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The proper function of a government is to make it easy for the people to do good, and difficult for them to do evil.

COUNTRY, HOME AND KIN

The government could have made the Liberty bond issue a bankers' loan. That has been the practice in America.

But the Liberty bonds are an issue in which every dollar subscribed goes straight into war service without diminution to the extent of a single penny.

There never were in this country speculators so ideal in the flotation of a loan. There never was a loan so pre-eminently a people's loan.

Secretary McAdoo says quick financial support may enable the Allies to win before there is time for American soldiers to be sent to Europe.

What could be more of an appeal to the heart of America? On such an alternative, there is not a workingman who is not ready to put his savings into a bond.

them over to the state. That looks like public spirit of rather a fine quality.

OREGON HONORS

FATHER O'HARA is retiring by resignation from the Industrial Welfare Commission. He is succeeded by Mr. McNaughton, an able and forward looking man.

The status of the commission's work is admirable. The body was a small public instrument in far-off Oregon. It did not loom large in the public eye.

But it proved itself to be one of the biggest commissions in America. The principle and policy it enunciated have been written into the law of the land.

This doctrine was resisted in the courts. The acts of the Oregon commission were attacked as exercise of powers in violation of the constitution.

In a recent decision, the highest court in America sustained the contention of the Oregon commission. It was one of the celebrated cases of the country.

The day's news informs us that rain in Minnesota has quenched disastrous forest fires raging in that state. Evidently Oregon is not the only place where the skies are inclined to weep.

There is a pit mentioned in the Book of Revelations where "that old serpent which is the devil and Satan" was locked up for a thousand years in a certain time of trouble.

ject to the police regulation of the state, which has authority to impose license fees. When the motor vehicle law was framed by the last legislature this point of constitutionality was given consideration.

Way down in Alabama they recently put a negro by the appropriate name of Black in jail for one second because he had killed another negro. If his victim had been white they probably would not have put him in jail at all.

MR. DALY AND MR. BAKER Why not be fair and square in politics? The Journal has been deliberately misquoted.

There can be no question as to the ability of Mr. Baker and Mr. Caldwell. Nor can there be question that each would enter the position with a high resolve to render good service.

But the Journal was supporting Mr. Bigelow and Mr. Brewster. For its own purposes, the Oregonian omitted that important fact, as will be seen by reading the full article elsewhere on this page.

England is planning to requisition all tobacco supplies found in that country for the use of the soldiers. If the United States were to do that there would be lots of fellows more willing to enlist.

THE first step toward keeping restlessness and curious youth away from the garbage can and the gutter is to give it a beautiful place to play. For play youth must. Whether that play shall be corrupting or helpful is a matter for the citizen to decide.

THE rules of health and cleanliness are everybody's business. A child with typhoid fever endangers everybody's welfare. There's Marquam Gulch, where South Portland children swarm amid filth and infection.

that there should be such an eyesore as Marquam Gulch. In this, the century of the child, it is expected that all Portland will take close account of its human young and their needs.

Men that have power in government should know how all the little children of the city live that they may protect their own. Women with the vote should demand for children a place to play that is clean and decent and safe.

Letters From the People [Communications sent to the Journal for publication in this department should be written on one side of the paper and should not exceed 300 words in length.

Argument for the Two-Platoon Portland, May 29.—To the Editor of The Journal—Discipline has been maintained among the men, and is being maintained by the strictest obedience to orders because of more favorable working conditions.

The above are the words of the Seattle Civil Service Commission. The two-platoon cannot succeed in Portland, notwithstanding it is an unequal success in 32 cities in the United States.

Two Years and After. Reputed Editorial From The Journal of June 3, 1915. It is the universal judgment that for two years Portland has had excellent government.

Mr. Bigelow and Mr. Brewster as commissioners might be chosen. Mr. Daly is the better man for mayor because he has shown himself to be one of the most effective public servants Portland ever had.

FOR Two-Platoon Committee. Portland, May 26.—To the Editor of The Journal.—In the interest of simple justice, I ask you to give publicity to a few facts relating to the fight being made to elect William Caldwell and R. C. Hahne will appear in numerous places before the end of the campaign in behalf of the two-platoon.

would be not only safe but prosperous. It is the depth of folly—yes, worse than that—is an insult to the Majesty of Heaven to try to rule God out of the government of mankind!

Phone Interchange Discussed San Diego, Cal., May 27.—To the Editor of The Journal.—Interchange of telephone service will create a condition which will set up an incentive for an increase in all business and residence telephones remaining in service.

Canada and Great Britain. Portland, May 29.—To the Editor of The Journal.—I have just read through the columns of your paper what your dependency Canada has upon Great Britain. Is it an independent country, or is it a province of Great Britain and under the sovereignty of the king?

Early in 1776 \$4,000,000 of paper money was issued and paper money became so plentiful that it was worth only about one-third of its face value. By the end of 1776 more than \$20,000,000 had been issued.

By the end of 1776 the total issue of paper money had reached \$20,000,000 and it had lost its purchasing power. The money would not even be accepted for furnishing supplies to Washington's army.

PERSONAL MENTION Sydney Merchant Here. Mark Foy and his son of Sydney, Australia, are in Portland on a pleasure trip. Mr. Foy is a retired dry goods merchant of Sydney and had nothing to say regarding his trip.

Dr. Miller Goes South. Dr. and Mrs. Byron E. Miller left on the steamer Great Northern today for the South. Dr. Miller will attend a medical meeting June 6 and 7. They will be gone about 10 days.

Charles H. Brown of Equimat, B. C. is at the Multnomah. E. Cohn of Pendleton is at the Oregon. Mrs. Mary Meador of Prairie City, Or., is at the Imperial.

PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE. This is the game in which everybody should play the Liberty loan hand. Queens of the May might find themselves engaged in a "poker" hand if they tried it again tomorrow.

THE LIBERTY LOAN OF 1917 4. Uncle Sam's Financing of Other Wars. Written for the United Press by Frank R. Wilson, of the Federal Farm Loan Bureau, U. S. Treasury Department.

National credit depends very much upon two factors—national resources and the strength of the government. A nation might possess overwhelming resources and still suffer from lack of credit on the part of its government.

Government credit was again at a low ebb during the Civil war. Paper money (legal tender notes) to the extent of \$443,000,000 was issued and it depreciated tremendously and magnified the cost of living.

HOW TO BE HEALTHY. There is no perfect substitute. Artificial feeding should be resorted to only in the case of infants who have been made to secure the mother's milk if the attempt is unsuccessful.

PERSONAL MENTION. Layman, is registered at the Nortonia. H. Wilkinson of North Yakima is at the Portland.

Salmon, Wash., are at the Washington. Kenneth McKay of Hood River is registered at the Portland. Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bashon and Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Gray of Keosau are at the Perkins.

Rag Tag and Bobtail

Stories From Everywhere Why Nurses Go Mad A YOUNG mother just returned from India had engaged a new nurse for her baby.

Showing What Might Be Done Just five minutes' meditation in a cell at Queen's county jail, New York, made away the young womanly spunk of Miss "Crisis" Dahlen, debutante of New York, and granddaughter of late Joseph A. Drexel of Philadelphia.

Beware, Biddy, Beware! If your chickens find gopher, rat and mole poison on the M. J. Thompson garden, you had better be careful. The Houlton Herald says that you had better be careful.

Horribly Misjudged It was the usual domestic storm, says the Chicago News. "Oh, dear, oh, dear," moaned wife, in tears, talking down her husband's mother's advice and never married you."

Stopped the Cooling Miss—'I'd like to know what was the meaning of all that loud and angry talking down your husband last night? Cook—'That was just me an' me husband, mum.

The Indispensable Dr. Todd A bunch of Macabees made a trip to Oregon City last Monday night, says the Astoria Pioneer. They had the time of their lives while there and about the same on the way home.

Uncle Jeff Snow Says: If Uncle Sam was to appoint me as chief hustler to round up them farmers' aid and comfort to the kaiser, I'd begin with them windmillmen's crossbones that keep on the job doing nothing while the food speculators is holdin' up the country worse'n what the kaiser would if we didn't do nothin' but hold them up.