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ment security—War Savings Stamps. What better Christmas remembrance?

In one respect Portland has the advantage of Seattle. While the Puget Sound metropolis is agitating a \$500,000 bond issue with which to buy an aviation landing field, Portland rests contentedly in the consciousness that a landing field has already been provided here which needs no very extensive improvements to make it one of the best.

FINLEY'S DISMISSAL. Knowledge of William L. Finley's important work as state biologist and as a naturalist is not confined to Oregon. It is national. He is recognized as the central and the authoritative figure in the effort to conserve and increase the wild life of Oregon.

It is almost unthinkable that a man of his standing and value should have been dismissed, as is reported, by the fish and game commission, without a hearing and with no preferring of charges.

It is still more startling that the action should have been taken by the commission at what was apparently a "star chamber" session held without the knowledge of Mr. Finley or the friends of his work and that the act was kept from public information until disclosed from another source.

The dismissal also occurred, it appears, in the absence of the governor, who is chairman of the commission. The business of the fish and game commission is public business. It should not be transacted behind closed doors. To do so is un-American. It is against the administrative policy of Oregon. It is foreign to the standards of Governor Olcott. It has been truly said that his personal and public record entitle him justly to confidence that he will not identify himself through acquiescence or inaction with an act of injustice.

Should not the fish and game commission, at the instance of the governor, reconsider its act, afford Mr. Finley his day in court and extend to him the courtesy of opportunity to resign if further employment of his services is shown to be against public interest?

It is not possible by adding a few of these men to each great payroll for the employer to get value in return for the wages paid out? It is no fault of these men that congress dillydallied over the treaty for seven months and did nothing in the way of reconstruction. It is no fault of theirs that the legislative branch of government in this country has broken down and that business uncertainty consequent therefrom has made unemployment where there should be no unemployment.

that its resources are heavily taxed, and the loss now entailed is most unfortunate.

The service the pioneer institution has rendered the state is a challenge to public concern. Nobody knows to what extent the early endeavors of Willamette university laid the groundwork for the very splendid citizenship for which Oregon is conspicuous. It was not mere accident that Oregon was first in percentage of volunteer enlistments, first in percentage of ships built for a bridge to Pershing, and first over the top in every Liberty loan.

There was a loyal and standard citizenship back of it. There was vision in the people, vision to see and realize that the republic must be held fast to its ancient moorings, that the anchorage of a Christian civilization rests in the government by the people, and that it is the mood and service of the individual that in the ultimate makes the nation.

All educational institutions contributed to this high standard of citizenship, but none more than the institution which was so early and so devotedly in the field.

It will be a distinct loss to Portland if Dr. Foster, as reported yesterday, has accepted a position in Los Angeles and is to sever his connection with Reed college. He is a man of advanced thought, is tied to none of the educational and social fetiches of the past, and has contributed mightily to the success of the educational institution which he has served as president since it was opened to students.

MR. HINDMAN'S APPEAL. C. HINDMAN was correct when he told the Portland city council that the "interests of business and private profits are not the sole consideration in regulating traffic, but that the public is entitled to use of the streets and protection against accidents."

But, as Hindman says, the interests of business are not the sole consideration in the traffic situation. The streets are paid for and owned by the public. They are for public use, and the public is entitled to the right to travel on those streets.

And, above all, if one way traffic will reduce the injuries and killings, what apology need be made for its adoption?

each to one child and the presents will be distributed at the home from a Christmas tree under the supervision of Alice Benson Beach. Think of the glowing faces among the orphaned little ones when the Yuletide is on!

RATIFICATION DEMANDED. New York State Chamber of Commerce Urges Early and Final Action.

The Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York, in common with the business men of the whole nation, believes that as a people we are now confronted in the world of morals as similar to the world of trade with a crisis similar to that which we faced on April 6, 1917.

When we made the demand it is probable that few of us realized what that demand involved. It necessarily involved some sacrifice of long cherished precedents and practices. It involved at least the establishment of a council of free nations with such powers as to make a reputation of our country as a power to be reckoned with in a political and moral leadership. We fought not alone to preserve our self-respect and to defend free institutions, but to stand for the export of our goods more easily than we import.

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Whatever the moral or trade effect of that fact may be, the treaty as presented cannot command the votes necessary to its ratification, but the situation thus created is intolerable. Unless the parties to the controversy make concessions we shall soon stand before the world self-indulgent as governmentally incompetent.

One Little Question and One Big One. From the Chicago Daily News.

There is beautiful purpose in the plan of the Portland Ad club to make a real Christmas for 80 orphaned little ones in one of the children's homes. Eighty members of the club are to contribute a gift

prudent housekeeper to reflect upon her own special hoard of supplies, earnestly considering whether her purchases of the season are really necessities, or purchases by other prudent housekeepers, have not had a distinct effect in producing the steady and persistent advance in prices.

Letters From the People. The Law Versus Speeditis. Eugene, Dec. 13.—To the Editor of The Journal—I wish to suggest a few thoughts on the subject of auto-accidents.

The end-of-the-world sensation seems to be a slight exaggeration. Probably delayed on account of storms. But even if these drops in meat prices never get down to the ultimate consumer, still we all like to read about them.

More or Less Personal. Random Observations About Town. Senator John Gill of Multnomah county is a peculiar man, measured by the standard of the decadent days.

Impressions and Observations of the Journal Man. By Fred Lockley. Pioneering is again Mr. Lockley's theme. In this article opens a series embracing sundry reminiscences of Dave Horn, an early stage driver of the Northwest.

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COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE. Well, the old world has fooled the eschatologists once more. Secretary Lane seems to think that he has come to the turning.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS. "Last Saturday," says the Hood River News, "a local store did its business as much business as on the same day five years ago. Hood River is doing very well, thank you!"

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