

inland as well as to the seaboard states that our merchant marine be put upon a permanent basis of healthy development.

Why not employ National Marine vessels locally to put over measures of ship operation and business getting that will crowd the ports of the Columbia with commerce?

It has been known for some time that with Bolshevists, Reds, strikes and lockouts, Seattle is some wild and woolly metropolis, but it has remained for the present to reveal that wild animals are preying in upon the wild men of Puget sound's hilly city.

FROM November 21, 1919, to February 11, 1920 there was not a death in Portland from an automobile accident.

It was 82 days without a killing. It was nearly three times as long without a death as any period of which the police have account.

In the three years since the keeping of records of accidents was begun at the police station, there have been but two periods of a month each in which there were no deaths.

The effort to reduce accidents has been proven to be well worth while. If killings had gone on at the usual rate in the 82 days 20 to 25 persons would have been killed.

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America is not in the league council. About 15 American senators insisted that America should not be a party to the league.

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With a sympathy as bedewed with crocodile tears as it is gratuitous, the Washington public service commission and the cities of Puget sound predict that the snail's pace of the Snake would be the chief sufferer instead of a beneficiary should an order be issued for a differential in the rates applying to this territory.

Letters From the People Vancouver, Wash., Feb. 8.—To the Editor of The Journal—In a Portland daily paper today there appeared an article under the heading, "Tax Change Proposed by Realtors Association."

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increased its expenditure on behalf of that farmer? The building of the barn was a service rendered to the farmer by himself. He gets nothing more from the county after he built the barn than he did before, and any tax collected thereon is stealing by process of law.

Curious Bits of Information For the Curious Gleaned From Curious Places February is of principal historical interest to the United States because in this month George Washington and Abraham Lincoln first saw the light of day.

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COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF SMALL CHANGE The man who starts out to find trouble hardly ever happens to get on the wrong road.

When a woman discovers that she is growing old she may be sure that her friends have known it for a long time. Maryland has turned down the suffrage amendment. That's a fine way to treat that girl in the heart of Maryland.

London has ruled Paris as the seat of deliberations to settle problems growing out of the war. We hope the deliberations will be able to find their way out of the fog.

Holland has sent a representative to Oregon to look over the prospects of placing foreign butter on local markets, and local manufacturers are now preparing to beat the Dutch.

Random Observations About Town A popular fiction writer is cleft O. A. C. Lunn, and for that very reason Alfred G. Lunn, for years a poultry specialist and instructor at the Oregon Agricultural college, has been accused of being a fiction writer.

Elmer Matthews and P. S. Keyes of Fossil are visiting in the city, stopping meanwhile at the Perkins. Matthews is a realty dealer and stockman, while Keyes is a contractor.

Walter Williams, Dallas banker and close kin to Portland's own Ralph Williams, member of the Republican national committee from Oregon, is in the city on the big Wheeler county ranges.

By the fall of 1914 there were four banks in Portland—Ladd & Tilton, First National, the Bank of British Columbia and the East Portland Savings and Loan bank.

William S. Ladd had been in Portland three years when, in 1854, he built Portland's first brick structure at 189 Front street. It was a one story building and was opposite the ferry landing.

Seven months after the bank opened Portland's census, taken in January, 1860, showed 1183 males, 1210 females, 116 boys and 526 girls. There were 15 negroes and 27 Chinese here.

When the first transcontinental train entered Portland in September 11, 1883, Portland's commerce and population began to climb steadily, and before long three transcontinental systems, the Northern Pacific, the Southern Pacific and the Great Northern, had made Portland their western terminals.

No matter what activity for upbuilding Portland has seen, it has been found that William S. Ladd was either the prime mover or one of the earnest workers for its success.

From the Medford Mail Tribune The bank "owing to unsettled conditions" as a pretext to lift the price of cottons in a list of high prices, is slightly thin in the sea.

The Oregon Country Northwest Happenings in Brief Form for the Busy Reader.

ORIGON NOTES A new 100 room hotel is projected at The Dalles, which is in the hands of local capital.

Senator McNary has introduced a bill in the senate to throw open the Klamath Indian reservation to settlement.

Trustees of the Klamath Falls Presbyterian church have placed an order for a pipe organ to cost \$4000 to be installed in August.

Scottish Rite Masons at Baker are preparing for a local reunion the latter part of April, at which a large number of bills including the 32d will be conferred.

Never ill a day in his life until he contracted pneumonia a few days ago, Robert Kelley, 76 years of age, and an old resident of The Dalles, is dead at Spokane.

A. L. White has been re-elected for his fourteenth year as president of the Spokane park board.

Joseph Peter, a Mexican who escaped from a Seattle hospital while a patient, has been arrested at Comopolis.

Great Northern officials have re-elected an order that Hilliard shopen from the Pacific coast to Seattle.

Walla Walla farmers have started a fight against the Gronna bill to repeal the government guarantee on the price of wheat.

At an auction sale of stock on Ford's prairie 15 grade Holstein cows brought an average of \$186. The highest mark was \$255.

A diamond ring taken from Mrs. Joseph Danz by two holdup men at Seattle has been found in the mud in the street near the corner of 1st and 2nd streets.

Officials of the state department of agriculture and agents of the extension division of the University of Idaho have sent to Idaho farmers warning of a possible seed shortage.



THE Council of the League of Nations is holding sessions in London. For the first time in history great international questions are in the process of settlement by organized discussion and conciliation.

It is the same step that people took many years ago in finding a way to settle personal disputes. That was when civil courts were organized and put into operation.

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While Lodge struts and Borah fumes and Reed harangues, the peace treaty is a contract that has already gone into effect. The League covenant is a compact that is already in force.

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GETTING SHIPS

DINNERS, parades and an exhibition of ship models will be used to feature National Marine week in New York, April 12-17. If Portland observes the week why not get a little closer to the subject?

The time has come for the nation to realize the pressing economic importance of national maritime independence. American cargoes, mails and passengers must be carried largely in ships built, owned and operated by Americans.

ONE NUISANCE

PHILADELPHIA, Seattle and some of the other American cities that have been unsuccessful in combating the bill board nuisance must go to the Philippines Islands for leadership.

With the complaint that 200,000 people in Los Angeles don't know they have a harbor and that the harbor is a pretty body of water.

Olden Oregon

One of the tragedies of the Oregon Trail, the Vanorman Massacre. One of the tragedies of pioneer days was the massacre of the Vanorman immigrants.

Uncle Jeff Snow Says:

They've tuck Sam Tallervant to the 'sylum' cause his mind give way havin' a fit, a high fit, a high fit, a high fit.