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There was the same opposition to the federal government in its effort to restore the grant lands to the public. How singular it all is!

We have good government in Portland. Her government is one of Portland's best publicly assets. To vote for either of the new charters would be a vote to go backward.

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It is doubtful if a similar cut in the cost of things and a similar saving for the people was ever made by any public official in any city in the world. It is a most remarkable performance.

But Mr. Daly also cut the appropriation for street cleaning from \$359,000 to \$230,000 in spite of a 27.9 per cent increase in the area of the city. It is a service that constitutes a great advertising asset for the city of Portland.

It is doubtful if there is a city anywhere in which the citizens, having such a public servant, would, on any account, consent to part with his services.

Having a public servant so effective and so able to cut the cost of government, if we do not retain him, how can we hope for better government? Or what can we expect but bad government?

Or what right have we to complain at high taxes? When a man of the standing of W. B. Ayer gives public warning against the so-called anti-picketing ordinance, it is time for citizens to think.

interest compelled France and England to restore the safeguards of labor. It is only because of a healthy and contented working population that they have been able to hold their own against Germany.

There is a fight on to abolish delinquent tax advertising in Oregon. It is a fight that will continue. Advertising the financial misfortunes of citizens at heavy public and private expense is a false and vicious scheme.

Nothing but graft. WE ARE having in Portland open advocacy of delinquent advertising. We have two candidates for city commissioner running on their records in voting in the legislature for perpetuation of delinquent advertising.

Nobody but those who profit from it defends publication of delinquent tax lists. The system was unanimously denounced by the county judges and commissioners of Oregon.

The county clerks of Oregon unanimously voted against delinquent advertising. They know the workings of the scheme and how it almost tears the heart out of people who have had financial misfortune and for the moment cannot get the money to pay their taxes.

NO BACKWARD STEP AS THE American people enter the war for liberty they are proud to believe that the government will avoid many of the initial mistakes which have proved so costly to other nations.

The nations by whose side we are now fighting can guide us in nothing more surely than in the difficult problems of labor under military conditions. At the outset of the war both France and England made the experiment of relaxing their legal restrictions on the labor of women and children.

The reason for the sacrifice was patent. England and France had to face in a sudden war for life and death a country which had been turning all its energies to military preparation for the last fifty years.

What was the consequence? The consequence was the same in both France and England. It was found that after the first grand spurt longer hours did not increase the output. As the safeguards of labor were broken down labor lost its productivity.

Between the two sovereignties there has been conflict from the beginning. Sometimes the conflict has been bloody, as in the Civil War. Sometimes it has been mild, as in the clash of federal and state liquor laws.

A movement has begun in Washington to break down the dual system. Talk has even gone to the length of mentioning a national constitutional convention to build the government anew from the foundation.

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 in length and must be accompanied by the name and address of the writer. If the writer wishes to have the name published he should so state.)

The "Choices" on Mayor. Portland, May 30.—To the Editor of The Journal—Desperate straits to which the special interests behind George L. Baker are driven to beat Will Daly for mayor.

It seems like a very neat little scheme, but possibly Mr. Josselyn's enthusiasm ran away with his judgment. In working conditions and this due to the double and deceptive manner in which the so-called conspiracy ordinance is framed.

A Farmer's View of Road Bonds. Scotts Mills, Or., May 29.—To the Editor of The Journal—Yesterday I talked to two professional men—doctors. I said to one, "Oregon has as nice an asphalt road as any in California, if she only had the roads."

A Penitentiary Query. Portland, May 25.—To the Editor of The Journal—From the posters we read that \$400,000 will be required to build a new state penitentiary.

A Carpenter's Complaint. Vancouver, May 27.—To the Editor of The Journal—I always read the editorial page of The Journal, as I have got to admit a chance by so doing I am writing this letter to you.

GREAT TALK THAT the war would cause profound political changes in the United States as well as in other nations has been predicted more than once. Some of the coming changes seem to be taking shape already. They affect that "dual system" of government which we have inherited from the

in place of one. Think it over. You can lose it. And let it be. Personally, I am a farmer. I think the roads most used should be built first. At present they are a "million" around our necks.

The Anti-Conspiracy Ordinance. Portland, May 29.—To the Editor of The Journal—Under the Initiative the people were given the right to legislate for themselves, and under the constitutionality amendment the initiative it was the intention that the title appearing on the ballot should be so framed that every voter would be able to get the information of what he was voting for.

Who can divine, or even guess, the substance of the conspiracy ordinance from the ballot title? The ballot title could tell that the proposed ordinance was one to prevent carrying banners in front of places of business, but let the cat out of the bag at the title could tell that the proposed ordinance contained provisions preventing two or more workers, brothers and sisters, husband and wife, from going to work together for a raise in wages or change in working conditions.

At heart, he is opposed to the carrying of banners as well as the necessity thereof, but how many mothers whose children are working in the various stores and business establishments are there who desire to cast a vote to deprive their own of the right to ask for an increase in the wages of their children?

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PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF SMALL CHANGE Who would organize a division of hunters, who would mistake the Germans for the British? It's about time for the bear that walks like a man to be getting up on his hind feet again.

After boasting for so long of "our unsullied wealth," it's no time to go to stuttering out evasions now. Those Liberty bonds could and should be absorbed in a day.

THE LIBERTY LOAN OF 1917 5. Opportunity the Loan Gives You to Do Your Bit. Written for the United Press by Frank H. Wilson of the Federal Farm Loan Bureau, United States Treasury Department.

A great war is a nation's supreme test. To conduct a war successfully requires the marshalling of all of its resources, which are its physical strength. It is the part of the young men to make the nation's physical strength felt on the firing line.

Let your response to the Liberty Loan be your approval of the words of President Wilson. "The right is more precious than peace and we shall fight for the things which we have always carried nearest our hearts—freedom, for the rights and liberties of small nations, for a universal dominion of right which should govern the people as shall bring peace and safety to all nations and make the world itself at last free."

HOW TO BE HEALTHY FEEDING THE YOUNG BABY (NO. 2)—But if the baby is fortunate, it will not have to rely on substitutes. In the event that the flow of breast milk has been established, it should be nursed at intervals of three hours.

building quarters for the soldiers. The foreman in charge told me to come Monday. I said, "If I bring my tool chest I want to be sure of work." He said, "All right, come Monday." And I guess he was right.

PERSONAL MENTION Salt Lake Party Arrives. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Daynes Jr., accompanied by Joseph D. Daynes, Edward E. and Elmer Jenkins and Charles B. Stewart of Salt Lake City, are making their first trip to the Pacific coast. They will be here over Sunday, and will visit other cities along the coast. They are registered at the Portland.

Spokane Man Visits. Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Morse of Spokane are registered at the Multnomah Hotel. They have been in the city for a few days. Mr. Morse owns one of the large apartment houses in Spokane and is planning on building another in his return. For a number of years he was engaged in the hotel business along the Pacific coast.

George W. Warren of Warrenton is at the Portland. H. E. Weber of Grants Pass is at the Perkins. L. S. Sherman of Fairbanks, Alaska, is at the Multnomah. Mrs. Edward Kiddle and Miss Lela Kiddle of La Grande are at the Imperial. Mrs. H. L. Douglas and Mrs. L. E.

Rag Tag and Bobtail Stories From Everywhere A Good American Story SOMETHING more than three and a half centuries ago the Rev. John Rogers died a martyr in England for his religious beliefs. So bravely did he go to his death that his friend Bradford said:

"Valiantly did he break the ice" into a new world of thought. Young John L. Rogers of Philadelphia, says Gerard in the Philadelphia Ledger, is the twelfth generation from the martyr, and for two years he has been fighting with the American legion in Flanders. In his last letter home to his father, Joseph Rogers, widely known as an editor and author, this young soldier said he had just got the news of America's entrance into the war.

"We put up the American flag and our band played 'Yankee Doodle,'" he said, and then added this: "Tell the American boys to come on over. The water is fine." And he is only juggling upon his back 90 pounds of equipment, while serving his gallant battery. But he declares he does it as easily as he used to carry his overcoat, so splendid has been the physical training.

These Birds Are No Slackers Aunt Mary came in Tuesday with a duck and a pair of geese. Mrs. Hansen, to help beat the garden of bugs and slugs, writes the Myrtle Point correspondent of the Coquille Sentinel. The birds proceeded at once to do the work.

The Swatter Outdoors. "Bridget, why have you put the fly-pap on the wall?" "Why not? They ain't no more flies to catch in the house, mum."

June 'Tis June! it is written on hilltops in purpling afternoon; It is written again in the shadows, By the melting light of the moon. It is sung by each voice in the forest, And the rustle from the hill-tops, It is told by the blossoms so sweetly, With voices that will not be still.

Uncle Jeff Snow Says: Russia is sorter tied up with a duck and a pair of geese. H. W. bunch for a congress, but maybe she'll scratch out and help regulate the Kaiser's old head knock letters to think that she's got the right to be chief deputy of Old Nick.

PEACE WITHOUT ANNEXATION The Russian Formula—by Frank H. Simonds. An illuminating article in which Mr. Simonds speculates on position certain warring nations find themselves in as a consequence of the Russian revolution and discusses new angles taken by the ultimate solution.

ANTHONY EUWER SINGS TO OREGON By Lucia B. Harriman. Poet and artist brings new name to the Oregon country by his "Rhymes of Our Valley," while his new work, "Limerotomy," seems certain to place him high in the humorist ranks.

FICTION MAGAZINE IN NEW FORM Beginning next Sunday, THE SUNDAY JOURNAL Fiction Magazine will appear in full-page size, being folded inside the Comic Section. Its contents are of the same high quality as characterized this feature when it appeared in tabloid form.

OREGONIANS AT THE PRESIDIO First photographs from the reserve officers' training camp at the Presidio in next Sunday's Journal.

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