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There is no truth more thoroughly established than that there exists, in the economy and course of nature, an indissoluble union between virtue and happiness.

ASTORIA AND RATES FROM recent news items in the Astoria papers, it would appear that the complaint of the Inland Empire Shippers' league...

They insist that, by reason of water grade, they are entitled to lower rail rates to both Portland and Astoria, and that they should not be required to pay rates based on the cost of haul over high mountain ranges.

Mr. Ednon is 72 years old this month. The Evening Post remarks that he is still in the vigor of his life.

A SPELLING LESSON DR. ELIOT, the former president of Harvard university, gave his successor, Dr. Lowell, a sentence to write down, requiring him to spell every word correctly.

Why there should be a "u" in gauging any more than in paging we are unable to say. But there is one. Suppose you were to see in the paper that Mr. Smith had been "panged" at the hotel.

But in the matter of spelling we have a decided inclination to advise people to take the law into their own hands. We confess to a secret longing to see every person in the United States stand up boldly and issue an emancipation proclamation for himself to the effect that henceforth and forevermore he is going to spell words as they sound.

A FUTILE SHOT THE irrationalism of the reds is evidenced in the attack upon the life of Premier Clemenceau. In effect, it was an attack upon the peace conference itself.

This is a peace conference that is the first to base its settlements upon the self determination by races, the first to listen to the appeals of subject peoples in arriving at its decisions.

When the critics went to the length of blaming the American war department for the mud at Brest, they raised the question if they are not somewhat short of material.

MAKING IDLERS NEWS item on the market page of The Journal Thursday says: Nearly a dozen people are employed by the government in the bureau of markets in Portland.

It is probably absurd to imagine that the murderous assault on Clemenceau was "part of a great plot." The man who shot him was manifestly a crack-brained adventurer who acted on his own responsibility.

THE TRANSGRESSOR'S WAY MICHIGAN like other prohibition states has been rather diligent in its quest for contraband booze. Cellars, trunks, automobiles have been invaded by officials and their intoxicating delinquents ruthlessly exposed and confiscated.

of Kansas. He was elected United States senator on the Republican ticket at the late election with an enormous plurality. His insistence that the school books of the state cost 40 per cent less than when bought of Eastern publishers is a matter for sober reflection.

THE ALBANY DEMOCRAT reminds us all that February 22 has more than its usual claim upon the public this year. It is Washington's birthday, as usual.

THE BEGINNING OF A NEW ORDER League of Nations Is Good If Human Liberty Is Good From the New York World.

THE PORT BILL THERE has been no public demand for a change in the membership of the Port of Portland Commission.

Voting As the Wife Says PORTLAND, Feb. 21.—To the Editor of The Journal—I note in report of legislative proceedings that more than one member has excused himself from voting against the expressed wish of the people by saying, "My wife tells me to vote against this bill."

HURRYING THE SOLDIERS HOME McEwen, Feb. 16.—To the Editor of The Journal—I am interested in getting my boy home, out of the army, and I believe there is a cause not concurred in by the general public for this delay.

RETURNING SOLDIERS DOING THEIR OWN CELEBRATING From the New York World.

COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF SMALL CHANGE Today is the day for the old cherry tree story. Just as we feared, the state legislature has voted to reduce the salaries of the Rotarians.

JOURNAL MAN AT HOME By Fred Lockley. When he was 19 he was a major in the militia, and in 1753 Governor Dinwiddie sent him on a military mission to the Ohio country.

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Ragtag and Bobtail

Stories From Everywhere. The Real Magna Charta DR. CHARLES R. BROWN, dean of the school of religion of Yale university, a member of the Congress for a League of Nations, told the following story in an address in Portland:

Can You Tell? Why is it? A fellow will take such terrible chances to get a job.

Uncle Jeff Snow Says: Anybody that wants to bust up a trust is a traitor to his country and wants to ruin its industries.

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