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He only is rich who owns the day; and no one owns the day who allows it to be invaded with worry and fret and anxiety.—Emerson.

IN PASSING

It is worth while to note in passing that Mr. Roosevelt's late article assailing President Wilson's policy of peace in Mexico was a commercial transaction.

The utterance was not given out on that high plane of disinterested discussion with which an ex-president would be expected to review current events. Mr. Roosevelt wrote it as a means of attracting coin of the realm for his private treasury.

In any event, the production went on the literary market through a news syndicate, and in the process of sale was offered The Journal along with the average marketable matter that finds its way through the mails to newspapers.

His pen was always directed to tearing down reputations and demolishing or blackening institutions. He held all men and "their dirty institutions" as he called them in utter contempt. He wrote to sting and wound, and never to heal.

Though an American and a major in the Civil war, he began his literary career in London, where his poignant shafts of ridicule of men and institutions earned him the sobriquet of "Bitter Bierce."

Now that it has been marketed and the price paid, the thought naturally turns on the question of whether Mr. Roosevelt or whether President Wilson, in his respective ideals of our duty and mission as a nation, is to be congratulated and commended.

As to The Journal, its congratulations to President Wilson and peace, and honor and justice and liberty for the Mexicans in their struggle against usurpers and exploiters and other alien parasites.

HER FATAL DOSE THE sixteen-year-old girl who committed suicide as a result of her trouble at the Multnomah club lies under a new mound in a Portland cemetery.

It may not have escaped public attention that the fatal dose she swallowed was carbolic acid. It may be worth while here to remind the public that there is no law in Oregon to restrict or regulate the sale of that deadly drug.

ket for 80,000,000 bushels of wheat, and Holland wants 30,000,000 bushels. Our wheat exports have averaged 1,000,000 bushels a day since July 1 and will establish a new record.

A \$12,000,000 order for provisions and war materials has been filled by one New York agency alone. Sweden has placed \$5,000,000 two-year six per cent treasury notes in this country, the money to be spent here.

Arms and ammunition manufacturers are rushing work on new additions to their plants. Some of the industrial companies have declared extra dividends. Even the copper industry is looking up.

These are a few prosperity facts. THE EDISON FIRE THERE will be world regret at the destruction of the Edison plant by fire, and world admiration of the pluck with which the great inventor, at 67 begins aggressively the work of rebuilding.

THE EDISON FIRE (Continued) The career of Edison is in a place by itself. There has been nothing like it. There have been few careers that contributed so much to the comfort and happiness of mankind.

It began with Edison as a train boy on the Port Huron branch of the Grand Trunk Railway at 12. At 15, while still a train boy, he bought a small printing press and began publication of the Grand Trunk Herald with a circulation of 300 among employes of the road.

He resented the son of a station agent, and was taught telegraphy by the grateful father. He became a telegraph operator at Mount Clemens, but, though remarkably proficient, he lost several positions because of his fondness for books and time lost in giving play to his inventive genius.

His career of invention began at 17, when he evolved an automatic telegraph repeater. Shortly afterward in Boston, he invented a commercial stock indicator which he sold to New York capitalists for \$40,000.

The money enabled him to establish a plant for the play of his inventive genius. The world soon began to read of the triumphs of the young inventor. It has since recognized him as the inventive wizard of the age.

The French government made him a chevalier, and a commander of the Legion of Honor, and King Humbert bestowed on him the insignia of a grand officer of the Crown of Italy. He has received the Albert medal of the Society of Arts of Great Britain.

industries which can make economical and rational use of it, the rights of the public being adequately guarded the while, and monopoly in the use prevented.

The duty of congress is clear. Both measures have been hedged about with proper safeguards. The waterpower bill provides for fifty year leases, with an option of purchase by the government after quinquennial periods.

The president was telling of what a great and good man Washington was. She concluded by asking that if some boys that would like to be a second George Washington to hold up their hand, they be kept up their hands.

Letters from the People (Continued) "Discussion is the greatest of all reforms. It rationalizes the masses, it teaches the principles of all false sagacity and it has no reasonableness, it rubbles; crushes them out of existence and sets up its own gods in their stead."—Woodrow Wilson.

In Praise of Roosevelt. Portland, Or., Dec. 10.—To the Editor of The Journal—A correspondent in last evening's Journal takes a fling at Colonel Roosevelt, and designates him that "upstart," because Roosevelt denounces the cruelty and shameless times visited upon unoffending and helpless men and women of a religion other than creeds that many of us believe.

Repeating to "Landless Man." Lewiston, Idaho, Dec. 8.—To the Editor of The Journal—In your issue of December 4 appears a letter, dated Dec. 7, signed by a man who calls himself "Landless Man," in which occurs this passage:

"I would like to find out if there is anyone with land to spare who would be willing to put an honest man on some of it and give him a chance to make good. There are plenty of people who would like the chance to get on the land by paying a small deposit, and the rest of the money to make a living and pay for the land at the same time. We would like to hear from such people."

Criticises Portland Way. Corvallis, Or., Dec. 9.—To the Editor of The Journal—I wish to take issue with the manner of the city commissioners' handling of the unemployment problem in this city.

USE AND CONSERVATION BOTH use and conservation of the nation's natural resources are advocated by President Wilson. In his message he urged the passage of two measures designed to unlock the resources of the national domain and to encourage the use of navigable waters for power purposes.

FINANCING CHARITY WHETHER charity work should be carried on by public or private agencies has been made an issue by the Cleveland Foundation.

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A FEW SMILES "Now, come on, Rastus; tell us how many chickens you stole, what an easy time you had getting them, how good they tasted, and all that."

SMALL CHANGE Once in office, always an office seeker. The strongest man is weak if he lacks confidence in himself.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS The trustees of the public school at St. Paul have decided to remodel the building and move it to the rear of the new school building.

MR. ROOSEVELT ON MEXICO From the New York Times, December 6. (Ex-President Roosevelt's contribution to the magazine section today is a long and interesting article on the writer's feeling and the insufficiency of his argument.)

PROPHETS ON FINANCIAL FUTURE Said a Modern Jeremiah, whose sermons are given wide publicity, a few weeks ago: "Apparently our financial 'house of cards' is crumbling, and about to fall."

THE RAGTIME MUSE Winter cheerfully considered. HURDLES. And heavy hearts, old and young. The worst is come, so why be sad? The whole year's worst is not half bad.

NO TOY FAMINE The war has brought to mind the fact that America has a toy town of her own, where Santa Claus can outfit himself for his joyous tour on Christmas eve.

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NEXT SUNDAY These are some of the good things that will appear in The Sunday Journal M. gazette.

IN EARLIER DAYS Colonel John Adair came to Astoria when there were only three houses there. He is now Astoria's longest-lived resident. I spent some hours with Colonel Adair recently, and he told me of the early days of Astoria.

WOODBURN INDEPENDENT: It is going the rounds of the state press that the Woodburn water works system, installed and operated by this city, is self-supporting.

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MR. ROOSEVELT ON MEXICO (Continued) There is no moral or political issue against the administration in the Mexican mess. Much as Mr. Roosevelt may deplore the fact, there is in the hearts of the American people a profound feeling of gratitude to the president for his course.

PROPHETS ON FINANCIAL FUTURE (Continued) The United States is about the only important nation in the world today that is making money. You people are rapidly accumulating a big sum for investment.

THE RAGTIME MUSE (Continued) Take your choice! These two are forty-two different prophecies forecasting our financial future. You ask me, I should say that I'd far rather listen to a financial expert's opinion on financial subjects than to the result of any business or teacher who still believes in bimetalism.

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