

THE LIFE AND DEATH OF CITIES
TRANSPORTATION affects the cost of everything bought or sold by any individual.

Such is the first maxim laid down by an eminent authority, as explained in yesterday's Journal. The same authority laid down three other unalterable laws. Here they are:
1.—Transportation limits the territory tributary to the trade of any city.

many of their charges were to be weighted against them.
On the other hand, all too many men entrusted with brief authority over the persons and liberties of their fellow men seem to revert to the cave age and the instinct of the period. It is an unfortunate trait disclosed many times by the experience of those in charge of insane hospitals, prisons, reformatories and other public institutions of the kind. It requires continual vigilance on the part of those charged with the general management of such places to weed out the brutal and prevent the abuse. It would not be surprising, since the tendency must continually be combated in civil life, if the unfortunate inmates of the not infrequently in the same prison camps. It is something of a relief, and punished, but it is a grid of war, which breeds on brutally, suffering and death.

COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF
SMALL CHANGE
But the R-34 hasn't a thing on the old 4-11-14.

The News in Paragraphs
World Happenings Briefed for Benefit of Journalists and Others
OREGON NOTES
Advices from the Columbia river tell of an unusually heavy run of fish.

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It is a maxim that cannot be disputed. If there were no transportation between Portland and Roseburg, there would be no trade between Portland and Roseburg. If Portland had no transportation to outside points, Portland's trade would be only with herself. The reason that Portland became the chief city of Oregon is that in the early days the rivers afforded transportation that other cities in the Oregon country did not have.

Letters from the People
[Communications sent to The Journal for publication, should not exceed 500 words in length, and must be signed by the writer. The publisher reserves the right to edit for brevity and to omit the contribution.]
Mr. Durke to Mr. Lincoett
Newport, July 14.—To the Editor of The Journal: The Sunday Journal I see that Mr. Lincoett has written me being just an enthusiast for prohibition as he is against it. I wish to thank him for the compliment. It is well to be enthusiastic about prohibition, but it is dreadful to be enthusiastic against it. He says: "Only time can tell whether the right or wrong; righteous or unrighteous."

What Lack of Workers Means
Curtailed Immigration Forces Higher Efficiency and Its Price.
From the Timberman
The United States has not been settled for a good share of its labor supply full grown. In the period 1894-1914, 14,000,000 immigrants came to our shores, of whom more than half are counted to have been men, only half but anxious immediately to find places in productive industry.

Observations and Impressions of the Journal Man
By Fred Lockley
[A remarkable character who has had a remarkable career in the Salmonberry stream in a remarkable habitation of his own, is now fishing for the salmon. He is now fishing for the salmon. He is now fishing for the salmon.

A PUGET SOUND LIE
PUGET SOUND interests are telling Columbia basin people that they have "reliable information" that neither the railroad nor the government will reduce any rate from the interior to tidewater and that if any differential is established it will come about through an advance in rates to Puget Sound.

influence by public utilities. The representatives of the utilities are the ablest and smoothest of men, and they keep constantly in touch with the commissioners.
The contact tends to emphasize to commissions the viewpoint of the utility while there is no such contact to impress upon them the viewpoint of the people. This, the Monitor contends, is responsible for so many acts by commissions favorable and friendly to the utilities.

WOMEN OF BIBLE TIMES
Coquille, July 15.—To the Editor of The Journal: I cannot understand why those who believe in the submission of women to men should invariably talk as though men have always done all the work. Haven't the women done a big share of the work since the beginning of the world? Haven't they had no recognized rights when women heard of trouble in those times, and some of it by the fireside.

Olden Oregon
Describing the Hardships of Travel Over the Barlow Road.
Those who travel over the Cascade mountains by the old Barlow road are impressed with the fact that it is a yet much more than a trail, judged by the modern standard. What it was originally is indicated by the following extract from the reminiscences of William Barlow, who was in the first party of emigrants to cross the mountains.

Uncle Jeff Snow Says:
When a feller kills his wife and then kills his wife, it saves the taxpayers a heap of expense, but somehow it ain't 'sif someone' was missin'. Down on the Brasos river in Texas one time a gambler bricked in the apples, and he himself so that he was sure to die, but he lingered along several days. The citizens of Lower Bend decided that they'd bricked in the apples, and to impress on other gent's his profession that killin' women was a mighty poor way for a feller to behave himself. He was a good man, but he had to let it go that way.

WHAT A TRAVESTY
RECENTLY, Portland women swarmed to purchase woman's attire at big prices from a representative of an Eastern establishment.
The visitor with her bevy of sales-women was at a Portland hotel but 24 hours, that being the limit she was licensed to stay. But the business was so good that she made several 24-hour sojourns, during which thousands of dollars worth of gowns were sold Portland women.

PORTLAND'S RECORD GOOD
Portland fire losses were less than \$57,750 during the first six months of 1919 than during the same period of 1918. This is a better record than that shown by any half year period since 1915. Yet, in spite of the showing, the property destroyed totaled \$50,140.
It is a record in which the Portland fire department may take pride, and for which the public may be thankful. And it is a result of the long period of education in fire prevention carried on by Jay Stevens, in which he was supported by the Journal.

WATCH BOTH SIDES
UCH attention is directed to the alleged cruelties practiced by American army officers upon American soldiers sentenced to serve in the various prison camps for this offense and that. Soldiers who were unfortunate enough to come under this treatment are now telling their stories to a special congressional committee appointed to make inquiry into the scope and extent of the wrongs done.
One pleasing circumstance about the affair comes from the testimony that some of the officers have been court-martialed and punished for having been guilty of the offenses charged against them. If the investigation should result in the punishment of all officers who have been so handled and misused men sentenced to serve in camps under their command it will have accomplished a good purpose. But there are two sides to all stories, and when it comes to investigations into the conduct of prisons, either in civil or military life, it is wise to give careful heed to both.

Curious Bits of Information for the Curious
Gleaned From Curious Places
A curious form of water hole is found in the deserts of Western Australia, dry by day but yielding an abundant supply of water by night. The water is preceded by wind blowing and sounds of rushing air. On examining one it was found that the water supply occurred from a hole in the ground at the bottom of which was a thin plate of glass, separated by a cavity from the main rock mass beneath. Apparently the water comes from the hole, first air and then water back into the trench.

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Stories of achievement in the summer months of the year, and the more promptly bills are paid the more stable and prosperous are business conditions. It is, therefore, good business for the owner, as well as a campaign to promote it.

FIGHTING FOR THE PEOPLE
THE suit filed Monday by Deputy City Attorney Tomlinson opposing the advance in telephone rates, is advisable. The city council is wholly justified in this policy of endeavoring to protect the public.
Deputy Tomlinson contends that the increase in rates was not legally made, that the proposed advance was not legally before the commission, and that if a change in rates was necessary, the proper authority was the government, which was then operating the lines.

THE REVELATIONS by a Buenos Aires newspaper of the plot to involve America in a war with Mexico during the European war are entirely credible. German Foreign Secretary Zimmermann confessed that he sent the note proposing a German alliance with Mexico and Japan for war against the United States in which certain American states were to be given Mexico and Japan as compensation for their part in the proposed conflict. One object of the League of Nations is to put an end to such plots.

MOONSHINER'S PROFIT AND RISK INCREASE TOGETHER
From the New York Evening Post
Whereas the risks attached to the moonshiner's trade will no doubt increase, it is not clear that the profit will go up for him, and he is now getting \$12 a gallon for a beverage that used to bring him \$10 a gallon. The present has been Southern Appalachia, and parts of Missouri, Arkansas and Texas, but a San Antonio writer thinks that this means the end of the moonshiner's trade. He says that the moonshiner's trade is likely to broaden at first and then to diminish and disappear with the changes that are taking place among the mountaineers, who brought with them from the Old West a fondness for whiskey, the ability to make it, and hatred of all excise laws.

How to Raise Sunken Logs
To recover from the log jams of Canadian streams the sunken logs that are lost while on the way from the logging camps to the mill, a newly organized corporation will employ a fleet of specially adapted to the purpose. Instead of the ordinary devices used for moving logs, the logs will be moved by means of a special type of log float, which will be adapted to the purpose. Instead of the ordinary devices used for moving logs, the logs will be moved by means of a special type of log float, which will be adapted to the purpose.

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