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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.

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.

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.

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.

In California no carbolic acid can be sold in a stronger solution than ten per cent, and even that must be in a mixture of glycerine and alcohol, both of which have antidotal effects.

Of course, no law can eliminate suicides. Many times, if one means he is not available, another will be sought and found.

But if only one life can be saved by passing a carbolic-acid law, if just one family can be spared pain and bereavement, would it not be well worth while to place a regulative act on the statute books?

PROSPERITY FACTS

EDWARD E. PRATT, chief of the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce, says that one year of war in Europe will add \$500,000,000 to this country's foreign trade.

J. Massel, special commercial agent now en route to South America, visited "virtually every large manufacturing plant in the United States and estimated that the machine tool manufacturing companies alone have \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000 in new orders from European countries now on their books.

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.

BITTER BIERCE

GREAT many readers in the United States will note the passing of Ambrose Bierce. They would note it with a deeper regret, had Bierce had a different outlook on life.

It was his boast that he never let his heart get into his head. Thus handicapped, he wrote and wrote a most brilliant and perfect English which is all weighed down and doomed to oblivion because of the writer's malignity and pessimism.

Had there been heart in his head, had his thoughts been pointed and mellowed like the thoughts of Burdette or Riley or Twain or other men of hope and gladness, his name would not now pass into early obscurity.

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."

A SUSPENDED ELECTION

PENNSYLVANIA is furnishing illustration of how an election by the people may be nullified by the courts.

Dr. Bacon was declared elected and Dr. Moore contested the election. At the end of six months Dr. Moore obtained a recount, and in another month the examiner reported that Dr. Moore had been elected.

Now, thirteen months after the election, Dr. Moore is still barred from office and his opponent, whom the examiner and the lower court declared was defeated by the people, has acted for nearly a year and is still acting as councilman.

Philadelphia people are wondering whether the supreme court will proceed with the same leisure that has characterized the proceedings thus far.

USE AND CONSERVATION

BOTH use and conservation of the nation's natural resources are advocated by President Wilson.

These important bills have already passed the house of representatives and are ready for immediate action by the senate.

The Cleveland Foundation argues that poverty will never be properly dealt with until the taxpayers as a whole are made to feel the burden of necessary relief.

A charge of paternalism will undoubtedly be brought against the Cleveland trustees. But they have raised an interesting question.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Communication sent to The Journal for publication in regard to how ten on one side of the paper, should not be recognized in length and must be accompanied by the name of the sender.

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 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.

More than three hundred patents attest the fruitfulness of his genius in addition to the large number of minor devices on which he has sought no patent.

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 adequate years' notice.

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 put up their hands.

REPLYING 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, and signed "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."

The man is dull indeed who would deny that it is the duty of the first and most enduring position in American life—a name that stands by the almost unanimous consent of the civilized world for the greatest American living.

There is no double dealing about him; every one with eyes to see and ears to hear can see and hear and what he stands for. And they know that he stands uprightly.

REMARKS ON CHARITY

Portland, Dec. 10.—To the Editor of The Journal—There are mighty good people here in the states, and in regard to charity they are good, free givers, and many a home is made happy by their kind acts.

The quantity of the various crops that may be given to the people is no longer an experiment, for all of them have been grown successfully for many years.

It is necessary for a tenant to have a team and not less than \$250 with which to buy his tools and seed and himself to be a good farmer.

On the same day that this modern Jeremiah's sermon was printed Sir George Falsh, the English economist and financier, was then in the United States, said:

states; nor do I wish some one to donate me a thousand dollars, but I do wish some one would give me employment of some kind. I am not destitute through liquor; it is by failure and sickness in my family.

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."

It was Washington's birthday, and the teacher had been telling of what a great and good man Washington was.

SMALL CHANGE

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

Beauty is only skin deep, but sometimes the display rack doesn't show it to good advantage.

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.

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. Hurrah! Times are doubt and fear and heavy hearts are old and a here. The worst is come, so why be sad?

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IN EARLIER DAYS

Colonel John Adair came to Astoria when there were only three houses there. He is now Astoria's longest-lived resident.

Manager Gano of the Eugene Coffee club says that as soon as the rain stops a number of the men at present in Eugene are engaged in the work of digging potatoes.

Hood River News: Hood River church women are nothing if not enterprising and energetic.

Carnation is the name by which that part of the community of Forest Grove, formerly designated by the name of the community of Tillamook.

COLONEL HARVEY ANALYZES THE ELECTION

By special arrangement The Sunday Journal is able to offer its readers an analytical study of the November elections by Colonel George Harvey, editor of the North American Review.

KREISLER WOUNDED

Kreisler, the world-famous violinist, offered his services to the country when the war began. He was sent to the front, where he soon was wounded.

WAR STOPS LITERATURE

William D. Howells, dean of American literary men, discusses in his usual charming fashion the relation between war and literature.

RADIUM AS A STIMULANT

The lay mind has little knowledge of the practical uses to which radium is put.

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