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We owe it to a due regard for our own rights as a nation, to our sense of duty as a representative of the rights of neutrals the world over and to a just conception of the rights of mankind to take this stand now with the utmost emnity and firmness.
—WOODROW WILSON.

## THE ONLY COURSE

HE president's latest note to American rights at sea are sur- cilities to use. rendered and age-old agreements

perial government has been pledg- little use of the facilities that we to the residence value of the loing itself not to sink merchantmen are suffering rank discriminations cality. without warning and to afford in freight rates. We do not have been broken by the sinking of one the river on which a loaded car is \$68,689 a year. merchantman after another with once started will roll into Portout warning and without giving land on its own momentum. cape.

The the vessel was a liner, a transport haul. or a merchantman.

out a flag," which he thought might By not using these facilities, we be a mine layer. The vessel was are condemning ourselves to a thereupon attacked without warn-continuation of freight rates aring and without provision for the ranged for the benefit of Puget safety of the 325 passengers. There Sound and wholly unsuited to and could be no plainer proof that the very discriminatory against Portrepeated pledges of the past were land. disregarded, than is this complete

take the position declared in his and its people. note of yesterday.

America has been more than pa-

when the Lusitania was sunk, the were edited, the forms made up, comes and goes as lightly as a copimperial government insisted that and the papers printed before four per penny to the rost of us. imperial government insisted that and the papers printed before four per penny to the rest of us. They value and popularity, and if its sales suit from the various riders being the "ship when she left New York, o'clock, did it not occur to you that spend most of their spare moments continue to increase with the same tacked to the improvement. undoubtedly had guns on board, which were mounted under decks and masked." The man who deceived Germany by swearing that he saw the Lusitania's guns is now in the Atlanta penitentiary, a convicted perjurer, and the German foreign office has never repeated the charge.

Last September, explaining the sinking of the Arabic, Germany nobody knows where and seeking claimed on false information that what they might devour. Little the vessel's commander attempted by little through many vicissitudes to ram the submarine. A few days they grew to greatness and founded eight-hour day. later, Ambassador von Bernstorff a mighty empire. They crossed formally notified the state departthere was no truth in the report Constantinople fell a prey to Ma- would cost the companes \$100,000,that the Arabic attacked the submarine, and that the German govthe kingly Pole, defeated them refuse arbitration. The employes offers indemnity.

the conduct of diplomatic relation, but no statesmen. it is a useless formality to keep Almost all that is left of their hours under high tension quickly linoleum, marble, etc., and the auto- ment being based upon my talks an American ambassador at Berlin once wide sway is limited now to incapacitate workers.

congress vesterday.

The hope is that Germany, having so often by her ewn pledges, as they probably will be before safety, the other menace. One be hoped buyers will take at least admitted the justice of the Ameri- long, they will march westward means good service, the other bad some time to think them over for can contention, will now have a across Asia Minor, along the road service. One means efficiency, the themselves. solemn realization that we have by which Cyrus the Great came other inefficiency. reached the parting of the ways to attack Croesus in his capital of and take action that will assure a Sardis, and the obnoxious Turk will merits of the pending controversy, we are aware, making our class of continuance of the friendship and vanish from the face of the earth. but the assertion of established goods. But we happen to know that mutual good will so long common The Turk would have prolonged to the two nations.

nal as a newspaper were displayed any case. yesterday. The president's speech of more than 2000 words was delivered at 1:30, Washington time. the ferocity with which all in the The note to Germany of nearly street car glare at the man who ington at 2:30. The speech ap- ever catch Vee-yah?" peared in The Journal in the earlier editions, and both speech and note in full with full accounts of the effect in Washington were spread broadcast on the streets of Portland at four o'clock. Only the last word in newspaper service and equipment can yield such re- able to Commissioner Dieck. sults.

## THE PORTLAND HANDICAP

has been expended in provid- change of grade. ing facilities for use of the figures:

Mouth of the Columbia. Lower Columbia and Willamette ...... Upper Columbia from mouth of the Willamette..... 10,049,474 Upper Willamette including

locks at Oregon City .... Appropriated by state for locks ..... Spent by Port of Portland less \$450,000 for jetty ... Expended by Dock Com'n ..

Grand total .....

foundation for a great water-borne Germany was inevitable. No traffic. But the returns to us from other course was open except these expenditures can only be sea humiliating admission that cured by putting these costly fa-

049,474 has been expended on the Larrabee is a blight to the prosupper Columbia, we have made so pect, a blight to the business and the city and state.

ernment in effect admits that its Though the gorge is there and fester spot of dust and mud. pedoed. It admits that the subma- were the gorge high mountains, we was escaping, had his reason re- work of all kinds, linoleum, marble, rine sank a ship at the time and are forced to pay and the interior stored by a blow on the head with tiling, toilets, sinks, grease, pitch, place the Sussex went down, but is forced to pay freight rates based a heavy fire nozzle. If that plan paint or grime from the hands, etc.

It is so because we are not for all the heads to be creosoted. The captain of the submarine using the facilities for providing

By not using them, we are subadmission in the official note of mitting to a freight-rate injustice This leaves but 3 cents a day for evidenced by the great array of testing situation," says The Journal editions and the state of t There could be no plainer proof values, that is diminishing our that, in spite of a year of promises prosperity, that is handicapping a gallon a day of the great indisthat were unquestionably sincere, our growth, that is limiting our German submarine commanders do commerce, that is depriving us of not know what ships they attack. the benefits of our location, that In such a situation, with tragedy is hampering the growth of our after tragedy following each other industries, and that is, every day, in rapid succession, there was noth- every month, and every year working left to the president but to ing to the detriment of our city diet would be extremely light. The

> yesterday afternoon, and as you elite circle. The Journal is a great newspaper? preaching economy to the poor.

# THE VANISHING TURK

Minor follows the same path his past. that the Turks themselves took on their conquering march RAILROADS AND THEIR MEN hundreds of years ago. They were then a little tribe migrating from homet II, and their arms received 000. The employes deny it. no real check until John Sobieski, under the walls of Vienna.

Their rule has always been like matic relations between two great a pest to the world, ravaging, plun- employes deny it. nations can be maintained is good dering, oppressing but never build-

last retreat, that the Russians have themselves must admit it.

his miserable existence if he had kept out of the war, but it matters The great resources of The Jour-little. His doom was sealed in

Still, there is some excuse for

## WHOSE FAULT?

BRAHAM NELSON asserts on this page that delay in hard surfacing Broadway east of the bridge is partly charge-

He charges that Commissioner so costly that abutting property people get anything from their cago suspenders to their Detroit over-Dieck is making the improvement cannot stand the assessments. He THE great sum of \$37,744,942 insists that there is no need of a The Journal knows nothing of get.

Columbia and Willamette riv- the merits of this phase of the ers for commerce. Here are the controversy. In justice to the property owners along the rotten ..\$14,697,001 street, it passes the charge up to Mr. Dieck and the other commisgioners.

It stands to reason that on one side or the other, or on both, there 1,318,728 is a measure of bullheadedness or 300,000 the differences would have been adjusted and the street have been 5,500,000 improved long ago. Reasonable 2,100,000 tact on both sides and a proper \$37,764.942 spirit of compromise should adjust things and permit the improvement to be made.

The street is almost in the geographical heart of Portland. Broad- wise way and the magnificent bridge are one of the show features of the city, though the dirty section Though the great sum of \$10,- of street from Union avenue to

In two days, it will be three safety to passengers and crew. rates based on our favorable loca- years since the bridge was built at get the little ones." Practically every month during tion. We do not have rates based a cost of \$1,586,921.90. The inthat period, these pledges have on the low cost of the haul down terest charge on the bridge bonds

charge against the people of Port-The rates we are compelled to land is already nearly a quarter of pay are the same as if there were a million dollars, and, in all con- not of the ordinary, either. Its soaps The Portland Soap Products no Columbia river. They are the science, the people of the vicinity are of the finer grades, and are care pany has a payroll of \$6000 a year. channel steamer Sussex. In its same as if the Columbia gorge and the city commission should get ommended for washing dishes, remov- It ought to be four times that. It note on this case the imperial gov- were a range of high mountains. together and rid Portland of this

pensable.

We dare say most men would portion, 30 cents for gasoline and three for everything else, but their Chicago dame who has compiled this slender budget confesses that As you read the president's she has not tried it herself. No for any purpose. tient. The negotiations seemed speech, the note to Germany and doubt it costs many times 33 cents often to have settled the contro- the accounts of doings at the na- to keep her automobile going as versy, but always there were fresh tional capital in your Journal early she makes afternoon calls on her

Germany has been often de- reflected that all these accounts There are people in the United good record. Its output is at this thing was put to the property ownceived by her own partisans. Thus, sped across the continent by wire, States to whom a hundred dollars time averaging from \$3000 to \$3500 ers, who remonstrated because the

After all, there is one phase of | 000! running for office that is inexpen-THE southwestward sweep of sive. The candidate doesn't have the Russians through Asia to hire a genealogist to learn of

HE JOURNAL cannot pass on the merits of the controversy between the railroads and their employes, relative to an Statements from the parties are

into Europe over the Byzantine conflicting. The railroads contend ment that Germany admitted that straits almost a century before that the concession demanded

deny it.

lation of a severance of rela- and his host come as rescuers to dozen hours or more at his post nor any sold at a smaller price. Now tions is the length to which Presi- the Armenians, long subject to can easily misread train orders and if all who buy eastern-made products of grade, dent Wilson has been driven by the massacre and outrage by their sav- cause a costly collision. The spent similar to ours would forego the prac-

was made clear in his address to ultimate British victory more cer- tivity are safer and more profitable by. The Journal is doing a good to employers than are weak, unfed service to the community in calling When the two armies are united, and spent workers. One class is attention to these facts, and it is to

principles in industrial life.

## SMALL POTATOES

fifty pound limit on the parcel post not, see this for themselves? And into the postal appropriation bill, the same condition obtains in all He fancied he could do the trick other lines of Portland manufactures without being found out and check- But you know the old saw, that mated.

He has been found out but he will not see!" may not be checkmated. That de- And it is a gospel truth. Thousands pends upon the force of public of our people "wake up in the mornopinion. servants at Washington it is by the alls. They go out and wash their hardest kind of hard work. But face with Cincinnati coap in a Cleve-

## NOTHING THE MATTER WITH PORTLAND

lishment whose wares are presented in No. 113 of The Journal's "Nothing the Matter With Portland" series. The small concern is With Portland" series. The small concern is entitled to as much credit, in every moral sense, as the larger, if it fills its place to the limit of ability and expands with opportunity. The day of small things is in nowise to be despised. There is inspiration in today's story.]

HE Klenzo Soap company is in a home product on the ranch." class by itself. As its products would imply, it

ome within the scope of The Jour- the head of the house.

its orders

braced in its territory, and these are streets. ing grease spots from clothing, for would be if all Portlanders were loyal use in the bathroom, for shampooing to Portland, An insane man in Cali ornia who niture, washing automobiles, wood-

that he was in ignorance of whether on the cost of an over-mountain of restoring reason is to be widely A trial will convince anyone that it larity will increase as its merits become known. In addition to this soap The captain of the submarine using the facilities for providing said it was "a long black craft with- which \$10,049,474 has been spent.

Out a flag," which he thought might By not using these facilities, we HE Chicago leader of fashion Shampoo, 50c a jar; Cucumber Hair reas who has figured out that a Shampoo, same price; Klenzo Face in their stead."—Woodrow person can live on 33 cents Cream, same price; Liquid Face Powa day omits at least one der, \$1.00 a jar, and Brilliant Metal Concerning Broadway Improvement necessary of life from her account, Polish, at 25 cents a can. Each of and perhaps two or three. Gaso- these manufactures is well known, in the vicinity of Broadway are cirline costs in eastern cities not far bona fide, and has proved itself culating a petition against its imfrom 30 cents a gallon at retail. worthy of public confidence. This 's provement. "It is a most discouragthat is undermining our property food, drink and clothing, on the monials from reputable and well- torially. But the blame for that distheory that a person consumes but known persons who have used them. couraging situation does not lie with train service employes, compelled to box car "caboose" out along the line.

PURELY A HOME ENTERPRISE.

tary and treasurer. All ingredients entering into its a penny being sent out of the city

rapidity as from January 1, its year's over there suggested to the city enbusiness will total more than \$50,- gineer that the jog at Wheeler street

president, a remarkably bright young ment of public works apparently sided man, "is that we have had difficulty with him, because the proposition was i: keeping up with our orders. We put to the people, who again remonemploying but two or three helpers, of the general fund, it seems, and afbut today there are more than a terwards have tried to collect it from dozen of us and we are all busy as the property owners. Some have paid naflers. A few days ago we removed lieve, litigiation pending in the courts from our old quarters on Salmon on this phase of the matter, street on the west side to this build- whole transaction is, in my opinion, a ing, 371 Hawthorne avenue, where we istration to override the will of the have more than double the floor property owners. space, so we hope to keep on top hereafter.

GOODS.

"There are several soap factories This is not a discussion of the in Portland, though none, so far as for general purposes the products of the factories in operation here are their goods were sold exclusively in OLLIER'S WEEKLY calls the stores of Portland several thou-Madden of Illinois, "small po- sand more soap makers would be re-Congressman Mad- quired and the stores themselves den is the man who, with in- would profit by selling their goods credibly mean subservience to the to these employes. Isn't it strange 2500 words was released at Wash- queries, "Do you think they will big predatory interests, slipped the that they do not, or seemingly can-

> "There are none so blind as those who Congress is usually as ing to the sound of a Connecticut bad as it dares to be. When the clock. They arise and button Chi-

it is harder still to keep what they land wash basin. They sit down .n breakfast from an Eau Claire table, With a fashion note insisting and weep because there is not Omaha that man's attire this season must beef on their Akron, Ohio, platter. match his hair, there are some gen- Their bread is made of Minneapolis they own a farm they will put a New York bridle in a Kentucky mule's mouth, fed on Iowa corn, if possible to obtain it, and plow all day on a plot of ground covered with a Massachusetts life insurance company's mortgage. And at eventide they will read a Bible printed in a Boston sweat shop and likely repeat a prayer [Determination on the part of the four great orders of railway employes of the United States to present a demand on May 1 for an effect of railway was expressed in a majority of employes, since they are forced from fast miles at so much per mile, to slow, long hours at the same rate per hour and handle two, and often the eight hour day is recorded, and the merits of the demand, from the railway work and the merits of the demand, from the railway work and the merits of the demand, from the railway work and the merits of the demand, from the railway work and many other duties added.

There are some railways that require the full 16 hours' work, at all times, tlemen we know of who are going flour baked in a St. Louis oven. If to look like animated danger sig- they own a farm they will put a New Jersey, to be kept awake all night by

is one of the "clean" institutions of Portland, than which there is no better on earth, then drain their tear It is young, but not too little to ducts because there is no work for

nal publisher's admonition to "not for- If everybody in Portland would take a life-and-death oath that they would It turns out 1000 pounds of Klengo buy nothing not made in Portland, soap daily, and still is in arrears with and then have the moral courage to stick to the resolve, there would not It employs traveling salesmen to be an idle man in the bailiwick, not a the men.

## Letters From the People

stored by a blow on the head with a heavy fire nozzle. If that plan of restoring reason is to be widely adopted, it would be well, perhaps, for all the heads to be crossted.

It is a dandy preparation, and its popularity of the property o the name published, he should so state.]

onableness, it ruthlessly crushes them out

Portland, April 19 .- To the Editor of The Journal-The property owners the property owners who are remonstrating, as the editorial would have The concern is a home corporation, its readers believe. The blame for all the accident and old-line insurance officered by Charles .J. Little, presi- that discouraging situation lies endivide up their wealth in that pro- dent and manager; J. W. Rose, vice tirely with Commissioner Dieck and president, and D. L. Kimball, secre- the city administration. Let me tell you why.

Upon the completion of the Broadway' bridge the question of the improducts are procured in Portland, not provement of Broadway was taken up immediately. It would have gone through then had not some bright For an enterprise only nine months personage conceived the idea that the old as a corporation, though in busi- street should be widened and that a ness for a year before being incor- lot of other frills should be hung porated, this industry has made a onto the improvement. The whole

vitally interested Then somebody should be eliminated. The gentleman "Our trouble at this time," said the who owned the jog of course held it strated and defeated it. So the adopened our factory in a small way, ministration paid for this hole out and some have not. There is, I bedeliberate attempt by the city admin-The city now owned the jog, so an

other attempt was made to improve the street. But did Mr. Dieck pro-IF PEOPLE WOULD BUY HOME ceed with only the hard surfacing, as the property owners intimated they wanted him to do? He did not. This "We read in the newspapers that time he tacked a change of grade there are more than 275,000 persons proposition to the tail of the improve-The managers say a strike has residing in Portland. Every one of Ment. I will state that I believe that The basis upon which diplothat of the locust. They have been already been determined upon. The these, no matter how young or old, and purposely handled that change of must be cleansed with soap, and with grade matter in such a way as to pull On this page is a carefully pre- a grade similar to that made by us. the wool over the eyes of the propfaith and the faithful adherence to ing. Their settlements in con- pared statement of the employes' Then, there is not a home in which jected to the change of grade, to the all covenants made. Without that quered countries have been nothing side of the controversy. It conmutual confidence and faithful per- more than armed camps. They tains some statements that cannot from the cleansing of the skin. Once, be heard. I will state further that formance of promises essential to have produced generals and tyrants be successfully controverted. Thus employed in the kitchen, it would not the majority of the property owners it contends as a principle that long be dispensed with; or on woodwork, in favor of that change, this state- So the net result of this mobilist never would forsake it if he the people in that vicinity. They do and a German ambassador at Wash- Asia Minor. It is here, in their That is true. The managers once gave it a trial. For the purposes the cost of the change at this time. cost of the change at this time. for which we recommend our soap I believe my statement will be con-To the full and regretful con- attacked them. The Grand Duke The locomotive engineer after a there is no better made in the world, firmed when the petitions now circumstance after a there is no better made in the world, firmed when the petitions now circumstance after a there is no better made in the world, firmed when the petitions now circumstance after a there is no better made in the world, firmed when the petitions now circumstance after a there is no better made in the world. lating kill the whole improvement be

cause of Mr. Dieck's rider, the change were their grades lowered. The grade Real estate in Portland is the basis the change is not necessary. If the eventuations of the past year of age rulers. At the same time the and sleepy worker is not "safety tice, and insist on getting that made of its prosperity. Tax it, inspect it, city must stand for Mr. Dieck's ercentroversy in which agreements British have moved a force up first." It is no longer denied that in Portland, we could add at least Mr. Dieck's policy, the basis of Portwere reached only to be broken by from India, endeavoring to overrun accidents in industry are more freone of the high contracting parties. the valley of Mesopotamia and join quest at the end of a long day.

The people who gity. Then I am sure the property The full solemnity and gravity hands with the Grand Duke. Every of the step as felt by the president victory of the Russians makes the local day. The spent here, the money would enter the spent here, the money would enter the prosperity is not. The people who city. Then, I am sure, the property on Broadway want owners abutting Broadway will pay alert and active workers in any ac-

## SMALL CHANGE

At any rate, the German and Mexi-an crises, coming together, show Capture of Trebizond by the Rus-

sians is apt to give the sick man of It is a melancholy fact for a lo candidates that the highest

Perhaps the psychological time is near for South America to again step in and help solve the Mexican prob-

There is reason to believe that advertising is responsible for Henry Ford as a factor in Republican presidential primaries.

Two 10 per cent wages increases in three months granted voluntarily by the United States Steel corporation are further proof that prosperity is Deing passed around.

Judge Morrow rules that conviction

of a doctor of misuse of the mails does not prove moral turpitude under Oregon laws. Now what does the judge's ruling prove?

Democratic success in Louisiana is not surprising, in spite of the fact that Louisiana got much free adver-tising as having seceded from the tising as having sece Wilson administration.

Bureau of mines experts see little hope for cheaper gasoline—and, to make matters worse, they may have used high-power microscopes, American meat barons and the Brit-

agreement on the price to be paid for meat seized, showing that great pow-ers can agree when they want to.

tling city is progressing."

¶ And of course-I don't know how but there ought to be some wayof getting started-without it. -because-it seems to me-the home team nearly always loses.

> -and it rains. ¶ And if some one-who has the starting things-like E. P(eaceful) Rosenthal-or Herman Utnoff-will start a League for the A lition of Opening Days-

-and it's cold.

-I'll join it. ¶ And I suggest-that it would be whole lot better-to let the baseball season get started—the best way

¶ And later-after the team gets to winning-and the weather gets good-

-so that there'll be some chance ¶ But I went to the commencement

Wednesday. -and sat in box 43-right in front

of a man-who kept predicting evil-W And right in front of me-sat Rosie Rosenthal-whose initials are

-and who is not to be confused

-who is for peace at any price T No.

-but not at any price ¶ He wants to see what it's be marked down from.

-but he didn't. ¶ And he looked like there mightpossibly—be something in a name.

-when he started out. -but by the fourth-he was scarce ly a sound.

¶ And we all sat there-with collars turned up-and hoped for the best. -and while we were hoping-Sal Lake made three more runs.

TAnd the soft drink boy came -right off the ice. -and we all shivered.

body bought. ¶ And Frank McGettigan called the boy to him, -and said-"My son-you're using

the wrong record. MAnd pretty soon the boy -and said he had hot roasted pea-

-and nobody bought S And I looked all around-for Bill Stokes-the Oak Grove grocer. -because-if Bill wasn't there-as he said he wouldn't be-I'm going to

get a wrist-watch. -and wear it-no matter what hap pens.

gon City. ¶ And everybody caught big -except Bill.

-and his day was spoiled "And of course-I've got to get the wrist-watch-but-

Oak Grove-who says we need a of other things-a whole lot

Humanity And threw a big stone at the cat.

A dying sparrow it was he found. Then this lawless lad knelt down By the fallen sparrow he had found



the last Sunday and during the day set out a complete hundred of strawberry searching through a labyrinth of for a mother These men had resulted in a determination to rear the young ones apart from civiliinfluences, Mrs. found the mother pig and her or more, is their present day but met stubborn resistance against over and scratched the mother pig's The sow (the word has been various unfair conditions, and their struggling for utterance) grunted satisfaction. Mrs. Chapman started away and the pig followed, eager for more back scratching. So by degrees and by the power of this new variety moral suasion the group was returned

untroubled would be our domestic fealways get your own way, if you used the same method with me, served.

a woman's last word, "the pigs were amenable to reason."

nomah county. Dan Kellaher, at the

last meeting of the East Side Business Men's club. The ex-statesman had said that C. W. had four children which he was sure would be found in the Rosebud parade. Rising to a question of privilege, the indignant father scath-

"He is no enumerator at all. It is a wonder he keeps in business, with such a poor idea of numbers. I have 10 children, all living, and two of them married, an the married ones are going to do still better, and they will all be in the Rosebud parade."

After prolonged applause, the humbled Daniel arose and apologized. He explained that four of the Meadows' kids were all he had personally met.

PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF S o FAR AS FM CONCERNED-

OREGON SIDELIGHTS

The Baker Herald says of a lively neighbor town: "Six buildings and a boosters—and other accessories—may school house, all fire proof, going up dispense with opening day—after this."

And of course—I don't know how

Roseburg's new fire truck, recently purchased by the city council, will reach that city about the middle of May. It is equipped with hose, chempurchased ical and ladders.

"The Oregon state penitentiary is patriotic. Old Glory floats from a new flag pole there 107 feet high," says the Salem Statesman. The pole is of Oregon fir. More patriotism.

Speaking of the 1916 Josephine Speaking of county fair, the Grants Pass Courier says: "There must be the completest cooperation in the work of preparation for this fair. For southern Oregon is

going to have a whole lot to merry over by next September. L. D. Lynde, a homesteader near Brogan, in Malheur county, in a letter quoted in the Pendleton East Oregonian, says: The winter did us a good turn in killing all of the jack rabbits. You can ride all day and not see one. This community bought 215 ounces of strychnine to use on the rabbits but the major part is left over."

Story with a marine flavor, told by the Gardiner Courier: "Many tales are being told on the old timer of Coos Bay anent the train service, and for the home team. Coos Bay anent the train service, and one that struck us was on a man presumably from Templeton. It was:

The train had arrived and the man train had arrived and the man train had arrived and the man train trai bought a ticket from Reedsport, then missed the train and when asked the reason,

PLEA OF THE RAILWAY BROTHERHOODS

from their employes, and it seems that A statement has been frequently the only reasonable and humane solu-

made by the railroads that the present

demands of the railway train service ent movement. The railways declare employes are not really for an eighthour day, but are intended to secure 000,000 increase, but admit that upon increased wages. This is not true, as the employes will be but little change. shorter hours. They want their work-

it can be made. To any reasonable person it will be apparent that it will be useless to secure an eight-hour day unless there is some penalty attached for overtime. In all the trades where the eight-hour what they ask for, the public will soon day obtains, there is an extra charge for overtime; otherwise, there would be no eight hour day, the work would the public will also secure an improved go one at the same rate per hour just

It has been amply demonstrated that eight hours' hard work is enough for than eight, simply draw on his reserve his available working years. It better citizen than a man working long-

The railroad train service employes in asking the railroad companies for a eight hour day, also ask for time-and one-half for overtime, but this extra rate is merely a "penalty" upon the railways and is considered an effective method for preventing overtime. "Overtime" is commonly called "blood the employes. We trust that the public will consider the fact that it is the "overtime" and exposure that is now "wearing out" the employes and prompts many employers to set their employes' age limit at 21 to 35. In other vocations a man can least 20 years-note the difference in railway work. Considered in this way

the railway employes could, in exact of pay, but the employes are not seek ing the "enormous increase," but desire better living conditions. The physical and mental strain or work long hours, is beyond comprehension by the average mind. Virtually companies classify railroading as extra hazardous, many of them refusing to insure railway employes on account of the great risk of loss, and where these mployes are injured there is a definite limit set on the amount of the

the insured. In reality, the railway employe receives a less hourly rate of compensa tion than almost any other trade. A hodcarrier receives \$4.50 for eight hours, or about 56 cents an hour. The highest-paid train conductor receives If the hodcarrier 55 cents an hour. worked as many hours as the railway conductor, he would draw a larger sal ary and could then be named by the railways as the "aristocrat of the labor

world.' If the railways complain that "time and-a-half" means in some instances an increase, let them avoid the increase by avoiding the overtime, for that is the desire and purpose of the employes. The railways claim there was an in-

30 and 42 per cent from 1903 to 1914. This is partly true, but the price of iving and the additional work required hours, it. Also, the said wage increase came mostly to the employes having regular assignments and established hours for service, but the very great majority of the employes, who work in the irregular freight service and are allowed to work the day if sufficient freight shipments come to hand, but who lose the day's work if the business does not ome-these "irregular freight service" excessively long trains; or, in other to 1914 wage increase, gave each of Interstate Commerce commission to handle instead of one, and this not and their day's work, but kept the "double train" dragging along the railway until it has, in many places, be-come the practice of the railways to work the employe the 16 hours and merely allow them the eight hours' rest. anywhere and then continue on with his "freight drag" as it is called by So the net result of this is really a

erty cannot stand that heavy burden. True, the street would be less steep were the grade lowered, but so would several streets on Portland Heights Broadway is not prohibitive

tion for this practice must be the presthat employes are demanding a \$100,-There may composing the four brotherhoods want be some inconsiderable increase, but nothing like what the officials claim, ing day to be as near eight hours as and in the light of past experience the

source the railways will quickly recoup themselves; additional duties for employes is always a fertile field for retrenchment. But if the employes win find them an improved class of workers and citizens, and along with this. railway service and prompt freight movement.

statements showing names of train service employes who are being paid large wages, and they are doing this to lead energy and vitality, shortening his life the public to believe that, because a few men are earning large salaries, it has also been proven that a man work- is an example of what the average train ing eight hours is more efficient, does service man is getting. Invariable the better work, and is in every way a men whose names appear upon the lists examples of large salaries being paid to railway train employes are men engaged in fast passenger runs and are exceptional cases. They should not be used as examples of what the average train service employe gets, because in the present demand for an eight hour lay the passenger service is not ex-The public, who do not always under-

workers, hear only the railway side of the story. In the railway talk of moving terminals there is but little to heed. The railways can expedite their freight service and continue with their present terminals if they really wish to do so. In some few cases there may be a at couple of hours overtime. When an engineer has drawn a check

for \$263 and a conductor a check for justice, ask for twice their present rate \$247 for a month's work, the railway may call attention to this but neglect to say that these men worked 15 hours and 25 minutes every day in the month

He tied a can to the old dog's tail.

Laughing in glee to see his fright,
He teased his sister and tore her hat. and secured most of their sleep in a Later when these men lay off to recuperate, their big checks must of ourse dwindle and soon these men are broken down and are dumped on the 'scrap heap" with the other old machinery, and may be taken in by some kindly relative or perhaps find room in some distant "home" maintained by the employes' organization. Thus they risk, and an extra charge is made to conclude their days-these soldiers of the great transportation army, these men who have safely transported countless numbers of passengers and andless trains of freight. Though the engines and cars become larger and yet larger, and though the trains become even longer, and though the hours of service become more intensely fierce, the railway employe still meas-

In the great railway yards switchman whose tired feet strike the engine "footboard" or the cinders all plants. Meanwhile Mrs. Chapman was day, or night, or the man in the "cab" pulls and throws the levers back tangled undergrowth and forth all day or night, working pig (is that sufficiently euphonious) among countless and conflicting sig- and her little ones. The maternal innals and endless danger and in every stinct in this instance had the usual condition of weather-these are the awinish contrariness and apparently true soldiers of industry. should not need to ask for better conrease in wages to the men of between ditions. Better conditions should have zation's been given them years ago. Twelve of the employes has more than offset or night, when eight hours should be returning to the pen. So she leaned their limit. The fostering by some railways of

usual opposition to all suggestions towards improvement and their complaint about unfair regulations has provoked a reproof from one of the most conservative of our public men. In a speech before the New York Traffic club on February 21, ex-Presiemployes gained almost nothing, but dent Taft reproved the railways for untroubled would be our domestic fawere crowded back to an hourly com- their misdeeds and their opposition to licity, how harmoniously you would pensation, instead of mileage basts, by the laws of the land and to reform. He accused them of corrupting counwords, the railways, to recover the 1903 cils and legislatures and defying the their irregular freight crews two trains being generally unreasonable, and then warned them of a possible government only deprived other crews of a train ownership. The general public will give this conservative speaker serious consideration. The employes may well feel they have able counsel upon their C. W. MEADOWS vehemently called down the ex-senator from Mult-President Wilson has said that the

workers have a right to say under what conditions they will work. The rallway employes merely ask that the public approve their effort for a reasonable condition. not want the grade changed; the prop-Disck does not tack any more riders to the improvement.

> An Exception. From the Grand Rapids News. It is claimed that two jobs are seeking every men in this country at pres-

ABRAHAM NELSON.

However, not two presidencies, Cause and Effect. From Judge,

"She says she is very lonely eve

with E. P. Rosenthal. TRosie savs he's for peaceright.

side-named Win Noyes,

"And there was a pitcher-for ou

-and by the fifth-his silence.

employes easily can predict from what along-and said he had ice-cold drinks "And he seemed grieved-that no-

nuts.

¶ But Bill went fishing-up at Or

¶ And he came back-to the store -and called up central-and go picks.

¶ LISTEN-There's a person-out

THE HOME-GROWN MUSE,

And stroked its wings with a band so brown. While a big tear on his dusty cheek rolled with a hand so bro

On the wings of truth a thought comes to me As was this lad, so all humanity. Stories of

"Pigs Is Pigs." C. C. CHAPMAN says he went out to the family farm near Dayton

to home and pen. Then Mr. Chapman tried to draw

"But," retorted Mrs. Chapman, with

An Indignant Father.

ingly denounced the allegation and defied the alligator, so to speak. "He is not fit to hold the position of a census-taker," declared Meadows.

and that he hoped to see them all in the

StreetandTown ures up to his work.