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Archimedes had stated, that given the force, any given weight might be mored; and even boasted that if there were another earth, by going into it he could

DIRTY POLITICS

CALLURE of the senate to ratify the treaty has caused the present situation in foreign exchange which has resulted in cancellation by European buyers of large orders placed with American manufacturers."

Such is a statement read into the senate record in the debate on the treaty Saturday.

The British pound and the French franc are greatly reduced in purchasing power in America. The German mark is almost valueless. There has not been such demoralization of European finances in a century. Defeat of the treaty means that America does not intend to exert her great steadying influence in settling the affairs of the world. Just as America speedily settled the war, so she could, by her great moral weight, quickly settle the peace.

The senate refuses. Its non-action means a continued state of war. It means renewal of negotiation and the seeking of a separate peace with Germany. It means more months, if not more years, of uncertainty, unrest and

European buyers cannot afford to buy American made goods and pay Barleycorn. the ruinous rates of exchange. They cannot afford with their depreciated ley to pay a great premium in addition to the cost price of goods without inviting bankruptcy. The effect is to deprive America of a European market, and the ultimate consequence is certain to be felt here in reduced exports of American goods. A slowing down of the mills and men thrown out of employment is a certain prospect if the situation is allowed to long continue.

Meanwhile the treaty is in the senate and the farce goes jauntily on. The country wants the treaty ratified, wants the uncertainty removed, wants to go back to hormal conditions, wants business given a chance to lay its plans unharassed by the interminable uncertainty in which the senate keeps the country and the world.

But Lodge is obdurate. The irreconcilables are obdurate. A coming idleness of men and stagnation of business are nothing to them. They are trying to make campaign issues. A the cost of food and clothing higher is circulating, is as foolish as the ill fares the land to hastening ills a prey. We have the Bolshevists. We have senatorial politicians. Of the two, the dirty politics of the senate is the most harmful to the country. The politicians are the most dangerous and destructive because clothed TYCLE SAM also stands behind the in the robes of respectability and capable of playing upon public credulity.

shall owe them to the senate poli- ness. ticians and senatorial politics.

of anti-saloon fame, evidently believes that the vision of the one eye left him by hoodlum London stu- delicate consideration. dents will be keen enough to hunt out many a blind pig yet. When the Chicago News opened a subscription for his benefit, Johnson \$1000. He can accommodate the light average was 1,012,194. wrote asking that the fund be used or the heavy purse. The ordinary for those who have lost all their

TRADE PROVINCIALISM

T HAS so long been the habit to think of the Philippines as a wearled parent thinks of a retarded, not very lovely, adopted child, that a suggestion from a Manila publication that America will fail in foreign trade if she continues her provincialism, comes with the shock of surprise. The Philippines is the magazine which contains this assertion:

For in the matter of foreign commerce pursuits either on their own account or as employes of others are "boys" when it comes to trading abroad, parficularly in the Orient. Hence it is that there is danger that Americans who are ss in the Far East and rican bankers who are undertakng the duty of supplying American ting machinery for handling that isiness will send "boys" to market. a many instances they are themselves boys"; and those who are not must

a corps of employes who are mostly so far as the Orient is co The magazine goes on to state that in seeking post-war foreign trade

America has less of the equipment furnished by experience than the Englishman whose front yard has been the seven seas for five centuries, the Frenchman, whose language has been the language of modern diplomacy, and the Hollander, whose overseas buying and selling are as old as tradition. While Germany is not ineluded in the reference, it is well known that the Teutons planned trade colonization as systematically as they plotted the despoliation of Eu-

America enters the broader enterprises of foreign trade, especially in the Orient, as a novice, and almost and all the resources at their com-One year \$7.50 | One month \$ 65 as an apprentice. Without an open mind for trade maxims, a readiness to learn and a standard of service that bitter a local struggle in America. ingly defeated.

volume of our business with the Johnson. Orient.

of America and of its own organiza- his opponents. When the bullets of radicals motive in its relation with political fashion. and civic affairs.

WITH A FEW DRINKS

S booze to fresco the coming special legislative session?

Lobbyists often fit up rooms at liquor and proceed to have government by booze. They used to maintain such places as an adjunct of women as well as booze formed a part of the senatorial campaign at Salem.

At the last legislative session one booze party developed into a scandal. At others, certain state commissions brands of liquor in large stocks in votes. The prohibition measure itself is known to have been passed under circumstances scarcely less wet than in the palmiest days of old John lingering.

Some day a legislature will come along in which there will be determity that would result would taint names and make lobbyist booze joints forever unpopular thereafter: It

might happen at the special session. It is an insult to the legislature to cartloads of booze, which booze is, of course, relied on as a means of influencing legislation. Is it not indeed, an insult, not only to the state but a place which recreationists will to the legislator himself, to assume that his vote can be bought with a few drinks?

Aliens who hurried off to Europe after the war are now scurrying back. They were shocked by the lot of them are running for president. in Europe than in America. The facts are worth attention by those who are trying to make a Europe out of America.

UNCLE SAM GIFT MERCHANT

gift counter. As a Santa Claus merchandiser

he has on display a line of pres-If lean days come to America we ents possessing exceeding attractive-

The ideal Yuletide offering is a declaration of good will and affection. William E. (Pussyfoot) Johnson, It should constitute a lasting remembrance. It should be valued by its recipient. It ought to be chosen with

Uncle Sam's gift list meets these requirements. His price tags reveal 234,535. For 10 years previous to the values that range from 25 cents to gift begins at once to depreciate in intrinsic value. Uncle Sam's stock or 3.5 per cent of the applicants.

begins at once to increase in value. In addition to the avowal of kindliness and hearty good wishes behind causes included in the act of Februevery truly offered Christmas gift, the ary 5, 1917. Among this number were presents selected at Uncle Sam's counter convey wholesome and welcomed lessons in stability, integrity and thrift.

It must now be apparent that the Christmas gifts which can be purchased from Uncle Sam are War Savings securities. These are remembrances which awaken pleasure and gratitude. To buy them not only great bulk of American merchants keeps the Christmas spirit, it also Americans engaged in mercantile constitutes an act of patriotic service in financing the post-war needs of the government.

If in its prosecution of citizens delinquent in removing snow from the sidewalks, the police bureau lots, there will be little trouble choose their representatives from among streets. It is most often the side-

walk bordering the vacant lot that which will be more attractive than becomes fringed, and often choked, with weeds in summer and impassably drifted with snow in winter.

HIS MONUMENT

OM JOHNSON'S work at Cleveland lives after him. While other cities are yielding to the demand of streetcar companies for increased fares. Cleveland fares were

yesterday reduced to six for a quarter. Tom Johnson's life was shortened by the desperate fight he made in behalf of low fares for the people of his home city. The combined power of syndicated wealth was against him. The great business interests of the city fought him with all the power

It is doubtful if there was ever so which to speculate. effort to confound and confuse John- aliens during and since the war. These are suggestions which have son's followers. All the invective particular value to Portland and the and all the calumniation to which Oregon country, because our own tongues and the printed page could trade success must lie largely in the be laid were heaped upon Mayor

But Tom Johnson had the vision. and had the courage. He had more: Former President William How- he had the indomitable spirit that ard Taft finds in an incident of the refuses always to compromise con-W. W. outrage at Centralia his science or bargain with convictions. own assurance that the American He endured on, sacrificed on, fought relation to the whole truth no more Legion will safeguard the interests on and in the end triumphed over all

The struggle wasted his strength pierced the khaki clad bodies of and shortened his life. But he left men who had fought for liberty in an imperishable monument—a street-France, American Legionists re- car system organized on business object in the air will always fall to the strained the outraged citizens who principles and dedicated as much to ground. Hence the law of gravitation, would have lynched the assassins, service as to profit. It is a standard If the American Legion can keep its to which all public utility systems even the movements of such apparenthead when its own men are shot must ultimately come. Tom Johnson, ly Bolshevistic bodies as comets. down, there need be little fear of its at the cost of his life, created the yielding to impropriety or sordid model system from which all must

These are days when one hears less talk about climate and more about weather. Judging, too, by the traction of gravitation. It follows that end of the world might be due more to a transference of the north pole Salem, stock up with variegated than any new relation to the sun.

RECREATIONAL RESOURCES

senatorial elections. In one the stateobstruction in the warning that it may be a form of motion. as Oregon becomes more accessible to tourist travel through the building of expensive roads the tourist travel might become less valuable

When it becomes possible to cross be, during the tourist season, a continuous stream of motor vehicles bearing the licenses of many states and few stops, unless reason is given for

This means that if the tourist is to represent more than a road wearing debit. Oregon must be able to guide him and his family gation. And it might so happen that hotels built in regions of scenic charm newediscoveries mean. But though the men named on the committee would where fishing and hunting and outrefuse to whitewash, and would go door sports will give the stay, no forward in a resolute purpose to matter how protracted, the tang of

Although this is the winter season and abnormal storm has laid a ban upon all but the motor travel urged by necessity, it is a good time to plan seriously and fruitfully for the measfollow the members to Salem with ures that will dot Oregon with tourist hotels, stock the streams abundantly upon as being quite as fallacious. New with trout, replenish the game of forest, and make the state permanently hasten to, but never away from.

utmost of value?

a fire in the stove without first aspoverty and desolation. They found certaining that the water in the coil leak with a match.

WHAT OF IMMIGRANTS?

HE annual report of the commissioner general of immigration shows that the year now closing has witnessed a net increase in alien population of 20,790.

The total admissions were 237,021. The departures were 216,235. The total admissions of immigrant aliens as distinguished from non-immigrant, was 141,132, or 30,514 more than last year. During the year 1917 the immigrant aliens admitted aggregated 295,-403. In 1916 it was 298,826 and 326,700 in 1915, or a yearly average for the five years during which war raged of world war the corresponding annual

During the past year the number of aliens denied admission was 8626, Twenty-three per cent of the rejections were due to the new statutory included 1455 illiterates, 464 stowaways and 19 Asiatics. There were also 40 enemy aliens.

The number of deportations was 3068. Of these 115 were physically, 158 mentally and 590 morally defective. As to the question of future immigration the bureau after a general survey finds factors growing out of the war which may retard it and factors which may promote it.

It will depend greatly on conditions in Europe. On the one hand perhaps eight million men of the age groups from which most of the immigration comes perished during the war. Other millions were maimed and diseased to such an extent as to prewill include the owners of vacant clude their admission under our laws. establish just that sort of philosophy. Then there will be the demand at We all know what about pedestrianing along suburban home for reconstruction and rehabilitation. This may produce conditions to pay again.

the lure of emigrating to America-Again, there are those countries such as Poland, where long sought political freedom has been realized. Yet, on the contrary, there will be in these countries an element of conquered nationalities who will wish to Argues Case Against Tobacco

leave those countries where sovereignty has been forcibly transferred. Another factor which may stimulate immigration is that of war weariness in Europe among victors and vanguished alike. With all, there is a doubt that peace will be permanent. Many look to the United States as a land of peace, where they and their children will not always be in the shadow of armed conflict.

How immigration will be affected by the war is problematical. The history of the past furnishes no basis on

That there should be careful diswill wrap the package as the buyer Predictions of financial disaster and crimination in the future admission wants it, the ambition for foreign bankruptcy to befall the traction com- of immigrants is a lesson that we trade leadership would be humiliat- pany were spread broadcast in the learned from the action of disloyal

PRYING INTO THE INFINITE

Man Enlarges the Known a Little, But the Unknown Enlarges Faster

From the San Francisco Call

Man's knowledge of the universe greatly as it has increased, may be in than is the size of the earth in com-What the scientists call natheavens. ural laws are nothing but descriptions of the manner in which certain phenomena which we can watch and identify take place. Under certain conditions an ing him smoke is not a fair one; no which enables astronomers to calculate the mass and movements of planets and

But as our ability to perceive phemodified or extended. Dr. Alfred Einstein has electrified the scientific world with the theory, now apparently established as a respectable hypothesis, that rays of light are bent by the atlight must be, or be transmitted through, held that space is filled with ether, but

by gravitation it always is, and it fol- mately bring them lows that what the scientists have been calling straight lines must be curved lines. be looking along a parabola or a great "Probably this will mean. scopes can penetrate. If the instrument can be made powerful enough the obhe circle and will thus see his own

plaything to amuse the layman, who can not possibly understand what the layman can not understand the mathematics involved in the passage of a ray of light through a crowded sea of stellar systems he is well able to comprehend hat the visible universe has suddenly been made inore vast and more mysterious. Once it was commonplace to all men, including some as wise as any that our wisest astronomers held as recently as yesterday may some day-almost certainly will some day-be looked explanations of creation may be based upon Einstein's discovery, new philosophies, new conceptions of human destiny

The universe might be compared to the continent of North America as i While we are building the roads, was when Columbus sighted San Salwhy not make them yield to us the vador, and man's knowledge of it to the little that Columbus was able to gain from his visit to that island. We can see the land, but behind it there are moun-The man, or woman, who builds tain ranges, vast plains, huge rivers, strange inhabitants of whose existence or nature we can only make conjecture. This is the point to which science has brought us after the greatest hundred victim who goes looking for a gas years in human history. A generation ago it was thought that research would of life, but where it has lifted one veil another has always appeared behind it and where it has led us to the top of beyond range, peak beyond peak, have forever reared themselves in the impen-

etrable distances. Though we go down through the valleys and across the passes of the once unknown universe, that part that is still unknown recedes and recedes before us. Through no secular instrumentality can we as much as glimpse the position of man in the universe or the nature and meaning of the universe. Compared with what there is to know we know literally nothing.

The Cost-and Must It Ever Be Paid All Over Again

From the Philadelphia Evening Ledger

Philosophical observers continue to in sist that there cannot be another war of conquest in Europe for at least 100 years. The various peoples are tired and disillusioned. Governments are weakened and impoverished. Such are the evidences on which a good many students of politics base the convictions that a more or less enduring peace is assured no matter what happe This appraisal of the situation might

be questioned. Germany is tired, impoverished, disillusioned and as eager for peace as anyone else. But Germany lost and lost heavily. She has incentives for new war unknown elsewhere. She cannot lose any more. Powerful cliques are trying to convince her that some time in the future she might win. Japan has ambitions in Siberia. pinch, perhaps, she would fight for

them. Meanwhile the savants associated with the Carnegie Peace Foundation have been estimating the costs of the war. ago. Losses of life, property and diverted effort are included in this calculation. Civilization paid some such total be-

cause it had not formulated a universally acceptable philosophy of life and national The peace treaty and the covenant of the League of Nations were drawn to

Letters From the People

[Communications sent to The Journal for publication in this department should be written on only one side of the paper, should not exceed 300 words in length, and must be signed by the writer, whose mail address in full must accom-pany the contribution.]

Portland Dec. 11 -- To the Hiditor of The Journal-It is hurral for prohibition of tobacco, now, says the well meaning E. A. Linscott, in his charge against those "who delight in hatching up something to make others miserable wonder if the world is so one-sided miserable all the time. The above statement looks good on paper, and sounds good in argument, but such people overlook the fact that other peoples can be tices posted in public places-"No Smoking Allowed.'? Because it makes the many miserable while a few are enjoying their liberty. Why did the depot agent compel five Italians to stop smoking when the mother took her two sick children outside to get a breath of fresh air? Because it made bables miserable. Why should four apparently gentlemen, after lunch, smoke cigars half an hour at a table, to the discomfort of 26 others, two of whom left the room because sick from tobacco fumes and declared they would never return? Because it made others miserable. Why are thousands of mothers, who, cautioned, reasoned, pleaded and prayed for and with their boys to abstain from tobacco, now seen with a careworn look as their returned hero saturates their once clean and sweet scented homes with the filth of tobacco, as well as stains his fingers, fouls his breath and turns his ivory teeth amber color. Because it makes others miserable. Why do the railroads cage smokers in a car parison with the extent of the visible by themselves? Because they think others have a right to breathe unpoisoned air and not be made miserable. The supposed case of one holding a cigar in the mouth of another and mak-

one would do it. Neither would any gentleman compel others to inhale air poisoned by tobacco smoke. If one should poison a spring he would be mobbed. Why should anyone have the right to poison the air? The saloonkeepers confess that they

are to blame very much for the prohibition laws, because they abused their privileges. Unless the tobacco venders go a little more careful they will stir up moral sentiment once more-a power not to be fooled with.

ALBERT M. BEAN.

Practical Considerations

Portland, Dec. 13 .- To the Editor of this theory has never rested upon any The Journal-Let us hope that the visit demonstration. No one had of Mr. Rawson of England to Portland ever seen the ether or weighed it. But may result in awakening thought and if light is deflected by the attraction action that otherwise might have reof the sun it will be a comparatively mained dead. Let us hope that the inimple matter for the scientists to weigh creasing unrest in metaphysical thought of man, and that, however new may be the path they blaze, we may safely trust Furthermore, if light is ever deflected that the laws of the universe will ultiunity. But the social reformer still has a duty to perform, a clarion note to When the astronomer thinks he sound to those who would leap across looking straight into space he may the material chasm into perfect bliss Her name is Mrs. R. J. Hunter. Her without the slow process We who have reached middle life may Professor Harold Jacoby of Columbia assume that personally we have solved five years for the Fred A. Jacobs cominiversity, "that there is no limit to part of life's problem. But what about pany of Portland. space, but only to the distance our tele- the untold millions who must tread the pathway we have trod? Remember, server may be able to look all the way either blocks this pathway to these little Phil Metschan when I saw him, "I'm around the complete circumference of ones, or it removes the obstruction, that thinking that young Phil will make they may more easily ascend to that nearly as good a hotel man as his father, perfect unity Mr. Rawson talks about, and if he does he will have to go some, These speculations are regarded by the confusion the world is now in is he said. most of the astronomers as a sort of resident in the mind, and one of the terial universe he speaks of, that has no reality, is owned by a very few men, because of the false pictures of many, and the result is we are all in hell, and no amount of hypnotic delusion can convince us that there is a or for food, in our present environment. The laws of political economy are natural or divine laws, just as much as the 'aws of healing, and the problem ter of the heavenly systems; the views of this life is to so conform to those laws in mass that the higher expression

> J. R. HERMANN. The President and His Foes

of the infinite varieties may blossom

into full expression. Let us not forget

the footstool while star gazing.

Newport, Dec. 8 .- To the Editor of The Journal-What is the difference between "hyena-like" and "like hyenas" Or, what is the difference between foreign-born aliens and American homemade aliens? Or, what is the difference between an alien enemy and an I. W. W.? I can't see much difference. A lot of them behind the bars in Seattle went on a hunger strike, but after a time they repented, begged for food and ate view the actions of some of our United States senators, trying in every conand discredit our government and free institutions before the world? even attack the president upon the sick bed, thus the more easily to worry the undertake to undermine all his efforts to quiet our turbulent country. Their acts are an awful lesson to set before Red radicals, when they impugn the president's message that pleads in strongest terms for pure Americanizing in an effort to hold the country in a safe anchorage. No finer definition of government in the interest of all classes could possibly be made than the president made in his message to congress It portrays the soul of a great man de termined to render honest service to his When his illness, in his determined and impartial service to the people, no member of congress moved resolutions of sympathy. But in 1912, when Colonel Roosevelt had been shot, Mr. Wilson immediately sent a telegram of sympathy. When Mr. Roosevelt finally fell ill, our president was one of the first to wire sympathy to the sick chamwhen Quentin Roosevelt fell in France, Mr. Wilson promptly cabled condolences to the Roosevelt home. This shows the true spirit and genuine patriotism of Mr. Wilson in contrast with his political opponents and league fighters in the United States senate. May God strengthen our president against all political rot to the end of his term in the interest of humanity. E. W. DURKEE.

Arraigns Tobacco Users

Portland, Dec. 11 .- I am surprised to see any man, as E. A. Linscott does, defilthy than tobacco after a man has put it into his mouth. Man has become filthy, man has got so dirty with tobacco that it has become necessary to The earth they believe is poorer by sit in the smoker, the other cars being \$372,000,000,000 than it was five years crowded. Of course, he had to stand for the choking smoke; but, what was worse, some previous occupant of his seat had chewed tobacco and had formed on the floor a great pool of tobacco juice. I suppose that was a God-given right. las a man a right to puff tobacco smoke in your face? In spite of all you car do he insists on doing it. If you comlain he says that is his God-given right. say no. A decent man wouldn't do it. The Bible says there is nothing from without a man that entering into him can defile him, but the things that come comin' sure.

COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE OREGON SIDELIGHTS Going up—the thermometer. Let 'er go It seems to be a case of off again, on

This from Bruce Dennis of the La Grande Observer: "Only give us a lump of sugar in our coffee and a lump of coal in the furnace, and it will be a merry Christmas." As we understand it, Bolshevism i caused by everybody in the world except Bolshevists.

"The increase in the egg production and about McMinnville is flattering ndeed," says the McMinnville News-Reporter. "Of course, McMinnville is not yet a Petaluma, but the egg industry Granting that everything said about is again coming into its own

The secretary of the Baker Commer

cial club has been at work for some time on a net advertising booklet for the club, and has been instructed to of old pamphlets has been exhausted. "Visitors at the Oregon state fair will

end and the egg situation at the other, the immemorial holiday tipple is going after the rimless-cipher championship agree," says the Aurora Observer, "with secretary that a board of censors is Difference between hard times and Some of the concessions at state good times: In hard times you are and county fairs are an annual disgrace afraid to buy; in good times you are to the commonwealth." afraid not to. Aye. aye, sir; this world is always full of fear.

"The dry farmer," says the Baker Portland women are on record in favor Democrat. "has a prospect hope long deferred realized the coming year. All signs point to deep snow this winter and the fellow on the mountainstrict enforcement of the traffic ornow to be consistent they must be even more cautious about stepping off backbushels-to-the-acre yield next harvest."

Soon as snowfall ceases, work will be The Medford Mail Tribune's Smudge started in Deschutes county distributing lfalfa leaves impregnated with strychis good presidential timber," observes further that "there are 23 reasons why rabbit pest, the Bend With heavy snow on the ground, conditions for the war are considered the best since the winter of 1915-16, when \$5,000 rabbits were poisoned. we'll say there are at least that many,

IMPRESSIONS AND OBSERVATIONS

the air:

By Fred Lockley

f Here are some friends and neighbors of closing with the presentation of a tribute verse to cross-continent aviators, written by a former Oregonian whose work is well known.

Mr. Burleson was true, still he never wore whiskers, like Mr. Redfield did.

The way father and mother are both

buying this year it looks to this quarter-colyum as if it will be up to the kids

Between the liquor situation at one

. . .

observing that Senator ter "has issued a state-

to hang up both stockings.

ment setting forth 22 reasons

he is bad presidential

of the world.

Not long ago, in front of the postoffice at Los Angeles, I met Miss Margaret Walton. As we both live on Mount Tabor and frequently meet at the dated at Calgary, and contained the Mount Tabor Presbyterian church, we had plenty to talk about. We walked across the street to where her grandfather, Gay, was waiting for Gay has lived in Portland for more than half a century, having moved to the Mount Tabor district when it was a farming rather than a residence dis-

"Margaret and I are visiting my daughter, Mrs. William M. Spears," said Gay. Atlanta, where Margaret's sister Helen is a nurse in the army hospital at Fort McPherson. There are more than 1800 crippled soldiers there. She is in the ward where injured arms and legs are treated. She got a few days' leave and with Margaret went down for a visit to New Orleans. I like to travel, for two reasons: I am glad to see new places, and then I am always so glad to get back to Portland."

One of the telephone operators at the hotel where I was staying in Los Angeles, the Alexandria, is a Portland girl. of evolution. father, W. O. Moe, lives in St. Johns, At Avalon I ran across Bert Weaver

who wanted me to give his regards to When I was in San Francisco I met

the cross-continent flight, and I also ran across an old argonaut who had come in the old days, when it took six months with an ox team to come from the Mis-

You see, man has become so defiled, and yet his body in this state of defilement absolutely rejects the dirty. filthy tobacco. It compels man's mouth to pur it out, and he has no respect of place or person or law. He deposits it any place to get rid of the dirty stuff. I once wanted to get rid of five cats that bothered me and the whole neighborhood, so I got a pipe that a man smoked nearly all of his time. I took a broom straw and poked it into the pipe stem and took out the contents. I put this upon five pieces of meat and

gave a piece to each cat. They passed out of life without pain, seemingly. And yet my friend would encourage such stuff for the rising generation.

ELI A. BAUBEAR. Instead of Capital Punishment

Portland. Dec. 11 .- To the Editor of The Journal-There is a cry by some of people for the return of capital punishment. Would they be willing to do this killing themselves, or do they expect the state to maintain a slaughter house? Simple, isn't it; yet, those same people, through fate, may see a brother. sister or other relative, probably through land. circumstantial evidence, condemned to four suburban home places and four pay the price with life, later to find they ranches near the city have been revere perfectly innocent. Who suffers most-the one that died or those that to the movement in residence and farm still live? Imagine that occurring in properties, numerous changes have your own home., Wouldn't it be better to enact laws (iron-bound ones) classifying crime with and services to Ashland people.

mistake could be rectified, if it was found one had been made. Some will say it means too much expense to maintain a prison full of convicts. It is absurd to think a perfectly healthy man can't more than pay his bare living expenses. Bulld with their labor a few million dollars' worth of good roads that Oregon needs. That is

a crime calling for 10 years' imprison-

the best way to punish a person that To my way of thinking, there is very little punishment in death. Hence the dead person's relatives are the ones that are really punished. Let's change the laws, but not back to capital punishment.

Complains of Grain Inspection McMinnville, Dec. 8 .- To the Editor of The Journal-I notice where the emergency board, among other appropriations, made a \$10,000 appropriation for the grain inspection department. My fending tobacco. There is nothing more experience with the local grain inspectors this fall cost me \$100 worth of wheat, to have No. 1 inspected, graded and tested down to No. cleaning by an inspected cleaner, in a Sheridan grain house, docked 4 per cent. pass laws forbidding him to spit on the sidewalks. A man got off a train the other day, who said he had had to ing department, should be self-sustaining. I also noticed a statement made by a Middle-West senator in congress, "that the grain corporation last made \$23,000,000. grain regulations all I can see for the wheat growers of Oregon to do is bring in their grain and get shaved.

Uncle Jeff Snow Says:

All this trouble over the coal shortage comes from our great statesmen last July not bein' able to see fur enough ahead to know that December was a-

OF THE JOURNAL MAN souri river, in place of a day's actual flying time to come from ocean to ocean. on the course of 2701 miles. A few days after I had interviewed Sergeant Kline, who accompanied the "flying parson," Lieutenant Maynard, across the continent, I received a letter from Bert Huffman, my old time partner on the Pendleton East Oregonian. His letter was

> The Argonauts, the Argonauta have come. Their wings a gleam o'er San Francisco bay cross the continent their motors hum
>
> To span its breadth in one swift, matchless

following tribute to the argonauts of

How proudly, gloriously, they glide
From state to state, from mountain chain
to chain!
As above the rolling clouds they ride,
What playthings seem these cities of the

How insignificant the fields below. With what disdain they pass from dream From sunrise glory to the sunset glow! Ah, white winger Argonauts of air and sky,

landscapes you have crossed are with tears! From you far glistening height, could you descry
The panorama of the bygone years? Lasten and wonder at the story told: The plains you passed, the silver streams you

spied,
Vithin their breasts a nations' epic hold—
A tale of other Argonauts, thrice glorified Wild streams were they and plains without track,
With savage foray and the midnight raid;
langers ahead, no thought of turning back;
The men fought on, the women hoped at

Weeks, months, they toiled at some wild moun tain pass,
Where you now glide in one delightful hour!
The mocking mirage glowed like molten glass
To hold them in its taunting, mystic power! They dropped and died upon the lonely waste; The tasseled carn in golden glory waves Where, at the midnight hour, they made in

A thousand unrecorded, unmarked graves! And in the winds flight,
(You Argonauts, more fortunate than they!) Their whispered prayers now greet you in a To bear you on to this triumphant day!

My Dog

St. John Lucas in Philadelphia Ledger

The curate thinks you have no soul; I know that he has none. But you, Dear friend; whose solemn self-control In our four square, familiar pew, Was pattern to my youth-whose bark

Have you gone down into the dark Where none is welcome, none I will not think those good brown eyes, Have spent their light of truth so soon, But in some canine paradise Your wraith, I know, rebukes the moon.

And quarters every plain and hill This prayer at last the gods fulfill: That when I pass the flood and see

Old Charon by the Stygian coast.

Take toll of all the shades who
Your little, faithful, barking ghost Your little, faithful, barking gnost May leap to lick my phantom hand.

All This in One Oregon Town From the Ashland Tidings.

Sales of real estate, an activity which has been moving at a quick-time pace for several months, broke into double-time in the past three weeks in Ash-Nineteen residence properties, ported sold in that time. In addition taken place in the business section and seven new firms are offering their goods a specified sentence for each classifica- sides the new establishments, several of tion, and when one was found guilty of the old established business have changed hands and are expanding. An inrush ment, that he were compelled to do 10 of homeseekers has made "To Rent" years to a day, not three years and a signs as scarce as flies in an ice plant parole for good behavior? In that event and rentals and property prices are a mistake could be rectified, if it was booming skyward. Most of the bargains in real estate have been snapped up but property continues to move at a rate which prophecies big things for the coming spring. The total lack of apartments or cottages has caused furbishing up of long-vacant properties and with the city crowded and more coming, an extensive building campaign is sure to come when winter has passed A number of house owners are remodel ing their homes and one or two new residences are being built even at this season. Sales of Ashland residence lots are recorded every day. The new husiness establishments re-

> market, cleaning and dyeing works, plumbing establishment, electrical supply store, variety store, and restaurant. The upper story of a business block is to be remodeled into up-to-date apartments. A cabinet works plant is being built.

cently opened include a bakery, meat

Olden Oregon Where the International Boundary Line

Might Possibly Have Run During the controversy over the

northern boundary of Oregon one of the compromises suggested was the following: Beginning from latitude 49 degrees the Rocky mountains, southward along the height of land to the place where Lewis and Clark crossed mountains, said to be in latitude 46 dethe Lewis river until it falls into th Columbia, and thence to the sea. This ing made a national festival, to be line would have left the Rocky mountains at Lemhi pass, in central Idaho, and followed the Lemhi and Salmon of the United States, except in the mat-rivers to the Snake, the Snake to the ter of date, the dominion festival com-Columbia and the Columbia to

Northwest Happenings in Brief Form for the Busy Reader.

OREGON NOTES Considerable fruit and shrubbery at the state hospital at Salem has been dam-aged by the present cold weather.

John Murphy, aged 56, found in a deserted shack near Echo, is in a hospital at Pendleton with both feet frozen. On account of the ferries being fgozen up, it requires a trip of 135 miles to reach Hood River from White Salmon. The report of Union county school disrict clerks shows an enrollment of 315 high school pupils for the 1918-1919 term. Henry Ridgeway, 64 years old, was

Fifty farmers from all parts of the county met at Klamath Falls Saturday and perfected a permanent farm organ-In all Hood River churches Sunday

pastors and congregations joined fervent prayers for an abatement of the winter storms. The Holly Milk & Cereal company at

cording to the growers. Mrs. Etta Handsaker, one of the barliest pioneers of Oregon and whose husband established the first store at Goshen, died at Tacoma a few days The University of Oregon R. O. T. C. has ordered 2500 text books covering 49 military subjects over a four years' course for use by members of the corps. The motor propelling Oregon Electric train No. 6, north bound to Portland, burned out on a Salem siding Sunday, with a loss of several thousand dollars

annual Marion County Corn show, ich was to have been held from De-

Students in the department of geology at the University of Oregon have just organized the Condon club, in honor of Thomas Condon, pioneer geologist of the state.

WASHINGTON

John Joseph Kilkelly, a farmer living a short distance from Kalama, was gored to death last week by a bull. W. S. Elliott, division freight, and

Washington have announced their in-tention to pay the 14 per cent wage increase fixed by the government.

An exploding water coil in the range at the home of Ed Mosher in Kelso com-pletely wrecked the range and kitchen, many parts of the range going entirely through the ceiling.

a revolver battle with three policeme who were eating in the place. Kelso having been two days without water, the public service commission has sent its chief engineer to take

by the Kelso Water company. John Meade Jr. has just returned to Raymond from Flume, Italy, where he has been stationed since the close of the Mr. Meade enlisted in the

IDAHO All mills in the Coeur d'Alene coun-try have closed down because of the extremely cold weather. Judge Lovett at Boise has ruled that the Oregon Short Line is not responsible for interruption of construction on the

railroad spur from its Yelle branch to the Teton coal mines. The controversy over the control of the Idaho state fair has resulted in the suspension of Miles Cannon, state agri-cultural commissioner, as well as the personnel of the state fair bureau.

breach of contract. \$100,000 for alleged If the present negotiations between he federal and state governments go the federal and state governments go through, Idaho is likely to have one of the biggest and finest game pr in the United States, if not in the

Congress has begun a drive to clean up pressing affairs so as to adjourn Sat-urday for a two weeks' holiday recess. Searching parties are out looking for men who Sunday night near Dungloe, Ireland, shot and wounded from ambush our constables.

Charles Thomas, a rancher, wal shot and instantly killed at Lyons, Colo., Sunday by his father-in-law while Thomas had a revolver drawn on his wife.

ope that either Howell or anician escaped. J. W. Coolidge, aged 61, of Bluffs, and William H. Bay, Omaha, veteran engineers, while

different sections of the Overlan-ited. Saturday, were both stricke ited, Saturday, were both stric paralysis while at the throttle.

For the Curious Gleaned From Curious Place The first presidential proclar ation.

appointing a day of national finks-

giving in the United States, was issued

served on a uniform date in all the the ing several weeks before the day ob-

The Oregon Country

two miles west of Liberty last Saturday.

ization

Amity has discontinued evaporating milk on account of the cold weather and on account of shortage of fuel. G. Van Maren, a faller for the Brooks Scanlon Lumber company, was killed near Bend when a tree limb fell, strik-ing him on the head. Scanlon

The present below-zero weather will reduce the 1920 longanberry crop in the Willamette valley about one fourth, ac-

Deschutes county's first bond issue of \$125,000, to draw interest at the rate of 5½ per cent, was purchased Monday by Ralph Schneeloch company for \$126, Because of the present cold weather,

cember 15 to 20, has been postponed one According to an estimate by the forest service, deer in the western division of the Umatilla national forest have increased 300 per cent in the past five YEATS.

A grain exchange has been formed in Tacoma and will begin to function January 1.

bargo, effective at once, on all freight shipments out of Spokane. Oakville schools were closed Friday indefinitely on account of inability heat the rooms sufficiently for comfort of the children and teachers. Nearly all the coal companies of

passenger agent, has announced an em-

As the result of the coldest weather ever experienced on the harbor, all the timber camps in the vicinity of South Bend have closed down indefinitely.

Seattle officials are searching for s bandit who late Saturday night held up a restaurant and escaped with \$140, after

charge of the city water system owner

the day after war was declared.

The Blaine County Investment com-pany, which is in charge of the Blaine county irrigation project, has brought suit against Blaney Brothers & Co. for

GENERAL

Having won all his demands, Gabriele d'Annunzio will hand over command of the city of Flume to regular troops under General Caviglia, former minister of war.

The airplane of Captain Cedric The airplane of Captain Cedrica Dwell, one of the British airmen in the andon-Melbourne flight, was wrecked the St. George's bay December 10 and flies is no hope that either Howell or his mechanisms.

Curious Bits of Informat in

by George Washington, who designated Ocober 3, 1789, as the day. While the festival continued to be observed in many sections, especially in New England, where Thanksgiving day originated among the early colonists, it was not until Lincoln's administration that last Thursday of each November was officially declared a day of thanks, the observance of which was urged in

proclamations issued by the president and governors of the various states. It was largely due to the agitation of Mrs. Sarah Josepha Hale of Philadelphia that Thanksgiving became a general holiday throughout the United States. For a score of years she carried on propaganda through the columns of Godey's Ladies Book and the Ladies Magazine, of which publication she was grees 42 minutes, thence westerly along editor, and eventually she was success ful in her plans for having Thanker!

states. Canada followed the prece