oats and wheat grow very Common garden peas grow 15 feet high. Rutabagas are large as 19 inches in diameter. Two-year-old four-year-old trees as many as 94 ap-Cherries and peaches, in fact ples. everything, do well here that will

grow in any other part of the state. This is also fast becoming one of the greatest dairving sections of the state. It is not a timber country. One can stand in my dooryard and see a sheep consists of salmonberry, vine maple, alder and a few sapling firs. Dead game and the streams are all full of fish. I have located many settlers in What represents the orig- this vicinity. I am always glad to Are show anyone land free of charge. they all of one make? What firms my place the latchstring is on the out-"Who all" enjoy these free crease the population of this locality happy homes. LORENZO E. DOLE,

Portland's Opportunities.

Portland, Or., March 28 .- To the Editor of The Journal-In the be well for the people to understand article in Friday's Journal express-some of the questions. If money is ing regret that the business men of Portland were unable to meet Secreonly a beginning. There are many changes to make. Vessels must D ECAUSE John Freeman and notable illustration of what prisons can do for good or evil.

D ECAUSE John Freeman and notable illustration of what prisons wishes to labor or go into business. In 1904 the per capita was \$21.41 commerce, stating, that if Oregon's commerce, stating, that if Oregon's commerce is to be promoted, if its trade is to be extended as it should be, if its resources are to be developed. there must be a more thorough study Secretary Redfield as an officer of

the government and a resident of New York, could hardly be expected to know what would be required in Port-Is President Wilson trying to give land to expand its commerce and its When peo- business men could not tell him; could and would, the secretary would immediately inform them, that it was ment to supply same. The secretary is perfectly right in

sular office in Seattle, a fish commissioner and a supervising inspector of our products seaward is via Seattle or Why? the steamboat service. cause the people of Seattle by their in-Editor of The Journal-Is Hood River domitable will, their human energy \$1.50 per ton. I simply have to make dry? I answer, yes and no. By state and their progressive activity have equivocal replies and endeavor to drop In his advocacy of the coming fenseless loggers or whoever else names are needed to complete the it is not. Go to the two depots and the strategical, commercial and geograph number of signatures required to express offices and look over the lists of ical center of the northwest all the booze shipped in. You'll see barrels commerce the pioneers of this state of whiskey unloaded at the feight de- developed in the past, because to use "Who drinks all this." According to the descendants of those pioneers were cowardice.

On account of this latter, the people of our orchards and trade of the north to be derived from

PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

OREGON SIDELIGHTS SMALL CHANGE

reading this, must despise him.

A news item reports the case of a

ridiculous professors.

But if Leo M. Frank had been a ne-gro, he probably would have been lynched. An institution of Sherwood henceforth is to be the noon whistle, which will warn town and countryside of the The spring pictures of the candidates

Lebanon Express: Herman Davis is are also appearing numerously all over One man has resisted the appeals of his legions of friends and admirers to seek the nomination for governor.

British Secretary Seeley admits he nade a mistake. How Roosevelt, on The first "smudge special" in railread history made a record run in 20 % hours from Richmond, Cal., to Medford, arriving there last Friday with seven cars of distillate on a spe-

of Portland are out. Apparently no-body knows nothing about nothing, After letting contracts for more these lawyer and judge befogged times. recent town that has been turned into a farm. That is what should be done with about three-fourths of most Now arises a professor to anno nce traordinary reason, that bad teeth are the cause of most

of the evils in the world. Bad teeth are bad things, undoubtedly; so are Instances of crop precocity in Jackson county are noted in the Rogue River Argus, as follows: "W. H. Sis-"How long?" editorially shrieks the Oregonian. Well, this glorious state has survived the journalistic virago for more than half a century and will endure in spite of it for a long time of the soon be heading out, while the long of them and decides to the when they want to cross the street and when to mill around on a corner like a drove of cattle. You can't raise an all-round, resourceful, his alfalfa is up to his knees.

MAKING A HEALTH RESORT OF PANAMA

John B. Huber in Review of Reviews. | ably-\$10,000 burned up in making one Gorgas and his associates have made man food for powder. Gorgas, in the this region (the canal zone) as infection-free as any in these United States. and much more salubrious than a great many. Panama now rivals Palm total canal building expenditures. Beach as a health resort. Yellow Jack If this opportunity is thrown away almost any day and see town loafers zone since 1906. During 1907 Gorgas have to be reminded that this epic would be a stupendous blunder. The and bootleggers leaning against walls did not have a single case of bubonic work could never have been accomliquor for others who can not get it, other grave diseases. His death rate suffering and martyrdom, led up to share of the Alaska trade they will de- liquor for others who can not get it, other grave diseases. His death is and applied the discoveries and re- ones and they are equally useless, serve what they will get if they don't because one prescription is enough on was more than 30 per cent lower in and applied the discoveries and re- There is absolutely no excuse for a the books of the druggist to get all 1907 than in 1906. In the region over you want, provided you hand it to which he has had jurisdiction (the lossal enterprise. someone that will not squeal on them. canal zone and the cities of Panama a saloon here the city would get some his keeping the health of many thou- earth hitherto closed to the white man revenue out of it to help pay our ex- sands of men from widely different can be made as habitable as any porparts of the earth, engaged in digging through the swamp land of the erstthat are honest enough to look this while deadliest region in existence. In civilization. Nor can civilized man thing up before Miss Fern Hobbs is March, 1807, he had \$6,000 employes called on?

JACK WILLIAMS under observation, with 122 deaths; in fatalism, resignation, or indifference to March of \$308 he supervised 43,300 men, with only 45 deaths The mor-Heceta, Or., March 25.—To the Editor of The Journal—I understand there are some 800 applications for the control of New York, which is among the of healing and of soldiery which he so lowest, rural or urban, in civilization,

> The French, with an average force manity is the modest distinction worof 18,000 men, lost during their con- thy of him and of his monumental struction period 22,000; the Americans, work. ing about the same length of time,

Turkey was conducted more reason- to this preeminence.

canal zone, has been saving human life but never give backet ual. Sanitation in the isthmus under Gorgas has cost just 5 per cent of the he destroys. Why these profit absorb-When, then, the Panama canal is are like the harmages that cling to open to the world's vessels let no one the bottom of the ship. They do nothplished had not devoted and zealous then I suppose existed. A man doesn't men, from Finlay to Gorgas, so magnificently, and with so much altruism, sources of medical science to the co- loafer. What good is he to society?

The unique value of the work of Colonel Gorgas lies in his practical demonstration 'that regions of the tion of our own country. Any section of the earth can now be made open to Nor can civilized man the ravages of epidemic disease. This, then, has been the career of

nobly represents that no reward in the farm as it is in the city. the form of great wealth has ever been hotel been equipped with an automatic thousand more. The government sur- among 32,314 employes; during 1912-13 his, nor would it have ever been conof work well done for the good of hu-

There should, finally, be a depart-In modern warfare, by the way, it lions of people would be vastly benests about \$15,000 to kill a man. In the most vital relations of the Boer row this item came as high life by the appointment with the product is told he has a fair market. As a matter of fact he goes to a separator to be parted from his Fifty per cent of the land in the Boer row this item came as high life, by the appointment, with his acas \$40,000. The Balkan mixup with ceptance, of Brigadier General Gorgas so that he will keep on in the produc-

REAPING THE RAILROAD WHIRLWIND

By John M. Oskison I desire to draw your attention to a pect to reap the whirlwind. It is a matter of railroad financing.

Very desperately, the railroad managers are trying to obtain an increase factorily explained to the Oregon Civic bushels to the acre. Timothy and of rates from the interstate commerce commission. Probably they are fully entitled to the increase; certainly they have shown that until they get it they are going to have a hard time getting money to meet their needs.

In the very midst of the railroads' that the poor old Rock Island system gressional committee investigation of credit. Said George Gould recently: its financial history looms ahead. The whirlwind is about to be reaped.

of the wind took place in the financial roads. history of Rock Island. As an Iowa for 10 miles. The brush on this land congressman put the case in a speech logged starveling. Before they ceased railroad securities.

are stating and commenting on what good roads bureau. Portland's intentions are in this direction and I am receiving more letters asking what the opportunities are for men in mercantile and commercial the people? pursuits than I have the capacity to answer. Can it be realized that it requires a strategist and a diplomat to answer truthfully most of the queries? As an example, I will quote from a letter of two brothers from Bochester, New York, wishing to come to Portland to engage in the mercantile brokerage business, stating they have excellent connections throughout several states with heavy consumers of everything the state of Oregon produceshides, hops, wool, barley for brewing purposes and white oats, our choicest products.

What answer is to be made to these method we now have of transporting Be- San Francisco? We have no direct means, and the extra transfer costs the correspondence. RICHARD CHILCOTT.

Questions Concerning Paving.

Portland, March 30 .- To the Editor pot consigned to local druggists. Now the expression of the honorable secre- of The Journal-I would like to know as American. We have been charged the question, to an outsider, would be, tary of commerce in San Francisco, whether the newspapers of this city with materialism and lack of reverence are going to allow the county com- because we have been unable to accept educated in the doctrine of commercial missioners to give to the Warren Bros. any dogmas, or even any principles The ratio of registered women is The same brand would cost just a ties in the past. This is the psycho- to the county for 88 cents a square could not change our psychology. of Portland have lost many opportuni- murmur. The Warrens have offered The charges have worried us, but we dollar in a saloon. Now if this stuff logical moment when her lost prestige yard practically the same thing they can in part be recovered. The oppor- offered to lay in the city complete for can so deeply desires in his heart of

irrigating the property \$121,000,000 of blandly: 'It's hard Juck, but I think water" had been poured over it; fixed the market will be better next year." perfect illustration of the old adage charges rose from 40 per cent to 90 And the producer, poor fool, hopes if Three Buttes and on the headwaters that if you sow the wind you may ex- per cent, and the inevitable "protective will and never feels the skinning knife. committees" (one organized in the interests of the bondholders, and another trade and transportation. That is why on behalf of the stockholders) are ad- a line of boats to Alaska will help

vertising their plans as I write. The Rock Island sowing of the financial wind was a peculiarly bold opera- standard of dress has a pretty narrow tion-you will probably learn from the foot rule to measure with. It's what current news within the next few months just what was done. Learning that story, you will be able better to understand the hesitation displayed earth's natural resources together. We apple trees bore 14 large apples and fight for higher rates comes the news by the interstate commerce commission start with so much and we don't put in permitting the railroads to raise any more into the world; we merely

That is a true statement; and he might have added that American inin the house, a group of freshly made vestors are also getting shy. Over and they become small potatoes and millionaires fell upon the Rock Island here, too, we should really like to get cedar occurs, and is good for building in 1902 and proceeded to change it some authoritative assurance that anpurposes. There is plenty of will from a fine money earning property other Rock Island episode is not awaitcapitalized at \$60,000,000 into a water- ing us when we put our dollars into

> commerce that will flow between the they furnished was the asphalt. The Atlantic and Pacific coasts with the county paid for every other bit of labor written today. If I feel the need of readopening of the Panama canal, as well and material. The asphalt in that two ing I pick up some of the old fellows as in other directions which are but inch wearing surface would cost about who had a message. They had someof secondary importance at this time. 13 cents, at the outside; that is high thing to say and they said it. There Action only will accomplish results. Per square yard. The department of is some meat in their books. Today By reason of my activities in this di- agriculture is laying a two inch bitum- our writers interpret rection. Portland has become a point inous concrete macadam wearing sur- else thinks or thinks of interest to the whole shipping com- face for 48 cents per square yard, you can read and read and you never munity of the United States, from San complete. Why should not the peo- get arywhere, and when you have read munity of the United States, the newspapers rience and experiments of the national "We need to get out on the land, do the Atlantic coast, the newspapers rience and experiments of the national

And in conclusion I would like to that will add to the world's welfare ask whether a man who is acting with. and happiness." out salary can be held r ponsible the people? TOM SWEENEY.

The American Passion. From the Seattle Sun.

In an interview published in the Bergsos, the French philosopher, took Which is a sign that pretty soon occasion to express his belief that a It will be April, May and June. great future is in store for American philosophy. "He holds," says the interview, "that

the American mind has a peculiar trait which enables it to make the greatest contribution to the solution of philosophical problems—the American mind, namely, approaches facts without any let facts tell their own story. It has So I am sure that pretty soon no bias, but keenly observes what is I'm going to hear the robin's tune robing on it is therefore, less subject And see them flying found this way ready made theory. It is willing to to the danger of being misled by mere words, which are so often the only content of rationalistic philosophies, and is more likely to get at the truth which can be revealed only by observation and experience." The trait which Professor Bergson

speaks of has long been recognized, though sometimes under other names company, a Boston corporation, \$250,- that we had not ourselves proved by 000 of the people's money without a our own observation and experience.

50 cents last year. Are the county hearts as to be clear sighted, open commissioners working for the paving minded, and unhampered by cut and chafing at the delay of a policy duced in force or be abandoned al- for all of them to vote at all elec- a prescription unless he will perjure road in Alaska. The great volume of

There is nothing the average Ameri-

IN EARLIER DAYS

By Fred Lockley.

"Along about 1908 I went clear back to New York city and Washington, D. C., for the first time," said Bill time of day, from the new creamery. Hanley of eastern Gregon. "Say, when I looked at the swarms of people hurhaving much trouble with one of his rying by like ants, when I looked at their buildings that were run up so tall and so narrow it looked as if they were afraid the land was going to run out on them, why, say, honestly it looked like a joke til me. I was kind of ashamed of them.

"The people themselves when you Though garden truck may really be more important, don't overlook roses and other flowers. They're mighty Though garden truck may really be more important, don't overlook roses and other flowers. They're mighty valuable, too.

The finance committee for the East ern Oregon state normal school cambain and paign has already passed the \$2000 mark, and the prospects are bright, the one would better not be credulous as to all the reported new cures.

The finance committee for the East ern Oregon state normal school cambains already passed the \$2000 mark, and the prospects are bright, the Weston Leader says, that there will be ample funds with which to conduct the campaign in accordance with the plans of the executive committee. place and as if all gralls were headed that way. Say, the way the poor live than a mile of paving, last Thursday night, the city council of Eugene decreed that all water pipes, gas pipes, them rich and the way the rich them rich and the way the rich them rich and the way the rich are way the rich and the way the rich are w wire conduits or sewers must here-after be placed before pavement is laid. After the hard surface is once down it must not be cut, at least not for a period of years or for some exthem, rich and poor, have lost their

"How can you expect to rear free, independent, liberty Hoving Americans where they are herded like sheep and where a policeman with a club does their thinking for them and decides useful man on a daty, smelly pavement. He has to learn something from nature. Brick walls and steam heat are not aids to intellect. They live, but they don't have to know much merey to live. They are getting their existence out of it and putting nothing back. They are sponges that suck up

"The measure of a good citizen is how much more does he produce than ers put nothing intel existence. They ing to add to its pregress,

have to be poor to bein loafer, for there are as many rich loseers there as poor ones and they are equally useless. "Up to now here in the west we have just been preparing headquarters for our real work. Pretty near thing in our state is idle. We have idle forests, idle rivers, idle prairies and idle people. We want to get the loafers to work. Idee people are beg-ging for something to do and our idle

and used "We need to modernize the country as the city has been modernized. We can take away the grudgery of farm

resources are begging to be developed

"We need to modernize our machinery of flistribution. we want to make our marketing machinery operate with less friction and being producer and consumer into closer touch. Too much profit is absorbed by the middle man. It isn't fair to match the wits of the ment of public health in Washington, who markets his goods once a year. ing business. The producer cannot sell his goods without going through a carefully built marketing machine, where the middleman has his sack under the spout. He takes the profit on the transaction and sells the producer

"The water is the clearing house of solve the problem. "The man who judges people by the

we are and what we do that counts in

the long run "Life is made up of putting the has at last hit the rocks, and a con- their rates in order to better their change its form. We talk about what "We cannot sell securities on a large all here to start with. What we want scale abroad until investors over there is to change our system to help people It was back in 1902 that the sowing feel certain of the future of our rail- scatter out on the ide land. The danger of society is bunching up. Bunch them up, and people degenerate. Grow too many potatoes in too small a space few in a hill. People today in the cities pay folks to so their thinking for them. They read what somebody says and they all follow along in the same rut without stopping to think

and investigate and form their own conclusions. "No I don't read many of the what someone he thinks, and our own thinking and do something

The Ragtime Muse

We did not have to have a light New York Times a few days ago. Henri When we sat down to tea last night Bergsos, the French philosopher, took Which is a sign that pretty soon

Another thing I noticed too This morning when the breezes blew Into my room they smelled so nice They seemed to be chack full of spice. And all the pavements on our street Where once was only snow and Are squdgy where the bricks are

That spit at you and soil your shoes. nearly saw one yesterday. (Copyright, 1914 by T. A. Daly.)

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