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AMERICA ASKS NOTHING FOR HERSELF... Millions for defense, but not a cent for tribute. CHARLES C. FINCKNEY.

SEEKING GOOD MEN THE statement is that President Wilson is especially interested in securing the fairest, ablest and best prepared men possible for the new tariff commission.

opened like a coconut shell, a fragment of bone or an abscess removed and the aperture closed again without any extraordinary risk to the patient.

There is an account in medical literature of a man who drove in from crowbar up through his skull and brain by prematurely shooting off a charge of blasting powder.

Surgeons got hold of him without much delay. His brain was washed, the bits of stone and bone fished out, the wound sewed up and in a short time he made a happy recovery.

The startling things in current medicine are connected with the autogenous serums. We are only beginning to learn what these can accomplish.

Considering the ratio of its expense to its earnings the Portland Dock commission was very wise in paring its budget eleven thousand dollars and deciding not to impose any needless or additional burdens on its treasury.

TO BETTER OUR FARMS THE JOURNAL has already called attention to the successful manufacture of lime dust for farm use by the state authorities of Illinois.

THE STRUGGLE on the one hand is the effort of those who oppose popular government to pull down what has been done, and on the other hand is the effort of those who want popular government to save and safeguard what President Wilson has done.

Popular government is mainly in the keeping of middle class and other plain people. Those who profit by having advantages and special favors from government are against it, now and forever.

It is on the heart throbs of those who want universal justice and equal opportunity for all that the campaign of President Wilson rests. It is from that source that the dollars must come for distributing literature, providing for public meetings and taking care of the other unavoidable expenses of the campaign.

President Wilson has looked to the people for backing and has gone to them on the stump whenever the reactionaries in congress threatened to sidetrack or reject the progressive and popular-government enactments he sought at their hands.

The generous response already made to the Wilson fund by men and women in all walks of life is evidence that the president's faith in his countrymen is not in vain.

UNTHINKABLE IT SEEMS unthinkable that Mr. Hughes and his supporters would so unhesitatingly take the side of the railroads in the latter's dispute with their employees.

TO TAKE the side of the railroad presidents is to take sides against the switchmen and freight trainmen who were working 12 to 16 hours a day, toilers who were compelled sometimes to remain on duty all day without being allowed time off to eat lunch.

TO TAKE the side of the railroads is to take sides against the American people who were about to be plunged into the horrors of such an industrial war as the world never saw.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE [Communications sent to The Journal for publication in this department should be written on only one side of the paper, should not be longer than 150 words, and should be accompanied by the name and address of the sender.]

"Discussion is the greatest of all reforms. It rationalizes everything it touches. It robs principles of all false sanctity and packs back on the masses if they have no reasonableness, it ruthlessly crushes them out of existence and leaves no stone unturned in its quest."—Woodrow Wilson.

"The Great Awakening." Vancouver, Wash., Sept. 24.—To the Editor of The Journal.—"The great awakening," so often alluded to, in connection with the great war, is something of which we all speak; yet I feel that it would be difficult for any of us to explain what is meant by it.

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THE PROHIBITION ISSUE. Newport, Or., Sept. 26.—To the Editor of The Journal.—I have read with considerable interest the letter of A. J. ... In no way do I wish to enter into the combat as between the two presidential candidates he mentions, but I would present a few thoughts on a great national issue entirely outside of any talk they make.

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SMALL CHANGE After the battle is over the Somme will be a quiet place. The inscription of the illuminated keyhole is announced. It is for the special convenience of gentlemen who are lit up.

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PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF OREGON SIDELIGHTS The library of the University of Oregon now contains 65,115 books, of which 1,237 have been added since the beginning of the year.

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Rag Tag and Bobtail Stories From Everywhere (In this column all readers of The Journal are invited to contribute original material in the form of short stories, news items, striking quotations, from any source, and contributions of exceptional merit will be paid for at the editor's discretion.)

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