LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Comment and Opinion of Journal Readers on Timely Topics of Current Moment Locally, Nationally and Internationally

Whither?

Portland Jan 3 -To the Editor of The Journal-A glaring headline catches my eye: "Cohen Paroled From Prison As I read the article my mind drifted back to a beautiful Saturday afternoon last September when my wife and I drove out to get fresh air and sunshine. When we returned at 5:40 p. m. we found our house had been ransacked and all the valuables in the house stolen. Two young men had been seen leaving the house a half hour before. An inventory showed we were losers by about \$175 worth of material, so far as value goes, but most of the articles were presents to us, and priceless, because they cannot be replaced. The list included an engagement ring, my present to my wife in 1906, set with opal class ring, a gift from her chum and blue college markings that will con- off the mouth of the Columbia river, branch of the government. For the love at school; another ring set with four opals, her father's gift to her; a lavaliere, a present to my little girl from her grandmother; a past master's Maic jewel, presented to me by Oregon lodge No. 101, A. F. and A. M., the most prized keepsake I ever owned; two razors, one given me by my father in 1898; a fountain pen, my wife's present to me in 1918; a silk smoking jacket, presented to me by G. M. Standifer employes for Christmas, 1918; a blue city are making a fight against the high worsted suit of clothes, almost new; a cost of living. nickel plated flashlight; about \$9 in the fault of the wholesaler or the remoney. All these floated past me in a tailer. It is the consumer's own faultvision, as I remembered the robbery and no one's else. These things I know, for part of these goods, a very small part, I worked in 19 different eating places now at the police station awaiting trial in December, 1919. People go into them of Cohen. The silk smoking jacket and and they see this, that and the other, grip are now at the police station and and they take a dish each of about half ter's jewel had been broken up and one tenth of it, and the rest is all

What law permits a judge to allow a criminal to plead guilty to one charge when there are numbers of others hanging over him and thousands of dollars' worth of property disposed of, according to the papers. What sinister influence is at work in our courts that allows ome criminals to get off so easy? Why let this man go under these circumstances and send others to the penitentiary for smaller crimes? Has it come to a point where Cohen, Sorensen and others have enough influential friends or money enough to make them they won't wonder why the high price nmune from punishment?

government is doing to rid the country of the Red element; yet it would seem there is no protection for a man who is trying to live honestly and save a little more than he spends. Is there a force at work here to make Boishevists out of us all? I have always talked and worked against Bolshevist principles, I told you so; they'll turn them loose; they've got money behind them," what can you say?

When you read of all the robberiesautos, stores, houses and banks-and of the kind hands that care for the perpetrators of these misdeeds, it kind of makes you wonder what the bar of justice really means. Doesn't it? ARCHIE C. FRIES.

Opposes Universal Training

Fort Stevens, Jan. 5 .- To the Editor of The Journal-In reply to A. Barnes' letter in The Journal of December 29, taxing. Dump the cars into the ditch. troll fish, and immature. Being present let me say I still think universal train- Go to work, instead of jolting yourselves I asked permission to ask some ques-Germany told the world it was keeping cause, and the cure is easy. preparing for war. War is a succession a stop to the bank robbing and holdups, flooding, and will if not caught return of blunders, and is seldom the will of The above is the gist of it all. Simmer to the ocean when the tide ebbs and the people. It is a game of politics, it down. Universal training will give the politician too much power and give the army From the Anti-Prohibition Standpoint returned would in crossing that line place is taken by an alien. clique a chance to work out some of training will sit back and reap a harvest man without a pull will do the work and rot in the trenches, and those lucky enough to live to come back will look for a job-and often not get it.

army and kept out of the war. How about Holland, Spain, Denmark, Norway and Sweden? Switzerland was geographically not in the way, and had a large food reserve. If Switzerland was as much in the path of the armies as Belgium, the story would be different, France has had universal training for years, and history shows her in a succession of costly wars.

Universal training breeds military

spirit-that breeds war; war breeds socialism-we have quite enough of that

I am a loyal American. My son can trace his forefathers back to the Revolution of 1776, when they fought for the democracy that universial training will destroy. I do not care to have my son trained to help make a few more billionaires. AMERICAN MOTHER.

land has been my text on many occasions, but you cannot build a house or elty on imperfect foundation or managepublic opinion, has often used for slogan, "What's the Matter With Portland?" The true answer is, "Nothing, but incompetent management." No city or state can prosper without

the cooperation and loyal support of the cent postage stamp, friends writing to friends, that Portland and Oregon are the places to live and buy property in. I am sorry to state that Portland today has no loyal supporters in this important indispensable source, from the fact the people are disgusted and discouraged. They know they are not receiving benefits in proportion to taxes paid. If your paper would devote its energies to the foundation of city building by consolidating city and county, all other things needful for city growth would soon follow. I am confident the majority of people are desirous of such a change and would sollow your leadership. It is impossible to succeed in accomplishing but few things under the present plan. I have no mud to sling at officehold-They, no doubt, are doing their hest. We, the people, elected them. Hence no fault of a man worth \$1500 or less a year holding office of \$6000 or more. It is our fault, not his. But the plan of two sets of officers is rot-When this change is perfected,

which should be in the near future, the

voters could then only make one mistake.

is now easily overcome by using an antiseptic oil spray which absorbs and dislodges the hard web-like mucus membrane of throat and nose. Quick relief is always obtained by using the McKenzie Catarrh Spray. The price complete with special atomizer is only \$2.00. We pay the postage on this and all other drug orders.

LAUE-DAVIS DRUG CO. Truss Experts, Portland, Oregon

Now the chances are better than two to | possible combinations of circumstances

servants. So far as Portland is concerned, it is same as with medicine bottles; if you the best and finest located city on the live it was the cough syrup, if you die planet. No city can ever compare to it was the wrong pedal; but you have her sublime, soul-stirring beauty and got to take one, or perhaps both, to find natural wealth. Had it not been so favorably the machine, or the issuing of licenses blessed by the Great Architect, Portland to them without education, is ever going oday would be a small village. As it to stop automobile accidents. is, we have some 300,000 or more inhabitants. I am confident with proper, intelligent management. Portland's population would and should have 1,000,000 happy, presperous people. This may

1920, and great success in your praiseworthy undertakings.

am talking about.

W. M. KILLINGSWORTH.

Upbraids Wasteful Consumers officers there told me the past mas- of all the things they see, and eat about mussed over. Consequently, it is wasted. I can't see where the wholesaler or re-That is what they are in the business

Now if these ladies will visit those places as guests at eating time, and sit where they can see the load that comes in and see what is taken back as waste. of living keeps up. I believe they will We hear every day of the work the | find the consumer is to blame for it all.

The High Cost Considered

G. R.

Grass Valley, Jan. 1 .- To the Editor f The Journal-What caused the high cost of living? First, the government uses, to get money; second, everything but when your best friends say to you, rose; then, the people went bugs over good roads and bonded the state to get noney. This meant more tax. Everybody was advised to get a car and buy gas, and quit work and ride on these good roads. They did, and are today so thick that they kill one another. All this car and gas money goes back East. Then we have a coal strike, and we must suffer with cold when there is enough waterpower going to waste in the Deschutes river to heat every home in the state with electricity. Yet it is bottled up so we can't utilize it.

Now, I say, cut out the bonding and

Portland, Dec. 29 .- To the Editor of be imtheir warlike ideas. Depend on it, the The Journal-About five years ago we The gavel fell just then. Perhaps as a member of the grievance commitpolitician's sons or friends will go to were told that prohibition was the one Senator Loomis wanted to save the witthe officers' training school, and if we balm for all disorders of society; that ness embarrassment. would be unlucky enough to have war, with the coming of prohibition, crime the men that are advocating compulsory would be reduced, as would poverty, greedy that they would destroy the fuout of the misery of the masses. The fairly tried and the results are interesting at Ilwaco on May 4, 1919, and went the board of directors. Portland this winter than there ever ture chinook salmon, and appointed a was in any winter during the palmiest committee to wait on the packers and is all right in theory but does not work days of John Barleycorn, and anyone ask them to cooperate insofar as to out in practice. And the laboring man Granted that Switzerland had a trained can see the reason. In the old days a refuse to accept any chinook salmon less is a practical man. His experience has was, could nearly always escape the packers were only paying 5 cents a trate with a coyote, he must first have wintry blasts by retreating to the pound they refused to cooperate. Their the coyote by the throat or there will warmth and cheer of the corner saloon, excuse was that the fresh fish dealers Generally there were friends there to would buy them and they would be him a few drinks and help him for- caught anyway. get his hard luck. But now, no such haven of refuge, with free lunch offering itself to the unfortunate. Instead he forced on the streets, to embitter himself against society, and if the night the midst of the suffrage campaign is dark enough, to "stick up" the first what a refining influence women would prosperous looking passerby he sees. We still see poverty all about us. Beggars confront us on every hand;

rest is the chief topic of the day. troduction of prohibition are misleading. Crime falls off only while the criminal element is readjusting itself and while Portland, Jan. 1.—To the Editor of new criminals are being formed by the the Nation says, "the most vulgar of The Journal-For 35 years Greater Port- thing itself. Then it breaks out again with renewed intensity.

Having been to sea a little, I have seen men, especially the younger men, ment. Your valuable Journal, to stir up step from a bone dry territory suddenly into a wet and wide open district, with the result that their actions were more like those of swine than of men. This was because they had received no training in the control of self. Instead, the abominable policy of removing all six. temptation had been substituted. Prohibition of any kind is a dangerous thing in a free country. Why can't the churches realize that evil exists in the mind and is not a material thing? Any man who upholds prohibition is elther admitting that he is unable to tions of the suffragists have come true! take care of himself or he is attempting force his own personal convictions on

other peaple.

H. E. RIKEWINE.

The Training of the Auto Driver Klamath Falls, Jan. 8 .- To the Editor automobile accidents and education I won the election. The Review in exsuggested that experience in bicycle planation suggests that in Plymouth riding is so much education toward fit- procreative capacity is regarded as a ting a person for driving automobiles, title to political confidence, under the No one would think of allowing a per- new order of things. son not acquainted with the machinery of a steamboat, nor with the river on which it is to run, to take the helm as captain or pilot of a boat. For that responsible place he must have become educated in the working of the machinery and the way the boat haves"; he must know the depth and widths of the water, the snags, the eddies and the speed of the currents in all the channels he is to navigate; he must know landing places, the rules for meeting and passing other boats and be competent to judge accurately the speed of his own and other boats and the distance of moving and stationary objects; in short, he must be educated in all that makes for the safety of his bwn and other crafts and their cargoes and of shown by The Journal's poll. life and property. But as to the automobile, it has been assumed that any- to our isolated position of ante-war one can run an automobile in any chan- days. It is absolutely certain that in nel without any knowledge of its width any future difficulty, whether in Europe or length, or the snags or landing or length, or the snags or landing places, or any ability to judge the speed "Scraps of paper" are repugnant to the and certain courts trying certain cases, we can bring to others until we make or volume of the current of the stream American people. So if it should ever it appears that "justice and judgment" special efforts in the right direction. To of vehicles and pedestrians, or the dis-

one they make two by selecting public All that has been necessary has been to get into the craft and guess at it, the resources of unlimited out. Don't think that fining persons or

C. C. BROWER.

In Defense of Fishermen Ilwaco, Wash., Jan. 1 .- To the Editor of The Journal-In The Journal of Dement is true and that I know what I taken on their feeding grounds, their and have peace! stomachs are full of food and that within I wish you a happy, prosperous year, a few hours after being taken out of the water auto digestion sets in and the stomachs full of food but that auto di- surprise me in the least. consumption we most emphatically deny. If auto digestion sets in with salmon in a few hours after taken what about hallbut that are thrown into the hull of a schooner with some ice and held for days before coming ashore, and then put be attained by arbitration?" in storage for weeks before getting to is the way the results are attained. weeks without being pulled. Does auto digestion set in? This same propaganda was initiated

tailer is to blame for the people's own in the spring of 1918 by a prominent faults. It is their place to sell, whether packer who owns several packing plants t be little or much. It is also the same and a vast number of fishing appliances, with the parties who keep the eating who would be greatly benefited if trollplaces. They have it to sell, and the ers and purse seiners were legislated off more they sell the more they make, the seas. That would not only allow all the fish to enter the streams where they have their traps, fish wheels, and drag seines, but would also put many of the new packers out of business. thereby killing competition, as the new packers own no appliances, the points of vantage being all taken up by the old time packers.

The same authority claimed that all and admitted his mistake.

Washington Agricultural college ap- worked out in practice. the fish commissioners of Washington. small fish received at the plant between certain dates, and claimed they were all ng will prove a curse to the country, over the streets and roads. Stop the tions. The gist of his testimony was that When all small fish taken outside the rivera big trained army to keep peace. In you are bonded and taxed and stung, ocean line were immature and all inside ments public, fact. I read a German poem seven years you are going to sting the other fellow, that line mature. I then said: "All fishago that called the kaiser "prince of Let go of my throat and quit choking ermen know that great schools of small Universal training is simply me, and I will be good. This will put fish enter the river when the tides are J. B. BRESSLER, fresh water begins to return. Would you have us believe that those thousands

There has been more crime in on record as opposed to taking imma-

Polities as She Is Refined

Portland, Dec. 27.-To the Editor of The Journal-They used to tell us in bring into politics. Alas! these beautiful visions are like the dream-children of Charles Lamb, too lovely for earth. suicides are still common and social un- Recently there was a bye-election in England in which Lady Astor was vic-The statistics to the effect that crime, tor. Comment by the more serious is decreased immediately after the in- London weeklies, like the Nation and Saturday Review (standing for widely different principles), is agreed which we have any remembrance." The Saturday Review gives an ex-

> between Lady Astor and Mr. Foot, the Liberal candidate.

have seven children and she has only people yet. (Laughter).

Here is refinement and delicacy and wit, with every evidence that the predic-Honors seem to rest with Mr. Foot; leastwise he had the last word. Lady Astor might have retorted with crushing truth that Mr. Foot had only one wife, while she had had two husbands. Maybe she did so reply and her words of The Journal-In a recent letter about were not reported. At any rate, she

HERBERT J. FOSTER.

With Reservations

Portland, Jan. 5 .- To the Editor of The Journal-I return herewith ballot on League of Nations. In doing so I ever the treaty ought to have been out continues pending conditions will remain Germans in the American congreunsettled. I favor ratification, but with certain reservations safeguarding American interests, which I do not think is the case with the document as it stands. This, I believe, notwithstanding the great majority seem to be for it, as

It is out of the question to go back or the Orient, we would become involved. Israel, but with certain terrestrial judges become necessary again to intervene I tinue. The only qualification has been under Article X.

tung deal. I would make it the subject of a reservation. I am surprised that sident Wilson stood for it, especially in the face of the objections of Henry White, Secretary Lansing and General Bliss, as is reported. However, I would not shirk any responsibilities that have fallen to us as a result of the war. I think it a Christian duty that we accept the mandate for Armenia. I am opposed to the sentiment in certain quarters in Britain that would give the "Sick Man of Europe" a new lease of life. The Turk should be put out of Europe Armenia should be free.

A word of censure. In view of the fact that the European powers are willing to accept reservations, President Wilson should meet his partner in the treaty making power-the senate-half way and agree on reservations. I think it was a mistake to so dovetail the two together as to make them inseparable. Peace should have been made first. A seem a wild statement, but I make it cember 29 appears a report of the com- treaty including the league could have with deliberate thoughts gathered from missioner of fisheries to the secretary been negotiated later. Peace has been back thoughts secured in daily attend- of commerce, in which the claim is made delayed and unrest continues, all beance for 35 years in the one truly great that many small and immature fish are cause of the refusal of the president to college of experience. I have the black being taken by trollers and purse seiners take into his confidence a coordinate vince any man or woman that this state- The claim is made that, those fish being of heaven, let us agree on reservations

Criticizes L. L. L. Management Silverton, Jan. 8 .- To the Editor of fish are unfit for human consumption. The Journal-Your article regarding We do not deny that the fish taken strikes in Oregon is rather interesting from the deep sea are fat and their The figures given by Mr. Gram do not gestion or any other digestion sets in tion as I see it is, "Who lost the \$1,500. The Journal—I see the women of the and causes the fish to become unfit for 000?" The employer always recoups his loss by the advance incident to the curtailment of his output, but the em ploye has lost a day or a month which he can never hope to recover. You ask, "Could not the same results

> the consumer? This has been done for After all the loss of time and money years and you never heard of auto di- and the suffering of innocent people. Poultry is held in storage for the trouble is eventually arbitrated We have an organization for the arbitration of all troubles between employer and employe known as the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen. The prinis sound, but it has this one fault: The cornerstone of its foundation is "camouflage."

It is not my intention to be a knocker. but I feel that I owe an apology to the men I have persuaded to part with their hard earned cash for the L. L. For I have worked for the L. L. L. L. throughout Oregon and Washington.

I was a delegate to the convention in Portland a year ago where the L. L. L. L. as a peace measure had its conwas enthusiastic over it salmon, both mature and immature, were because I had faith in the laboring man not fit for caining, for the same reason, and we took the employer into the fold that their stomachs were full, and also as a crook and shackled him with a said the immature fish were so soft they bond to keep his promise to his emwould not keep, and to verify the state- ployes-or at least we promised the ment he canned some and held them for employes that we would. I found that a considerable time, but on opening the the principal business of the board of cans he found them in prime condition directors was to make a motion to adjourn; so I left the employ of the We then thought we had heard the last L. L. L. L. and went to work for a of that subterfuge, but a few months company that was affiliated with the later a couple of students from the L. L. to see for myself how it

peared as experts. They visited most of I will tell a few of the things that the Washington coast and collected data, happened while I was a member of the and appeared again at the 1919 session grievance committee of that local; An the sad spectacle of six able jurists, sit- hibition it will defeat him. However, I friction. How to put the men of one man Catholic, another as an Irishman, of the Washington legislature and gave American citizen drawing \$4.80 was disof the washington legislature and game charged and an alien put in his place of the law. Is it any wonder Bolshecode governing the fisheries, got up by at \$5.50. Men who owned their homes vism is getting such a stranglehold upon in the town told me they drew \$5.25, America? In the evidence of one of the students, while aliens who were doing the same a Mr. Smith, he produced the weight of work and no more, told me that they the United States supreme court dewere drawing \$6. A foreman in the cided, practically, that Dred Scott, a employ of the company said, "To hell negro, was not a human being, thereby with the L. L. L. and to hell with placing him in the same class as a horse the American Legion.'

> injustice by making these state- Civil war. because the facts are known to the company and also to a come of such decisions as was handed member of the board of directors, and down from the bench last Wednesday they have never taken action on any by six judges of the circuit court, sitbut the first and they adjusted that ting en banc? Press reports state that At present the plant has closed down for the winter. An ex-soldier who was employed there was laid off and his When I found these conditions, and

they soon found my work unsatisfac-To prove that fishermen are not so tory and I was discharged, contrary to suicide and social unrest. It has been ture of the industry they called a meet- L. L. L. This fact is also known to

So it is plain to me that arbitration man, no matter how down and out he than six pounds in weight. But as the taught him that if he is going to arbibe no arbitration.

FRANK CARPENTER.

Would Make Rockefellers Impossible ple. Gladstone, Jan. 8 .- To the Editor of The Journal-I dare say many when reading of the recent Rockefeller gift have thought within themselves that even when so large a sum is devoted to charitable and beneficial purposes it is entirely wrong and that it is a social power that naturally goes with such a colossal amount. I am no Socialist, ample of the high plane of argument voters in a joint discussion)-I am a should revert to the state as a matter and lowly Jesus. better authority than Lady Astor. I of course; for it is from the common How times have changed. For now Lady Astor-But I haven't finished when men will be so ashamed to pile Mr. Foot-Neither have I. (More framed that it will be impossible. ARLINGTON

A Voice From Coblenz

The Journal-I am copying a passage from a letter I received from Sergeant Squire V. Hooker of Company C, First Field Signal battallon, Coblenz, Ger- The Journal-I see by the papers that many. It might be of interest as ex- Victor L. Berger has been returned to pressing a viewpoint of one of the boys congress from the Fifth district of Wiswho is still over there, regarding recent events in congress. He writes, in part: "I understand they (Fifth and Fiftieth infantry) will begin to move north soon; that is, if our congress doesn't damn congress is surely giving the people a nice doublecross. What is people a nice doublecross. What is wrong with the people? Why do they stand for it? Have the fathers and mothers forgotten their sons that died for a great cause? Don't they respect the battlefield dead any more? Heil, gress is wise, it will not hurl another will say I do not think the league the man, it's a disgrace, and Germany is such boomerang in the face of the peopanacea that many people claim. How- laughing in her sleeve, while America is losing the respect of all other nations. of the way long ago, and as long as it The Germans say there are some good HARRY L. WOLBERS.

Justice

tinue. The only qualification has been under Article X.

a sufficiency thereof will place a man will have in you. You doubtless courage based on dense ignorance of I am absolutely opposed to the Shan- in the United States senate or give him will come to your work promptly



The treasury is second only in architectural importance to the Capitol. It is built of sandstone and granite and is 450 feet in length and 250 feet in width. The east front is on Fifteenth street and is adorned with a colonnade of stately Ionic columns, after those of the Temple of Minerva at Athens, and on the north, west and south fronts are portices of similar columns. It is regrettable that the architect, Robert Mills, did not have his way in the design of setting the building in grounds that are more in keeping with its dignity and beauty, instead of obtruding it unceremoniously upon Pennsylvania avenue; but the story goes that President Jackson became very impatient at the long delayed choosing of a site, walked into the grounds one morning, stuck his cane into the ground, said, "Build it here," and here it stands today.

a big word, a great word. It compre- are not happy. No one who aspires to hends much. It is world embracing, do evil can ever be happy. They are

and touches us in all our relations— not laying up for themselves treasures civic, social, educational and religious. In heaven. It is barely possible they For instance, justice is always law are laying up other things in that other abiding and is never a destroyer of place which we shrink to mention. law and order. Saul, once the vallant king of Israel, grew domineering and to make others happy has its own comunjust. David, schooled with the rug- pensation. ged and hard experiences of life, developed a keen sense of right and justmost helpful ruler of the renowned Hebrew nation. Solomon, his son, Journal-I have been a great admirer of seems to be a type of the golden age W. J. Bryan. He seems to be unfortunof prophecy, when justice and right are in riding the political current. In Building Trades council seeks to solve, will be the order of the day, and a 1896, had the election taken place three by a long way. There is the question of than automobiles or the gold of Ophir. J. H. C.

The Sad Spectacle

Jennings Lodge, Jan. 7 .- To the Ed-

In the infamous Dred Scott decision, or cow. That decision was instrumental I do not feel that I am doing anyone in hastening the advent of our bloody

Who can corner of the courtroom, a sufferer from mental anguish, trembling with fear and sobbling. Was he sobbing in memory of his victims? He sobbed and blubbered and sputtered for fear his own precious person would be confined for a season

behind prison walls. Among other things, the decision handed down by the six jurists, sitting en banc, virtually makes the pedestrian legitimate target for drunken millionaires, and our only recourse is to elect men to office who are not influenced by riches nor subject to the malign influence known as "wire pulling."

A LOVER OF JUSTICE. "Without Purse or Scrip'

self denial as a Christian duty, and yet self denial as a Christian duty, and yet I. W. W. in abundance. It seems to me there is but little practice of the principle. This is a self indulgent rather than a self denying age. Many will give money because they have plenty to spare, enough remaining with them to supply their every need. Others give time, because they have it to spare. But when the seems to me ing construction it may be impossible of attainment, but in this field it should not be at all-difficult, for the contractor is more than the field it should the same tested as soon as they became ruled is not consulted as to what wage he by the wealthy. We hope there will is not consulted as to what wage he out of school provided they are employed in some useful work. No disint-some useful work. For girls, bousehold work at home is considered useful employment.] cause they have it to spare. But when It comes to giving up what the carnal mind likes best and what it loves, then danger that one person should have the comes the trial. Yet, this is the field for the exercise of self denial-the nearest, the dearest, the most precious and either by upbringing or by instinct; still fondled thing, if it be sinning against one can readily perceive that it is this the word of God. This is the genuine offering of self-denial. As God gave sort of thing that breeds Socialism of offering of self-denial. As God gave the worst description. That one person, or a few persons, should possess Himself, so must we, if we would pafortunes beyond the dreams of avarice, tiently walk the same thorny path of while untold thousands are living and our guide, give u the thing we like, dying in want of the commonest needs if God's word condemns it, though we of life, it seems that laws should be en- should love it as an only child. This acted that, while permitting industrial is the true spirit of self-denying discipactivity to the utmost, when fortunes line, practised by the early disciples Mr. Foot (to the men and women grow beyond a certain size, all beyond and the true worshippers of the meek

these fabulous amounts are without devouring widows' houses and wrung. The time is coming, I believe, preventing the homeless children from eating the "crumbs" which fall from up huge wealth, even if laws are not so their master's table, congregations can afford to buy this "bread of life" for themselves at the cost of thousands of dollars a year. Truly, the millennium is here. Or is this the "mystery" spoken ISRAELITE. Portland, Jan. 9 .- To the Editor of of in Revelation?

> Wants Berger to Take His Seat Woodburn, Jan. 6 .- To the Editor of consin over the combined old parties. Now I want to call on the people to watch the action of congress to see if it will slap the people of this great country, saying we don't know what we itself a body wielding a veto on the choice of voters, and if such a thing as that don't make I. W. W. and Bolsheviki. I den't know what will. If conple and the constitution of the United J. H. MACK. States.

On Making Others Happy Hood River, Jan. 8 .- To the Editor of

The Journal-Is not there some one with a fertile brain and a sympathetic heart Portland, Jan. 4.-To the Editor of who could devise some method by which The Journal-The quality of mercy is those persons who have been accustomed not strained," wrote the bard of Avon. to wine and beer (sad to say) can have He could as well have used the word a little consolation when deprived by "justice," since justice is probably as law of its beverage uses and abuses? important as "mercy." "Justice and They forget how much happiness is judgment are the establishment of thy given to others in the abolition of these throne," wrote the sweet singer of articles.

of vehicles and pedestrians, or the dis-tance of objects of any kind, or in what direction any moving object may con-than under treaty stipulation—that is, true that money means "influence," and much more confidence your employer

ciple of this organization; as I see it, an honorable standing in civic or re- cheerfully and not with bloated face ment that ever existed, will be destroyed, other powers of the world and our trouligious society and completely change and bleared eyes, and don't be jealous We have high taxes and legislators and transpose the words "justice" and of those who hoarded their wine and ready to add a greater burden on the "judgment." But the word "justice" is beer against the day of drouth. They people.

It is barely possible they

BENJAMIN BRACKETT.

An Anti-Prohibitionist's Views Portland, Jan. 7 .- To the Editor of The siderations:

man's life will become "more precious" months before it did, he would have been strikes and lockouts and stoppage of elected. Could he have been nominated work growing out of disputes. There is and the election taken place in 1919 he the matter of compulsion—how to comwould have marched triumphantly into pel both parties to live up to the agreethe White House. Should he be nomin- ment-how punish a man for not doing union man, another as a Republican, ated 'n 1920 the tide will turn and the so. How to work a union man and a itor of The Journal-At last we have sentiment will be so strong against pro- non-union man side by side without ting en banc, freeing a flagrant violator believe Mr. Bryan is the strongest man union or craft at the work of another as a pro-German, another as in the Democratic party today. vism is getting such a stranglehold upon I am radically opposed to Mr. Bryan's with limiting the amount of work a prohibition views, I could not rebuke man shall perform in a working day, and yet nobody willing just to surrenhim on account of his great peace-mak- How to prevent restriction in the use of der it all for the sake of the brothering power. We don't want a war presi- machinery and tools. How to stop inter- hood of mankind, industrially, internadent. The man that runs for president and advocates the abolition of the pro-

hibition law will win. E. A. LINSCOTT.

The Census Taker's Reception the census taker. What if we reverse unions come in. Who wouldn't slam no sore spot, How say, "Good morning. I am the census same. taker." Things would go more smoothly J. KRAUSKY.

His Outlook Appears Gloomy

in enforcement of the law in favor of the it is along these lines that most indusrich and against the poor. I have no trial disputes arise. sympathy with the L. W. W., but the worst criminals are the rich corporations hidden hook, and it must be conceded and profiteers. For 50 years our courts that it is asking almost too much for Hillsbore. Dec. 21.-To the Editor of and lawmakers have been controlled by employers to treat with their men as in-The Journal-There is much talk about the money power. No wonder we have dustrial equals, and in other than build- under 16 years of age who have finished 1. W. W. in abundance. It seems to me ing construction it may be impossible of grade school.

A. N. SIMPSON, Ploneer and Member G. A. R.

Portland Builders' Problems Portland, Jan. 7 .- To the Editor of

The Journal-Having been present at the Rotary luncheon today and having heard The joy that comes to one when trying Mr. Mason's report on industrial con- soul to fix some scheme whereby men ditions, and his suggested remedies for in their personal and international reexisting evils, and since the printed re- lations would submit to reason rather port freely quoted from my articles in than passion, to reason on a religious the public press I feel free to add to basis of some sort, meaning by that the general discussion the following con-

lem the working agreement with the about it. While craft without a row. How to do away ference with the workmen during workmatter of apprentices-who shall handle joined themselves together, meet in good this question. How to stop peddling of fellowship and work for the good of bids and jobbing out labor and other all mankind, or will they each be trying items. How to arbitrate quickly and to get the advantage over the others? Portland, Jan. 8 .- To the Editor of The satisfactorily all the irritating disputes Will a league of nations take all this Journal-I read in Tuesday's Journal that are bound to arise from the clash selfishness out of man and make him your editorial entitled "Courtesy and the of varied and various interests on a job. as doelle as a lamb? I think not. When Census." It tells a few people what they How to settle upon and have an equal we get to where we are willing to live should do in regard to being courteous voice in all working rules of all the as the 12 men in your parable did when it this the ?-for this reason: The door cedure for handling all grievances and and not till then, shall we have univer-A lady answered the door, disputes that both parties will respect- sal peace. ing his business, a man asked that will settle the quarrel and leave the door in his face? He might at least for stopping work and be able to enforce

for him and he wouldn't meet with so come within the scope of this agreement Albany, Jan. 7.—To the Editor of The pedagogues, penpushers and architects, burnal—I am much pleased with letters would need to select a representative of The Journal showing the difference the public to assist in their solution, for

Mr. Mason's velvet touch suggests the

building contractor say without assistance what he shall pay his help, the same as anybody else? Because he pays \$8 a day for carpenters is no reason the public, hiring carpenters direct, should pay the same. A man building residences said yesterday that he "put an ad in the paper for carpenters at \$5 and when he came down to his office could hardly get in, as there were from 50 to 75 Swedes lined up for the job," and there are no better people on earth, There would be no labor trouble worth nentioning so far as wages are concerned in construction work if the contractor got what he considers a fair

n secret against competition and covers

to what wages he shall pay his men then the public wants to get in and

help fix the scale. Why should not the

wage for himself. He is usually jewed compelled to meet competition, and the bids are handled in such a manner as to squeeze the last possible dollar out of a job before it is awarded, and as a result the contractor is compelled to back up on his specialty contractors and labor. I asked a contractor how he expected to get by with a government contract with rigid inspection, and he said he had a little edge on some of the materials and he papected to cut a corner on the labor." and it made trouble for such committees as Mr. Mason proposes.

As long as the public treats contractors that way contractors will treat their men that way, and men treated that way will keep on fussing, and the public will have need for such a committee as is suggested. But as long as this agreement between the General Building Contractors' association and the Building Trades council is in effect and lived up to by both parties there will be no need for its services.

O. G. HUGHSON

A Formula for reace Halsey, Dec. 30 .- To the Editor of The

Journal-In your editorial entitled "Without End." you cite all the ills that war is a child of, and you assert that all we need is to join ourselves with the ble will be over for all time. But that will not stop wars. It is not a league of nations we need so much as good fellowship. Senator John Sharp liams of Mississippi hit the nail on the right end in discussing the Cummins bill, when he said: "I have been in publie life more than a third of a century I do not want to make an ass of myself Mr. President, but I would give my merely a worship of God, a recognition of God's fatherhood and the brother-The wage scale is not the only prob- hood of man, with nothing sectarian

> Then he goes on and says: "Yet, when we meet and discuss these things, how do we meet, and how do we discuss them? One fellow discusses them as an anti-labor union man, another as a labor another as a Democrat, another as a Christian Scientist, another as a Roan American, vaunting his Americanism before everybody's else Americanism; tionally and for peace."

Will the nations, after they have How to provide a course of pro- they first landed on their island, then G. R. WALKER

Wants U. S. Senate Abolished

Hillisboro, Dec. 31 .- To the Editor of The Journal-I am in favor of an These are a few of the items that amendment to the constitution of the United States to abolish the senate, as and Mr. Mason's proposed nominating it does nothing but talk, and it is so board, consisting of preachers, knights, partisan that all it does is to play peabankers, lawyers, engineers, doctors, nut politics; so the sooner the people

can get rid of such a humbug the better off we shall be. WILLIAM PAULL A School Law Point Portland, Jan. 9 .- To the Editor of The Journal-Please tell me the law re-



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