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Efficiency and business administration. When the supreme court has spoken Governor Oletot, and any successor who may come into the office by the same path, will know both his tenure and his jurisdiction and be able to govern himself accordingly.

It is either three months in jail for a Portlander who violated traffic regulations or refrain for the next six months from driving his automobile. Here is an alternative that reckless drivers face in Municipal Judge Rossman's court.

OUR WOMEN'S WAY

Portland housewives have adopted resolutions appealing to all members of their organization, as follows:
To strictly observe all traffic laws for the safety of the pedestrians and other drivers, and as pedestrians to watch for ourselves and as mothers to instruct carefully our children to use every precaution in crossing all streets and thoroughfares.

HYENA-LIKE

Many senators have arrived at the positive conclusion that Mr. Wilson had nothing whatever to do with the preparation of the president's message to congress, is the statement of a news dispatch.

What a lovely enterprise for senators to be engaged in! The I. W. W. endeavor to discredit government and America and free institutions before our people. What else than that are "many senators" trying to do?

Who knows how many lives or mutilations such a course would save? With the month just closed the biggest accident month in the biggest accident year in Portland history, who can say, if something of the kind is not done, what the gory toll of killings will be next year?

NO "PAPER PEACE"

There seems to be a hitch between the house and the senate leaders over the establishment of a "paper peace" with Germany through the adoption of Senator Lodge's concurrent resolution declaring the war with Germany to be at an end.

WE OUGHT TO KNOW

It is just as well that the supreme court determine once for all, and soon, what the state constitution provides in its seemingly ambiguous mandates concerning the status of Governor Oletot.

It is the fair thing and the wise course to solve the puzzle in plenty of time to prevent the complications and unpleasantness that would arise if no effort were made until election days draw near.

Premier Clemenceau does not seem to hold the press in the same awe as his Anglo-Saxon colleagues in the political world. When he fixed the time for signing the treaty at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, in order that the delegates might lunch before signing, Lloyd George asked,

"What about the press?" and the French statesman replied, "What is the press to 600 suffering stomachs?"

HIS GENIUS

HARRY LAUDER is a great humorist because he has wept. He has learned how to smile when his heart was heavy.

During his valedictory to the members of the Rotary club and their friends in Portland Wednesday, he brought his listeners into a moment of thrilling silence while he related a simple incident.

In the gloaming of the evening an old lamp lighter appeared just outside the window through which he was looking. The street lamp which had been dark flamed into light under the aged worker's ministrations.

May it not be probable, as President Wilson might phrase it, that the reason the members of Looking Glass grange are so opposed to dancing is because they remember Bobbie Burns' well known lines, which run, "Oh wad some power the giftie gie us to see ourselves as ithers see us?"

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COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE

On Christmas some more turkeys' heads will take a day off.

"Telephone bills will be late in arriving," is the headline that catches your eye by chance in an upstate paper. Better late, than never, we'll say.

Britons "stand" for parliament. Americans "run" for congress, and after that election all the other Americans have to stand for congress.

Will it ever come to this, that the United States will throw up its hands and say "Neither have I, nor have you, a European appeal? There's coal, Frinstitute."

A highly estimable contemporary nominates Clemenceau for the presidency of France. Maybe the old tiger doesn't want it. Maybe, after being premier and so on, he would like to be a member of the United States.

If the coal families becomes acute we shall get out all the old Congressional Records we can find, and keep the tome fire burning. Meanwhile the verse editor assures us that his material on hand for any number of good, hot poems fires.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

[Communications sent to The Journal for publication in this department should be written on separate sheets, and must be signed by the writer, whose full name and address in full must accompany the communication.]

The Speed Maniac. Portland, Dec. 5.—To the Editor of The Journal—Five killed, 37 injured and 321 smashings—such is the record of November, 1919, for Portland's reckless and incompetent auto drivers. These appalling figures are for only one month.

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OREGON NOTES. Condon and neighborhood is in the grip of the coldest snap of the year, the mercury reports a pack of 7000 cases of influenza.

The Silverton city council has passed its 1920 budget, calling for the expenditure of \$120,000.

Special road taxes aggregating \$42,000 have been voted in nine of the 12 road districts of Jackson county.

The Prosper Canning company near Astoria reports a pack of 7000 cases of salmon this season, mostly silverides.

Only 56 acres were planted to trees in the Santiam national forest this year, a record, the extremely heavy fire season.

Five hundred Chinese pheasants will be liberated by the state game commission in Oregon, Idaho and Shedd about March 1.

Students taking the engineering course at Oregon State University in Corvallis, number 810, exceeding those taking any other course.

The Vanover store in Condon was robbed last Monday night and a \$5000 property was found in the possession of two young boys.

Senator H. E. Douglas county announced that he will be a candidate to succeed himself at the Republican primary next Tuesday.

The commissioners of the port of Coos Bay have unanimously declared for the issuance of an additional \$250,000 bond, making a total