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Whoever thinks a facsimile piece to see,
Thinks what we've said, nor is our or'er
small be. —Popo.

PORTLAND BOY BANDITS

PROVIDED with spot light, pliers
and other tools, three boys of 18,
16 and 15 respectively were picked
up on the streets by the Portland
police shortly after midnight. All
were armed with loaded revolvers.

Here apparently was a newly pro-
jected bandit gang. The police believe
the trio were starting out for a hold-
up. Keep the ages in mind—18, 16, 15.
And think of the hour—after midnight.

Where were their parents? Why did
they not see to it that these boys were
in bed in the family home, where all
boys of that age ought to be at that
time of night?

A few days ago in Portland, three
boys of 17, 18 and 19 confessed before
the police authorities to seven hold-ups.
They were captured in their attempt
at an eighth. What is a city coming
to when the imaginations of its boys
in their teens are fired with thoughts
of banditry?

Is there among many of these youths
in Portland a widespread talk along
the line of valuable things to be ob-
tained by hold-ups? Are boys hearing
from one another of the exploits of
boy gangs who have successfully
held up citizens and taken their valua-
bles?

Boy nature is boy nature. The war
gave them impressions. The guns, the
battles, the uniforms and all the satura-
tion of slaughter awakened the savage
instinct. The stories of gallantry and
bravery appealed to their imaginations.
The aftermath is here. Boys
with newly bought pistols ready to go
out on an expedition of banditry are
a very likely consequence.

Mayor Baker's position is unassail-
able when he calls upon parents to
have a care. The thought of parents
that their boys are all safe is for de-
ceit. Some of their boys have already
gone wrong. It was somebody's son
of 22 that did the deadly shooting at
Claremont Tavern. Three of some-
body's sons have confessed to seven
hold-ups in Portland. Three of some-
body's sons were picked up after mid-
night with a dark lantern, revolvers
and tools, ready for force related citi-
zens to stand and deliver.

It is not in Portland alone that these
things are happening. There is a wave
of them all over the country. There is
a deep underlying cause. The abnor-
mal conditions that follow war are
to be reckoned with, and parents
whose boys have been safe in the past
must inaugurate new measures or
some of them will be like the gray
haired little woman who, in deep dis-
tress, flew into the arms of her bandit
son of 17 under arrest at the police
station the other night.

squarely behind the fruitful War
Savings campaign now being waged
by Oregon Elks to keep the state in
first place.

Again we rise to commend the
discerning justice of Governor Olcott.
His denial of the right to drive
automobiles for 30 days to N. P.
Sorenson and Joe Mielke, both of
whom rest under heavy fines and
jail sentences for traffic law viola-
tions, makes all who traverse the
streets feel safer.

THE BIG I. W. W.
IT WILL be a damned long time
before they send Truman H.
Newberry to jail," said Congress-
man Fordney of Michigan at
Detroit Tuesday.

If Newberry is guilty of a felony
as charged in the grand jury indict-
ment, why "a long time?" If, in
violation of a statute, Newberry spent
half a million or a million in corrupting
voters in Michigan, why should he
not be punished, the same as any
other man?

Are the jails only for boy bandits
and not for Newberrys?
Are rich Newberrys beyond the law
and only poor folks subject to legal
penalties?

Are there two kinds of law in this
country—toothless law for Fordney's
friends and laws with teeth for plain
people?

Congressman Fordney rants and
storms against I. W. W. as he
ought to do, but what more dangerous
I. W. W. is there than a congressman,
elected to make laws, who insists that
laws must be suspended for his
wealthy corruptionist friend?

The thing that most reluctantly
enters the city is neighborliness. It
flourishes where communities are
smaller and life is simpler, but in
the city where the average individ-
ual is submerged by dollar chandl-
ing and commercialized pleasures,
neighborliness is little more to be
expected than a thaw at the North
Pole. If the plans of community
service organization result in creat-
ing a spirit of neighborliness in the
various districts of Portland, if the
people are led to get acquainted, to
provide their own entertainment, to
seek out talent from among them-
selves and to become friends it will
be worth a thousand times its cost,
no matter what it costs.

THE CHANNEL PROJECT
PORTLAND must work out her own
port salvation.

stop of a Portland merchant who
has been in the East. Prohibition
did it, he says. Men who once
wore rags in order to buy nose paint
are now buying garments to match
improved complexions.

THE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSAL
THE president's message are these
words:

The right of individuals to strike is
inviolable and ought not to be interfered
with by any process of government, but
there is a predominant right, and that
is the right of the government to pro-
tect all of its people and to assert its
power and majesty against the challenge
of any class. The government, when it
is the right of the whole people as against
irreparable harm and injury that might
be done by any class to usurp a power
that only government itself has a right
to exercise as a protection to all.

Any other course might lead to com-
plete anarchy. The prime purpose of
government is protection of those who
live under it. If there is to be no gov-
ernment there need be no government.

If a group of coal miners, mistreated
by grinding employers, stop the entire
production of coal and plunge indus-
try into stagnation and thousands
into idleness, that is not protection
of the people. If government does not
interfere in such a case it does not
fulfill its responsibility. It does not
serve the purpose for which it was
created. It becomes a failure, and
when government fails, we have
anarchy or near anarchy.

The president suggests a means of
settling such disputes. It is not a
new remedy. But after all, if the
principals to industrialism cannot
agree among themselves what other
remedy is there?

His recommendation is arbitration.
Employers have long insisted that they
have nothing to arbitrate. They held
that the business was all theirs, and
that they were under no obligation
to recognize their workers, or to treat
with them collectively, or even to
negotiate with them.

From them, some workers' groups
have learned to oppose arbitration.
The coal miners refused to arbitrate.
They chose a general coal strike with
the avowed intention of stopping coal
production and freezing the country
into submission to their demands.

There is no reason for any group
of any kind to resist arbitration. In
the end it must come to that, because
there is no seeming way of settlement
to be reached otherwise. Certainly,
the present turbulence and discord
cannot continue, because if it does,
the coal strike will some day have
its sequel in a greater general strike
with more sinister consequences than
are the present unfortunate conditions.

Portland will now witness whole-
sale deportations of a kind peculiar
to the closing year. All the unli-
censed dogs are to be hustled to the
pound. The whines of protest would
inspire sympathy except for the
thought that town is a poor place
for a dog anyway.

den looking to the settlement of the
problems left by the war or the guar-
anteeing of future peace, the senators
must not be surprised if their country
is regarded with hostility. European
countries that suffered all the horrors of
a ghastly conflict for nearly five years
cannot forget that the completion and
signing of the peace treaty, to them of
most vital importance, was long delayed
in order that the plans of the United
States for the prevention of war might
be presented by that country. The
peace treaty with Germany and the
other allies should be compelled to accept.

THE PROPHET
OF HOPE
Harry Lauder Holds That God's in His
Heavens, but He's on the Right
With the World.

For Sir Harry Lauder, favored son of
Scotland's heathered hills, the the-
atrical world has been a great success.
Through the heat of the strike came
a great illumination when, among the
flaming popples that covered signs
of the season's treaty, to them of
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From the heart of the homeland to
the great family circle of nations,
Lauder's picture held true to a splendid
faith in the goodness of a war wrought
world and the ultimate of peace
all this in the world that are right
with God.

God is right," Lauder declared. "If
we are right with Him we will be right
all along the line. The most acci-
dents happen where there are no traffic
officers. Have the nut who wants to
commit suicide looked after. Go to the
top of Broadway and Sixth street
at night if you want to see crazy driv-
ing, and even on the bridges. Cut the
speed down so it will be impossible
for anyone to get hurt. Let every
reliable citizen appoint himself a traffic
officer, and whenever he sees careless
or fast driving take the number of the
machine and turn it in to the police
department. Let every motorist be a
good citizen and obey the law. Let
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WE WILL HOPE
MAYBE the present session of con-
gress will give the country a
budget system for the regulation
of national appropriations and
governmental expenditures. President
Wilson, in his message just presented
to congress, urges that such legisla-
tion be enacted. He has been a
consistent advocate of the plan since
long before his election, contending first
in articles written by him that good
business demanded the reform, and
after election, in his messages.

For years there has been a growing
public demand for such legislation at
the hands of congress as would put
the budget system into effective oper-
ation. Congress alone has stood out
against the reform. There has been
too great a hankering after pork
and political expenditures for such a
scheme to win warm support in either
house or the senate. And, too, it
has met with the opposition of the
departments and bureaus of Washing-
ton. These have had too free a hand
in fixing the amounts which they
contended congress should give them.
All they have had to do, generally
speaking, was to ask in order that it
be given them.

President Wilson urges that legisla-
tion be enacted which would make
the duty of the executive department
to prepare and submit the annual
budgets to congress. He also advo-
cates that these be passed upon by
a single money committee in each
house in order to centralize both the
request and the granting of appropriations
against the treasury. But he also
makes another, and a most important
suggestion, when he urges that an
adequate plan of accountability be
formulated in order that congress and
the people might know how the
money given the various departments
was expended and for what it was
spent.

Senator McNary gives it as his belief
that the present congress will enact
a budget law. It is to be hoped that
he is right in his supposition.

toiled haired girl, who talked a strange
dialect out of the side of her mouth.

Letters From the People
[Communications sent to The Journal for
publication will be accepted for consid-
eration on one side of the paper, should not exceed
two hundred words, and must be accompanied by
the writer, whose mail address in full must appear
with the communication.]

To Stop Automobile Murder
Portland, Dec. 3.—To the Editor of
The Journal—What is the matter with
Portland? Why do we have so many
accidents? Why do we have so many
deaths? Why do we have so many
injuries? Why do we have so many
property losses? Why do we have so
many lives ruined? Why do we have
so many families broken? Why do we
have so many children orphaned? Why
do we have so many old people
abandoned? Why do we have so many
sick and suffering? Why do we have
so many who are hopeless? Why do
we have so many who are despairing?
Why do we have so many who are
lost? Why do we have so many who
are wandering? Why do we have so
many who are starving? Why do we
have so many who are freezing? Why
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COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE

Have a thought for the birds.
Now Senator Fall wants to take one
out of Mexico.

Public cannot walk out, no matter
how obstreperous either capital or labor
may be. But some day it will walk
up.

Another tidal wave is reported. But
being a Bostonian, I am not sure that
it will become particularly alarmed.

First crack out of the box Lady Astor
is reprimanded for talking. She's got
to be a good girl, and when she's been
very long in the House of Commons.

Isn't it about time the old phrase-
"you bet your boots" was being
changed to "bet your shoes" as a
true sport's expression, this revised ver-
sion is our idea of the last word.

Blessings on thee, little man!—bare-
foot boy, etc. should be revised to
"Mercy on thee," in view of what the
shoe dealer does to him when it's time
of year to be shod again.

Sometimes a burning steak in a kitch-
en raises such a smudge that the house
is thought to be on fire. In such cases
all effort should be concentrated on sav-
ing the steak. Let the house take its
chances.

When we read what Harry Lauder
has to say about the situation in Ore-
gon, and the downright good man besides,
we'll say we feel that he not only means
what he says but is what he says.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS

Properly owners in and around Salem,
the Capital Journal reports, are taking
advantage of the fact that houses are at
a premium and a number of them are
building new homes or improving old
ones.

In our mixup with turkey dinners and
holiday frolics, let us not overlook the
fact that the winter season is over, and
that next summer is coming and the
water supply of La Grande is still in
the hands of the state.

"How times have changed!" exclaims
the Eugene wool-grower. "I was a
sheep grower in state convention, resolute
and adorned without declaring in fa-
vor of his tariff or any other tariff
on their product."

Kernel Clark Wood of the Weston
Leader banners thus: "The crop from
28 acres of Netted Gem potatoes at
Catsbrock yielded \$10,000 and now
who wants to trade a spud farm for a
country newspaper in good running
order?"

Catastrophe reported in the Weston
Leader. Dogs broke into a corral on
the morning of Dec. 2 and killed 25 sheep
belonging to H. A. Barrett. Others of
these valuable animals were accounted
for, but the writer eventually found it
easy to get through or over the wire-fence
fence in which the sheep were enclosed.

The Odd Fellows of Enterprise expect
soon to have the walls of their new
home completed. The Weston Reporter
says: "This progressive lodge will
have one of the nicest homes in the
new town. The building is well located
because of their good work in
financing such a building entirely
among their members."

IMPRESSIONS AND OBSERVATIONS OF THE JOURNAL MAN

By Fred Lockley

In this installment, the second of four,
of his sketch of the career of a Journal
man, the story goes to the point where
the man has been successful and the pro-
cess of training has been completed. He
has a good job, a good salary, and is
well respected. He is a good citizen,
and is a good man.

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The Oregon Country

There are 2506 students registered at
Oregon Agricultural college this term.
Bids will be opened on December 26
for the new \$50,000 school building at
Coquille.

The Eugene Fruitgrowers' association
shipped 23 cars of apples this season,
the largest ever shipped from Eugene.

The United States national bureau
located at Eugene found jobs for
32 men during November.

The city council of Dallas has set
aside \$500 to be used in altering the city
park for use as an auto camp ground
for 100 members of the Red Cross.

The Sluiskan national forest contains
about 20,000,000 feet of burned-over
timber. The best of this is available for
the manufacture of shingles.

Huber, in Washington county, will
celebrate the opening of the Pacific
highway. A number of them are
banquet will be tendered all who attend.

As the result of the explosion of a
dynamite charge at the 13-year-old
mine of C. B. Crum of Bend, Wash.,
2000 pounds of dynamite were found.

Tractors are now claiming the at-
tention of Hood River orchardists, who
are using the power machines of small-
model motor for plowing and
orchard cultivation.

Rev. A. Melvin Williams, pastor of the
Methodist Episcopal church of Albany,
has been elected president of the
Albany conference of the Methodist
church in Oregon.

A new mining syndicate has opened
office in Curry county and is taking
trouble to locate property in the vicinity
of the town of Siletz, Oregon.

More than 200 applications have been
made for the proposed auxiliary to the
Montezuma post of the American Legion
at Montezuma, Arizona.

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