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TO RESTORE THE KAISER. ANY German people—political leaders, subordinate government officials, professional men and farmers—want the return of the monarchical form of government in Germany," says a news dispatch.

Naturally, There has been nothing but bedlam in Germany since November 9, when the revolution began. Almost every German has become a politician.

People weary of turbulence and yearn for rest. Revolution, civil war, disorder and violence have been the order since the monarchy collapsed. It may be accepted as true that many Germans are ready to go back to a throne as the only promise of relief from incoherence and illusion.

Then there are the junkers, always sagacious and cunning. Monarchy is their idol, their creed and their faith. They are born to the belief that some are superior and the others inferior, and that it is a heaven born right of the superior to rule over the inferior.

Of two of the best known men in the Northwest, in a debate on the League of Nations at Seattle, one, supporting the league, discussed the covenant "as though the Monroe doctrine clause had not been inserted" in the amended covenant, and the other, in an answering argument said he did not "know whether the Monroe doctrine had been mentioned in the revised covenant."

THE proposals received by the state highway commission this week there is noted a tendency toward cheaper prices. On the whole the bids ran under those received in April and were below the estimates of the engineer.

On the other hand, if based on the over zealousness of contractors it is not a healthy sign. It may predict a stormy time for the highway commission when it comes to making final settlement with the contractors with their claims for extras and other incidentals.

into the future in the expectation of a lower cost. With nearly nine million dollars worth of work under contract the highway department of Oregon is responding to the demand to provide a source of employment through the period of readjustment.

Anything Portland does to build up her back country increases her own importance and her own business. If there were no farmers out in the Willamette Valley and Eastern Oregon there would be no Portland of consequence.

THE guarantee will not cost the state a dollar. No taxes will have to be levied. On the contrary, the guarantee will tend to heavily increase the state's taxable property. It will aid irrigation and drainage projects.

By irrigation, Idaho has pushed herself far forward in the scale of states. She is rapidly overtaking Oregon. The Boise Valley has been transformed from a rabbit resort into one of the most wonderful producing sections in America.

These and many other object lessons in irrigation are before our own eyes. They are the proof of how acre after acre and section after section of arid land is being turned into taxable wealth, to help bear its share of state, county and school taxes.

If there is one man who more than another should vote for any and every measure in aid of irrigation and drainage it is the Oregon taxpayer. In doing so he is voting for his own pocket book.

J. J. Van Allen, with mansions in New York and Newport, announces that he will go to Europe to live as soon as prohibition becomes effective in the United States.

THE United States supreme court will soon pass judgment on the constitutionality of the child labor law, which was passed in the form of an amendment to the revenue act by the last congress.

IN any event, a comparison of road costs in other states shows that Oregon is getting its work contracted for more cheaply than most.

lowers his view and sentences the children to further servitude in factories, it will be a near crime. In this country of prodigious abundance, in this land where production is so enormous, where are we as a people if children of 14 must be made to toil?

Many Oregon mothers are hoping for the passage next Tuesday of the bill to give such returned fighters as want to attend college, \$25 a month to help defray their expenses.

PORTLAND stands in a low place in the percentage of parks and playgrounds to population. Other cities of her class are in a far higher place.

The thing that holds Portland back in providing parks is the fact that on every foot of ground it attempts to buy, the city is cinched.

Even juries in condemnation suits, where they are on oath to be just in the findings, fix extortionate prices for the public to pay.

The farmers ask for the market road bill. The 1917 legislature denied it to them. While we are going forward with all this splendid program, would it be fair to disregard that great body of taxpayers and producing citizens—the farmers?

RECOMMENDATIONS relative to rats were carried in the annual report of City Health Officer Parrish.

Rats, it is asserted by government experts, are responsible for more deaths than war. As carriers of infection and infectious germs they have played a prominent part in all the great plagues which have swept over the world.

ALIFORNIA is not satisfied with its present state road system and on July 1 will vote on the question of a \$40,000,000 bond issue.

productive and scenic center. In addition to voting on a large bond issue there is a movement to raise \$1,000,000 for the construction of a paved road into the Yosemite valley.

This novel idea in financing road construction might be borrowed and applied here in Portland. Take the Mount Hood section, for example.

ALL four urged that (1) the Monroe doctrine be specifically recognized, (2) domestic jurisdiction be retained by the federal government, and (3) a concession be permitted.

Senatorial Reactionaries. Portland, May 27.—To the Editor of The Journal—It appears to be impossible to frame a concise and exact explanation as to just what kind of moral delinquency is rampant in the United States senate that can so prey upon it as to put it into the mercenary power of a Paenon.

It is especially clear, therefore, that as all of Mr. Taft's and Mr. Lodge's five suggestions have been accepted, and as Mr. Hughes got six out of his seven points and Mr. Root four out of five, it is for the Republican party to welcome the new draft as a Republican victory.

How Coast Highway Would Help the Whole State. From the Eugene Guard. When it was first announced that the state legislature had passed a measure providing for a coast highway to be known as the Roosevelt memorial highway, and appropriating \$2,500,000 to be matched by the government, and that the measure was to be passed by the people for ratification, there was a tendency to immediately bury the proposition.

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Another Forty Million. From the Astorian. This measure proposes to bond the state for \$2,500,000 for the construction of the Roosevelt coast military highway down through the seven beautiful counties of the state from Astoria to the California line.

May Memories. By June McMillan Orday. Upon this hallowed ground we stand, "Thou" whispering zephyrs say: "It was but yesterday."

Letters From the People. (Communications sent to The Journal for publication in this department should be written clearly on one side of the paper, should not exceed 300 words in length, and must be signed by the writer, whose mail address in full must accompany all contributions.)

Would Elect Chief of Police. Portland, May 27.—To the Editor of The Journal—The inefficiency in the police department are made with glaring headlines in the papers of late and I ask space to say to the people of Portland that the office of chief of police is filled by appointment of the mayor, as it is now and has been for many years past.

Memorial day. The Balkans, it seems, have temporarily balked the treaty. Spain recognizes the new republic of Poland. Well, it's all right with us.

Observations and Impressions of the Jubilee Man. By Fred Lockley. (With a lofty tribute to the heroes of America's wars—all for liberty—Mr. Lockley, at this time for memory and for teaching the people, has written for The Journal's noted orators an occasion commemorative of the deeds of the heroes—)

In Honor of Our Dead Heroes. By Alice M. McNaught. Place a flower on the grave of every hero who has died for his country. Place it there with a prayer for the peace that his death has won.

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Vital Lines. From the New York World. May 27, 1918, the Hindenburg line, May 1918, the dotted line.

WE MOURN. By Clyde A. Beals of The Journal Staff. We mourn. The passing of a friend or kin whose kindly word or smile to us has been a cheerful rift in trouble clouds, seems hard. We would accompany him—the way is barred today. Perhaps the morrow will unfold. The shrouded roster with our names enrolled.

COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF. SMALL CHANGE. OREGON SIDELIGHTS. Memorial day. The Balkans, it seems, have temporarily balked the treaty.

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Ragtag and Hobtail. Stories from Everywhere. When the Hindenburg Line Broke. A DUSKY doughboy, burdened under tons of medals and miles of ribbons, service and wound chevrons, stars, et al., encountered a 57th division scrapper in Le Mans, France, near the division's departure for the states, says the Gas Attack.

The Psalm of Life. I. Hail. II. Ill. III. Ill. —Brooklyn Citizen. Uncle Jeff Snow Says: Jack Thibert, who came back with battery B, 'loves it was worth a million dollars to have tucked part in the world war. The gas, it's a most interesting story, along that line is all he wants to make at present for a while, if not longer.

The News in Paragraphs. World Happenings Briefed for Benefit of Journal Readers. GENERAL. For the week ended May 24, 27,425 persons were reported as unemployed in New York city.

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