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is, at the present time, noted particularly for its lack of system. It is a hodge podge and the effort of officials to unify and standardize the written record of county affairs is a commendable one.

A HOUSE UNITED

GOVERNOR OLCOTT very probably stepped outside the strict and technical boundaries of his official jurisdiction when he notified Pilot Commissioner Nelson of Astoria that he must satisfactorily prove himself guiltless of employing a disloyal alien in his private business or else submit his resignation as a state official.

PLAYING THE GERMAN GAME

THE GERMANS can only wish that the action of the senate may express the wish of America for a separate peace with the central powers.

MANAGEMENT AT FAULT

SHOCKING conditions of oversight and neglect have been found to exist at the Washington state school for the deaf at Vancouver, according to a report just filed by the state bureau of inspection.

A NEEDED REFORM

THE State Association of County Judges and Commissioners, now in annual convention in Portland, has appointed a committee to draft a bill for a uniform system of audits and accounts in county affairs throughout the state.

IS IT PERMANENT?

SOME solace, whether temporary or not time will tell, may be found by those opposed to the use of tobacco in the last report of the internal revenue department concerning the consumption of the weed in its various forms throughout the United States during the fiscal year just closed.

during the year, though the report shows that victims of the weed have used fewer cigars, and less smoking and chewing tobacco during the last fiscal period than for any similar space of time during the past seven years.

Those curiously inclined have hazarded many guesses as to just why the cigarette habit has seemingly taken so much stronger a hold on the population than formerly, one being that the increasing use of cigarettes by women is partly responsible for it.

Government, whether national, state or municipal, must of necessity be loyal to itself and its precepts else it must ultimately fail. It can not be wholly loyal when those in charge of its administrative functions wink at disloyalty, either in official or in private life.

A GROWING SYSTEM

JUDGE LOBDELL, one of the strong men on the Federal Farm Loan board, was in Portland Thursday on a tour of inspection of the farm loan banks.

Hatred of Wilson Bound to Recoil on Haters

How strange it is to see the historic "war party" of the United States taking today positions that run athwart the country's deep-trained patriotic impulses.

MAKE THEM KNOW

ITS determination to conduct a campaign advertising Oregon products, the Associated Industries of Oregon has picked up the key that unlocks the door to success in the modern commercial world.

Treasure Seeking Expedition Missing in the Arctic

No word of the 27 adventurers who in July sailed aboard Robert Louis Stevenson's old vessel, the Casco, for some mysterious land in Northern Siberia, had been received in the far North-west yet.

The Control of Profiteering

Ashland, Sept. 8.—To the Editor of the Journal—A communication in the Journal of September 6 headed "Money Loans" signed "Workingman" sounded the battle cry for profiteering.

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Government Control of Liquor Gladstone, Sept. 6.—To the Editor of the Journal—Think that the high cost of the anti-prohibitionists were quite willing to see the last of the saloons, but I think the liquor business should be put under government control.

Letters from the People

(Communications sent to The Journal for publication in this department should be written only to the editor, and should not exceed 800 words in length, and must be signed by the writer, whose mail address in full must accompany each communication.)

Small Change

The boys' pig clubs are putting the win in swine.

Oregon Sidelights

Halfway, one of Baker county's biggest little towns, has 2000 feet of new concrete sidewalk on its program, for early completion.

Impressions and Observations of the Journal Man

(The return of a Portland pastor who did not take the three items heading the above list to an attorney, Mr. Desnoyes says: "We had enormous quantities bought in the United States, but we could not get them here.")

Uncle Jeff Snow Says

The American people all pay high a oratory and with the advice and consent of the United States senate, but this idea of loan' a couple of hundred millions dollars a month in trade with the high tariff rates on the league of nations ain't a-goin' to be as popular or as funny as a movie to a whole lot of business folks.

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