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absorption of public money by pub- enjoyed the fruits without ever Question --- Why was the spoilslic employes who engage in un- being called to a reckoning in the men's bill kept out of reach of necessary and foolish enterprises? courts or at the bar of public the people by attaching the emer-There is no use of so much hys- opinion. gency clause to it?

teria over the jitneys. They will For his shortcoming, Senator not kill off the streetcar company. Mitchell paid the forfeit with his They will not bring about a re- life. His closing years were filled duction of the streetcar service. with wounds and anguish. They have already forced a far in death, the whisperings of men better service. They will not throw should at least be as merciful to streetcar employes out of employ- him as are the Winter blasts.

ment. They are making more employment for them by forcing the use of more cars.

Meanwhile, if \$2.57 is the daily average revenue per jitney, the unemployed men who have entered into the jitney business as a means of survival will presently highway, a distance of 34 miles, find a more remunerative employ. to Wallula, the nearest shipping point on the Columbia river. The

THE MEANING OF CELILO TEW things will come to pass when the Celilo canal is

in each case for a change of officials. It was in reality the creaopened. Walla Walla 18 tion of spoils for spoilsmen, preparing to build a paved hide the real purpose under a tests the forcefulness of his own bogus cry of economy.

Thus, the consolidation of the

state engineer which was actually

existed."

Until then certain unofficial

persons, who skulked about the legislative chamber, had performed this service. But Mr. Wilson brushed them aside, and, in the full light of publicity, led the Democratic party

Answer .--- "Because a necessity himself. He led in framing the leg-And the "necessity" was the islative program and in assisting i Senate machine's desire to get through the legislature; he even went present public employes out so as so far as to attend the party caucus to make room for getting other and join in its deliberations. In appointees in. That was the main | Washington, Mr. Wilson transferred purpose of program.med consolidathis procedure to the national admintions. By re-arranging the com- istration. missions, provision was to be made Democratic party, with its conflicting interests and personal ambitions, naturally strained this political idea to its completest test: the fact that Mr. brought about in such a way as to Wilson has succeeded abundantly at-

skill.

mproved. The deficiencies of The leadership of the

. ... In dealing with Mexico the presiient has not gotten Mexico out of trouble nor ourselves in it. The effectiveness of our administration in the Philippines has been diminished. On the other hand our relations with South America have been much the army and

pedite the enforcement of the Sher-

man act, to the great benefit of pro-

ducer and consumer alike.

navy which this administration inherited have not been greatly lessened. The navy got one more patseems to have lost in morale. The army has made some improvement in

estate sharks and commercial oodies. And what do they find when they have been here a few days? Widespread destitution and poverty, as bad

worse than in the eastern cities. Let gentlemen cease talking scenery and roads exclusively and center their tleship than usual last year but efforts on building factories and opento the zoo? ing up the resources of the state, thereby giving employment to the poor devil with a family so that he can get

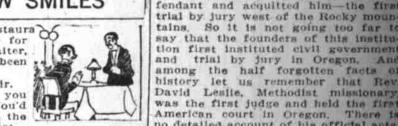
Waiter-No. sir. Gloom-Well, you ought to go. You'd equipment but nothing very far- for his labor a little of the wealth enjoy watching the mrnt tortoises whiz past. that lays hidden away in the banks of our city. A few factories that would "My dear," said a business man to kept any, have disappeared. employ a thousand men would be of more benefit to the people of our city his wife as he was starting for the in one year than the silk stocking office, "don't expect me home early tonight, as I will the jury convicted the defendant of seeing and constructive statesman- crowd would be in a decade. have to dictate 26 murder. JAMES SALL'ON. C.C. .02 letters." "All right," was A Plea for Womankind. the response; "but I Portland, March 8 .- To the Editor of wish you wouldn't The Journal-A news item upon which work so hard." my eye has fallen opens thus: "The TT (M) He left his office legislature in session just ended apat the usual hour, pears to have frowned upon certain went to his club, and sat down at the measures desired by the ladies of the card table with three others. state. The ladies voiced their dis-"Just a moment, you fellows, before pleasure." we deal the cards. I've got to keep I have undertaken to voice my own my word with my wife One of you deas on the subject, in verse, for your must take down what I dictate: 'A, b, letter column: c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z.' There, Oh why, in this fair nation, Should woman have to plead For righteous legislation That her loveliness be freed those letters are off my mind." Mike (going down a ladder)-Hold From woe and desolation, on, Pat. Don't yez To resume her natural place, come on the ladder Where ordered by creation As mothers of the race? creation, till Oi'm down. It's ould and cracked. -Pat (getting on)-To beautify the home and be From sweatshop freed at last, he cry of nature wills that she Win back the place she lost. Arra, be alsy. It would serve the boss 24 right if he had to Must womanhood forever toil To glut a tyrant's greed? At pauper wage our souls recoil. buy a new one.

says a banker in close touch with rope and before the year ended we business, "for believing that general actually got back some \$4,000,000 in ousiness will increase materially dur-

gold. ing the current year." You and Business failures in December, 1914, ought to share it; and our money ought were greater in number than in the to be more profitably employed. same month the year before, but losses Available figures show that busi-

months pass we can see an increasing to temporary financial embarrassment. rate of convalescence. The fever is When confidence is restored they will gone and the patient is getting back be solvent again.

If our farmers were to sell all their his strength.



ils soup - Walter, have you ever been

were considerably lighter, a great many of December's failures being due ness is still below normal; yet as the

Gloom (in restaura d 15 minutes for

and trial by jury in Oregon. An among the half forgotten history let us remember that Rev. David Leslie, Methodist missionary was the first judge and held the first American court in Oregon. no detailed account of his official acts

A FEW SMILES

great ec for the jitney business.

#### A PRESSING DEMAND

heavy that the macadam Commercial club:

road, which was the best type of highway before the advent of the automobile and auto truck, will no longer sustain the burden shipper, that.it is better economy to hard surface the main highways. While hauled to the river for 75 cents a ing in maintenance is large. Low first cost means high maintenance while now it is \$3.65, making a total maintenance cost.

A bond issue of one million and a quarter dollars to pave approximately seventy miles of the prin- men of Walla Walla are thoroughly even at the personal sacrifice by cipal roads of the county will, on the present assessed valuation, cost vantages over the present freight cents per year.

It is important that main travbeen improved.

Portland is, per capita, one of roads that will give a respectable appearance to its environments.

COST OF RECKLESSNESS

IGHTEEN persons were killed by automobiles last month in Walla, Lewiston, and other Wash- emergency existed. It was an month was only five, half as much as a year ago.

for the licensing of all drivers of allied. pared for submission to the legis-

of the accidents occurred at cross- down the river. ings or corners, and that fully eighty per cent were the fault of operators in turning corners at

high speed without any warning to the pedestrian. Most of the acter of streets could not have been of moving cars.

Walla Walla Commercial club has most of the regulation necessary published figures claiming that the state highway engineer with the makes for political morality. Irresaving in freight which can be made by trucking grain by auto made, doesn't save a cent, and, in the central government as it has the to steamboats on the river will

pay for the road in a single year. IGHWAY traffic in Mult- The Walla Walla papers print the ment. It is example of how the the president and congress and a nomah county has become so following as the findings of the consolidation talk was a big bogus lack of leadership have given an ir-

mercial club in support of the pro- rid of public officials who refused seen so clearly as Mr. Wilson posed hard surface road to the Co- to be subservient to contractors way to check any such tendency. We lumbia river show the saving to the either through rates to be placed upon it. The growing cost secured by truck hauling or by re- make room for officials wanted for and conciliated; we have had presiof upkeep is becoming so excessive duction of rates forced from the rail- its own purposes by the machine. roads. It is "estimated freight can be honest House recognized the game. the original cost is heavy the sav- ton, as against \$1.60, the present refused to be a party to it, and rate. From Wallula to Astoria the then the spoilsmen's bill was rate by water will be \$1.25 a ton, hatched out as the real "necessity"

hatched out as the real "necessity" cost. High first cost means small saving of \$1.65 a ton. The road pro- and kept out of the reach of the posed is to be built with a five-inch people by the emergency clause. concrete base, asphalt top and be 18 feet in width The wheat raisers and business

The open river offers tremendous adthe individual taxpayer for the rates and the saving to the wheat he would veto emergency clause enough. He holds his title of leadpay for the road.

peace, health or safety?" Kennewick, by popular vote, has proved as soon as possible. When and maintaining public warethis is done the improvement of houses, docks and terminals, and lateral roads or feeders will come Pasco is preparing to take the same easily and naturally until every action. The Kennewick Courier- fact existed." thoroughfare in the county has Reporter says of the preparations on the upper Columbia:

We do not know what the future the richest cities in the world, of the river traffic will be, but we ator Day was not a boss. He was establishes a high claim to popular It is entitled to a system of trunk do know that every live and wide- a leader. Senator Moser was not regard. He has given the office a awake community from Astoria to a boss. He was a leader. Nobody new and high dignity; he has shown the constitutional amendment takes Hobbs, from a Buckeye sister. Lewiston is getting ready to reap to was a boss. All were leaders in that it possesses greater power for the fullest the benefits of this new the noble cause of a greater Ore- usefulness than we had imagined;

All this has a new meaning for gon. Portland. When Vancouver, Gol- Governor Withycombe did not succeeded more completely than that. dendale, Pasco, Kennewick, Walla violate his pledge because an

tomobile death record for last year commerce passing by her gates to judges. shows that more than two-thirds other and more aggressive points

# THE AMERICAN LEGION

ENERAL WOOD, commanding civil service as a means of getting Mr. Wilson has refused to profit by that men with means who are lookthe eastern department of rid of spoilsmen and spoils? avoided by the automobile drivers, with the American Legion move- clusion of heads of state depart-

dren, running directly in the path statement from General Wood the Moser law. It is represented president is rising to this occasion. could have been expected. by the short ballot movement." A citizens' committee has recom-Promoters of this movement The Moser law is the spoils- become the dominating figure in the it might as well be five miles deep woman will not let position, or "good mended, in addition to the li- hope to crystallize sentiment for men's law. It is not a "short bal- country.

censing of all drivers, the revoca- military preparedness. They have lot" measure but a short shrift tion of a license for a month, a organized in an effort to secure measure. It subjects every apyear or totally, if the offense jus- the names of 300,000 men willing pointee on the state payroll to re- new era in Washington. He has the rosy and misleading reports of tection of all children; for the interests name and address to the editor.]

The plan is a sound one and . .

sponsible bossism has never affected fact, kills efficiency. But it cre- state organizations; at times, howates a job to be filled by appoint- ever, a lack of cooperation between. scheme of so-called economy, the responsible and aimless character to Figures prepared by the Com- real purpose of which was to get the government. No president has the and other special interests and have had presidents who wavered

> dents who stormed and blustered; we That was the "necessity." The have seldom had a man who took the responsibility so steadily and who followed so straight and decisive a course. . . .

character and his immense political

This, then, is President Wilson's great contribution to our political Question .- Why did the Senate philosophy and practice. All sucbosses demand the spoilsmen's bill ceeding presidents are bound to shape their conception of their office on in earnest over the proposed road, the governor of signing the bill these lines. The theory and morality after he promised the grange that back of the Wilson idea.are simple

bond period of ten years, fifty-six raisers in Walla Walla valley alone bills unnecessary "for the immedi- ership not from a political convenin a single season would probably ate preservation of the public tion or from political bosses or corporate influence-he holds it from eled roads be permanently im- created a port district for erecting in the Senate who could be truth- the one man in public life whom fully termed bosses. Governor the voters of forty-eight states elect; Withycombe, did not violate his the one man, that is, who represents law enacted by the last legislature and pledge because an emergency in the nation. By accepting this trust,

and using the legitimate powers of The Senate bosses were not his office to realize the popular as- time of the adjournment of the legisbosses. They were leaders. Sen- pirations in legislation, Mr. Wilson lature. 1916. and certainly no president can have

It is because Mr. Wilson has as New York City. Eight were ington and Idaho cities become pe- emergency like that under which serted this leadership that he has killed in February, 1914. cunfarily interested in the Columbia a new judgeship was created for succeeded so well. The Democratic The trolley car's toll in lives last river, there will be a new and Lake county, the bill for which party has regenerated our currency strong interest by Washington and carried the emergency clause de- system. The organization that failed. Idaho delegations at Washington claring that the measure should go under the vigorous sledge hammer These figures, given out by the in the further improvement of the into effect as soon as signed by blows of Cleveland, to carry out its National Highways Protective So- great waterway with which the the governor "for the immediate historic purpose of reforming the ciety, are being used as an argument interests of Portland are so closely preservation of the public peace, tariff, has made that purpose a real-

health and safety." If supplied ity under the skilful political pilotage motor cars. A bill has been pre- It also means that there is go- with circuit judges in the same of Mr. Wilson. The baffling probing to be a future great com- ratio to population as Lake county lem of controlling great corporations great value, it yet takes something lature and an effort will be made merce on the river, and that Port- is supplied by this great emergency has been helped toward a solution. to secure its enactment into law. land for once, must be alert and measure, Multhomah county would The president, like his Democratic An analysis of New York's au- active or survive to behold this have more than fifty circuit predecessor Cleveland has introduced an unusual standard of ideal-

Question. - If the spoilsmen's ism into public life. Mr. Cleveland do the building up act, while they sit bill is such a masterpiece of legis- refused to take advantage of the in their dens, like a spider in its web, lation, why is every civilized gov- weekness of Hawaii and ordered ernment in the world, Oregon ex- hauled down the American flag that cepted, extending and perfecting a revolution had raised. \* Similarly financially. It is a well known fact

the distracted condition of Mexico cidents which occurred in the cen-the army, denies that he has department of rid of spoilsmen and spoils? The distracted condition of Mexico Answer.—"The tendency of civil to rob a people of its liberty. The

In two years he has unquestionably

The president has inaugurated

reaching has been accomplished This two-year record, with all its

deficiencies, contains more wise, farship than any two years in this generation. If, as some believe, grant-

ing the legislation is good, there has been too much of it, the fault lies not so much with Mr. Wilson as with his amiable predecessor. Most of these measures were long overdue.

# Letters From the People

(Constmunications sent to The Journal for ablication in this department should be written on only one side of the paper, should not exceed 300 words in length and must\_be acempanied by the name and address of the ender. If the writer does not desire to have the name published, he should so state.) "Discussion is the greatest of all reformers,

t rationalizes everything it touches. It robs rinciples of all false sanctity and throws them back on their reasonableness. If they have to reasonableness, it ruthlessly crushes them out of existence and sets up its own conclusions in their stead."-Woodrow Wilson.

#### Prohibition's Date.

Eagle Point, Or., March 6 .- To the Editor of The Journal-I have been a constant reader of The Journal for the past nine or 10 years and greatly appreciate your candor and the fairness with which you treat all questions submitted to you. I see the statement made in the New Republic, Oregon Edition, of March 5, 1915, credited to Elisha A. Baker, that the prohibition signed by the governor February 27, 1915, will go into effect, and be the law of Oregon in 90 days from the

of The Journal-I ask The Journal to is that statement correct? Also, where can I get a copy of the C. A. | Katherine Clarke, Representative Maraforesaid law. H. [The law does not take effect until ian Towne and Commissioner Fern When I had a poem entitled "Battle effect; that is, not until January 1, The Anti-Saloon league, Port- Hymn of Woman" published in an Ohio land, will furnish a copy of the act.1 paper during the woman suffrage agl- She does not flirt

Californian's Reproof Seconded. Portland, March 9 .- To the Editor of when woman took an active part in The Journal-In yesterday's Journal politics, held office and voted appeared a letter from a Californian, should find them swayed by the same who, with others, visited Portland, looking over the field, intending, if legislators. I now point with pride ound promising, to make investments and triumph to my sisters of Oregon

turned to their home state with a firm "aye" or "nay" that might, alpoor opinion of business as conducted ways with the small minority, but on Let's have a woman in the governor's here in the Rose City, by business men their efforts to build up a Many others who reside in Portland Miss Towne, to introduced the con spiracy bill, which, if passed, would are of the same opinion as the man have saved the state a great deal of from California. Though they have money, prevented the grafter from robbing the people, compelled honest conmore than scenery, Rose Festivals and tourists to build up a city. The rich men of Portland, and there are plenty of them, rather prefer to hold their wealth and let George, from abroad, an official with a snug salary saying, "I will give up my position if it will help you to pass the workingman's watching and hoping for a chance to compensation act?" or any other bill, pluck the newcomer, instead of giving him hearty support both morally and

"For the sake of the maimed, the ing for a place to invest give a wide orphan, the widow, I will resign, if it Editor of The Journal-I hereby chalberth to any city that has plenty of will cause you to pass the Scheubel men of wealth who are not willing to bill." I am glad that Fern Hobbs con- lenge John F. Logan and John Manning had any official connection service extension is not toward in- great European convulsion has given invest some of that wealth in the up- sidered the welfare of the people of him an opportunity to practise this building of their own city. The papers greater moment than her position and thrown in, with Judges Kavanaugh, the victims, practically all chil- ment to raise reservists. No other ments, who solely are affected by idealism on a greater scale, and the of Portland report what vast amounts salary. It has really raised her to a Davis and McGinn as referees, with the of money are hidden away in the higher position in the eyes of honest understanding that the whipped party vaults of the banks of the city., To and unbiased people.

the majority of the people of Oregon, It goes to prove my contention that

The writer who signed the initials in the Pacific ocean, as long as kept business policies," blind her to what is from circulation among the people, right. She has a larger outlook on "A. Z." to a letter printed in these Many people from the eastern and mid- life. Woman realizes that the best columns Monday will greatly oblige die states have been brought here by protection for her children is the pro- The Journal if he will send his full

### The Ragtime Muse

My Affinity. She's plump and fair With golden hair And face serenc and sunny. She's worth to me lot, you see-She helps me earn my money

Her costume new The Woman in Public Office. of Belgian blue, Salem, Or., March 8 .- To the Editor Her real lace cuffs and collar Enchant me so, nyey an appreciation to Senator Because I know

They'll cost me not a dollar! She's gracious, sweet. And always neat In gowns or simple dresses She's never pert

tation there, the editor said the senti-Or cause me sharp distresses ment was fine, but I would find that This maid to me

Vould perfect be If she were only slimmer! we fer weight's a taxinterests as were the majority of male She's And I'm a window trimmer

here, but after sizing-up the business and claim that I am vindicated. How of humanity come before all selfish in-

The Spoilsmen's Bill Salem, Or., March 6 .- To the Editor

of The Journal-Since the emergency want that bill! How often do we see case ever been before the courts? L. D. RATLIFF.

court has just decided against emergency under conditions very simi- regret anything." lar to this. Now why not put this bill

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some, one,

have a fair show in life and be a bet You will thank of in your blood and in your wife's, and you will regret every meanness every weakness, that he may inherit

panies.

gone.

with a mountain of securiti-couldn't carry the interest load. mountain of securities it Rivalries of such groups of finar iers as the Harrimans and the Reids led to the wildest orgies of holding companies, with secret underwritings and bond issues sold to themselves, as in the case of the Alton. They led as in the instance of the Union Pacifi to actually fooling a Federal court h

transferring 300,000 shares of stock

settlers, established a court, appointe

magistrates, and proceeded to met

out crude fustice to offenders and HI

igants. Rev. David Leslie was the

first magistrate, and to show how en

tensive his jurisdiction was, it is re-

corded that in 1839 one Thomas Hub

bard, long afterwards a respected cit

zen of this county, shot and killed

man who was attempting to burgin

ize his house in the nighttime. He

was brought before the preacher judg

who empanneled a jury, tried the de

and the records of his court,

tentiaries, and the magistrates

disputes as to the right to

"I have often wondered what th

There were no jails or pen

amateur jurist would, have done had

have been under the necessity of de

vising a punishment to fit the crime

Later in the unorganized portions (

the state during early mining times

have seen miners' courts which settle

ground and have even seen such an

impromptu court try a case of homi

cide, whereby the accused was sen

tenced to death and actually execute

the whole proceeding being conducted

with all the solemnity befitting a reg

ular court of justice with all the fair

ness of a regularly constituted court."

End of Skyrocket Finance.

One definite and positive good which

the country has secured by recent

legislation is that there can never be

nother Rock Island. No future "Dan"

Reid and Judge Moore can, through the

purchase \$75,000,000 of one railroad

stock with \$75,000,000 bonds and \$140.

000,000 of stock of the two paper com

millions of watered stock upon a guile

less public has passed. The real crime of Rock Island is that while the in-

siders are never fooled afterward by

Chicago and Rock Island Rallway was

a paying property, but when saddle

their own overcapitalizations, the

nocent outsiders [are fooled.

The era of such pyramiding has

The age of floating scores of

The old

jugglery of two holding companies

From the Philadelphia Ledger.

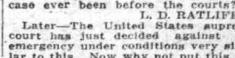
So it is not going too far to

to an individual director in order to prove that the railroad company itsel did not own a control of a parallel line. Mr. Reid may testify impresline. sively in figures of nine numerals; but the thousands who bought Rock In-

land's almost worthless shares will never get back their money. That, unfortunately, like the days of such pyramiding, is gone forever.

When You Look at Your Son. Henry Churchill King in the Delineator "I'm only telling you this," writes ma one, "when first you-look into your son's face, every failing of your own will rise up to haunt you, because you will wish for nothing on God's earth so much as that that boy sha

clause to the spoilsmen's bill is uncontracts and work, and would have re-moved the incentive for the passage of stitutional, how is it this clause does ter man than you. the Moser bill. But the men didn't not invalidate the bill? Has such a heaven for every good thing you know Later-The United States supreme the more than you knew it was in you



up to the court?

### The Sunday Journal Gresham, Or., March 10 .-- To the

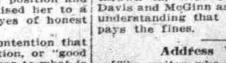
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## men and capitalists of Portland, re- I thrilled when I heard Miss Clarke's terests. the side of justice and for the welfare chair next time! of the people. It remained for a woman,

Sweet woman must be freed.

For we hear the voice of Nature

Calling through the years: "O man, she is thy sister. Go wipe away the tears. Remember her who loved thes

When in thy infant days; Recall thy tender years and see

Her pleading now for these, GEORGE H. SANDS.