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from an immense height upon the passions of mankind. This adulation of Mr. Hughes is nonsense. We suspect that it has been sedulously propagated by people who would prefer that Mr. Hughes should not be a candidate.

They know perfectly well that judges are made of the same clay as congressmen and presidents. They have the same prejudices, fallibilities and ignorance as the rest of us.

Mr. Hughes has the same right to run for president as any other citizen of the United States. Being a judge does not make him a monk or a eunuch.

We may not have an automobile but we have to pay for the increase in the cost of gasoline just the same. It is added to everything we buy.

The sums that would be received every year by each county in the state for schools under the Chamberlain bill were stated in yesterday's Journal.

The benefits that would go to the grant land counties for roads would be incomparable. In some of the counties there would never again be need of levying taxes for roads.

The highways that could be built without resort to public taxation would make the Willamette valley the home of good roads.

A great fight is now in progress at Washington over whether the Chamberlain bill shall pass without change or whether it shall pass with the schools and road allowance cut in half.

The reported death of Eaver Pasha seems to have been an exaggeration. Joyful news: The literary world will learn with joy that the everlasting Shakespeare-Bacon controversy is at last to be decided for good and all.

It would be far better to send one senator from Portland to the legislature than to send six scrubs.

ated at all. Nobody will care an atom what the court decrees in such a case. The vote of the city council for a joint meeting with the Civil Service commission to provide for a proper application of civil service is a sign of progress.

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Time was when men were thankful for the privilege of starting their machine with the crank. But those days of primitive simplicity are long since gone never to return.

Most automobiles are cheaper than they were of yore. It is feasible now to buy a good one for what a makeshift cost ten years ago, or even five. The makers seem to vie in putting out the best for the least money.

As to raising the money we have a suggestion to offer. It seems unjust that the weak and helpless individual should be left to his own resources in this important matter.

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oats, barley and rye, came into this market from the state's own farms and those of Idaho and eastern Washington. Railroads trailing the Columbia and Snake rivers down from their far inland waters, make this a very desirable shipping point, as there are no difficult grades to surmount between the grain fields and the ocean level.

Shipping facilities: Portland has ocean transportation facilities to all parts of the world. Its offshore lines comprise the Hamburg-American, Royal Mail Steam Packet company, the Harrison Direct Lines, East Asiatic company, China Export and Lumber company and a large number of steamships having no regular runs which ply between this port and European and Oriental points.

Coastwise, it has the American-Hawaiian Steamship company, Boston and Pacific Steamship company, Atlantic and Pacific line, operated by W. R. Grace & Co., Atlantic and Pacific to South America, Portland Steamship company to Alaska and British Columbia, San Francisco and Portland Steamship company, North Pacific Steamship company, Dodge Steamship line, Portland and Coos Bay Steamship company, and the Nehalem and South Coast Steamship company.

NO PURER WATER FLOWS: More than 67,000,000 gallons of pure snow water daily flows through the pipe lines of the city-owned waterworks, coming from its mountain source 24 miles distant at the base of the Mount Hood watershed.

A PACKING CENTER: In 1915 there were received at the Union stock yards, Portland 75,411 head of cattle and calves, 197,368 head of sheep, 303,786 head of swine, brought to the slaughtering pens in 6815 cars, and valued at approximately \$18,000,000.

SCENIC SURROUNDINGS: No city in the world is gifted with more beautiful scenic surroundings and pleasure nooks. The Columbia river highway, opened last year, is garlanded with a chain of indescribable romance and bordered with an enchanting panorama such as is met with nowhere else on earth.

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LUMBER AND MANUFACTURING: Portland is one of the greatest lumber manufacturing centers of the world. The year 1915, on account of the universal depression occasioned by the European war, was severe on the lumber industry, yet nearly all of its mills were continued in operation.

There are 23 large and over 100 small theatrical playhouses in the city, and scores of clubs and social organizations. Indeed, it is rich in all natural elements which make for human pleasures and enjoyments. Opportunities for pleasure are plentiful, and those of serious dispositions will find in the business clubs and churches and missions ample food with which to satisfy their desires.

Back from Eden: Brown—Back to Eden again? I thought you were a farmer. Green—You made the same mistake I did.

PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE: Even the proficients agree that Villa should be given at least a slap on the wrist. Its projected shipyard shows there is nothing the matter with Astoria, either.

The National Association of Merchant Tailors says men will wear a fawn colored coat with white buttons and a tan hat next summer. But will they? Kansas is boasting that every second family in the state has an automobile. Probably the first families do the talking, reversing the usual order of things.

That Minneapolis lawyer accused by Judge Anderson at Baker of "making faces" at the court should understand that neither twisted logic nor faces go out this way. The United States produced 100,000,000 barrels of cement last year. Fact Europe should take into account when assuming that this nation cannot stand together against anybody and everybody.

With the great Northern railroad also the market for 30,000,000 feet of lumber, the man who is thinking of building anything from a chicken coop up out to close contract for material. From the Philadelphia Ledger: Amelia Island, now a part of the state of Georgia, but formerly included in the Spanish territory of Florida, has been the destination of several punitive expeditions.

Hot trails over boundary lines: Jackson, who superceded Gains as commander in the southwest, advanced through Georgia in great haste and in 1812, was on the Florida frontier. His orders allowed him to follow the enemy into Spanish territory, but forbade him to attack a Spanish post. He marched straight into Florida and attacked the Florida post on the American side of the border, and defeated the chief of the Creeks, immediately the Indians in the whole section went on the warpath and the Seminole war began.

Spain demanded the punishment of Jackson and the surrender of the province, over which the general had raised the Spanish flag. Secretary of State Adams, however, was equal to the occasion. In bold and able dispatches he justified the invasion on the ground that Spain evidently had not properly preserved the neutrality of her territory and had self sufficient action, but England allowed the matter to pass, as Arbuthnot and Ambrister had obviously been where they had no business to be.

See Dangers in Mexico: Portland, March 17.—To the Editor of the Journal.—As a reader of your paper for several years, I appreciate the fact that The Journal has consistently refused to degenerate into a jingo newspaper. But what is the reason for this? It is not that you and others with assertions that the expedition into Mexico is going to be merely a man hunt for Villa and his followers? The "wild" rulers of the country are not, and are earnestly doing all he can to avoid just such a situation as this, but he no doubt realizes by this time the despotism of moneyed interests in this "democratic" country.

Private's View of Officers: Ex-Private's View of Officers. Portland, March 16.—(To the Editor of the Journal)—In recent issues of one of the Portland afternoon dailies, my attention was drawn to an article written by a "private," stationed at Vancouver barracks, who seemed to delight in an endeavor to run down the character of the United States army officers. Please allow me space in your valuable columns to reply to your correspondence with regular army officers.

Promises and Taxes: Mr. Angel, Or., March 12.—To the Editor of The Journal.—Don't you suppose the people that voted for Governor W. W. W. are not a little disappointed in the faithful promises to lower our taxes, where are they? Like all the rest—made to be broken. The night before election a Mr. Ecker spoke here at the meeting of the people that unless they voted the ticket he distributed—Withycome as the head of it—our taxes would go up and we would get into a awful row. W. W. W. is honest and his cabinet is nearly so much in evidence as American overbearing intolerance and injustice against Mexicans. The plutocrats know these things, and before the masses realize it they end in a general war. A. E. WILSTROM.

Life's Infinite Variety: Anticipating an improvement in the marrying business County Clerk Watson has just placed an order for a thousand more marriage certificates.—Coquille Sentinel.

The way of the "ragger" is rough: For one Clara Desborne has filed this week in the recorder's office at John Day a five spot for getting out of conventional shape as he tripped the light fantastic. The authorities at John Day are sorely perplexed by such a method to keep the young people from getting deformed while dancing.—Blue Mountain Eagle.

The Martial Muse: Mrs. Ben Esser is mourning the loss of her pet canary, which died on Wednesday evening. The little bird was a beautiful singer and was so tame that he would sit on the edge of the house, flitting from room to room all night and only going into its cage at daylight. Mr. and Mrs. Esser took a great deal of pains in training the little singer and he was so tame that not only to them, but by all who had heard him sing.

Men of all kinds, when they're drinking, Drunken soldiers or civilians, Are disgusting anywhere, And they're no good in the world, read our paper, and you'll see more of 'em. When they're drinking, they're no good in the world, read our paper, and you'll see more of 'em.

Why read poetry? Good poetry is better than all the polemics in the world. It broadens vision and quickens sympathy. It lifts people out of their narrow, selfish, materialistic life into larger life. If you would keep young and sane, read our poetry, and you'll see more of 'em.

Speaking of Names: J. Kelly Pool, president of the Missouri Editorial association and editor of the Centralia (Mo.) Courier, is a possible nominee of the Democratic party for secretary of the state.

Uncle Jeff Snow Says: It beats the Dutch how the people who want to get off at the second floor always get in the back of a crowded elevator. I guess I feel a little silly in the spring.

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