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PUT THE PORT IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND is to have a port week. That is encouraging. Perhaps we shall all be aroused to a realization of what is going on in northwest transportation...

Proctor & Gamble obtained the site by lease from the Great Northern railway. Work on the construction of the tank will be started at once. The all shipments for Proctor & Gamble have increased during the past year...

With indomitable energy, the citizens of Puget sound cities, from elevator boy and kitchen maid up to the mightiest captain of finance is a soldier in the conflict to build up Puget sound institutions and Puget sound commerce...

Up there, they do not merely talk. They act. They support the Chamber of Commerce, the port commission and every other body that functions for a greater port and a greater city.

If we continue to merely talk, will not trade routes become so firmly established and ascendancy so deeply rooted that our problem of reestablishing Portland commercially will be enormously increased?

We know that nature and geography are on our side. We know that it is fundamental for traffic to follow the route of least resistance. That should be enormously encouraging to us.

Take the soy bean oil tank to be built at Seattle. Take the soy bean oil shipments to pass through it. They have to be lifted from tidewater half a mile over the mountain passes; or as we recently saw, they are hauled from Seattle through Portland from Puget sound on their way east.

We know that it is waste. We know that in hauling freight either way the railroads are throwing away thousands of dollars, uselessly expended in order to favor Puget sound.

Thus, every advantage is on the side of Portland with a direct route and the only water level gateway through the Cascades on the Pacific coast. We have a case that is already won if we act, instead of talk.

Why not make port week a time for action? Why not begin that week to put the "port" in Portland?

tion from the position in which politicians used it as a football and candidates employed it as a vehicle to ride into office.

SOCIALIST PEACE

IT IS well known that the German Socialist party has been one of the main pillars of autocracy during the war. Today, according to the current news dispatches, they are the Kaiser's principal reliance. Of course, the German Socialists are fighting in the ranks like other subjects of the autocracy.

Some of the Russian Socialists are cooperating with these alien conspirators. Apparently they prefer czarism to any form of government which does not carry out their own extremist theories.

I. W. W.-ism in its worst form goes scarcely further in counseling defiance of public authority.

The Curry county court ought to call the special election. It ought to obey the law.

Yet in defying the state power it is only following the example of those who in pushing the Bean bill are defying an act of the congress of the United States which has been affirmed by the supreme court of the United States.

If we advocate disunion and anarchy in one place, we must expect to find it sprouting up in other places.

The decision of the justices in the grant land suit was unanimous. The only dissenting voice in the effort to restore 40 odd million dollars worth of land to the public domain is in Oregon.

What other voice can it be than the voice of the beaten railroad and its flegmen?

TO CONSOLIDATE THE committee created by the legislature to prepare and submit a plan at the next board and commissions in the state government is already at work. It is admirable promptness.

The body can render useful service. It may not find necessity for many changes. A great deal of political buncombe has been worked off in the cry for consolidation.

At the 1915 session, it was mainly a slogan for use in getting rid of officials appointed by former Governor West. It was not a good faith cry by those who howled it. The fact that as soon as the state house was well cleared of West appointees, action was suspended is proof of insincerity.

There is no doubt of the sincerity of the present program. The early organization and the assignment of tasks to be done is assurance that the committee headed by former Senator Johnson intends to make a thorough investigation and propose a plan for other than political purposes.

Undoubtedly, duplications of functions in a limited way will be found. They may be easily removed by coordinating the various activities. Then if the legislature adopts the plan, some good will have been accomplished.

But an even greater service will be rendered in removing the ques-

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ment and do not wish to change it, we have no reason to question his judgment. By nature the Germans are a docile people, romantic and easily led.

THE Scientific American is of the opinion that the Germans now have 200 submarines in active service and may have many more.

THE French have always been among the best fighters in Europe, as well as the foremost champions of liberty.

THE odds are heavy that Mr. Gerard is right about the prospect of a revolution in Germany. He says that nothing of the kind is at all likely.

difficulties in love for the United States and the American idea. We notice a distinct revival of the good old notion that this country has a mission to spread liberty throughout the world...

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 exceed 300 words length and must be accompanied by the name and address of the sender...

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PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE The food economist this summer would have much on the raiment economist at the bathing beaches. A news headline that says "Podunk Men Ready to Serve" leaves it almost entirely to the imagination...

OSBORNE YATES. Turkey having definitely broken with the Kaiser, it is not surprising that we never did think much of that bunch now.

OSBORNE YATES. The town of Daville, France, is planning a statue to Woodrow Wilson. And not Rockefeller or Morgan, as you might have thought.

OSBORNE YATES. Reason we hear so little about any revolutionizing in Greece is probably that the people know they can get Congress's royal warrant any time they want it.

OSBORNE YATES. There is one corking good word that has not been conscripted yet. It is "justice." Just wait till the Colonel gets to issuing communications.

OSBORNE YATES. One way of avoiding waste is the good old rule, "Take no more upon your plate than you can eat; or, if you eat, you've got to eat it." Ever hear Mother say that?

OSBORNE YATES. Remember Mary Ellen Lease? And what she advised Kansas farmers to do to the effect? Well, it looks like raising quite a good bit of both.

OSBORNE YATES. That American commission that is going to Russia to advise the new government will, of course, not fail to recommend the adoption of Uncle Sam's homestead law. It would have lots of room in Siberia, to say nothing of the ex-czar's confiscated estates.

OSBORNE YATES. Who is it that from night till morning is telling you what he has done. And always there with the bull con? George Baker.

OSBORNE YATES. Who was it that he took it on himself to put the jitneys on the street? So trolley cars would earn more profit? George Baker.

OSBORNE YATES. Who was it that some time ago Gave twenty thousand of your dough To whom? (You surely ought to know.) George Baker.

OSBORNE YATES. Who is it, like Mark Hanna, thinks A dollar per day buys food and drinks For Americans as well as Chinks? George Baker.

OSBORNE YATES. Who is it that, when he's on, Forever bumps the workman's man, But never bumps the job just ran? George Baker.

OSBORNE YATES. Who is it that he tried with all his might, To win a fight, but he butted in to break the strike? George Baker.

OSBORNE YATES. Who is it now that wants to be Lord mayor of this whole citee? For, take a tip, 'twill never be. George Baker.

OSBORNE YATES. The music to these lines will be furnished the evening of June 4. F. I. GANNON.

OSBORNE YATES. RIdicules Road Bond Argument. Aurora, Or., April 19.—To the Editor of The Journal—Among the many wondrous things that are being done in the state of Oregon in the argument supporting the \$6,000,000 bond bill by its proponents, the following is surely unique if nothing more.

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Rag Tag and Bobtail

Stories From Everywhere

An Old, Old Friend Reappears. SCOFFERS have arisen from time to time to say that United States official weather reports are a joke, insofar as they deal with the future; but their descriptions of the present and past, says the Boston Transcript, are admittedly serious and accurate.

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