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NOBODY COULD... MERCIFUL God, it's all true. Nobody has told the whole truth—nobody could.

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In the Near East is the most desperate situation in the world. This is the statement of Herbert Hoover. It tallies up with Mr. Heinz' avowal, "nobody has told the whole story—nobody could."

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superior in their lines and the goods find their way into many states in exchange for money brought to Portland and distributed through payrolls into all business and professional life of the city and state.

A special committee of the Washington Board of Trade, appointed to investigate street safety, reported that four propositions were necessary for reduction of accidents. They are: establishment of a traffic court, further adoption of one-way traffic, elimination of jaywalking, and examination of applicants for motor licenses.

OUR duplicative milk delivery system or lack of system, is always the ready butt of criticism. When Mr. Katz of the Dairymen's league assures the milk dealers and inspectors of the Northwest that the "dozen milk wagons to the block" is a spectacle worthy only of the dark ages, he aptly rephrases a fault found with milk distribution in every city.

With the rapid improvement of roads in the rural districts there is no reason why a farmers' system of trucks supplementing rail or water transportation may not result in substantial economies.

And if possible in the country why not in the city? A truck transportation system is merely the application of the cooperative principle which the dairymen already are applying to their marketing of milk and purchase of supplies.

It is less possible for the milk dealers to cooperate along lines free of the stigma of trust method but assuring better service to the public? Why, for instance, should it not be possible for the dealers to become members of a central milk delivering company, operated at cost?

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coal miners would accept a lower rate were they to be assured of constant employment. But it is a tangled controversy. If the strike settlement, commission can unshar the skein it will stand as a next friend to the public and to industry generally.

A New York physician and specialist on mental diseases, announces that six out of every thousand people in the United States are more or less feeble-minded.

There is going to be a heavy vote in the Journal's presidential poll. Favorites are developing even within the few days that the straw vote has been running.

THE state highway commission holds to its announced policy there will not be much paved road built this year. Some of the counties are going to be disappointed.

Shortage of labor, equipment and cars will not admit of the completion of additional contracts this year.

It is a condition, not a theory, that gives force to the appeal for Armenian relief. In the Near East millions of people are starving.

COAL mine operators and representatives of coal miners continue their controversy about wages and working conditions day after day at Washington.

It is probable that both sides are not free of blame. The coal miners were led into grave error when they called their strike in the dead of winter regardless of how many people froze to death as its result.

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Then the ex-service man reasons something like this: "I offered my life for my country. But I got nothing now; it was my duty, and the act was its own reward. Month after month I underwent all sorts of discomfort and hardship. But that does not matter. I was mostly satisfied with what I have done. I took two years out of my life and gave it to my country. I look around me now and see dozens of people who did not give their government anything but their time, and have profited because there has been a war and because I went to it. And that does matter. Can the country assist me in re-establishing myself in making these years that I have lost? Yes, it can. Should it? Well, that is for the country to decide, not me. I can work my way back into the world as best I can. I am at a disadvantage, and it owes it to me to restrain others from constantly flaunting in my face the advantage that they have gained over me."

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JACK DEMPSEY AND THE MEN WHO WENT... How Ex-Service Men Regard a Number of Things That Never Happened... From the Home Sector.

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LINCOLN, THE GREAT COMMONER... By Edwin Markham... WHEN the Norn-Mother saw the whirlwind hour. Grating and darkening as it hurried on. She bent the strenuous heavens and came down. To make a man to meet the mortal need. She took the tried clay of the common road—Clay warm yet with the genial heat of earth. Dashed through it all a strain of prophecy; Then mixed a laughter with the serious stuff. It was a stiff to wear for centuries. A man that matched the mountains and compelled The stars to look our way and honor us.

The color of the ground was in him, the red Earth. The tang and odor of the primal things. The reditude and patience of the rocks; The gladness of the wind that shakes the corn; The courage of the bird that dares the sea; The justice of the rain that loves all leaves; The pity of the snow that hides all scars; The loving kindness of the wayside well; The tolerance and equity of light That gives as freely to the shrinking weed As to the great oak flaring to the west. As to the grave's low hill as to the Matterhorn That shoulders out the sky.

And so he came. From prairie cabin to the capitol. One fair ideal led our chief upon. Forever more he burned to do his deed. With the fine stroke and gesture of a king. He built the rail-pile as he built the state. Pours his splendid strength through every blow. The conscience of him testing every stroke. To make his deed the measure of a man. Seize the capital with the mighty hand. And when the step of earthquake shook the house. Wrenching the rafters from their ancient hold. He held the ridgepole up and spiked again. The rafters of the Home. He held his place. Held the long purpose like a growing tree—Held on through blame and faltered not in praise. And when he fell in whirlwind, he went down. As when a kindly cedar green with boughs Goes down with a great shout upon the hills.

MORE OR LESS PERSONAL... Random Observations About Town... There is only one reason why Oregonians should come to Portland on "sight-seeing" trips and that reason brought Dr. and Mrs. G. L. Blakely of Baker to the city, and they are here at the statement of Ray Clark at the Multnomah hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Thompson of Pendleton, who claim relationship with W. Laird Thompson, now one of Portland's citizens, but recently of the Umatilla county seat, are at the Benson hotel.

Falls City, whose importance rises and falls with the lumber market, thus indicating the state of the timber market, is a quiet little Polk county town known to hundreds of Oregon sportsmen as a favorite fishing stream and hunting grounds. From Falls City comes Charles A. Poling to enjoy the delights of the city. Poling is stopping at the Oregon.

George W. Peavy, who carries the title of dean and who is head of the school of forestry at the Oregon Agricultural college, is a guest at the Multnomah hotel. Dean Peavy is chairman and chief faculty member of that organization of terror known as the student council.

J. E. Richter, office deputy on the staff of the singing sheriff, John Orr, at Dallas, is a guest at the Perkins hotel. The sheriff is attending to the movements of citizens and others of the business portion of Dallas and when Richter isn't too busy otherwise he is keeping his weather eye open on the movements of citizens and others.

Wright Chandler operates a big store at Richland, Oregon, and it keeps him going so fast that he has to have a driver occasionally disguises herself as a buyer and comes to Portland to inspect the wares of the wholesale houses. That she is a very successful business woman is attested to by those who know her. Mrs. Chandler is stopping at the Multnomah while in Portland on a business trip.

Miss Edna Agnes Cox and 11 girls comprising the O. A. C. girls basketball squad, were guests at the Seward hotel on Saturday and from there departed for Corvallis on Saturday night following the afternoon game with Reed college girls.

The Oregon County... Oregon's Notes... Influenza has claimed two victims in Harney county. Both were women. The Salem High school basketball team secured a membership of 50. Portland's fire bureau will compete with other cities of the Pacific coast in a prize fire prevention contest.

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Peace officers of the Oak Grove district in Clackamas county have within the past week arrested nine violators of motor speed laws. M. Z. Donnell of The Dalles has filed with the secretary of state his candidacy for reelection to the Oregon state Republican national convention.

William Beneke, a prisoner in the Yamhill county jail, attempted to commit suicide by choking himself with his necktie, but was rescued by a sixth month sentence for larceny. Pacific university at Forest Grove has the largest standing investigation of the history. Thirty-five students, including one woman, are receiving state aid under the educational act.

W. F. W. Luddington, who combines his interests at Dryad, Wash. in a saw mill and general store, is at the Multnomah hotel in Portland on a business mission. Not unlike any one of a score of Multnomah hotel guests, Truman Gibbons, light heavyweight pugilist, who is in Portland for flistic encounter. Only when trimmed down for the ring does the fighter present any other appearance.

O. D. Chilton and Mrs. Chilton from McCook, Neb., who are touring along the coast on a pleasure trip, happened in at the Benson hotel on Saturday. Oddy enough they were assigned to quarters by F. E. Chilton, the Seward's general clerk. No kinship exists between the travelers and the Portland politician, so far as has been revealed yet.

W. J. Conrad, timber land operator and A. E. Adesperger, both from Marshfield, are stopping at the Benson while transacting business in Portland. County Judge R. H. Bunnell of Klamath county, who has been in Portland for several days attending the session of the state highway commission, has enjoyed a pleasant reunion with W. S. Worden, now a Portland business man, who formerly carried on a business in Klamath Falls.

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Uncle Jeff Snow Says... I believe in one of the doctrines of the "W. W. Road" in the "W. W. Road." This idea of starting a new party ever 'leven converts don't get nowhere. The biggest coward on earth is the politician, and the place to reach 'em is at the primaries and with the ghastly. The fellow that raises the most political 'tis with the fewest numbers is the fellow that stays in the grand old party and sounds the daylight out of 'em. The hand-picked and -bought on the primaries, and hedges 'em with the nish-ative. Even then they squirm loose and squeal their heads off often enough.

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