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WHY CONSIDER IT?

Why farm out the administration of the compensation fund to the casualty companies, as is proposed by the Bingham bill? Would that be sound public policy?

COUNT ZEPPELIN

The human side of Count Ferdinand von Zeppelin is revealed in the von Wiegand interview printed in The Journal yesterday.

OCEAN FREIGHT RATES

SOUTH AMERICA is seeking an opportunity to extend her trade with the United States. But one of the serious handicaps is excessive ocean freight rates.

VOTING BY MAIL

Governor Willis of Ohio has recommended the enactment of a law permitting voting by mail. The bill is in the interest of the commercial traveler, college student and others unable to be at their legal homes on election day.

SCHOOL SAVINGS BANKS

A BULLETIN issued by the United States bureau of education traces the development of school savings banks. Statistics for 1912, made a part of the report of the deputy comptroller of currency to Congress, showed savings collections by 167,529 pupils, with deposits since the establishment of the system amounting to \$3,482,162.66.

IN OREGON

At Washington, the proposal to appropriate \$450,000 of reclamation funds for Oregon is not included in appropriation bills, and the reason assigned is that no project has been named. It is said that Director Davis of the reclamation fund will seek to have the omission corrected by the naming of a project and the inclusion of the item in the senate. As it will be impossible to find a project that can be financed for \$450,000, the plan is likely to have a doubtful outcome.

ALASKA IN 1917

AN EXPOSITION in Alaska in 1917 has been suggested by eastern newspapers. They say expositions are a habit with us. Sometimes they are significant and sometimes they are not. But in 1917 there will be an opportunity to hold an exposition that would be of great interest and benefit to the American people.

WHEAT INSTEAD OF STOCKS

It may help to explain why there is any speculation in wheat. A man who buys up wheat futures on the chance of a rise in the market, aiming then to unload at a big profit, because his purchases may give him the power to force prices up arbitrarily, is a public enemy.

A FEW SMILES

"Ah," sighed the boarder who was given to rhapsodies about the Christmas dinner. "If we could only have one of those dinners at home, we would use to raise the farm when I was a boy."

THE RAGTIME MUSE

In frosty Lapland, we are told, the daughter of the house must go out on bitter midnight to and fro to guard the reindeer. And the cold, lean hungry wolves should come to rob— I'm sure should not like her job.

THE SUNDAY JOURNAL

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with higher study or do whatever most appeals to the individual. It may be that the bulletin overstates the possibilities of many pupils, but the fact is that boys and girls should be taught how to save as well as how to earn. Thrift can be made a national virtue, and there is no better place for teaching it than in the schools.

THE SECTARIAN SQUABBLE

IT IS regrettable that sectarian questions crept into the house discussion at Salem yesterday. No good can come out of sectarian quarrels. They are always distressing and never decisive. They fan feuds into flame and produce a social sectionalism. If there is one thing more than another for which this country stands it is freedom of worship. It was because of issues of religious faith that the earlier settlers quitted Europe and came to America. They came here to secure liberty of conscience. It was out of that original stock with its set convictions as to freedom in religious views, that this nation came into life. There is no special route to heaven. It is not a question of the church brand as to which will get there. It is the matter of how well a believer squares his conduct with his conscience that has more to do with ultimate salvation than has the sign over the church door.

AT SALEM

TIME may prove that the defeat of the resolution in the Senate of the proposal to give the governor power to remove district attorneys and sheriffs for non-enforcement of law, will be the undoing of prohibition enforcement. Are the lawyers of the legislature convinced that the legislative body can disturb a district attorney in the functions with which the constitution clothes him? Has the legislature power to grant the governor or attorney general authority to supersede a district attorney in the discharge of duties put upon him by the constitution?

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REPLY BY MR. SHEASGREEN

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COME, MY SPRING

THERE is that undefinable life giving care in the air that heralds the approach of Spring. Overcoats are growing heavy and shop windows are taking on a brighter hue. In the words of Rabindranath Tagore: The southern gate is unbarred. Come, my spring, come! Thou wilt swing at the swing of my heart, come, my spring, come! Come, my spring, come! Come, my spring, come!

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the legislature, and in this connection it is interesting to note that many eastern Oregon members, as well as all but four members of the Multnomah delegation in the house voted against the proposed loan of \$450,000 to match the \$450,000 which would have come to the state if the legislature had acted favorably.

WAR'S DAMAGE TO INVENTION

By CHARLES F. STEINMETZ, Consulting Engineer, General Electric Company. THERE is likely to be one American development for which Americans will have to thank the European war. Very few of us really believed in the possibility of such a war until it was a reality, and with the usual American confidence in our ability to create ourselves from trouble, we had failed to guard our supply and had bought materials for our manufactures wherever it was most convenient, here or abroad.

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suggestion will not be acted upon, but the fact that it is made is evidence of an active interest in the nation's territory of great potential wealth. The United States is awakening to the fact that in Alaska it has opportunities for growth and development not exceeded anywhere.

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OREGON SIDELIGHTS

Pupils of the high school at John Day, presenting a play in a tour of nearby towns, have cleared \$153. Coquille Sentinel: To a webfooter little old Oregon it seems a little odd to read of the great rejoicing in Unalaska county over a rainfall of an inch. "With one real estate sale of \$100,000 and one of \$50,000, both of which are the largest made in the state in over a year, Starfield," says the Standard, "can hardly be called dead, or even asleep. We're about the liveliest big little city extant." Note full of optimism in the Baker Democrat: "One of Baker's leading retail grocery houses reports \$2000 more in business done in January than in the corresponding month of the previous year. Certainly a good showing and an argument that times are not so bad after all."

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WHEAT INSTEAD OF STOCKS

It may help to explain why there is any speculation in wheat. A man who buys up wheat futures on the chance of a rise in the market, aiming then to unload at a big profit, because his purchases may give him the power to force prices up arbitrarily, is a public enemy. "On the other hand, the miller who fails to protect himself by hedging his sales (of flour) in wheat futures is the long run almost equally as dangerous. His credit is seriously impaired as soon as it is learned that he is relying on a drop in the spot wheat market which may mean a heavy loss in not protecting himself. If he cannot buy actual wheat he must buy futures (contracts for delivery of actual wheat) to some extent, for all the risk he runs is like to himself and to his customers. "Trading in futures has made it possible for the miller to do business on a much smaller margin than when for his own safety, he had to buy and store great quantities of wheat to provide for future contingencies. He can, to some extent, forecast the future and give his customers the benefit of lower prices thereby. "But there's nothing to justify mere speculating in wheat."

A FEW SMILES

"Ah," sighed the boarder who was given to rhapsodies about the Christmas dinner. "If we could only have one of those dinners at home, we would use to raise the farm when I was a boy." "Oh, well," said the pessimistic boarder, "perhaps it is one. You never can tell." The woman jury was out longer than the importance of the case would warrant. The judge was impatient. "What's the trouble in there?" he said to the bailiff. "I'll see," replied the bailiff. "Hold on!" cried the judge. "Tell me, what points about the case that bother them they should appeal the bailiff. "Yes, your honor." The bailiff went to the door of the jury room and returned. "Well?" "They ain't got to the case yet, your honor; they're still discussin' the plaintiff's clothes."

THE RAGTIME MUSE

In frosty Lapland, we are told, the daughter of the house must go out on bitter midnight to and fro to guard the reindeer. And the cold, lean hungry wolves should come to rob— I'm sure should not like her job. Meaning her brothers, warm and snug. Dream happily of blubber stew. Or of fresh wood and pasture new. As it must be great to be a Lapp— No woman's fears will spoil your nap. There's Celia, timorous and fair; Could she kill wolves? She'd surely die! In a house came stealing him. She drops a sudden draft of air; She never walks, she calls her car— Her French heels would not bear her fair. Next time she wakes me up to say: "That she's burglars I'll not rise; Instead I'll cinch close my eyes, While she stinks in the room, and I may. If she insists that she's afraid I'll tell her of the Lappian maid."

WOULDN'T SCARE HIM