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A man who gives his children habits of industry provides for them better than by giving them a fortune .- Archbishop Whately.

## SENATORIAL I. W. W.'ISM

O MINORITY has a right to rule. By lung work, a minority is now attempting to rule the majority in the senate. It is a desperado endeavor to defeat the ship purchase bill, the passage of which has been programmed by the majority, a mathe people to enact leigslation.

The ship purchase measure is an effort by the administration to give the United States a partially rehabilitated merchant marine, and to afford American farmers, lumbermen and other manufacturers, shipping and reasonable freight rates in a great world crisis when a large portion of the ocean commerce is paralyzed by war and when the rest of it is almost para- The calendar shows only three lyzed by extortionate freight rates. phases instead of the usual four. The ships in the foreign trade Not since 1902 has February had of the world are a great trust. The only three phases of the moon. Washington government is in pos- In that year there was no last harmed through mistake, a fact session of facts indicating that quarter. Not since 1846 has Feb- that would involve us in grave inthere are at least 80 steamship ruary failed to have a full moon. ternational complications. It is agreements and conference arrangements covering the foreign trade have no full moon it will yet be that might be followed by melanroutes of the globe. All these an interesting month. There is cholly consequences to the Ameriagreements show one unmistakable St. Valentine's Day and the anni- can people. purpose-the control of competi- versaries of the birth of Lincoln tion between the lines in the agree- and Washington. ment and to prevent competition from lines outside the agreement. portion of the cargo.

It is the same situation that once obtained among America., railthings that a generation of Ameri-

ships, which are therefore paying ter laws, the cost of operation. The figures are reassuring. If with a world war driving merchant ships from the seas, the Panama

canal is paying running expenses, much more can be expected of it when Europe quits fighting. It is possible that the canal has greater potential value to the nation than

the most sanguine ever hoped for. THE BINGHAM BILL

C ENATOR BINGHAM ought to you realized as the average British 000 an hour, day and night, withdraw his compensation captain does, the deadly effective- Sundays and holidays. bill. It cannot pass the ness of a German submarine; and House. What, then, is the if you were convinced that German use of considering it in the Sen- submarines with their magical tor-

ate, especially when but ten days pedoes were in your immediate vicinity, what would you do? Do more of the session remain? The present system of compensa- you not think, as you reflect, that tion has been in use but six as you looked out over the decks months. More people directly in- of your vessel and saw the great terested in the system approve it array of human lives gathered now than approved it in the begin- there, you would be mightily inning. The only loud call for a clined to hoist some kind of a change comes from the casualty flag that the Germans were not

companies, and their desire for a hunting for? change is to get themselves in po-Verily, indeed, the British ship sition to make a profit out of the master ought not to have run up accidents to workmen. the American flag or any other The issue that Senator Bing- neutral flag, and the practice of ham's bill draws is this: Is legis- doing so, if it is to become a lation to be for the casualty com- practice, is certain to encounter jority regularly commissioned by panies or for the workers and em- protest from this nation. But, afployers? Are the casualty com- ter all, isn't it rather difficult to panies the state of Oregon or are censure the British captain, if the there other important interests act meant the difference beween safety and a sunken ship and that are part of the state of Oredrowning people?

FEBRUARY

gon?

NE of the most interesting

American flag? things about the present Have we not been solemnly asmonth of February is that there will be no full moon. icy has made this country the laughing stock of Europe?' Although the present month will

Once there was no February, not even in the Roman calendar. Un-The agreements and understandings der Romulus there were but ten affect the rates charged, apportion months in the year, but Numa the traffic by restricting the num- Pompilius decided there ought to

to second place. It was then breakfast, are still plentiful there. areas of land now tied up and permits found that the calendar was out of Wheat flour is the aristocrat in their exploitation on a leasing basis. Portland. joint and February was selected as the bread kingdom but those who This latter bill sets aside a group of roads, in the period before rate the goat on which to operate. An are fond of the more plebian corn archaic laws under which litigation regulation and when they entered intercalary month was inserted meal claim that they get more and illegal practices have thrived. If every second year between the real nourishment out of the latter. these bills are passed, the tleup of fixing rates, dividing up territory, twenty-third and twenty-fourth It must be ground, though, by a making rebates and doing the other day. Julius Caesar abolished this water mill if its full toothsomenuisance and gavo February 29 ness is brought out.

can life indicted by establishing days except every fourth year when If the folks down south are worit had 30 days. When Augustus rying about the price of cotton

than paying that cost. The traf- taken out of legislation we cer- a war loan of \$200,000,000, alfic is mainly from coastwise steam- tainly would have fewer but bet- though she is not at war. The private owners. Dutch have borrowed \$110,000,-000 and Canada \$100,000,000, with THE LUSITANIA INCIDENT a second loan of like amount an-

THE world marvels at the use nounced

Putting all the figures, official are now owned by the federal governof the American flag by the British steamer Lusitania as and unofficial, together, it is a ment ought to be owned by the states. a means of avoiding peril. practical certainty that war bills Those who support this theory confrom German submarines. actually paid during the past six sider that it is an injustice for the It was, of course, an improper

months averaged at least \$1,000,- federal government to continue indefiuse of the stars and stripes, and 000,000 a month. It is safe to nitely to town as much as a third of were captain of a great ocean liner say they are piling up at a rate the land and a third of the natural recrowded with passengers; and if of \$48,000,000 a day; or \$2,000,-

> This is the cost in dollars, to be paid by future generations. The of its territory owned and regulated by measureless human suffering and an absentee landlord who administers bloodshed cannot be estimated in its affairs from Washington, 2003 figures. It is only on the ma- miles away. If these public lands were approximately stated, and these are staggering.

President John C. Hibben of Princeton University is opposed to paid coaches in college sports. He says their elimination "would lib erate intercollegiate sport from the abnormal incubus of a superimposed system which tends to make puppets of the players, limiting spontaneity and free play of their natural initiative." At last the trouble with college sports has been discovered. Everybody knew something was wrong but the cause could never be stated before.

SECRETARY LANE'S Incidentally, why did not this captain run up the flag of some CONSERVATION PLANS other neutral nation? Why the

> From Collier's Weekly, OF COURSE there are a good many

sured that the "Wilson foreign poldon't like the idea of conservation. Their financial or personal interests in funds from our tailors and merchants The serious phase of the epi one way or another, directly or indisode is that the act may some day rectly, are affected adversely by it. result in an American ship being But conservation has come to stay. It can be an unreasonable and unwise conservation, or it can be a same and a misuse of the stars and stripes now practiced is a serious detriment to

HE fast advancing cost of cured by two bills in the present con-

wheat flour and bread has gress which are fathered by the secno terrors for the people of retary of the interior, Franklin Lane. the Southern States. Corn One, the water power bill, permits priber of sailings by each line, limit be more so he began the year with bread, corn cake, corn pone, egg vate interests to get possession of wathe volume of freight which cer- January, relegating February to bread, ash cake, johnny cake, hoe ter power sites for 50 years on given tain lines may carry, and pooling last place. Three centuries later cake, to say nothing of mush with terms; the other, known as the western four of ou. exclusive tailors employthe freight money from all or a the decemvirs moved February up milk for supper and fried for development bill, unlocks the enormous western development, which has ex-

isted since the conservation idea first of The Journal-Conspicuous on my took hold eight or nine years ago, will book shelves sits a complete copy of The Journal-Since when our the best land Railway, Light & Power con

## PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

## SMALL CHANGE

Most good talkers are poor quitters. A leader is a great man who knows

when to sidestep. Many a callow youth has been hard hit by a soft glance.

A first class lawyer can break any -excepting his Better not try it on the dog-unless

sources in the western states, deprivyou are sure of your dog. ing the state-of the benefits of taxation Most people are too polite to speak and other obvious advantages. This is the truth on all occasions.

never again be alienated outright to

The one reasonable objection to the

two conservation bills now pending in

the senate is the theory that these pub-

lic lands in the western state which

a fair subject for debate. It is natural Don't be in a hurry to accept a bald enough for a state not to want a third head as an official badge of wisdom. And one little taste of success makes a man long for all he can swal low.

. . Many a man imagines: he's the whole circus who hasn't the ghost of terial side that losses can be even turned over to the western states to be a show. treated by them in their own way, they

Occasionally a man makes a great would undoubtedly be handled on much hit doing the wrong thing at the the same basis as is now proposed by right time. the federal government.

Yet none of the saloons ever went out of business on account of New Year's resolutions. Letters From the People

it says that the happiest day in a married man's life is the day before the wedding. . .

limits who are taxpayers and need

.The Competitive Jitney.

Why not patronize home indus-

If we are to have civil service,

F. W. CLARK.

(Communications sent to The Journal for publication in this department should be writ-ten on only one side of the paper, should not exceed 300 words in length and must be ac-companied by the name and address of the sender. If the writer does not desire to tave the name published, he should so state.) assist her over a cleareste paper that someone has dropped on the sidewalk, it is a sign they are not married.

> daughter marries, father has a chance to see for himself whether two can If they ive as cheaply as one. If a woman can't think of some-

has existed in Portland for years, O people in the United States who By John M. Oskison. the European war, by destroying treleading organizations, who solicit mendous stores of capital, and draining millions of men from productive industo carry on work supposedly for the good of Oregon, persisting season after try, will have the effect of making season in purchasing their suits from capital dearer. Some experts who cite San Francisco and eastern tailors. I precedent see quite another outcome. don't mean to be narrow minded in Before I refer to their arguments, this affair, and regardless of my getlet me point out once more the fact ting any of the \$50,000 or more of tai- that is undeniable: Just now, capital reasonable conservation. If might as loring business going out of Portland is not cheap. Investments made with well be admitted that conservation as each year, I say with emphatic tones, discretion now will bring exceptional your editorial surely hit the matter returns.

squarely on the head. Let every one Men who argue that the war the development of the west, and has of the 200 or more gentlemen who each be followed, not by an increase in led to the locking up of land, and to year purchase four or five suits from the price of capital, but by a lowering other conditions which are utterly hon-resident tailors ask themselves of the years between 1861 and 1873 in this question: "Is it right that I should to the years between 1861 and 1873 in without excuse. These conditions are ignore our own tailors, who purchase the United States. They say that a woolens from the same dloth houses year after the first shot was fired in and employ equally as capable labor, our Civil war a period of constantly when I have made my money right increasing stimulation of industry and here in Portland and in many instances commerce began; it lasted until eight have tailors paying me rent each years after the close of the war, month." Let them think it over. "During that interval," says one

work

why not have it?

If this matter could be adjusted we would shortly find in Portland three or Pacific railways were built, the At- took to recover your home? ing 25 or more men, each; whereas, working for the street cleaning depart-

at present, not over 15 men are emment who lived in St. Johns and was ployed by any first class tailor in not a taxpayer or legal voter. There are plenty of men living in the city

HERBERT GREENLAND. Merchant Tailor. Opposing S. B. No. 168 and H. B. No. 448.

Portland, Or., Feb. 6 .- To the Editor Portland, Feb. 5 .- To the Editor of The Journal-Since when did the Port-

OREGON SIDELIGHTS "That man who wanted to trade finat man who wanted to take his mining location a week or so ago for a cord of wood," says the Redmond Spokesman, "has now changed his mind and wouldn't trade or sell at any Watson N. Shilling of Rupert, Idahe is visiting his son-in-law, N. U. Car penter, president of the Citizens bank price.

. . here in Portland. Mr. Shilling is one District Attorney Goyne of Tillaof the old-time westerners and spe mook county has put the ban on card playing and dice shaking in the coun-ty and has issued orders to the muni-cipal officers of the various towns to that effect. his young manhood on the frontier. He was both on April 24, 1840, in Star county, Ohio, 'Although Presiden McKinley and myself were born in th • •

The Baker Commercial club has de-cided to make an effort to hold a coun-ty fair in Baker next fall, despite re-fusal of the county court to appro-priate \$2000 for this purpose. A pubsame county," said Mr. Shilling, never saw him until I met him i Winchester. He was an officer w the Ohio troops. I was a private ic subscription is relied upon to af-ford the needed funds. Company M of the First Mi alry. I was born in Ohio but I move

Burns News: With this issue of the to Michigan when I was 12 years o Burns News: With this issue of the News C. A. Byrd assumes full and complete ownership and control. There will be no change in policy. Just for Harney county, Burns, Central Ore-gon and a full expeditious develop-ment of the resources—that's all. I enlisted in the Civil war in 1861, when I was 21 years old. Ou colonel, T. F. Broadhead, was a West Pointer, and our brigade comman was General George A. Custer,

brigade consisted of four regiments of Although it has been but a short time since the Elks of Klamath Falls decided to float a \$40,000 building bond issue among the members of the Michigan cavalry. Later on other reg iments were added to the brigade. was taken prisoner at Gettysburg, se lodge, there is very little of the issue that is not taken, the Herald says, and the sale of the rest is a certainty. was out of the fight for a while When the army was mustered out al the end of the Civil war the Michtga

Grants Pass Courier: A. Aubery has brigade was retained in the servic and was sent to Fort Leavenworth and completed the two boats in which he is to transport freight down the Rogue, from there into the Indian country to and, the mining machinery and sup-plies having arrived, he expects to start on the first trip down with one of the boats today. He will then re-turn with his crew of men and take the second one down. fight Indians. Our brigade was broke up, some of the troops being sent to Fort Collins in Colorado, some to Fort Bridger and the rest to For Douglas at Salt Lake City. After par

ticipating in two or three Indian Vale Enterprise: Many districts in our arid regions under the stimulus of irrigation will soon be feeding thouskirmishes I was mustered out in No vember, 1865. sands of bushels of corn to thousands of hogs. The railroads will soon be telegraphy. The spring of 1866 found hauling our surplus to the coast rath me telegraph operator on the overland er than to Nebraska and our eco will fill the stockyards of Port stage line at Central City, Colo, Fron will fill the stockyards of Portl with prospective hams and bacon. there I was sent to take charge of

WILL THE WAR MAKE CAPITAL CHEAPER?

install the telegraph line from Virgini lantic cable became a commercial There is no general agreement that agency, and despite the waste of the City to Helena. In those days there Franco-Prussian war in 1870, Ameriwas no Butte, Mont. In fact, about th can and European prosperity was folonly towns of any consequence in Mon tana in the sixtles were Virginia City lowed by advancing prices for land, securities, and almost everything that Helena and Bannock. The fall o 1867 found me in Helena as telegraph humanity had use for. 1867 found me in fiere I became ac operator. While there I became ac If the present orgy of capital destruction in Europe is followed by a quainted with a young miner, period of greater activity in earning Clark, who later became a millionair and closer economy in spending-facmine owner and senator from Montana tories running double shift, and the I also met Sam Houser and many nations practicing the same sort of other young men later destined to be thrift as France practiced, after the come famous in Montana history defeat of 1870 -- the experts say that From Helena I went to Ruddy station we may reasonably look for a devel- in Idaho, and from there to Bear Rive opment similar to that in the United station in Utah.

States during and after the Civil war, It is a logical view - granted that to be completed, I was detailed to the European countries are left in a help build the telegraph line from condition to begin with hope and con-Ogden to Promontory to meet the line fidence to discharge the tremendous from the west and have it ready for debts they owe and are adding to. the driving of the golden spike. Gov If you mortgage your home and use ernor Stanford drove the golden spike the money to go on a protracted spree with a silver hammer. One end o -somewhat as the fighting nations are doing now-what would be your writer, "the Union Pacific and Central financial experiences when you under-

A FEW SMILES

the telegraph wire was attached to the spike and the other end to the hammer, so that when Governor Stanford struck the spike the circuit was closed the announcement was made to the world that the rails had been joined the gap closed and there was a trans continental railroad. W. E. Fredericks It is nice to know in these days of |

was the Western Union operator who lost reputations that had charge of the telegraph wire at the driving of the golden spike "Upon the completion of the Unior

When the Union Pacific was about

The Journal

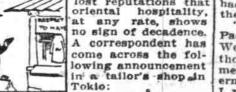
"During the Civil war I learned

stage station at Cooper Creek, Wyo

In '67 I was promoted, being sent to

Salt Lake City and from there I was

sent to Virginia City, Mont. I helpe



Pacific I was placed in charge of the Western Union office at Ogden. In those days, a ten-word commercial message to any of the principle east ern stations cost \$2,50. From Ogden went to Echo, where of the telegraph office and from Eche

I went to Malad. At Malad I ran

Mantle, who was driving a bull team

for B. F. White of the firm of White

& Stump. He was hauling sait from

the salt works at the Salt Springs in

eastern Idaho to the mines in Mon-

tana. The salt was used for reducing

ere. During the winter the teamstern

were laid off and Lee Mantle with his

mother, brother and sister wintered

at Malad. In those days there was m

good deal of trouble about keeping the

wires up, so I suggested to Lee Man-

tle that if he would keep the line re

paired I would teach him to be a tele-

on the Western Union in the spring.

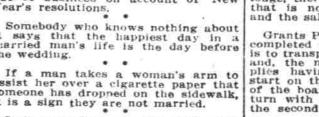
Lee's brother, Ephraim Mantle, was

murdered while repairing the telegraph

line. He also had a brother, Joe, and

sister who married a man no

across a young teamster named Lee



"Discussion is the greatest of all reformers. It rationalizes everything it touches. It rols principles of all false ganctity and throws them It is sometimes the case that when

ick on their reasonableness. no reasonableness, it ruthlessly crushes them n their stead."-Woodrow Wilson. thing bad to say about the rich neigh-bor who fails to call on her, she makes The Home Tailor's Rights. Portland, Feb. 6 .- To the Editor of it a rule to say nothing at all. The Journal-I wish to congratulate The Journal upon its editorial, "Dynamiting Portland," in Friday evening's issue, setting forth a condition that

the Interstate Commerce Commission for regulation of the railroads Caesar came into power he kicked the price of wheat is not bothering as a defense of the people.

The Senate has always been the refuge of the interests. The seventeenth amendment has not yet been in effect long enough to purge the body of reaction. The spectacle of so-called dignified senators haranguing in an empty chamber all night in an effort to beat a great measure of deliverance for the American producer is standpatism in a last desperate stand. It is mob rule and senatorial I. W. W.'ism at a most inopportune

time. ANOTHER BRANCH BANK

LEVEN employes of a big New York bank sailed Saturday for Rio de Janeiro to establish a second branch

American bank in South America, the first of the kind to be founded in Brazil. Trade follows the bank At least, wherever a nation's banks go, at that place there is always trade; for that nation. One great agency by which German and and British bankers.

American banks in South America. the evils which burden the state. and that the money would come One is the new currency and bankconfidence of financiers in the greatest blow since the great banks from old stockings and un-prospect of a successful business wind in Ireland." prospect of a successful business with South American nations due to the kindlier relation and greater confidence of those nations in the United States as a result of President Wilson's foreign policy.

STATUS OF THE CANAL

TOSEPH B. BISHOP, former sec- to pave all the highways in the at an average of \$40,000,000 a generally did. A few such men have retary of the Isthmian Canal state. Commission, says nobody should right along.

from \$84,401 for two weeks in case of large naval vessels.

that according to official estimates of cost of operation, the canal is it is worth considering.

because his month, August, was them. shorter than July so he took a day off of February and added it to

Ever since that time February has been shy, occasionally, on full moons

the month of purification.

Poets sing of the leafy month of June and the merry month of May but in an old book is found this description of February:

February comes in like a sturdy healthy cheeks and as she times the average gain. Septemstrives against the wind, wraps her ber and October showed gains of russet colored cloak well around her, while with bent head, she keeps throwing back the long hair that holiday season. November and Deblows about her face, and though at times half blinded by the sleet and twice the normal receipts. snow, still continues her course cour-The postoffice department re-

HE review of the results ac- an average of \$119 per depositor.

the big waterway is doing business ter laws.

What Mr. Bishop says is inter- who is a frequent visitor at the first four months France spent

Mr. Bishop makes the statement ber of bills introduced.

August.

With the Romans February was

when the European war broke out, of new accounts were opened.

\$3,500,000 each, and in spite of the cember deposits were more than

ageously. FEWER, BUT BETTER LAWS 200,000 on deposit in postal banks.

If all the bills introduced in the Oregon legislature the past five

000 a day. A prominent citizen of Portland Official figures show that in the

esting. The canal was opened to legislature, hazards the opinion \$855,000,000, or more than \$7,traffic August 15, last, and up to that the volume of legislation" 000,000 a day. Germany issued January 1 a total of 365 com- could be reduced by the establish- one loan of \$800,000,000 and things were, under the circumstances, mercial vessels used it, paying tolls ment of a system of ethics similar treasury bills for \$375,000,000 unnecessarily cruel. Obscure individof \$1,543,100. Receipts increased to that obtaining in judicial life. more, making \$1,175,000,000, dur- uals who were caught in the middle, so A conscientious judge will not ing the first five months-nearly to speak, of procuring a plece of land August to \$411,895 for December. hear a cause in which he has a \$8,000,000 a day. But the Local were subjected to unpardonable treat-With only brief interruptions, the personal interest or one in which Anzeiger of Berlin says Germany's ment. If a man had begun to acquire canal has been open since August he was employed as an attorney expenses are now less than they a piece of land under the old system 15, and it is open today, the num- before his elevation to the bench, were in the first months of war, and the old atmosphere, and had not ber of vessels passing through If the same ethics were in vogue as the service is better organized. completed his title before the change

POSTAL BANK SAVINGS

THE TERRIBLE COST

CORN MEAL

O. K. than his. On the one hand, Sec- ONFIDENCE in Uncle Sam as retary Lane has an intelligent and a banker is shown by the sympathetic understanding of the new gain in postal bank savings. Idea about the public resources; on

For forty-three months these the other hand, he is a western man savings accumulated at the rate of with sympathies equally keen about about \$1,000,000 a month. But the need for western development. . .

withdrawals fell off and thousands Fifteen years ago it was universally held that the most virtuous thing that In August there was a net gain could be done with a piece of land country maiden with a tinge of red in deposits of \$4,000,000 - four owned by the government was to get it into the hands of a private owner as rapidly as possible. This had been the theory from the beginning. All kinds and legislators. of devices and inducements were used

to persuade settlers, prospectors, and exploiters of every kind to take the land off the government's hands. All Willamette valley, and other sections ports that 1912 opened with \$59,of a sudden, over night, so to speak.

to the credit of 497,000 persons, the public attitude changed. Gifford Pinchot, Mr. Roosevelt, and a few othcomplished by the legislature Secretary Burleson has asked ers pointed out with a note of alarm with few roads, and impassable roads to date, as published in The congress to remove the restriction that under the old system the amount Journal Sunday, suggests the limiting to \$100 the deposits which of land owned by the federal govern-British trade has been built up observation that the average mem- may be made in a single month by ment was rapidly dwindling, and also with South America was the pres- ber of the legislature is impressed one person and to increase the that the natural resources in the way ence in South America of German with the conviction that the value maximum single interest-bearing of water power sites, timber, and the of his services depends on the deposit from \$500 to \$1000. He like were passing into the hands of Two great influences contribute number of bills he can introduce. says these changes would result monopolies. With somewhat dazing to the new program of establishing He yearns to strike a great blow at in a still larger increase in deposits, suddenness there was a complete reversal of attitude. A man trying to property. As Dooloy says he wants to "deal from sources not tapped by the get a piece of land from the United States government, instead of being

welcomed and aided and treated as a patriot, was regarded at best as a public enemy-at the worst, as a swindler.

sessions were put together there would be laws enough to govern twenty states, if they were good laws; crimes enough to send every-the dr. to neited in the world's history. The cost of six happened to men who could not adjust body to prison, if the laws could months' war is estimated by Yvet their minds as quickly as the governbe enforced, and volumes enough Guyot, eminent French economist, ment at Washington and the public

day, or more than \$7,000,000,000 not yet changed their minds. They There are a few legislators, up to February 1. Roger W. Bab- still think the old plan was best. gain the impression that the though, who have an opposite view, son's estimate is \$280,000,000 a Ballinger was one of these men, and Panamas canal is out of commis- but they are very few in number. week at the present time. Another when such a man happened to be, as that these bills may be laid over to not keep them at home, and it is an sion. Slides have made a naval They work on the principle that authority says Europe is spending Ballinger was, in an official position, parade impossible in March, but they ought to pass fewer but bet- \$350,000,000 a week, or \$50,000,- able to affect the manner of disposing

of public lands, he became the storn center of excited emotions, and unpleasant things happened to him. We are not sure but that some of these

ranging from three to five daily. in legislative life a legislator would Russia's expenses are said to be came on, he was held up and harassed There is ample depth of water for not introduce or vote on a bill in less than Germany's but more in ways that might reasonably have all ships of commerce, the only which he had a personal interest. than France's. The official esti- led to a public rebellion if the men doubt about depth being in the It is plainly obvious that this mate of Lloyd-George, British affected had been compact and organwould operate to reduce the num- chancellor of the exchequer, is ized. Public opinion in this nation has

\$42,500,000 a week. Belgium, overwhelmingly crystallized on the and is conducting an investigation." question is not settled? Why should While the idea is a novel one Servia, Roumania, Greece and Hol- point that government owned land upon land are all borrowing from Great which there are important natural reat the present rate of use more if the personal element were Britain. Italy has already issued sources, like water power sites, shall There was nothing said about anyone

be released and the western states will essay, open to all, in one of our larger begin an era of long deferred pros- collegiates. It is kept here in front perity. Secretary Lane, personally, is more for the lesson it teaches than for late the same. If they have the

back of these bills. The people of the hour of happiness when I was pre- the quiet, as I haven't read anything its intrinsic value. It was indeed an authority it must have been gained on whole country could not ask a better sented, before 500 assembled pupils in The Journal about their being de-and parents, as the essayist of the clared superior to our city "dads," exyear. I could hardly wait for the vaca- cept the time Mr. Daly tried to force residence, thinking to

mature.

tion period to end to obtain from the them to give us six rides for a quar- give them a treat, he headmaster my precious manuscript. ter. They no doubt will carry the jitfeelings when I at last found Mr. Lit- ney service to a court that will satisfy tle at home and received back my them.

Now the litney bus has come to stay "prize winner," still enclosed in the original wrappings. Mr. Little inso the street railway people and the formed me he had not opened it, as no city officials might as well make up other essays had been submitted. Many their minds that the public are the times since I have glanced at this outones to say whether they want jitneys burst of oratory, only to burn with or not. If the public don't want them to see their employer's performance, shame and wonder that so many half- they will not ride in them, and therebaked ideas could be propagated in the fore they will not be able to exist and gray matter of a human being. I would we won't be bothered with them, but could pass the lesson on to others, so far it is plainly visible that the particularly to our would be statesmen public welcomes competition in transportation as well as in other ilnes of

business, and the jitney surely will At the present time we are endeavorgive the street car company a run for ing to build up a rural and farming its money and the public will be the country, to fill up the thousands of empty and unproducing acres of the winner, as we will get good service from both sides. There is enough business for two telephone companies, two of the Oregon country. Our commertelegraph companies, two electric light cial bodies ring with oratory, and companies and many more double and everywhere one hears of the "back to triple corporations that are doing a the farm" movement. In a wet climate nice business for their stockholders, so why can't the jitney and the street car at that, with railroad rights of way people gather enough business to supgranted in many cases free, legislation port street car company stockholders, such as proposed in senate bill No. who are mostly in New York, while 168 by Senator Hawley and house bill the jitney will suport automobile own-No. 448 by Wentworth, surely is far ers and our local grocery men, auto reahead of the times. Why should pair men and many other local indusfarmers and owners of suburban acretries. All the nickels the jitney takes age who, in most cases, gave the right from the street car company will be of way free, be compelled to travel well earned, as they can't make as much per day as the street car commiles around impassable roads to reach the station all but abutting their pany can per day, in comparison of The time will come when size of vehicles.

roads will lead to the different sta-The idea of trying to make the jittions, so that the use of the railroad ney run on streets that the street car right of way will not be necessary; people do not want to run on is all but the closing of them today is imbosh. The jitney has as much right on a car tracked street as any other The rural districts have enough to kind of wheeled apparatus, and the contend with now-lack of church life, public will see that they get fair play inefficiency of the schools, no social or we will have an election that will life, limited financial credits and bank- open the eyes of the street car coming facilities, few and impassable pany and make them listen to the

BELIEVER IN COMPETITION. tum. I hold, therefore, that now, while we are all endeavoring to build passable roads and taxing ourselves to the

Chickens at Large. Milwaukie, Or., Feb. 5 .- To the Edilimit to pay for them, it is a mistaken policy to place barriers in the way of tor of The Journal-Is there any state populating and occupying the waste law (we are outside the city) which

> give, or direct us where to get, any necessary information. Please answer

[This question, referred to the office of the district attorney of Multnomah county, elicits this information and tain no prohibition regarding the runremedy of one aggrieved would be in a civil action for damages. found

paper there was an article as follows: "Got To Live Here. Perhaps some city employes are in danger civil service commission that all who land. And I now ask what has beeak a living through serving the city come of the \$500,000 voted by the city must live strictly within the city for an auditorium? Cannot the sulimits. The commission has had rea-sons to doubt that some are residents hungry and needy? Why is it this

'Respectable ladies and take over our streets and laws to regumay come here to have fits."

> Wilson Barrett, the celebrated actor. used to tell an amusing story against himself. At a time when he had a lot of workmen redeco-

they did, and, being complimentary tickets, all went on a Saturday night graph operator so he could get a job At the end of the week Barret's eve caught sight of this item against each workman's name on the pay sheet: night. Four hours' over-'Saturday time at Princess theatre, 8 shillings." A. Berger. B. F. White, who later be came governor of Montana, was very

Rankin - Beanbrough has bought much aggrieved when he found I was

ing car. 10 worth half that. Rankin - That's o keep away from the collectors .--Puck.

The Ragtime Muse

Surface Effect. vision all in blue she sits And smiles demurely while Her pose is full of grace. while she knits, I love to watch her fingers white As they direct her needles bright, I love to watch her face.

An artist would not miss the chance To paint that arch and winning glance That throat of classic line; She's most phenomenally tall-Her glowing cheeks, her sunny hair, Her eyes so large and fine.

talked of many things today, Her one reply was, "I should say!" To each remark I made." To look at she has not a flaw, She is the best I ever saw-But what if she should fade!

She did not guess my wicked thought, But ever at her task she wrought, Contented quite to charm. ler surface is all rose and snow, sut when I think of what's below I view her with alarm.

No Bus Monopoly.

From the New York World. The argument against the restriction of any bus route to the vehicles of the present operating company, which was made before the board of estimate by counsel for the companies applying opinion: The statutes of Oregon con- for new motor bus franchises, is sound and should receive the board's serious being lost but it has never won a deconsideration.

will," Why should any bus line have the monopoly of a particular street or avenue any more than a taxicab line or a hack line? Vehicular traffic of this kind differs essentially from trolley car traffic, as it requires no tracks. that it utilizes any part of the street and adds only incidentally to the con-

Whatever the conditions exacted from the petitioning companies, they should not include a purely arbitrary limitation of their routes. The publi has shown its liking for bus transpor cost of a transit monopoly.

. 0 asked if, after work d one evening, they would like to have seats to go and see him play in "The Lights o' London," at the Princess the-atre. They said they didn't mind if

himself a \$5000 rac- | teaching Lee Mantle to become a tele-

graph operator. He said that Mantle Phyle - But he was one of his best bull whackers and couldn't afford one he didn't like the idea of my stealing him. Next spring Lee Mantle was appointed operator at Pleasant why he bought it. He Idaho, near the Montana line. As yo wants something that undoubtedly know, Mr. Mantle in 1881 can go fast enough founded a newspaper called the Butte Intermountain, at Butte, Montann. He

became well to do from mining opera tions at Butte and later was elected United States senator from Montana. He spends his time now between Butts and Los Angeles.

"While I was operator and stage agent at Black Rock in Portneuf canyon in Idaho, not far from where the town of Pocatello was afterwards built, the stage which ran from Corrinne, Utah, to Helena, Montana, was held up. In the body of the stage there were a number of army officers on their way to Fort Shaw and on the seat with the driver was Joe Pir the United States marshal for Idaho Six miles east of my station two road agents tried to hold the stage up. They shot the driver through the body. Pinkham took the lines, plied the whip, and drove on. The stage driver died in my bed shortly after reaching my sta-

Dangers of the Spade. From the Manchester Guardian,

The late British general, Sir William Butler, in a military magazine nearly 40 years ago, spoke his mind about the use of trenches in time of war The spade may be nearly as danger ous to the army that uses it as to the one that neglects it. If the infant soldier gets thoroughly convinced that in the sheltered trench lies his hope of safety, he will doubtless be a hard man to drive out of those trenches But it may also be a difficult matter to drive him on from them front. Digging may save a battle from cisive victory, and it probably never

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would protect us from being overrun land of the state. some future time, when the conditions old grievance. Others are interested are more suitable for such advanced also. We will be thankful if you can legislation. MACDONALD POTTS. in The Journal. Discussing Titles to Job.

Portland, Feb. 1 .- To the Editor of The Journal-I notice a Mr. A. J. Hamilton indorses Commissioner Daly's policy in regard to giving work to it city wage earners as well? Would it not be a wise idea to enforce the laws the city already has? The city

native wage earners. Why not make ming at large of chickens; hence the

or possibly in an action under the statcharter states that any person who op-ute against nuisances ] plies for a position in the city, through

civil service, must be a resident of The Auditorium Question. the city. And in an old issue of a city Portland, Or., Feb. 6 .- To the Editor of The Journal-The cry is still loud It is an elastic traffic in the sense and the air is moist with the tears of jobs because of the freak rule of the the needy and the unemployed in Port-

gestion. One of the men over whom the not this \$600,000 be now expended for tation by its increased patronage of th question had arisen lived in St. Johns the relief of the needy in this city existing line at a double fare. It would and worked in the water department, and for needy workmen? Why? welcome other lines, but not at the J. B. DILLEY.

A READER.

