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fense would require that the long distance between these two places be bridged by an establishment on the Columbia. Standing so near midway of the coast line as it does, the vessel stations there would have free range either to the north or south as occasion might call in line of necessity.

The weather was rough, and the German U boat laid by two days to give lifeboats a smoother sea in which to carry those on board the Columbia to safety before the vessel was torpedoed. Not an American life was lost. It is some evidence that Germany is trying to keep her pledges to America in U boat warfare.

IT WAS a pretty phrase that the president made in the course of his remarks to the Federation of Labor delegates.

Mr. Gompers and some chosen men of his cohorts went to the White House to felicitate the president on his reelection. Mr. Gompers dilated on the mission of the labor unions, saying that they stood for freedom and justice for the great body of toilers.

There are two kinds of justice, he told the labor men. One is of the sort Hamlet had in mind when he said that if it were strictly applied none of us should escape whipping.

It was another sort of justice that the president described to the labor delegates. One can scarcely distinguish it from Portia's "mercy," which falleth like the gentle dew from heaven upon the just and unjust.

Too many investors have been bitten. The assets of too many corporations consisted mainly of a desk, an office chair, articles of incorporation and a board of directors, sometimes phony.

There is plenty of local history in which as much as fifty per cent of the total proceeds of stock sales went to the organizers, leaving the corporation before it even began business with half its capital absorbed.

A way for Portland to get payrolls is to give a quietus to bogus corporations, organized, not for useful activity but to enrich the promoters who absorb big portions of the assets as commissions for promoting the organization.

More to the point, as soon as legislation was enacted in an attempt to make stock enterprises honest, the cry was instantly set up that legislation was driving capital out of Oregon.

Mr. Linn is sound in his insistence that "mere promotion schemes" should get no place in Oregon, and that the state corporation commissioner should apply and be upheld in all efforts to apply the law made and provided to keep fake schemes and bogus corporations out of this field.

When the investing public is once assured that the corporations of the state are safeguarded and must be legitimate and honest, it will be a simpler matter to increase payrolls in Portland.

How the federal government under President Wilson has cooperated with lumbermen in seeking to build up the industry was testified to by numerous speakers at the various functions given visiting lumbermen yesterday.

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PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF
SMALL CHANGE
The query might be deemed pertinent. "What shall we do with our old presidents?"

ORIGON SIDELIGHTS
Pendaron is to have a municipal Christmas tree, and a committee to frame arrangements is already at work.

THE REAL ANSWER
From the New York Tribune (Republican), November 20.

On election night, when the returns from those states which have not yet voted are being tallied, the national campaigns indicated a large majority for Mr. Hughes.

Long before election day there ceased to be any question about an affirmative vote for Mr. Hughes. Long ago the single question of the public mind was whether Mr. Wilson would be elected, but whether Mr. Wilson would be elected, but whether Mr. Wilson would be elected.

Such personal satisfaction as can be drawn from the result belongs to Mr. Wilson; he is entitled to it. The Tribune hoped there would be a straight out issue between Mr. Wilson's policies and those that it believed were braver and better.

Whether Mr. Wilson now wins or loses the count, the real honors of the election are his. Because the Tribune has opposed him most bitterly, it is in fact most frankly, it is in the main academic.

It is possible to debate the question as to whether the larger part of the result was due to Mr. Hughes' personal popularity or to the great questions of the campaign fairly and bravely, or to a general enthusiasm for Mr. Wilson and for his policies.

Some Other Missing Handshakes.
Had Candidate Charles E. Hughes made no other campaign blunder than to fall to shake hands with the dominant party in California, he would still have been long in political history.

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Rag Tag and Bobtail
Stories From Everywhere
If this column all readers of the Journal are invited to contribute original material, in verse or in philosophical observation, or in any form, for the Rag Tag and Bobtail.

He'd Been Reading the Cartoons.
BEN BIGLER WALKER, aged 5, son of Oscar W. Walker of the Frank Car company, has a remarkable ability and also whose name is Bill.

Mother Needed the Money.
An Alameda Park matron was re-jecting that she had been appointed a clerk of election in her precinct.

Just as Well Tell a Big One.
Dr. Horace Brown of Milwaukee, a much traveled man, once found himself in Livingston, an Atlantic port of Guatemala.

Cruel and Unusual.
Orlie Chase and Dewey Inman, while up in the city of Sunday, encountered a flock of wild geese at the Dallas Itinerary, and succeeded in killing one by throwing rocks at it.

An Election Outrage.
C. W. Dent, rancher of Warner valley, arrived in Lakeview yesterday, and was met by a party of men.

The Janitor's Ailth.
The big smoke on Tuesday afternoon was caused by Janitor Walker burning the leaves on the Congregational church square, says the Forest Grove News Times, and was not caused by the fire of Wilson's victory, as Mr. Walker is a staunch Republican.

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