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as was eighteen months ago. Its business with China, Japan and Siberia has increased threefold in the same time.

All this looks encouraging. Apparently it will be some little time yet before the La Follette seamen's act drives American shipping from the seas.

The Washington county court did not join with other counties in urging the Oregon delegation to support the Chamberlain bill, saying that Washington county would be "little affected."

CLOTHING THE NAKED JOHN OSCAR DAVIS, collector of customs at San Francisco, has become our great defender against those insidiously impure thoughts which undermine the spiritual strength of possible Josephs and lay open their breasts to the assaults of the adversary.

Mr. Davis is particularly apprehensive of the effect of totem poles on the morals of the young. He is reported, we know not how truly, to have remarked at prayer meeting one night that it is not the saloon, the dance hall or the afternoon tea which threatens the character of the rising generation so much as the satanic lure of the totem pole.

Mr. Davis has never seen a totem pole in his life until one came to the port of San Francisco from India billed to a Portland minister.

We do not wonder that Mr. Davis fainted with horror at the shameful spectacle. The swoon did him infinite credit. It speaks volumes for the whiteness of his morals. No truly moral man can stand the sight of a naked totem pole.

As he was regaining his senses he ordered the assistants, who were hardened to such sights, to put a pair of trousers on the totem pole so that he could remain in its presence without swooning again.

It is said that the trousers will stay on all the way to Portland in the hope that the minister who is to harbor the immoral monster may take the hint and keep its nakedness chastely clad.

The Oregon school fund is in a fair way to lose the splendid sums proposed for it under the Chamberlain bill. The House sub-committee proposes to cut the amount to 10 per cent and give 40 per cent to "general reclamation."

THE officers of the army and navy throw little light on the question of preparedness. When they are allowed to speak publicly on the subject the views they express are as fantastic as the wild whimsies of imaginative children.

Now comes Admiral Fletcher, who has more common sense than some of his colleagues, and asks us to spend a billion and half right away building new dreadnaughts and give \$760,000,000 every year hereafter for their upkeep.

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THE military and naval mind hankers incurably for vain shows. These gentlemen will not be satisfied until we have a fleet and arm which can "whip all creeds" and then of course the next step will be to do the whipping.

San Francisco has enlarged her old ship yards and built new ones to meet the exigencies of this growing trade. The business of that port with Australia is now four and a half times as extensive

lar our wants are comparatively slight. Our best defense against aggression is still that geographical position upon which Washington counted so much.

The fishing season opens next week. It is in no spirit of captious criticism that we venture to remark that it is the time when our fellow citizens are wont to return late with empty baskets, a bad temper and a sunburn.

CHIEF reason why good men are slow about going to the legislature from Multnomah county is the thimblebagg and rottenness into which the politicians in the delegation attempt to involve them.

For 30 years, the Oregonian has been a part of the rottenness. It has all along played the game with the gangsters. It has backed their schemes. It has helped concoct their dirty work.

It is freely asserted by men who have served at Salem that the Oregonian always expects something in return for its support of them for the legislature. The Oregonian office is always a meeting place for gangsters at week ends during legislative sessions.

Being for years and years the only newspaper, giving immunity always to legislative crooks that played its game, and backing up the gangsters with which it operated, the Oregonian gradually introduced thimblebagg and corruption as a part of the legislative system in Oregon. It used to be worse in the old days of senatorial elections at Salem, but the practice is still in vogue.

There hasn't been a sailor boarding house keeper, or a big gambler or a political crook of any kind that at some time or another the Oregonian hasn't been allied with. There has not been a ward heeler or petty political boss that it has not been in collusion with.

It helped concoct the "midnight resolution" slipped through the legislature at the dead hour of midnight. That resolution was passed while the grant land case was pending in the supreme court and was an effort to influence the court in favor of the railroad.

The Oregonian was hand and glove with the Day gangsters at the late session. It helped concoct the notorious spoilsman's bill which has wrecked the Withycombe administration. It defended the men who passed it and defended the law after it went into operation.

Senator I. N. Day is the Oregonian's type of legislator. His work is its work and its work is Day's work. Day's game is its game, and its game is Day's game. The pair are two of a kind, and though they do not know it, they are equally discredited in the eyes of good people.

A lot of good men went to the house from Multnomah county at the last session and because they would not play Day's game, the Oregonian was furious.

The Oregonian's part in debauching the Multnomah delegation is chiefly responsible for the division and rancor in the Republican party in Oregon.

It has always played the boss and it still attempts a domination that keeps the party split and sends Democrats to the United States senate.

It is the crooked purposes, domineering tyranny and known requirements that the Oregonian imposes upon Multnomah county legislators that causes good men to hesitate to become candidates.

Oregon people have the choice now of making a fight for 40 per cent of the grant lands for the state irreducible school fund or seeing that allowance go to reclamation in other states. That is the now phase of the fight at Washington.

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fore the senate committee that they are selling their product to Russia at lower prices than to the United States. An investigating committee once reported to Congress that the government was paying over \$200 a ton more for armor plate than it was worth.

With the government making its own armor plate in its own plant, the makers of armor plate will be less clamorous for a big navy. It is munition makers, powder makers, arms makers and other makers who profit out of armies, fleets and wars that are the chief makers of the sentiment that assails President Wilson for his policy of peace.

IF one city salary be raised, applications will be made for raising others. Since the city budget was adopted on a basis of present salaries, is it sound policy to begin advancing salaries here and there?

NOTHING THE MATTER WITH PORTLAND (An exemplification of all the gospels of "getting on in the world" is afforded in today's installment, No. 85, of the "Nothing the Matter with Portland" series. The proposition is sustained that for the wage-earner as well as for the capitalist, Portland is "nothing the matter" and that success is to be won here on terms as easy as the big round world affords it to anybody, anywhere.)

THREE active young men served their apprenticeship and worked as "journs" for many years as mattress and horse collar pad makers. After a while they had accumulated \$1000 among them, and with this meager capital established a mattress and pad factory of their own at 427 Hancock street, between East Sixth and Seventh streets. This was only two and a half years ago, and today they own, free of incumbrance, a business lot 50x100, a two-story and basement building 50x100 feet in size, a \$4000 stock of material and \$2000 worth of made-up mattresses and pads on hand.

The members of his own political household. Lamont's biography of Lincoln has been questioned, for no man was closer to so many of his associates than Lamont. Mr. Lamont says, "The high men in the Republican party sneered and jeered at Lincoln; Stanton and Greer, for example, were often referred to as that hideous baboon at the other end of the avenue."

Chase's feeling toward him was one of "benevolent contempt." Wendell Phillips, who spoke in Cooper inst. said he had been to Washington to see the president, and found him "a second rate man." Wade, Washburn, Winthrop, Phillips, Chase and Stanton ought to unite to write his staunchest supporters, were his bitterest enemies, and at one time the foremost men of his party formed a conspiracy to remove him from the presidency and establish a dictator as ruler.

Each a practical workman. "This is the only mattress and pad factory on the coast headed by practical mattress and pad makers," Mr. Tarlow says. "We are all mattress makers by trade. We know the business thoroughly. It has been our life work. We began our apprenticeship when boys, and have stuck to it, intending to make it our life occupation, or until such time as we need no longer to labor."

Our mattresses, and pads, too, for that matter, are made on honor, and guaranteed to be exactly as represented. We invite our customers to cut their mattresses open occasionally and inspect the inside. If it should be found that any mattress bearing our label is not exactly as represented, we will refund the money paid therefor without growl or quibble. We do not fear to make this offer for the reason that we help to make, and carefully supervise the making of, everything which leaves our factory. We are confident the only sure foundation upon which to construct any business is that of actual honesty and truthfulness.

"Of course, we have eastern competition, and keen competition at home, and this is the greater reason why we should win and keep our customers' confidence."

MAKE ALL KINDS OF MATTRESSES. The factory manufactures all kinds of mattresses except hair, and Mr. Tarlow says that of late years so many objections have arisen to this material, in which it is declared unsanitary, that there is poor sale for this class of mattresses in these times. He says it is difficult to renovate them, and that disease germs find lodgment in them more readily than in other makes. The company, however, covers the balance of the ground pretty thoroughly in plain excelsior mattresses, cotton top and excelsior, combination cotton felt (cotton top and bottom), plain edge (10 pounds felted cotton top and bottom, 25 pounds fine dry excelsior in center), roll edge (same body), gilt roll edge (20 pounds felted cotton top, bottom and sides, 25 pounds excelsior in center), cotton linter, 35 and 40-pound cotton linter, cotton felt, 40 and 45-pound cotton felt, Imperial, 60-pound cotton felt, Imperial roll edges, 50 pounds best white staple cotton, pure silk floss Imperial roll edges, 25 and 30-pound pure silk floss, 40-pound flossline, mixed floss mattresses; couch pads, davenport mattresses, slab mattresses in 17 grades, 27 styles of crib mattresses, six grades empty mattress ticks, and 14 styles of pure silk, silk floss and silkline mixed cushions, in addition to all kinds of horse collar pads.

LARGEST IN NORTHWEST. The company claims to be the largest exclusive mattress making company in the northwest, its wares being found in all leading furniture and department stores on the North Pacific coast.

The foregoing will show what may be accomplished by practical men not afraid to launch out alone in a business in which there is strong competition from eastern manufacturers. It discloses the truth, too, that Portland is an ideal manufacturing location.

Birth Control and Capital. Vancouver, Wash., March 18. — To the Editor of The Journal:—It is estimated that in order to afford employment to all wage earners of the United States, through the use of the working day would need to be reduced to six hours. If this estimate be correct it proves that at present fully two-fifths of our working people are unemployed. This condition is with us to stay. We may prepare to meet it as best we can.

An Ingenious Day Finder. Portland, Ore., March 17.—To the Editor of The Journal:—Your issue of March 16th contains an interesting article on what day of the week certain dates fall in the years 1872 and 1879.

Ten Million Dollars Is Nothing. From the Pendleton East Oregonian. According to The Oregon Journal there is news from Washington that the matter of giving Oregon 80 per cent of the land grant money is in doubt and congress seems disposed to give this state only 40 per cent. Mean-

tion. Where else could such results be attained in so short a time? Messrs. Edelson and Achrow, of the firm, may be found at any time, their coats off and at work, among the men in the factory. Mr. Tarlow is busy looking after the business end. Eleven men are employed, their pay averaging from \$8 per week for apprentices to \$21.50 for journeymen.

Letters From the People. [Communications sent to The Journal for publication in this department should be written on only one side of the paper, and not be longer than 100 words. If they are to be compensated by the same and address of the writer must be given, and a desire to have the same published, he should so state.]

Calculators of Lincoln. Portland, March 20.—To the Editor of The Journal:—Attempting to quote Democratic annals, the grandfather of distortion confuses copperheads with Civil War Democrats, which is false and unjust, almost an insult to its intelligent readers; and goes on to "dragging in the revered name of Lincoln to fortify the feeble policies of a stumbling administration is a favorite device of the present-day politician. It is the legitimate sequel of that Civil War copperheadism which maligned, traduced and opposed Lincoln during his career as president and now offers his memory the Judas kiss of a spurious respect and devotion."

The Republican party was composed largely of old Lincoln Democrats, in whom the name did not filiate save upon a vigorous prosecution of the war. Many of these Democrats entered the army and fought for Lincoln's cause. Other Democrats, with discontended Whigs, opposed the methods adopted by the union party, and were called copperheads. The union party was not a Republican party, by considerable, which is shown by the returns of the votes cast for General McClellan, the Democratic nominee for president.

It is admitted that many requests for new public buildings have merit, and good business requires construction at a not distant date. There are scores of other cases where it can be demonstrated that mere cost of main-tenance of the government buildings far exceed the rentals now paid. Local pride and a longing on the part of some congressmen to "bring home the bacon" as a campaign time comes on are their only justification.

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The government has been by the 1600 population, and even in this class there have been rank inequalities. The list is instructive:

Table with 3 columns: Town, Population, Building and site. Lists various towns and their respective statistics.

It may be noted that four of these February, 6-March, 2-April, 4-May, 6-June, 2-July, 5-August, 1-September, 3-October, 6-November, 1-December; and five figures corresponding to March (6). The total is 135.

Divide this by 7, and the result is 19 with a remainder of 2, which indicates the second day of the week, or Tuesday, for the remainder. The date falls on Saturday.

Try this on your birthday, and you will be convinced that it works. Now will some of our Portland mathematicians be good enough to underly this rule and how you can get accurate results in every case when you discard fractions which vary from one-fourth to three-fourths?

A Correction by Mr. Himes. Portland, March 15.—To the Editor of The Journal:—I note that you say in your paper of yesterday that John Dowd, aged 104 years, came to Oregon "in 1840 as a regular soldier, and was stationed at Vancouver." Kindly permit me to say that there is an error in this statement, because it is a matter of record that the first "regular" soldier to come to Oregon by sea or across the plains until 1849.

He Does Not. Portland, Ore., March 15.—To the Editor of The Journal:—Kindly answer the following question:—Is it true that a recent game of cribbage: A, B and C are playing a three handed game of cribbage. A plays the five, B the seven and C the three, making 16-2, B has 16, C has 2, and A has 2. If so, how does B get a run of three (4-3-2)? RAYMOND CHAPMAN.

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SMALL CHANGE. Perhaps the weather is trying to get all the rain out of its system before this week.

Those declarations of war against Russia instead of being scraps of paper are a poor scrape.

The Southern Pacific's tips to fishermen should include some excuses for a few days off that will be acceptable to the boss.

Edison, who promises to convert Henry Ford to preparedness, up to the present time has a fairly good record in overcoming the impossible.

A new world's wonder: Excavation for Portland's auditorium is about completed and work on the structure will soon begin.

The man who has not registered at the courthouse can't find much fault with the city.

Brander Matthews defines a high-brow as a person who is educated beyond his intelligence. But there are a million who are high-brows who lack even the education.

Cummins carried the Minnesota and La Follette the North Dakota Republican primary, but there is a strong feeling that neither of these men will be nominated at Chicago next June.

Prospects of an omnibus bill are not considered encouraging, because it is a matter of fact that the state is not a fish to fry and because the preparedness program calls for so much money.

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PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS. With the increase of requests for turning on new taps reported by the Medford water department, assurance is taken, according to the Sun, of an increase in the population and the return of many former residents of Medford.

First Sunday school picnic of the season, reported in The Dalles Chronicle of last Monday: "Fifty-three little people gathered on the lawn of the parsonage of the Congregational church Saturday afternoon to enjoy a picnic. Games and races furnished management. Quentin Davis furnished music on his graphophone during the supper hour."

"With two large vessels being constructed, and inquiries coming in from other prospective purchasers," says the Medford weekly, "the building which has been revived in North Bend and given an impetus which means much in a financial way. Shipping men say there never was a time when a greater demand existed for all classes of along-shore craft."

Operation of the automobile as a Medford killer, as described in the Chronicle, is said to be "Ed Pope is successfully using his machine for the extermination of ground squirrels near the Lost River dam. By attaching about 100 feet of hose he uses the exhaust from the engine in killing the squirrels. He says it is a sure and successful method."

Mining activities in Baker county is reflected in the Baker Democrat's mining notes as follows: "The big operation is now in the field for Bentonite. It is causing a big stir in mining circles. A concentration of 500 men capacity has been organized and will be hit at the Iron Dyke mine as early as possible. Big things are happening in the Snake river valley. The eastern copper companies are the forces behind the movement."

Pursuing the inquiry a little further, Wyoming is found to have other public buildings as follows:

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Using Oregon as another western state for purposes of comparison, the senate document shows no town of less than 4000 people has been awarded a postoffice building in Oregon has public buildings all told, and Wyoming has 12. At the census of 1910 Oregon had a population of 672,765.

Here is the Oregon list of public buildings, the population in all cases being taken from the report at the close of the 1910 census. If present population figures were used the comparison would be still more striking:

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Mail service is to be increased from three to six times a week on the route between Marshfield and Sumner, Ore., a distance of 10 miles beginning April 1. Representative Hawley has had the matter up with the department for some time.

while Oregon is in the midst of a "great silence" on the subject. What a situation when the disposition of this matter means millions of dollars to the school fund of the state. If we can get 40 per cent for the school fund it will mean approximately \$10,000,000 more for our schools than if we get only 20 per cent.

Yet the only newspaper support for the public in this matter has been by a few independent papers like the East Oregonian and The Oregon Journal. Most of the Oregon press has been silent or openly contending for the side of the railroad and the timber grabbers.

The Once Over BY REX LAYMAN

THE OTHER DAY when people were talking about the baby—that was found on the porch—at La Therkelsen's—out in Irvington—the esteemed city editor turned to me.

"And fixed me with his glittering eye." "And I wondered what was coming." "—for the ways of city editors are past understanding."

"And he told me to go out to Irvington—and interview that baby." "You've interviewed the devil—United States and Arthur Jones." "—he said—"so you shouldn't have any trouble—getting this baby to talk."

"—after I told her I was a reporter." "And the baby—who came to Therkelsen's with only a name—asking to be taken care of—was lying in a basket." "—with a bottle of barley water."

"No,"—she said—before I could say anything—I don't know what my name is—I don't cry much—and I like Portland—and the climate—and everything." "And her little red lips felt around—and then closed again—over the lip of the nursing bottle."

"—as though the interview were over." "But I apologized—for disturbing her—and asked if she wouldn't talk a little—about things in general." "And she hiccupped—twice—and gave me a real baby stare."

"—like to express annoyance." "—like the young ladies don't—when they're being interviewed—by a reporter." "And then she talked."

"I'm just a human being"—she said—"and I don't see why there is so much fuss over me." "—because thousands of babies are born—and die of neglect—in the United States—each year—without anyone getting excited."

"And she said it fairly made her squirm—(I wondered why she was doing it)—to lie there—in her nice clean basket." "—And to think that there are other babies—whose mothers haven't even a basket—in which to place them—"

"—and no warm clothes—in which to dress them." "And being a baby myself"—she went on—grasping a handful of air—with one wee red hand—"perhaps I am a little prejudiced—in favor of babies."

"It's only natural—I guess." "—and I can't see why so many people—good, sensible folks—forget so soon—that they ever were babies." "And she said it must be because they get the notion—somehow—that it's a thing more important—in the world—than anything else."

"And of course—we all know—when we stop to think—that there aren't." "And the young woman—I call her that—because she talked so sensibly and I just wasn't going to worry—who her parents were—"

"—and she was glad—as long as she had to be left on a porch—that she had been left on so nice a porch—as Therkelsen's." "And if I haven't any brothers—and if I haven't any sisters—all right—too—because—"

"LISTEN—Mr. Reporter—that leaves me free—doesn't it—to claim all the other babies—in the whole world—for my brothers and sisters." "And then she had her bath."

EFFICIENCY. One of the clever contributors to Tom Daly's column of the Philadelphia Public Ledger submits that "a business man is only as strong as his weakest stenographer."