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I had fainted unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.—Psalm xxvii. 12.

DOUBLING THE POWER

SENATOR POINDEXTER of Washington is endeavoring to have provision made in the rivers and harbors bill for a 40 foot channel to Fort Vancouver.

Here is proof of The Journal's long time contention that Portland can help herself by helping Vancouver, because Vancouver, with maritime aspirations, would soon bring the support of Washington's congressional delegation to the Columbia.

Hitherto, the Washington delegation has been concerned only with Puget Sound. The dominating influence of sound ports caused Washington senators and congressmen to lose sight of the Columbia.

But they have not realized it. Their grain and other products in consequence are being hauled over mountains without any thought that the rates are necessarily based on a costly over-mountain haul.

The Pointexter effort for the lower river will presently shape itself into concern about the upper Columbia. Washington is really more to be benefited by improvement of the upper Columbia than is Oregon.

The Oregon public service commission urges the prompt loading and unloading of cars and many other acts for the prompt handling of freight as a means of minimizing an increasing car shortage to be brought on by the crop movement. It is a timely warning, worthy of the attention of every shipper.

EVOLUTION

NATURAL selection with the survival of the fit and the elimination of the unfit seems to be the law of evolution at camp Presidio, as it is everywhere else.

will be neither brutal tyrants nor effeminate slaves. Young men liable to conscription will not be displeased to learn that "driving" methods find little favor with the regular army instructors who preside over the destinies of the training camp.

To the nascent field marshal who hopes to win fame by bullying his men it is presently intimated that he would shine more luminously as a section boss on the railroad than as an officer in Uncle Sam's democratic army.

Suaviter in modo, fortiter in re, that is to say, the steel hand in the silken glove, seems to be desired at the Presidio. Military commanders who have achieved great things on the field have usually worn the silken glove, at least between battles.

THE HOOVER LETTER

ALMOST every day of war seems to bring to light some abuse to which the American people have been subjected. The Hoover letter to President Wilson affords a sample instance.

No better proof of the hardship worked on our people during the past year needs to be added than the recitation of the fact that the producer receives an average of \$1.51 per bushel for the 1916 wheat harvest; yet wheat has been as high as \$3.25 at Chicago and the price of flour has been from time to time based on this speculative price of wheat.

Some years ago statisticians asserted that the American farmer was getting \$6,000,000,000 for products for which consumers were paying \$13,000,000,000. That was in time of profound peace. The figures are not far different from the findings of Mr. Hoover and his associates, reported in time of war.

B. F. Yoakum, president of the Frisco railroad, had a table of statistics prepared showing how much the farmer gets for products sold in New York in one year. His investigation showed that the farmer receives 44 cents out of each dollar's worth of his products. This, too, was in time of peace, and the figures tally closely with those of Mr. Hoover.

The New York Press also made an investigation. It traced the progress of a head of cabbage from the place where it was grown on a small Connecticut farm to the ultimate consumer in New York.

The farmer got a cent and a half for the cabbage. It first went to the commission merchant who lives on Riverside Drive, New York, pays \$2000 a year for his apartment, keeps an automobile and spends \$7000 a year.

From him the cabbage traveled to the retailer, who lives in a \$700 apartment, has a corner store for which he pays \$250 a month rent, keeps two delivery wagons at a cost of \$140 a month and spends \$2500 a year on his living.

population of wealdings and molluscoids. They said suffrage made squaws out of the men and amazons out of the women. But when action was required, it is the great free west that leads the way.

The corrupt practices act was grossly violated in the late Portland election by refusal of many to report their campaign expenditures. The law is plain. The officers know what it says. What are they going to do about it?

WITH TAX RECEIPTS

BY FIVE to one, a referendum vote conducted by Equity, a magazine, declared in favor of heavy taxation of incomes and war profits in financing the war.

An even heavier majority would appear were the voting universal. This nation is not at war for profit but for peace and national safety. The individual's thought should be as the nation's thought.

A wise man would tax the honey not the bee. He would take of his store of honey rather than cripple the bee which makes the honey. A wise nation will tax its honey, not its bees.

Bonds had and have their place because of immediate needs that cannot be met by taxation. The country bought them in a great burst of patriotism and will do it again when there is a similar need.

The net excess revenues over expenditures of more than \$104,000,000 during May, 1917, on 178 out of 186 railroads in the United States indicates that the net profits of the roads for the year will total more than a billion and a quarter, and be greater than the hitherto unapproached record for 1916.

The slump will not benefit consumers because it is merely temporary. The bulk of the crop will pass into the hands of speculators at the low figure which is approaching. They will hold it for famine prices.

The speculator's opportunity to monopolize the crop and plunder both grower and consumer is exceptionally good this season, as Mr. Hoover points out in his letter to the president.

Buying for export is all in the hands of the general agents appointed for that purpose by the allies. Neutral buying will not cut much of a figure in the market because the president has it under his thumb and is not likely to allow it to become excessive.

sponding to the call of patriotism. When the speculators have the wheat in their elevators they will hold for famine prices all above the allied demand, which may run up to 150,000,000 bushels.

Without intervention by congress we shall probably eat 25-cent bread next year, if we can afford it. "The channel is deep; let's use it," is the appeal of the Oregonian in praising the water route from Portland to the sea and in calling upon Portland to use it.

The "Forty-five Efficiency Club" is an organization or movement for the crystallization of public sentiment in favor of the most efficient body of water the quantity, when calculated at the year's end, was astonishing and the result anything but encouraging.

W. P. LaRoche, city attorney, will address the organization's meeting at the Central library, at 8 p. m., to which the public is invited. D. C. LEWIS, President.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

From the Oakland Leader: Last year the wheat crop was largely a failure in the spring wheat states and the total yield for the United States was small.

From the Atchison Globe: Speaking about earthly things, you are richer when you are born than you are when you die.

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work effective. Were the Red Cross funds supplied by the government, they would inevitably be expended by government officials, with all the red tape and delay that characterizes the expenditure of any other government funds.

The 45 Efficiency Club: Portland, July 11.—To the Editor of The Journal:—The following meeting was started among certain Millway line, to weed out all paid help that had passed the age of 45 years.

From the Public: Everyone who has lived in Europe for any prolonged period must be endeavoring to find the application of the principle that people everywhere shall choose their way of life and their way of obedience.

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PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE: But Lemberg is bound to be Lemberg for somebody, no matter what happens.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS: "Business as usual" is especially noted in Baker, the Democrat says in all lines there is activity and nothing to cause any apprehension.

SMALL NATIONALITIES: The issue of small nationalities is being carried to an extreme both by the allies and their German opponents.

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HOW TO BE HEALTHY

CALORIES AND SALARIES: Sometimes the men who get the smallest salaries require the most labor (food units).

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Rag Tag and Bobtail

Stories From Everywhere: (To this column all readers of The Journal are invited to contribute original matter—its value is in the telling, not in the story.)

Mailed by the Title "Doctor": "I people to think that everybody knows them," remarked J. B. Kerr, who presided at the dinner given in honor of the N. A. Flagg Young last Saturday evening.

A German Soldier's Best Bet: There was a striking instance of domesticating war prisoners during the Revolution in the person of the Philadelphia Ledger.

Ourselves as Ithers See Us: The Pendleton reserves invaded Milton on Strawberry day. They captured it and evacuated it without a single one of their number being shot or half killed.

The Perfection of Technique: Gertrude, aged 2, sat in her high chair at the dinner table, says the Herald, that run him a close second.

Watch Hermiton Grow Fat: Sam Oldaker as a funny story teller can't be beat, although there are several hereabouts, says the Hermiton Herald.

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