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Let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time testify to the present, but to the coming years, that we have forgotten, as a people, the cost of a free and undivided Republic.
—General John A. Logan.

A BAD EXAMPLE
THIS refusal to audit bills for automobile tires, gasoline and oil for the machines of the county commissioners, County Auditor Martin is right.

It is very convenient, without doubt, for Commissioner Muck to have a county automobile, rolling on county tires, lubricated with county oil and propelled with county gasoline, to bear him back and forth between his home at St. Johns and the commissioners' office at the court house.

It would be well for America if all the ambassadors sent to live among us had the same picture of us that Dr. Sulzer's words have spread upon the canvas of our memories.

An Aberdeen-father, to win a bet made with his wife when his son, now 15 years old, was born, defeated the young man in a 100-yard dash the other day, covering the course in 11 4-5 seconds.

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SINK OR SWIM?
MORE than any other one thing, transportation fixes the share obtained by any city or trade territory of the commerce of the world.

Some statements are open to question. Some are debatable. Some have part of the truth on both sides. But the above statement by an eminent authority is undebatable and unchangeable.

Where there is most favorable transportation there also are the big cities, because commerce and industry make cities. For that reason, nearly all of the consequential cities of the world are on lakes, big rivers and the bays that indent the land from the ocean.

The essence of transportation is what it costs to use it. The freight rate is what determines whether or not a city has transportation.

If the freight rate is prohibitively high the transportation is without value. From this we deduce that the lower the freight rate the more valuable the transportation and the greater the stimulus to commerce and industry.

Next week there begins in Portland the great struggle to reduce the freight rate down the Columbia to a reasonable profit for the railroads, plus the cost of haul.

is of volcanic origin, is peculiar. It will be interesting to know if there are subterranean channels through which water will escape and make impounding impossible.

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training. Road building has grown expensive and no longer can caters be afforded. It is a time for road experts to be given adequate authority and held strictly accountable for results.

As Samuel Hill expresses it, "The only material out of which to build roads is brains and then more brains." Road improvement is not a passing phase of our development on transportation and commercial lines.

GUS TEST T. PAER OF MARITIME LAW
By Ralph Watson
"Please, Mister," T. Paer murmured meekly to the student looking him over.

"We so maintain," the serious one answered courteously, "but some contend otherwise."

"Can you find out about the law here?" T. Paer questioned. "I want to hunt up a point."

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COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF
RÉGION SIDELIGHTS
Colonel Clark Wood of the Weston Leader says he "would like to see Elihu Root for the leaguer."

Letters from the People
[Communications sent to The Journal for publication in this section should be on one side of the paper, should not exceed 100 words, and should be addressed to the editor, whose mail address in full must accompany the contribution.]

Quotes Mill on Prohibitions
Walls, Wash., July 15.—The Editor of The Journal—"The ardent prohibitionist has no argument."

Observations and Impressions of the Journal Man
By Fred Lockley
[Raymond George, the story of whose adventures in the war was opened in this column yesterday, continues the narrative today.]

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