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Many things lawful are not expedient, but nothing can be truly expedient which is unlawful or sinful.—C. Simmons.

OPEN THE BOOKS

WITH a fit candidate, it is not a question of whether the law requires a report of campaign expenditures to be filed.

A fit candidate does not shrink from taking the people into his confidence. He has nothing to hide as to the amount of money he spent in the election or as to what he spent it for.

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Capital's walking delegates are just as offensive to labor as labor's walking delegates are to capital. Capital cannot expect to remain organized and deny labor the right to organize and vice versa.

It is very foolish for any candidates or their friends to take advantage of any pretext to avoid a report of their expenditures.

By trusting too implicitly in widely heralded opinions about the corrupt practices act being defective, some who figured in campaign expenditures in the late Portland election might get a free ticket to jail.

of Governor West and "get the viewpoint of the other side," there are other activities for united performance in Portland. The business of the port is drooping. We all acknowledge it. In the same way by the same joining of purpose, we could change this inactivity into activity.

The old spirit of the first families in Portland was an aggressive spirit. Those men of the original first families put Portland here. They built ships. They built steamboats. So long as they lived, Portland was ascendant, dominant.

Their descendants ought to get the viewpoint of those pioneer first family men. There ought to be reenacted here the drama of enterprise of those earlier days when Portland's leadership was attested and acknowledged.

The railroads that serve Portland should get the viewpoint of those who think the roads are treating Portland as a way station. There must be a common bond of interest between some of the roads and Portland.

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Have you done your part in the Red Cross work? The Red Cross is one of the highest expressions of civilization. Your contribution will be only a mite. But it will be as precious as the millionaire's heaviest gift.

THE diligent suffragettes who are doing their bit by parading before the president's mansion with a banner, love their cause more than the truth if we may judge by the legend which they displayed to the Russian legation.

His repeated reelections to the bench in a community of opposite political faith until death found him serving in his twenty-sixth consecutive year as a jurist, are eloquent testimonial to the character of Judge Bradshaw, who passed away at his work in Port-

land yesterday. His life was symbolic of the sturdiness, capacity and strength of the pioneer stock of Oregon.

WHY IT IS NEEDED

FOOD regulation of some sort can hardly be delayed much longer. The whole country joins with President Wilson in demanding it. Congress hesitates because the needed legislation would run counter to some of its antiquated economic theories.

Two distinct kinds of mischief should be singled by food regulations. Both are caused by speculators. The first affects the producer. The second affects the consumer. The producer falls a victim at harvest time, potato digging time, butchering time and the like.

By this simple seesaw the speculators rob the farmer at one end of the line and the consumer at the other. Food regulation is needed to block their game. Since the farmer must grow food to keep us from starving he should receive a remunerative price for it.

To protect the farmer the present asks congress for a minimum price. To protect the consumer he asks for power of market control. Both demands are essential to the public welfare.

Eugene E. Smith makes a better understanding and a closer cooperation between employer and employe in Portland the slogan of a newly launched magazine called "The Village Smith." The purpose is to exalt the field fertile and the publisher able.

IT APPEARS to be an unquestionable fact that very large areas of tillable land are held in Eastern Oregon by individuals and corporations who make very little use of them. It must be conceded that they pasture sheep and cattle on some of their holdings for part of the year. But population is not attracted, homes are not built, fields are not tilled and the crop yield of the state is not increased.

It is openly charged by high officials that some of the lands were acquired by fraud and that they are held out of use by land barons most of whom do not even live in Oregon. It is of more than passing interest that efforts to take steps for recovery of some of these lands and opening them to small settlers who would convert them into producing fields, meet with little encouragement in high official quarters and less among some of the people who ought to be profoundly concerned in getting as much population on the land as possible.

THE passing of Judson C. Clements of the Interstate Commerce Commission is a public loss. Judge Clements has been a member of the commission since 1892. He was the oldest member of the body both in years and in service. He served five terms in congress before accepting a place on the commission.

It is included the old home place on which he was born and this portion was incorporated into the general farm largely through sentimental reasons.

OUR SCHOOLS

THERE is a comparatively small group of people in Portland who are intelligently interested in the public schools. Another group is interested in them because it has grudges to gratify. A third group wishes to control the schools for political ends. And there are others.

We suppose other communities resemble Portland in these particulars. Americans are a long, long way from understanding the true purport of the schools in our national life. Some of the fault may lie with the schools themselves. Portland schools are among the best in the country, but even they do not thoroughly cover life and its problems, else the system would not be so much the target of the disgruntled.

So life pays the schools the hypocritical tribute of outward respect and ignores them in practical conduct. To the ordinary citizen the thing called "education" has hardly more practical significance than a fine lady's nail polish has to a blacksmith.

Letters From the People
[Communications in this department should be written on only one side of the paper, and should be accompanied by the name and address of the sender. If the writer does not desire to have the same published he should so state.]

Nothing "Just as Good" as Cork
From the Popular Science Monthly.
When a man goes into a hardware store for a supply of cork for some special purpose, he usually gets what he asks for. The reason why the dealer does not endeavor to persuade him to try something else, "just as good" as cork, is especially noticeable when he is asked for a quantity of cork. Cork is cheap, and for ages it has stood alone in its field of usefulness. It is tough and elastic and its specific gravity is only 0.24. It is impervious to water, accounts for its use in life preservers.

Hotel Manager Visits
H. F. Gelitz, manager of the Cour d'Alene hotel of Spokane is registered at the Carlton and will be in the city for a week. Mr. Gelitz is here looking into hotel conditions.

Here on Irrigation Business
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Oregon's New Senator
From the Washington Post (June 10).
Charles McNary, who served in the United States senate from Oregon last Friday, is a typical product of the great west who, his friends predict, will represent Oregon in congress. He is a man of singular ability, a deliberate selection of that hackneyed phrase as it fits most becomingly in this case. And the successful job he has done in congress will soon become apparent to his colleagues when they come to know him personally.

On account of his experience and his profound knowledge of transportation, his place will be very hard to fill. He was a native of Georgia.

SMALL CHANGE

Get call for summer outfit.
Lost your last winter's fuel bill all paid up yet?
It isn't too late yet for the bear that walks like a man to begin to talk like one.

Future announcements that Germany has abolished Zeppelin raiding will be credited only by simple souls to the benevolence of the Kaiser. The rattlesnake has abandoned his fangs.

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OREGON SIDELIGHTS

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Rag Tag and Bobtail

Stories From Everywhere
The family of little Frances M. had recently acquired an automobile. In the manner of beginners, says the New York Evening Post Magazine, Mrs. M. was on trial trips—and Frances knew about it.

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