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ward from its environment. He was, as Washington Irving says, a visionary, who correctly forecast the future. Few can do anything of the sort. Most of us believe that the world is now as it was in the beginning and ever shall be.

Whatever goods were manufactured in Columbus' time were made by hand. There were no industrial plants. People thought in terms of handicraft and in terms of the guilds into which the craftsmen had organized themselves.

And it was a revolution far deeper and more consequential than those that school children study in their histories. It was an industrial revolution which destroyed the handicrafts, and, before it was finished, gathered the working class into solid masses around mammoth factories in cities populated by millions.

This industrial revolution was completed in the United States and England toward the middle of the last century. Other countries were more backward. Germany's industrial revolution covered the time between 1870 and 1900, being almost coincident with Japan's.

So here we are in the age of trusts. What next? History moves in circles, even if time never reverses itself. Our little sermon began with ownership of the industries by the craftsmen organized in guilds.

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THE New Republic truly says that the so-called race-hatred of Americans for the Japanese is not race hatred at all. It is something entirely different, namely, the dread of lowered living standards.

Their right to strike is restricted. Their wages are miserable. If they come to this country in considerable numbers it is justly feared that they will erect their standards here and compel American laborers to accept them.

Japan is just now maneuvering for unrestricted immigration to the United States. She can get it on one condition. When her labor laws and her standard of wages and living have been raised to the level of ours nobody of any consequence will wish to keep out her working men.

Her upper classes are received in the United States with uniform pleasure. The same will be true of her laborers when they cease to bring with them a manifest danger to our standards of life and work.

IT WILL be interesting to watch the way in which the "salary standardization act" of the last legislature works out in Multnomah county. It was the one pet measure in which all of the officials of Multnomah county were interested during the recent session.

The act provides that the officials in charge of the various county offices shall recommend in writing to the county commissioners the list of their employes and the amount of salaries desired for each, the recommendations to be made annually at the time the departmental budgets are prepared.

AS WE CHANGE
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Must there be more advances of 25 per cent in order that the railroads may "live," as they call it? What will the railroads do when all these new hard surfaced highways are completed? And what will they do when the \$250 automobile is followed with a motor truck correspondingly reduced in cost?

Evolution is on. Inventive genius is active. We are passing into a new epoch. The steam railroad will never be again what it has been in America—the whole transportation agency, the only reliance, the beginning, the middle and the end of commodity delivery.

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The United States has broadened somewhat beyond the Puritan limitations. Our people have learned not to be ashamed of their minds or bodies. In other words we are no longer provincials in literature and politics, and we no longer feel that the prudery of the backwoods village is quite becoming to the foremost nation in the world.

AT LAST
NINETY-THREE THOUSAND acres of land in Coos and Douglas counties have been made available for entry and settlement by home builders by the settlement of the long drawn out Coos Bay wagon road grant litigation in Washington.

It has taken a long time to bring the case to a close, and even now it was done only by a compromise between the Southern Oregon company and congress. The Southern Oregon company and its predecessors had kept the domain sequestered for nearly half a century.

Then the decision of the high court in the Oregon & California land grant case was handed down, holding that the grantees in that controversy had an interest of \$2.50 per acre in the land and no more because of their long continued violation of the administrative terms of the granting act.

Word comes from Washington that the deeds of the Southern Oregon company have been prepared and handed to the interior department, while the government has paid the price directed by congress.

Next in order will come the opening of the lands for homesteaders. They have been waiting a long time for the opportunity to enter upon these grant lands, just as they have been waiting to enter the Oregon & California grant lands.

THE outcome is a victory for the people of the two counties. It means more homes in the valleys and upon the hills of that section of the state, more people, more progress and more prosperity. The day has long been delayed by avid corporations, but it has come at last.

THERE has come to this desk from the United States a health service a leaflet on the subject of sex education. Two pictures on the leaflet attract attention. The first is of a boy between nine and ten years old. This is the age, says the health service, at which boys receive their first instructions on sex, "from improper sources."

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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, should be clearly and legibly written, and should be accompanied by the address of the contributor.]

To Wapinitia, and Others
Wapinitia, March 27.—To the Editor of The Journal.—As chairman of Wapinitia Planning for the Victory Liberty Loan, I wish to place the fifth loan slogan before the people of our precinct, namely: "Save and Pay Up."

Returning New Zealanders
Portland, March 28.—To the Editor of The Journal.—I received, through the office of a local contractor, Mayor Baker's office, a letter written to the mayor from the office of the high commissioner for New Zealand, in London, in reply to the mayor's letter regarding the return of troops.

A NEGLECTED THEME
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THE New Garage Ordinance
Portland, March 28.—To the Editor of The Journal.—In regard to the ordinance providing for the placing of garages 20 feet back from the sidewalk, and only two on a lot for rental purposes, it looks to me like showing too much favor to the big public garages.

Keeping the Uniform
Grass Valley, March 28.—To the Editor of The Journal.—It is settled that the soldiers must return their uniforms? If so, where should a boy from the S. A. T. C. at Corvallis send his?

Pacific Highway Through Towns
Ashland, March 28.—To the Editor of The Journal.—Is the paving of the Pacific highway passing through an incorporated town paid for by the abutting acreage owner, or by the city?

Suggests Cure for I. W. W.
Forest Grove, March 24.—To the Editor of The Journal.—Some advocate Christianity as a cure for I. W. W. I believe it is safe to say that the ideal of Christ has been preached for the last 1500 years.

THE TEACHER
By William Wordsworth
Up! up! my friend, and quit your books;
Or surely you'll grow double:
Up! up! my friend, and clear your looks;
Why all this toil and trouble?

Men and Institutions of the Oregon Country
By Fred Lockley
[This article is the fourth of a series on the particular "institution" first to be treated by Mr. Lockley under the new heading chosen for this particular class of matters.]

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The first bathhouse to be run here was operated by Mr. and Mrs. Newcomb, and was in the early part of the century.

Language Teaching
Colton, March 24.—To the Editor of The Journal.—I could not carry on a conversation with a Spaniard, because his Spanish does not sound like ours.

Street Railways' Status
Estacada, March 25.—To the Editor of The Journal.—Are the city railroads in control of the government the same as the street railways?

Teach Youngsters to Earn and to Save Earnings
[Stories of achievement in the secondary schools of the State for the month of March.]

Desert Isle Staff
AS HE polished his customer's boots, the bookish outdoor man and a cigar. Thinking to have a little fun at the youth's expense, the customer asked him if he always smoked cigars.

Book on Economics
Between long rows of figures lurk pictures of little boys at work. And how poor women fade away. Page after page the margins say.

GENERAL
Twenty-six American, British and French aviators have been sworn in as members of the police reserves of New York.

Northwest Notes
The Umatilla county Red Cross has the sum of \$15,566.14 in its treasury.

FOREIGN
Riots continue in the provinces of Korea and it is estimated that 40 Koreans have been killed in the last few days.

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