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Without the league what authority would there be to require Germany to make the indemnity payments?

THE FARMERS WANT IT

The market road bill is the farmers' road bill. The farmers asked for it more than two years ago, and the legislature refused to give them the law.

The bill proposes a tax levy that will create a fund of about \$4,000,000 a year for strictly market roads. The fund has to be matched by equal contribution by counties in which such roads are built.

Agriculture is Oregon's chief industry. It is basic. Its prosperity is a first essential to general prosperity. All things considered, and with the farmers asking passage of the measure, how can anyone, on his conscience, vote against the market road bill?

WHOSE FAULT?

HOSE who would sign this treaty will sign the death sentence of many millions of German men, women and children.

The general assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States of America, meeting in St. Louis, has asked the general assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States, meeting at New Orleans, to enter into new negotiations to bring about an organic union of the two churches.

THE GATE OPEN

HERE is a text that Portland will well adopt in its contention with the government authorities for the establishment of adequate ocean carrier service for this port.

Artificial barriers have been built up about Portland by those who have very unartificial interests otherwise. Artificial rates have been imposed upon the district in order that these interests might be served and developed at other places.

Faster train time is promised by the railroad administration between Portland and San Francisco. There is no doubt about there being a lot of thirty Portlanders who would like to go to Frisco on a fast train.

ment work. Of this maximum total, \$647,500 may, in the discretion of the board, be set aside for use by the land settlement commission in providing developed homes for soldiers, sailors and marines.

GERMANY'S DAY OF WRATH

Antagonists Represent All That Is Fatal to Old Regimes. From the Christian Science Monitor. At 10 minutes past 2 on the afternoon of the seventh of May, 1919, the Czecho-Slovak Republic was proclaimed and sunk, off the coast of Ireland, by German submarines.

The second phase of the act deals with the reclamation of land by irrigation, drainage, or clearing logged off areas. For this purpose the board is authorized to issue and sell not to exceed \$2,000,000 of bonds.

THE EDDY PROGRAM

THE pivotal point about which the interest of the voters of the state will undoubtedly center when they go to the polls at the special election of June 3 is the so-called "Eddy reconstruction program," measures, consisting of the "Five Million Dollar Reconstruction Bonding Amendment" and its companion bill, the "Reconstruction Bonding Bill."

WASTED MONEY

IF HE were paying his hired man \$25,000 a year, any farmer would be somewhat over whether he was getting his money's worth.

Next to this political departure is the attempt, for which Mr. Lloyd George is largely responsible, to stamp out standing armies. The army and navy of Germany are reduced to a purely defensive force.

in the Grand Trianon yesterday leaves no doubt at all upon which side the scale has kicked the beam.

Letters From the People

[Communication sent to The Journal for publication should be written on only one side of the paper, should not exceed 300 words in length, and must be accompanied by the full name and address of the contributor.]

Who Shall Run the Railways? Athens, May 20.—To the Editor of The Journal.—The question as to whether the railways will again be operated by private corporations is a very important one and should be settled right away.

There is not a city in the United States the size of Portland that has as much business done as our three largest department stores.

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To Obtain a Patent

Hillsboro, May 22.—To the Editor of The Journal.—Please inform me as to particulars about proceeding to take out a patent for a new invention.

Discusses the Mooney Petition

Eugene, May 21.—To the Editor of The Journal.—Why are some labor unions protesting the proposed trial of Earl W. Mooney?

Old J. B. in Scandinavia

Special Correspondence to The Journal and The Oregonian. Christiania, Norway.—Doubtless when many an American reads of so and so many thousand cases of canned milk being recalled, he also feels a glow of pleasure.

In Reply to Mr. Penny

Portland, May 24.—To the Editor of The Journal.—In answer to S. B. Penny's permit me space to say that there is no objection to a free country and that, under the constitution of the United States, we are all allowed free thought and free speech.

Curious Bits of Information

Glanced From Certain Files. Interesting Prediction. Made in 1854, as to Portland's Future.

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