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bo utterly barren in itself and it would add something more to the already irksome complications of voting. It is a fundamental blunder to imagine that more elections of petty officials mean more liberty. They mean in reality more boss rule. It is best for the voters to elect their really important officials, hold them to strict accountability and leave minor posts to the appointive power under civil service rules.

The election of judges is another matter. The courts are the most vital factor in American government. Even minor judges exercise despotic authority in many matters while the higher members of the judiciary have absolute power to make and unmake laws. They rule the nation without any check whatever except their consciences. The czar of Russia is subject to the same check. It is an anomaly that such powerful officials should be chosen by appointment without any responsibility to the electorate.

A GOOD OMEN EXCELLENT results should flow from the agreement reached between the Chamber of Commerce and the Central Labor Council for a board of conciliation for the settlement of disputes between labor and capital in Portland. A board composed of ten members, five appointed by the Chamber and five named by the Labor Council will conduct hearings and exercise a general conciliatory influence in case of disputes.

STANDARDIZE IT IN SUNDAY'S JOURNAL, W. B. Ayer advocated the standardization of Oregon Loganberry juice. The same thing was urged by Prof. Lewis, head of the department of horticulture at the Oregon Agricultural college. Prof. Lewis is the man who first discovered and brought to the attention of growers and public the possibilities of Loganberry juice.

THE TAX DOLLAR HOW to make the taxpaying dollar a hundred cent dollar is announced to be the mission of the Tri-County association which is circulating a four page bulletin devoted chiefly to the affairs of Tillamook, Clatsop and Columbia counties.

EFFICIENT DEMOCRACY GERMANY has exhibited such progress in the big war and some of the other countries under arms have made so many terrible blunders that the world resounds with the praises of "German efficiency."

POSTMASTERS AND JUDGES ONE of the representatives in Congress from Tennessee, Mr. Moon, goes to great lengths in favor of the elective principle. If he had his way there would be very few appointive officials under the United States government.

VISIT THE SCHOOLS PEOPLE ought to step into the schools occasionally and see what their boys and girls are doing there. Sometimes they ought to go, not to find fault, but to praise the teachers and encourage their devoted labors.

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THE COUNTRY'S PROSPERITY THE activity in the building trades in the United States is reflected in the extraordinary conditions surrounding the window glass industry. A news dispatch says: Stockholders of the American Window Glass Machine Company have been notified that the directors have declared a dividend of \$7 a share on the \$2,000,000 of preferred stock.

THE JEWISH PROBLEM THE opinion of Colonel Harry Cutler of Providence, Rhode Island, the future salvation of the Jewish race in America lies in a movement of Jews away from the great cities to the farming country.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE (Communications sent to The Journal for publication in this department should be written on one side of the paper, be not over 300 words in length and must be accompanied by the name and address of the writer. If the writer desires to have the name published, he should so state.)

THE CHURCHES AND PEACE Redville, Or., Dec. 22.—(To the Editor of The Journal.—This is the season when we think of the world, "Peace on earth, good will to men.")

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SELMA LAGERLOF'S "JERUSALEM" From the New York Times. HERE is but one woman member of the Swedish academy, the daughter of an obscure clergyman in a small Swedish hamlet, who was born in an old farmhouse and trained to be a teacher.

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SMALL CHANGE Among your good resolutions, include one to obey the law, and keep it. The war is getting into Asia, thus traveling away from rather than toward the United States.

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THE PIED PIPER AT NEW ORLEANS From the Kansas City Star. New Orleans is being made rat-proof at a cost of approximately \$7,000,000. The bare statement of the figures does not indicate how big the task is.

THE PIED PIPER AT NEW ORLEANS (Continued) The harbor of horses of rats. Now, however, there is no welcome sign for the rodents. The rat that scurries in these dumps his nose into solid concrete.

THE PIED PIPER AT NEW ORLEANS (Continued) The city commissioners have, of course, had to line up with the government in the work. It is fortunate that the simpler form of city government was available for a good many years.

THE PIED PIPER AT NEW ORLEANS (Continued) In addition to the ratproofing, a good job is being done at killing rats. About 250 men are employed regularly as ratcatchers and a bonus of ten cents a rat brings in thousands more.

THE PIED PIPER AT NEW ORLEANS (Continued) While the total cost of ratproofing the city was numbing at first, as the work proceeds and as the results begin to be noticed, the city is getting cheery about its efforts.

THE PIED PIPER AT NEW ORLEANS (Continued) Near the business center of New Orleans is a lively stable. It is of typical construction, and in the past has been the scene of many a tragedy.

THE PIED PIPER AT NEW ORLEANS (Continued) A Soldier's Message to His Wife. From the London Times. Some of the best stories of the war come from the best hospitals, and are bits that gratefully patients heard of their medical attendants in civil life.

W. B. AYER'S STANDARDIZATION OF LOGANBERRY JUICE W. B. Ayer has issued a booklet containing the standardization of Oregon Loganberry juice. The booklet is a small volume, but it contains a great deal of information concerning the production and standardization of Loganberry juice.

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