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There are possibilities for them to flower and fruit. But they need the steady and guiding and safeguarding hand of the League of Nations and the leadership of America to bring them to full fruition.

Mayor Ole Hanson of Seattle is writing a book on Bolshevism. His intimacy with the subject grows out of his experience in breaking the Seattle strike.

IT IS impossible to see why there should be a transcontinental rate of 60 cents on steel for the Orient, and a rate of 94 cents to \$1.37 on steel to Portland.

The steel is a material for ship-building and the rate at which it is transported has much to do with where the ships will be built.

Is it better to build up a ship-building business in China and Japan, or better to build it up on the Pacific coast?

Is it easier for the roads to carry Oriental business than to haul American business?

It is assumed that the railroads want all the American business they can get. At least it is sound railroad policy to get and keep all possible traffic.

Testimony before a congressional committee at a recent hearing was to the effect that more than 620,000 of the million miners in the country are foreign born.

There are things about the steel rates that, to an unskilled layman, are inexplicable.

One of the members of Secretary Daniels' party started it. He complained that back in Washington Portland's reiterated petitions give us the name of the "whimpering city."

The other is the demand for a six-hour day and a five-day week. It is a demand imported from Europe.

The Portlander who gleefully predicted the end of the lawn mowing season during several cool and rainy days undoubtedly has discovered by this time that the grass was just getting ready to put the lawn mower on double shift.

There is omen in the gift to the Italian king by their king of farms, hunting lodges, palaces, villas and other properties to the value of several millions.

It means that the leveling spirit of democracy is working, that kindly privileges are fading and that the late war will work mighty changes if the fruits of the victory are not thrown away.

As it stands now, such monarchs as remain are no longer autocrats. When the czar, the kaiser and the Austrian emperor fled, kingcraft was in total collapse.

But they say the old autocratic party in Germany is gathering strength and likely to become dominant, that Russia and Germany may ultimately come into cooperation, and that after all the great spread of Americanism to Europe may find a check.

The constitution of the United States, bulwark of American liberty, was opposed by thousands previous to its adoption. None of these men is remembered.

The pioneer penal code imposed hanging on the horse thief. Judge Gatens is right when he says that jail sentences are little enough for automobile thieves.

THE Lord, who loves the cheerful giver, must find many in Oregon who merit his affection.

IN THE steel strike the operators are charging that foreign-born employees are intimidating non-striking native-born workers.

Each appeal has had its own sponsors, each enterprise of philanthropy its supporters. The only characteristic held in common has been the almost complete lack of coordination.

THE public and the private purse have opened readily and sometimes, perhaps, too easily.

Let the "Exceptional Woman" Now Be Carefully Considered. From the San Francisco Call.

while demanding a higher tariff on steel products so American workers could be protected against the "pauper labor of Europe."

What a lot of sham and humbug and hypocrisy is coming to the surface in these troublous times when facts are facts and the tinsel and veneer are unmasked.

Over a wide area in the Northwest and among many of the business and railroad men of Portland there will be general gratification because of the advancement of Harry M. Adams to the vice presidency of the Union Pacific.

HOW to raise more money for state road construction is a question that will be submitted to the people of Oregon in a few months.

Washington, Sept. 25.—Senator Lodge has adopted the small boy's retort in reply to President Wilson's speech at Portland.

Lodge did not accuse the president of anything. He merely said that the League of Nations, on that the president has been consistent, and Lodge admitted he himself has not been.

Lodge ignored the question as to whether the president's effort to keep America at peace is in fact inconsistent with his record in prosecuting the war.

As the president went on the sinister purpose of the German power became clearer, the conflict was extended, and the threat against democratic government in any part of the world was completely revealed, and American rights were directly challenged.

Whether to impose a further tax on motor vehicles, which now carry the main burden, or by a direct tax on property is a debatable question.

Dean Morton of the Oregon state university is undoubtedly right. As long as people have plenty of money and are willing to spend it prices will remain high.

Investigating committees of the house delving into the conduct of the war and "revealing" what everyone has known are press agented, by special arrangement with the Republican national committee, and insinuations cast upon witnesses who have a good word for President Wilson.

Enlarged bonding powers have been given Chicago by the Illinois legislature. In addition to the proposed public expenditures owners of private property along traffic arteries affected will be required to do their share.

Senator Penrose, who gibes at reformers and reforms, has turned reformer. He has been so much interested in reform that he has not been seen in his seat in the senate for many weeks.

Philadelphia has for years been ridden by two brothers named Vane, one a member of congress and the other a state senator. They are accused of committing crimes against the government, and their forces are impolitely referred to as "the Vane gang."

By a narrow vote Penrose's candidate has been nominated, and the Vane defeated. It is viewed as a struggle of considerable importance to Penrose.

Sale to the public on the mall order plan of \$20,000,000 worth of textiles, mostly silks, forming part of the war surplus, is proposed by T. J. O'Neill, expert adviser to the president.

INQUIRY as to the popular attitude toward Johnson and Borah brought the support of only a small minority of the press.

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COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

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The Oregon Country

Northwest Happenings in Brief Form For the Busy Reader.

OREGON NOTES. George Brown, a resident of Linn county for 46 years, died at Albany Tuesday.

The Lebanon High school opened this week with an enrollment of 290, the largest in the history of the school.

The members of the First Christian church of Eugene have raised the salary of Pastor Stivers, who in six months has raised the church debt to \$3,000 and added 100 members to the church.

Pursuant to an order of the district, taken last session, the Bend school board has taken action to increase the teachers' salaries, the increase in no instance to exceed 11 per cent of present salary.

"Hillsboro school by all means make it possible for airplanes to have a common landing place in or near the city," said Hillsboro school superintendent.

For a consideration of \$15,000 James G. H. Wolfe, an Illinois farmer, has purchased a large tract of land in Oregon, to be backed by Ben B. Ostlund.

Mr. J. J. Bradley of La Grande was injured by an automobile, dragged off the road and killed, broken collar bone and other injuries.

The first time in many years, there are no rooms to be rented in Grants Pass. Every house and completely refitted and occupied by new arrivals.

The First National Bank of Scappoose has been reorganized. Sinclair Wilson succeeds Daniel Crowley as president. He is also president of the bank at Linton.

Deputy Sheriff O'Connor was injured at Myrtle Creek when a big Cadillac machine overturned and crashed into his car on a narrow grade and completely wrecked it.

The Washington state tax levy for 1920 is to be 10.44 mills, an increase of 1/100th of a mill over the rate for the entire state is \$24,602,194.

Because the paving of roads in Clark county began late this season, it is feared many of the projects will not be completed before the rainy season begins.

A bill to authorize the establishment of a hydroelectric plant at Grays Harbor has been introduced in the house of representatives by Congressman Albert J. Cook.

Governor Stephens of California has granted requisition papers for the return to Seattle of Harry Butler, Allen M. W. and Ray Walden, charged with grand larceny.

A. L. Benham, an automobile mechanic of Seattle, killed himself at Santa Monica, Cal., by jumping from the roof of a car.

Secretary Lane and in direct violation of orders relating to the reclamation service, Fred Orlin, a clerk at Chehalis, was of Yakima reclamation project.

The enrollment at the University of Idaho is more than 50 per cent greater than the previous year, and students are continuing to increase.

A special election for the voting on a \$400,000 bond issue for highway purposes will be held in Clatsop county for the Clearwater highway district.

Carl Randall and Willie Walton, two Murtagh boys, will be given free trips to the state fair at Vancouver, and prizes for the best pigs in the county.

More than 3,000 people turned out to participate in the homecoming celebration at Orofino, in celebration of the Clearwater county young men who served in the world war.

Illinois Editor Likes The Northwest. Following his visit to Portland with the National Editorial association delegation, W. J. Smith, editor of the Waukegan (Ill.) Daily Sun, writes to the publisher of The Journal.

I desire to express my sincere thanks to you for the wonderfully fine book on the Columbia river highway by Mr. Lancaster which I found waiting for me on my return from our splendid trip in the Northwest.

The souvenir is the finest of the kind I have ever seen and to think that you thought of us to the extent of sending members of our party a token of this sort is merely further evidence of the fact that the great Northwest is not at all the time. I am sure no other part of the country can produce a similar spirit of "do for our own community that your locality demonstrates." It is a contribution but in every act of hospitality shown us by your folks when we were your guests. It was a revelation to us from such an all can say is that we sorrowfully admit we are not "together" as you are out there where the Best begins and where the Best ends.