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When You Go Away Have The Journal sent to your summer address.

They that are loudest in their threats are the weakest in the execution of them. It is probable that the man who is killed by lightning hears no noise; but the thunder-clap which follows, and which most men would not hear, is the sure proof of their safety.

SMITH AND WITHCOMBE

AFTER his service in the 1913 legislature, Representative Weeks of Marion roundly approved Dr. C. J. Smith's declaration in a Salem address, for the single item veto.

The single item veto is the plan for giving the governor the right to veto one item or several items of an appropriation bill without invalidating the whole bill.

In the hands of a trustworthy executive of fair and impartial mind, it might work well. But it would give room for an executive of opposite tendency to work political results that would prove disastrous.

Now that looks splendid, but it looks to me like it would give the governor power to do anything he likes, that any tendency for spite would be greatly aided. It would afford a splendid chance for a man who had a little spite to make it a sharp two-edged sword which he could run the legislature.

Dr. Smith takes an exactly opposite view. In his address at Salem Wednesday evening, he urged the need of a measure giving the governor authority to veto single items in appropriation bills, as a check upon the log rolling that prevails in every legislature to the consequent burden of the taxpayers.

Dr. Withcombe shows great faith in the legislature. It is a greater faith in that body than is generally entertained.

COMPETING CITIES—BUT

ASTORIA, after completion of the Cello canal, will undoubtedly operate a boat line to Pasco and intermediate points.

It is her way to get common point rates. It is her way to get better than common point rates. That day, tons and tons of wheat and flour will pass the mouth of the Willamette without coming to Portland.

Even without ocean shipping Vancouver, through an Astoria boat line, may become independent of Portland. With established milling industries, she could make Astoria her embarkadero and become the distributing point for an immense and very rich region.

In fact, if Vancouver saves the remnant of her waterfront and secures dredging for a fit channel, it is easily within her reach to become one of the great points in the Columbia river district.

Few cities have so excellent a prospect. Few cities have so great a natural opportunity to rise to power and prominence.

All these are things fundamental. They are going to happen. The work at Cello and the Cascades will be duplicated farther up the river, except that there will be simultaneous development of hydro-electric energy for lighting and power; water made available for irrigation and improvement of the river for navigation, all in the same project and under the same appropriation.

Fate will decree it. It will happen because it is eternal fitness. An Astoria boat line will navigate the river, towing barges and carrying the products of the great inland grain fields and ranges.

The contending cities and competing commerce will be new rivalry for Portland, but

FASHIONABLE MALES

IT IS ordered that fashionable male persons shall wear the English or form-fitting models this Fall and Winter.

A news dispatch says, overcoats will have a French back and be double breasted. The Bala-macann, so popular last season, is approved, and with slight modifications will be worn again this Fall.

Not to make the picture complete why not adopt a dunce cap as the skylark? And why not convert the trousers into bloomers, and have tassels on the tops of the shoes?

And why not suspend little tinkling bells to the coat tails and cover the vest front with pink and lavender rosettes?

Since the self constituted directors of male attire are making clowns of our fashionable male persons, why not carry to its logical conclusion this Fall's program and make the new model a finished study in idiocy?

STOP, LOOK AND LISTEN

IN CONNECTION with the "Safety First" movement the Southern Pacific has instructed its locomotive engineers to take the license number of automobiles that are driven over grade crossings dangerously near the engine.

The regulation also acts as a check on the locomotive engineer as it gives the automobilist a chance to call the railway official's attention to a failure of an engineer to blow his whistle or ring his bell at a crossing.

At Grants Pass and Medford the railroad track divides the cities approximately in half and for two days a careful check of the travel across the track was kept. The results were interesting.

On the second day 2773 persons crossed and only 133 looked or listened for an approaching train. During the two days 1239 automobiles crossed and only one driver stopped to look.

The Southern Pacific estimates that in Portland the public roads cross the track in 119 places. Over these some 30,000 trains pass annually.

OUR DECREASED EXPORTS

EFFORT is being made to discredit the new tariff law because of a decrease in exports. Figures do not justify adverse criticism for while exports decreased \$143,703,840 during the first eight months of the new tariff system, foreign manufacturers shipped in just 8.8 per cent more of their finished products than they did under high tariff duties.

The figures are evidence that American manufacturers have no ground for fear that they will be driven from business by the tariff. The large decrease in exports is no evidence that American industry is handicapped by the new enactment.

Secretary Redfield points out that of the total decrease in exports more than \$128,000,000 was in foodstuffs and manufacturers for further use in manufacturing. Exports of foodstuffs decreased \$97,572,568, a fact, says Mr. Redfield, sufficiently explained by our not having the foodstuffs to sell.

There has been a falling off in our export trade, and the reason is quite apparent. Severe depression has attacked industries abroad.

much complaint. Italy and Spain are suffering acutely from depression.

Europe is undergoing a period of hard times. That accounts for decreased exports. More than foodstuffs. We are buying in slightly increased volume because we have the money and also because Europe, in order to keep her wheels turning, has been cutting prices and forcing sales.

IN THE DAY'S NEWS

A T ST. LOUIS, Roger Shepard, his wife and children, four, six, eight and nine years old, were evicted from their home for non-payment of \$6.50 rent.

All were hungry and half clothed. They had not even eaten supper and had none to eat. The furniture was removed to the sidewalk from the two room home by the constable. The children clung to the mother's skirts and watched the performance in fright.

It was almost sunset as the last piece of furniture was piled in the street and the family sat on the walk and wondered where they were to spend the night.

A dealer in second hand goods came along. He had seen evictions before and knew this one meant a bargain. He offered a dollar for the furniture—all the earthly belongings of the family—and the husband accepted and took the money.

Handing sixty cents to the woman, he told her good bye, saying "Guess we might as well lead the single life after this."

THE CASE OF A GIRL

HAZEL POLLOCK, an educated and attractive Chicago girl, stole hundreds of dollars worth of jewelry. She was a feminine Raffles; her thefts were proved and confessed. But a grand jury refused to indict her.

Physicians attached to the newly established psychopathic laboratory in connection with the municipal court found that the girl was suffering from nervous overstrain, due, in large part, to a hard struggle for an education.

It is demonstration of the intelligent effort now being made to get behind the criminal and discover the cause of the crime. It is illustration of the changed attitude of society toward many convicted of crime.

IN THE BOND

THE Portland franchise of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company provides that a two-wire five-party service be supplied patrons at \$1.50 per month.

Such a service was formerly given, but on account of its complicated character, according to the company, it was abandoned several years ago.

The present steps by the city commission to restore a service of some kind for which the patrons may pay but \$1.50, ought to succeed. It is a part of the contract by which the telephone company secured the right to use of the streets, and the terms should be faithfully kept by the maintenance of the cheaper service.

It is a status in which the company would seem to have little choice. There is a demand among people of humble means for the \$1.50 service. The company agreed to give it.

All agreements, including those entered into by telephone companies, ought to be kept.

THE WRONG MAN

PRESIDENT WILSON the other day signed an order which opened the doors of Leavenworth prison to Samuel Coltrane.

avowed enemies of society that their individual welfare is of little importance. Such people base their assertions upon the supposed infallibility of courts.

Who can give him back his eleven years of loss? "What can a just God think of such performances?"

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 100 words, and must be accompanied by the name and address of the sender. If the name and address are not given, we cannot be held responsible for their return.)

"Discussion is the greatest of all reforms. It rationalizes everything it touches. It throws them back on their consciences. If they have no consciences, it rationalizes them. It makes them use their own conclusions in their stead."—Woodrow Wilson.

Personal Liberty. Portland, July 8.—To the Editor of The Journal—The prohibitionist who seeks to deprive the other fellow of his personal right of choice as to what he shall eat or drink, and takes care to reserve for himself the power to manufacture and use intoxicants for "medicinal, mechanical or sacramental purposes," is not a patriot in Oregon.

He has been unable to find the name of one "B. R. Carter" in the telephone directories, who takes the liberty to attack me in your columns. I am a resident of Astoria, and I am a member of the prohibitionist party.

When With a Lady or Ladies. Portland, July 11.—To the Editor of The Journal—I quite disagree with the answer to "A Common Question" in the Journal, namely: "Does a man walk on the outside or between his companions when escorting two ladies?"

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A FEW SMILES

The teacher had given the class a lesson on household pests. "What, now, is the greatest foe that housewife has?" she asked.

The travelers had just returned from a summer outing. "You had a day at Niagara, I understand."

A well known evangelist one day called on Abraham Lincoln. After a hard day the president was lying stretched out on a cot.

if plowed up, will depreciate in value 50 per cent. She claims \$55,000,000 of eastern and foreign money spent in our state. I do not know the general history of the money.

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PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE If a minister's trousers bag at the knees no apology is necessary.

The average man dislikes a chronic kicker—unless she's in the chorus. An ounce of get-up-and-get is better than a pound of "that tired feeling."

Our idea of a mean man is one who spends two-thirds of his time in getting into a fight and the other third in keeping it.

From the Omaha World-Herald. The World-Herald is very glad to acknowledge receipt of a letter from the American Fair Trade league, an organization of successful and well known business men.

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OREGON SIDELIGHTS

The Bend Bulletin quotes the Culver Tribune as saying the petition to divide Crook county "is being signed by practically everybody where it is being circulated."

It required a \$15 fee for the permit to divide Crook county. The permit was taken out last Monday by the Bend Tribune and was signed by an expenditure of \$110,000, which is the amount of the bonds.

Marshfield's Fourth of July crowd gave the rest room a test that resulted in the closing of the new Eugene-Buena Vista high school building.

Speaking about conditions, the Hood River News suggests: "It might be well to take along those 25 measures that will appear on the ballot November 3."

There is war on gobbers in the county. The pest is reported in clover fields covering a large acreage.

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IN EARLIER DAYS

In talking to the pioneers you will find that a large majority of them came from Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia or North Carolina; that is, if their parents were not born west by themselves.

In talking with Charles Bolds, one of the veterans of the Cayuse Indian war, he said: "Next year I will have been in Oregon 70 years. I was going on my twenty-fourth year when I crossed the plains in 1845."

After Potter left I hired out to Bill Ingalls, a man from Oregon City. He and I went to California. He wanted me to stay with him and go through to California, but I told him that I had wanted for Oregon, so that was where I was going.

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