columns?

where?

afraid of.

government when these bonds were issued that the man needing his money

causes this decrease of nearly 10 per

off 10 points or one point. Will some-

Profiteering Remedy Proposed

The Journal-Profiteers are the prod-

uct of the profit system. Abolish the

profit system and there will be no

surchased in Portland and selling them

to the consumers at cost plus expenses

from his standpoint, sees a reason why

ploy a remedy that will get us some-

Ranters Rebuked

timber. Scores of men in every gath-

ering know more about how to run

the government than any president ex-

cept Lincoln. They take their hats off

to him but they are fully equal to

Washington or Roosevelt: they are head

think it strange that so much brain

power is lying around unutilized in

high places, but when you look at and

listen to these ranters with an unblasted

mind, you will see they do nothing but

vilify what they cannot equal or sur-

pass. It puts me in mind of the wild

Indians in bygone days, when they used

the tomtom, or a gourd with a rock in

it to scare away something they were

public nuisance. Elect one representa-

be so many to jangle over every little

technicality. Congress, as it is, is noth-

Athena Feb 20 -To the Editor of

The Journal-Your list of candidates for

John Barleycorn

We still miss our friend John in medi-

cine and in sickness. John Barleycorn's

The Bible says the spirit is not buried

and tells us "they that are buried shall

Accomplishments

From the Minneapolis Journal.

plays and the second one sings. What

accomplishment has the youngest

nor sings.

Spinks-I know your eldest daughter

Bobleigh (proudly)-She neither plays

Olden Oregon

In 1846 a More Southerly Immigrant

Route Was Located.

straw vote contains the unlucky num-

Abolish the United States senate

The people know how to vote.

Why all this vilification?

AN ONLOOKER

F. B. WOOD.

KATE SULLIVAN.

and shoulders above all others.

Medford, Feb. 16 .- To the Editor

W. H. BLACK.

Portland, Feb. 22 .- To the Editor of

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Every great mind seeks to labor for eter-nity. All men are captivated by immediate advantages; great minds alone are excited by the prospect of distant good.—Schiller.

BACK TO PRIVATE CONTROL

OR better or for worse, the rail roads have gone back to private control. Of public control, Director General Hines recently said:

In a time of great difficulty and with an amount of equipment which was inbefore in the history of the country, and has done it with far characteristic of conditions of heavy business under private control.

Perhaps the public will remember that at the time the government took products were rotting at way stations and terminals.

Meetings of railroad executives were snare him. being held to consider the grave situation. The head of their organiza-

growing volume of traffic.

But a time came when the faith of less. the public in the railroads as an investment was shattered. The roads could not borrow money. They were without means for buying new cars and new locomotives. The volume ment of the roads, save in a few instances, stood still. A breakdown became inevitable. It came to pass when we entered the war and effective transportation had to be provided as a war measure.

Another reason for the breakdown fic-the use of the long haul when shorter hauls were available.

of Pendleton wheat through Portland ther mischief. to Puget Sound, when at Portland the markets, notably in Europe.

a loss of 112 miles in distance,

Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles, New Orleans to Cincinnati, 4173 miles, when, by direct routing, the shipment could have reached its final destination in cally 2483 miles.

By such routings and unnecessary length of hauls, equipment was wasted, extra locomotives were required, the time of added train crews effectiveness of the roads impaired.

One of the first acts of the government was an order by the then Direcequipment utilized to its fullest canacity. No less an authority than tonly an! inhumanly slaughtered. Director General Hines, a railroad exexperience, says of government operation:

In a time of great difficulty and with in amount of equipment which was inadequate even before federal control, the unified operation of the railroads produced a total transportation service

of the country and has done it with far less congestion and delay than was characteristic of conditions of heavy business under private control.

It may be true that it was a remarkable coincidence only that sent upward the price of sugar immediately upon the refease of the federal price control. The governing factors may now be unusual shortage of supply and abnormal demand, but satisfied with a condition that has reduced the former plump-bodied quarter's worth of sugar to a mere shadow of its former self. He believes that if he went to tearing apart the national woodpile he would find lurking there a Sene gambian plainly branded "Profiteer." There was a time when honey and molasses and maple of sugar, and if the housewives of the country wish to be able to do 1.75 any fruit canning this summer they may find that the way to bring down

THE WOMAN'S YEAR

THE year 1288, before Columbus had dreamed of a new world or had even been born, Scotland adopted a law which, without apology and with but a single loophole for the injured sex, ordained:

It is statuit and ordaint that during the rein of hir maist blissit Mageste, late special session that they were for ilk yeare knowne as lepe yeare, not able to become even partly failke mayden ladye of bothe high and ye man she likes, albeit he refuses to offered for consideration, and that taik hir to be his lawful wyfe he shall they often voted on mere explanations be mulcted in ye sum ane pundis or less, as his estait may be; except and awis gif he can make it appeare that fessed to know. One honest member he is betrothit ane ither woman, he has since ascertained that he is re-

as a guide, this enactment was the first have found warrant for breaking

suasive, for France adopted a similar law a few years later and in the

But leap year, it appears, was not primarily established to set aside a day for feminine aggressiveness in produced a total transportation service in 46 B. C., agreed upon a solar year of 365 days and six hours with an than was extra day every fourth year, the women simply came along and appropriated the additional time for their own purposes.

traditionally associated with leap of the present session, all bills would not be moved. Traffic stood along say, law or no law, fine or no fine, before they are finally acted upon acres we had contracted to buy. We sidings waiting for cars. Perishable that he has any better chance of escape from the silken bonds when one of the designing fair determines to

It is our modest guess that Spotion, in a public statement, confessed kane's idea of a khaki club will that probably 30 per cent of the traf- sweep with wild enthusiasm over fic could not be moved. It was be- the United States, Canada and part cause of the acknowledged break- of Mexico. That is, always provided down of the lines in meeting their the soft shirt, Munson last and cotresponsibility of moving traffic that ton woven coat and pants prove as the government took over the roads. effective an auxiliary to business There were reasons for the collapse. getting as creased woolens, shining A few years ago the roads were in shoes, shimmery neckwear and the habit of adding 150,000 to 175,000 board-like collars. Nine out of 10 new freight cars to their equipment men feel better in their outing annually. Those additions of cars clothes than in any other garments were necessary to keep pace with the they possess. And they are always conscious that the comfort costs

MORE MASSACRES

NOTHER massacre of Armenians by Turks is announced. Sixteen of business mounted. The equip- thousand have been butchered. among them 75 girls who were under American protection. The atrocity follows another of a few weeks ago, in which 2000 Armenians were brutally murdered by the unspeakable

Only last week, the so-called counwas the roundabout routing of traf- key to retain Constantinople. But cil of premiers agreed to permit Tur-As example, there was the hauling of power as to be impotent for fur- or so.

grain was nearer to the consuming heard before. In 1878, when Russia furniture manufacturing center of the Or there was the haul of Pendleton Constantinople, England interfered, manufacturing organization. wheat via North Yakima to Puget and under the terms of the treaty Sound instead of to Portland, with of San Stefano that followed, civilization was told that Turkey was chair producing concern in the coun-Or there was the shipment of 150 to be restrained. In that war, the cars of soy bean oil from Seattle via Armenians, under a promise of inde- East. Its Portland branch has for a pendence, fought on the side of Russia

> Under the settlement, their hope of independence dwindled into a flimsy agreement, never carried out, under which they were guaranteed protec-

European governments agreed to re- that it must have a Western factory. was thrown away and the general quire Turkey to inaugurate reforms in It had the choice of all the principal her relations with Armenia. Russia cities on the coast and selected Portsoon expressed indifference, and fol- land for purely business advantage. lowing that decision Bismarck noti- Thorough investigation, not sentiment, tor General McAdoo requiring traf- fied England that Germany was not based the decision. fie moved by the shortest and most interested in the welfare of the Ardirect route. With all the lines uni- menians. Soon thereafter, the whole manufacturing and supply center of a fied into one big system the round- project of restraining Turkey vanabout routings were minimized, and ished, and since that upwards of as that comprised by Alaska, British 2,000,000 Armenians have been wan- Columbia, Washington, Oregon, Cali-

ecutive of high reputation and long ineffective as were the old. Sixteen retail value of the furniture manufacthousand butchered now and 2000 a few weeks ago are in the bloody handsome total of \$6,000,000. record.

in the league councils and direction, occurred?

The Journal does not.

Fifty Chicago organizations are preparing to make light wines and beers a plank in the platform of the national convention at San Francisco. What an issue to bring forward when so many industrial reconstruction and other after-thewar problems are clamoring for solution. To make light wines and tariff as a cureall for what happened during the war.

TO CURB SKULDUGGERY

OMETHING should be done to check skulduggery in the Oregon legislature.

It should be made impossible for such things as the "midnight resolution" to be slipped through both houses of that body in the closing night of the session that is to be

and faithful service. But there are ha ha. men who go with ulterior purposes. fusion-nobody knows much of any-It is the testimony of men at the

miliar with a majority of the bills of measures by members who procorded as voting for two bills to which So far as available reference serves he finds himself unalterably opposed. Save the interested few, nobody

knew until long afterward, that the notorious "midnight resolution" had passed. Even the attorney general of resolution to appear before the su- their side money. preme court at Washington and "oppose the government's contention" in of the two said: the grant land suit, did not know that the measure had passed until accosted on the streets of Portland weeks afterward and asked when he was going to Washington to carry out the

the unified operation of the railroads after the astronomers of Julius Caesar So long as there is opportunity for tive crooks who will function. Some of them doubtless go to the legislature because there is such opportunity.

> A divided session is proposed by there would be a temporary adjournexactly what every measure proposed in which the members would reconvene for final action. At this short could be introduced. Nor could there be changes in measures pending, except by unanimous consent or by a we sold 1476 sacks. nearly unanimous vote of both houses. The added cost of the arrangement would be \$6000 to \$10,000, according to the length of time allowed for it. Under such a plan, just how would legislative crooks be able to put over their schemes?

In her years as a teacher, Hazel Weller Will, through her gentle personality and generous affection, left a wholesome impress upon many a pupil. In the several communities was universally esteemed. To all these, her sudden death is a surprise and a shock.

PORTLAND, FURNITURE CENTER

EASURED in money, the purchase of the Oregon Chair company by Heywood Brothers & Wakefield company, is only a Lloyd George assured the British par- moderately large transaction involvliament that Turkey was so stripped ing the fifth of a million dollars

What the transfer really involves That sort of assurance has been is the recognition of Portland as the was about to drive the Turk out of Pacific coast by a national furniture

The Heywood Brothers & Wakefield company is the oldest and largest try. Its principal factories are in the number of years assembled and finished furniture "shipped in the white," and the owners of the company until recently have deemed it unnecessary to go beyond this point in local or Pacific coast manufacture. Later, in the Berlin treaty, all the brought o the concern the realization

But changed commercial conditions

Portland has become the furniture territory that covers so wide an area fornia, Idaho, Montana, Utah, Nevada So far the new assurances are as Colorado and a part of Wyoming. The tured in this city in 1919 reached the

The experience that furniture manu-Does anybody believe that if the facturers have had in Portland is il-League of Nations had been promptly lustrative of the constructive and disratified and if America, with her great tributive advantages which this city moral influence, were now a factor offers many kinds of industry. The

benefits of natural advantages are these bloody massacres would have lasting and increase as man makes use of them.

CONSOLIDATE THEM

F THE plan to consolidate city and carried out, a great deal of waste, duplication and overlapping of endeavor will be eliminated. Both are maintaining a complete system of government. Both have administrative departments. The county has beers would be like proposing the sheriffs and constables and the city has an elaborate police system. There is duplication and doubled overhead. The only people opposed to the plan are the politicians. The only reason for maintaining the arrange

> ment is to make more jobs for the taxpayers to pay for. By consolidating and coordinating profiteers. If the business of our army the two systems, money could be stere in Portland should be enlarged to saved for county taxpayers and money be saved for city taxpayers.

There is consolidated government of running the store, it would eliminate hours. It is what happens the last in San Francisco, and it functions the profiteer and this would add him to night of the session that is to be smoothly, effectively and satisfactordreaded. That is when the legislative ity. If you would propose inauguration there of the arrangement in no good reason why this should not be Most of the men who go to the leg- vogue in Portland, the San Francisislature are anxious to render good cans would give way to a merry

Portland has a splendid system of it from a very sorry standpoint indeed So many bills are introduced that the city government. Practically the as I consider his position. This plan state house becomes a habel of constate house becomes a babel of con- same overhead for administration that underwrites it would, in addithing about anything that is going on. tion, finance county government with little if any added cost. It is foolish not to make the change.

> How Two Letter Carriers Made Side Money in Vacation Time

Here's a Back to the Land Story That Deals With Spud Raising in Benton County

They are letter carriers. They work in the postoffice at Corvallis. They work eight hours a day routing and delivering mail. This and their two weeks' vacation gives them time to make a little money on the side. Last year the state, who was directed by the they decided to raise potatoes to earn visited them at the postoffice in Corvallis a day or so ago. The spokesman 'We rented 10 acres from Dick Kiger

on Kiger's island, near Corvallis, for We planted Burbank and True White Rose potatoes. We planted 14 bushels to the acre. We had to pay 3 cents a pound for our seed potatoes. We plowed the land in February, plowing fairly deep. We plowed it again in There should be no opportunity at May. Then we disc harrowed and culti- drance. If this body could read the ness trip, and returned to the coast by the legislature for such performances. vated it three times before planting. We handwriting on the wall, it would stop reated our potatoes with corrosive sub- petty politics and get busy with the limate to kill the disease spores on the country's needed legislation. surface. We greened our potatoes for live weeks before planting. To 'green' potatoes is to put them into an airy place where they have subdued lightnot sunlight. They turn green and begin

"Phil took his summer vacation about Senator Pierce as a remedy. At a the middle of June. We decided to make any work with his hands as a laboring preliminary session, about the length money through change of occupation man. There is not one of them that during vacation, instead of spending year does not today carry the penalty be brought to the point where they time. Phil planted the 10 acres between money as one usually does in vacation that Scotland imposed, but who will would be ready for final passage. But June 15 and June 20. We also planted Wood or Palmer. Either way I lose, We make a first rate dictator, with plenty acres we had contracted to buy. nine acres to potatoes on the ment of 30 to 60 days to give time Kiger 10-acre tract we had rented. We trol labor situations. Palmer, with his for everybody in the state to find out got 1292 sacks off this nine-acre tract. The sacks averaged 110 pounds, field pressor of free speech and radical elim-There was a week's rain at hopand what all its provisions are. Then picking time, early in September. Our there would be a very brief session potatoes, having been planted late, con- and prisons enough, "Vive le Imperator. tinued to grow. The vines were still green in the middle of October, when we had a hard frost. We had sold 100 closing session, no new measures sacks before the cold snap at 3 cents a freeze at 5 cents a pound. Including the potatoes raised on our small tract

"During the below zero cold snap we had our potatoes in storage. We bought spirit was not buried with his body. three oil stoves, an electric stove and two second-hand wood stoves and hired two men to keep all of them going. never lost a potato. It cost us for the stoves, fuel and labor a little less than \$100. We sold the potatoes, however, after the cold snap at 2 cents a pound more than before the cold weather, netting \$2440 more than we otherwise would stoves paid. After deducting the cost of the rent for the land, cost of seed potatoes, labor and heat, we netted a little more than \$5000 on our nine acres in which she lived in Oregon, she of spuds, which was pretty good side money. As a matter of fact, our salaries mail turned out to be the side money

> "We have purchased 21 acres, part of t at \$125 an acre and the rest at \$150. We shall plant 10 or 12 acres this spring, to get some more side money."

Potatoes brought a lot of money to Benton county growers last year. The country to the Sisklyous, where it turned following list includes the larger potato raisers in the vicinity of Corvallis: Fleishman Bros., Dick Kiger, F. O. Harris, C. R. Crist, Harry Asbahr, J. A. Seavey, Will Whiteside, Albert A. Wilt, George McLaughlin, Clyde Miller, O. C. Beals, M. C. Winkle, F. C. Gates, Adolph Fromherz, John R. Williamson, Grant

There are a large number of potato growers in the vicinity of Junction City, the following being the larger growers Bird Rickard, Lottie M. Meek Ross Barclay, Hinton Bros., Albert Zie roff, H. C. Herron, Frank Wigle, Manley Anderson, Dodd Bros., R. R. Rust, F. A Lucas, Clyde Starr, O. K. Jennings, A. Goracka, Charles Hartley, R. M. Max-fleld, Earl Barger, S. G. Wooley, A. Walden, O. E. Rose, C. Wooley, William Binshadler, Joe Prohaska, O. S. Brown.

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 360 words in length, and must be signed by the writer, whose mail address in full must accom-

The Liberty Bonds' Discounts Redne, Feb. 23 .- To the Editor of The Journal-In looking up the Liberty bond market, which runs from \$90.70 to \$98.90 per \$100, according to the issue, I am reminded of the comment by papers and citizens of Portland some two years back when a resident of that city discounted Liberty bond, which was taken at the time as an insult to our government, war bonds were worth par and no less. What of today? The man working for wages who put his spare money into because we all know they are not a short time investment but directly to aid the cause-find that they are discounted, and not lightly, either, when we were given to understand, indirectly, that they would never go below par. It canforced on the public to a great extent. You were supposed to invest according a few days and come back to the Corto your ability. The bond slacker in war ners and git acquainted with the old time has the laugh on us at about the home folks a spell than to fill out one graduated from college at the age of parted and he, with those he was saving, ratio of \$90.70 to \$100. It looks as if the of them there income tax questionnaires.

COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF "over there," who paid for his bonds out of his little old \$20 per? After the noise dies down, his recept SMALL CHANGE is forgotten and he gets in such shape as to compel him to dispose of his war

Had You steeled yourself for the ver-ict: "The United States Steel corpora-ion is not a trust"? bonds. Do you think 92 cents on the dollar will be very sweet music in his ears? When the war was in the balance Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer says he doesn't want the presidency, and it's a cinch he won't get it unless he consold for par. Now, with dispose of a bond you must sell at a escends to part his name differently. discount. Was it the intention of the

We read that the transport Buford the "soviet ark" that carried the "Rede" to Russia is back and in quarantine. It will certainly need a thorough fumigat-ing before release, too. should be pinched by the broker? What

The return of the railroads to private control does not mean as much in our young life as it might have some years ago, when railroad transportation was part of the newspaper man's life. Notwithstanding the service and spas-

modic strikes in Portland the net earn-ings of the American Telephone & Tele-graph company for 1919 were \$60,000,000. Had it not been for the local structure. Had it not been for the local situation the company would doubtless have had a most satisfactory year. include the buying of all commodities

"Tell us about mining," urge Salem Statesman. "Let's prove Salem is a coming mining center. is, by the decrees of the fates.

"There have been no genuine efforts to find oil in this section. There may seems willing to back up such an opinio

Charles W. Hughes, large timber own-er of Curry county, in Eugene from Port Orford, tells the Register that the world famous Curry county cedar is in danger of extinction, as it is being so rapidly the improvement of its water system. was used and little attempt at conservation made.

"City street improvement has been planned on a large scale. With streets improved and old wooden sidewalks in the discard by replacement with cement, what a change there will be in citerment!" fervently excisims the Baker Democrat.

MORE OR LESS PERSONAL

Random Observations About Town

would be a good thing for him and also help the country generally. I can see "I can't make myself believe this is, ago disposed of their interest in the says John Eklund of Wilmot, S. D., the winter at Spokane. who is looking for a small farm in Oregon. Back in South Dakota, Eklund it should not be done, but he is viewing farmed on a large scale, raising corn and grain on three quarter-sections and keeping one half section in pasture and The Journal-We have had a great many Lincoln banquets throughout the United cause I wasn't sure about the winters. States. You would think from the oratorical display that the Republican Now I am sure this is where I want to party would not be lacking presidential

The Oregon hotel staff, Sunday, renewed acquaintance with two formerly hotel. Charles Wright of Seattle, formerly of the firm of Wright & Dickinson, owners of the Oregon and the Hotel Seattle, dropped in to occupy a room and meet the gang. A short time later came M. K. MacRae, who was manager of the Oregon under the Wright & Dickinson administration. MacRae, also a resident of Seattle, is returning to the Sound city after visiting relatives at Little Rock, Ark. "I stayed in Arkansas as long as I could stand it, and am powerfully glad to be nearly home again," the traveler declared.

Mr. and Mrs. Bayley Hipkins, the for mer district manager of the Foundation company, which had a shipyard in Porttive from each state; then there will not land during the war, are at the Benson hotel, en route to their home at Seattle The Hipkinses have been in New York, ing but a farce, a disgrace and a hinwhere Mr. Hipkins was called on a busiway of California. The statement of Baron, French under secretary, who declared recently that of the many ships built in America for the French government not one put to sea, is flatly denied by Hipkins. vessels built for the French by the Foundation company put to sea," he says, "but they arrived in France, with-Not one of them ever did out an exception that I have heard of."

money running a weekly newspaper at can have any real sympathy for the Moro, Sherman county seat, that he underdog. If I were to vote, I should doesn't even bother to collect all his throw up a nickel, heads or tails, for advertising bills, is spending some of his gains in Portland, and while here is a but I would be a good loser. Wood would guest at the New Perkins hotel. Ireland has been at the helm of the Sherman County Observer for so can hardly remember the day he start-Puritanic intolerance, makes a fine suped where his father left off. In connection with the publishing business, inator. He would have us all thinking Ireland conducts a book and stationery alike in no time. If we had ships enough store that supplies the needs of most of the school children in Moro and other Sherman county cities.

The Imperial hotel lobby was popu-Portland, Feb. 25 .- To the Editor of lated Sunday and Monday by a fraterpound. We sold 1100 sacks after the The Journal-We hear John Barleycorn nal gathering of visiting hotel men. is dead and buried, murdered by his Among the notables, for instance, were Dan Bass of the Frye hotel, Seattle; Teheran, Persia. He is in Portland in enemies. Many, many thanks to the minister that officiated at the grave. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller of the connection with a nationwide lecture Hotel Marien, Salem, and Mr. and Mrs. tour. Dan Moore, formerly of the Moore hotel, Seaside. Mr. and Mrs. Miller spent

winter. It is just like May back home," hotel at Sesside, have been spending

Mrs. Willis Van Horn, who has been keeping vigil at the bedside of her husband at a local hospital for many weeks, has returned to her home in the Hood of livestock. Labor difficulties caused tion. Mr. Van Horn has had quite a Eklund to sell all but his hay land, and siege, but is rapidly recovering strength he is now looking for from 15 to 40 it is reported. The Van Horn home in he is now looking for Holla Hood River valley occupies a commence in the Willamette valling eminence in the heart of the valley like the looks of this country," said and the apple orchard the estate com-Eklund. "I came out to look at it, be- prises is on the slopes below the home.

Andrew Chilberg, Carl J. Smith and F. M. Duggan, a party of Seattle bankers, are registered at the Multnomah hotel while in the city on business. E. V. Carter, president of the First Na-tional bank at Ashland, is another of per box has been distributed on frosted fruit. the banking fraternity in the city. Carter is stopping at the Imperial.

is B. F. Stone, president of the port of campaign to locate there a submarine base for the United States navy. Stone is at the Portland. At the also are Dr. and Mrs. R. J. Pilkington of Astoria, who are in the city on business. J. Lapping is at the Perkins. Mr. and Mrs. John Doran of Spokane,

where the former is president of the John Doran company, automobile dealers, are at the Multnoman hotel. They came to the big city for the auto show. From Spokane, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Chapin have registered at the Multnomah while visiting in the city. Chapin is president of the E. T. Chapin company, manufacturing cedar poles. Mrs. P. G. Schreuders has returned to

per home in Portland after spending a pleasant month among Tacoma friends. G., who is one of the greeters at the Portland hotel, revealed his wife's return to his fellow workers by the unusually happy demeanor he exhibited Monday morning. Captain John Lapping, who has been

n command of some of the Red Star fleet of the International Mercantile tered their establishment and stole jew-Marine in trans-Atlantic service, returned to Portland Sunday from New York and will continue on to his home at Astoria, from which he has been absent about 18 months. Captain Lapping has been transporting cargoes to are and Antwern and highly interesting stories from post-war Germany.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Williams of Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Williams of to enter the Hanford-Columbia oil and Salem, the former a member of the gas field, and are erecting three big state public service commission, were derricks prepared to drill 3000 to 4000 at the Oregon hotel over Sunday, with feet, if necessary. Mrs. D. Williams of Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Mrs. R. R. Twamley of White Lake, S. D.

Mirza Ahmad Sohrab, who is a gues at the Portland hotel, registers from

W. L. Diamond, whose company man Sunday here after an automobile trip ufactures matches that light most of from Salem to Astoria, on which they the fires on the Pacific coast and a large found the highways passable to motor portion of the smokes of the rest of traffic and, in fact, in good condition | the continent and other nations as well Mr. and Mrs. Moore, who some time is at the Portland hotel from Seattle.

Mrs. C. L. Wilson, prominent Inde-pendence woman, who was run down by an automobile at Salem three months ago, has died as the result of her injuries. James M. Hoffman, aged 23, was in stantly killed at the Crown-Willamett

mountains is from four to six inches deep at this season of the year, it is reported that only a few inches in left at the present time. The Hood River Apple Growers' as-sociation to date has made total distri-butions of \$1.10 per box on all varieties and grades of apples not af-

The total valuation of the city of Yak-ima is \$9,476,894 and the total tax levy Astoria commission and leader in the \$211,137.

IMPRESSIONS AND OBSERVATIONS OF THE JOURNAL MAN

and a portion of his celebrated father's career

ing the pulpit of the Central Presby-

I was on the Ellison-White Interna-

The first wagon road from the Willamette valley into Southern Oregon A day or so ago, M. E. Lee of Portwas located in the summer of 1846 by a party of Polk county residents, among Boat and Truck line, Senator E. W. were Jesse and Lindsey Apple-Haines of Forest Grove, Major Mills and gate. The party made its way through I. drove by auto from Corvallis to Portthe Umpqua valley into the Rogue river east and crossed the Cascades into the Klamath region to Tule and Modoc and has known him for many years. lakes, thence through Langell valley to "Colonel Disque rose from the ranks," the lower end of Goose lake and thence said Major Mills. "He won his comto Surprise valley in Northern California. From there the party made its as a captain in the Philippines a Southway to Fort Hall, Idaho, where connecern state, needing an organizer and adtion was made with the old emigrant

facturing industries in the state prison, heard of Captain Disque, investigated his record thoroughly and cabled him to Curious Bits of Information resign from the army and take the re-For the Curious ager of the manufacturing industries Gleaned From Curious Places carried on by the state. These various industries had shown a loss. He ac-

Communism was first tried out in cepted the position and put them on a America more than 300 years ago in the paying basis. "When the war broke out he applied first settlement made by the English upon American shores. Mary Newton for his old position as captain in the Standard, in "Colonial Virginia," says regular army. He was made a major assigned to the air service. that "the colony had been managed and assigned to the air service. He put from the beginning on the community his baggage aboard a transport and was plan-all sharing the work and such on the point of leaving for France when provisions as were at command." Al- he was ordered by the war department to remain over for an important conthough the people in the communist colony had every incentive in the world ference. This having been attended to to stick together and labor for a com- he again boarded a transport for overseas duty, when he was asked to mon advantage, the situation was so critical when Sir Thomas Dale became charge of the spruce production activgovernor that he "at once allotted all ities of the government. Very much that a man should live to serve his felof the settlers private gardens in addi-I served with him and learned to retion to public ones," and in 1613 gave each man three acres of cleared land to farm for himself and his family. The square and likable man." reason for Governor Dale's actions is found in the old records which tell us that "when the settlers fed out of the commen store and laboured jointly together, glad was he that could slip from

Major Mills.

Uncle Jeff Snow Says:

they will doe in a day.".

he cared not how, nay the most hones

among them would hardly take so much

paines in a week as now themselves

our or slumber over his taske,

Lew Metterhass is a-layin' offen his job in Portland so's not to have his my father, B. Fay Mills, preach, as he ward heaven. Other lost souls income run over \$2000 a year and spent some time in Oregon 20 years or him ascending clung to him and income run over \$2000 a year and spent some time in Oregon 20 years or him ascending clung to him and

By Fred Lockley [Discourse of Major Mills is presented by Mr. | came a whirlwind seller of real estate Lockley today. Major Mills pays a tribute to He got in with the wrong crowd and by his chief, Colonel Disque, and sketches his own the time he was of age he had become professional gambler. He plunger and singularly successful with cards. All of his forebears had been ministers, educators, judges or profesland, president of the Inland Empire sional men, and he couldn't stand the thought of being the black sheep of the family. One day he threw down the cards he was holding and said, 'I am land. The matter of the animus of the through with cards and with living for attack on Colonel Disque came up. self. I am going to live for others. Major Mills served under Colonel Disque am going to be a missionary?' He was sent to a little home mission church in tello South Dakota. My father hailed from New Jersey while my mother, Mary mission by sheer ability. While serving Russell Mills, was born in Kentucky.

was sent to Montclair military ministrator to take charge of its manuacademy whence, after graduation, went to the University of California and was graduated in 1902. I became pastor of the People's church at Santa Rosa there I went to New York city as assistant pastor of a large church, thence to Rockford, Ill., where I was married. My wife was Ruth Ticknor. I was called as pastor of the Independent church at Battle Creek, Mich., where served five years. I made it a regular Congregational church shortly after taking charge of it. It was while I was pastor of a church at Denver that I received my commission as major and was ordered to the Pacific Coast to work with the Four L's, as we termed the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumber

"I spoke of my father's conviction against his will he consented to do so. lows. He told me a story once that I have never forgotten. An utterly selfisi spect and admire him greatly, not only man, the story ran, was once sent to as an efficient officer, but as a clean, the lowest depth of hell, where he was condemned to dwell alone forever in utter darkness. When he had been Major Mills is the eldest son of the there countless ages a single ray of noted evangelist B. Fay Mills, and is a light shone through the dense gloom. resident of Portland, living at 774 Wasco | He cried out, 'O God, save me from mystreet. For some time he has been fill- self. I will never again think only of self, but will serve my fellow men. terian church on the east side. He was voice came down from heaven, saying, born September 28, 1881, in South Da- Have you ever in all your life done one unselfish deed?" He thought for som time and said. 'Once I stepped over a tional Chautauqua circuit and liked spider instead of stepping on it and Portland so much I decided to bring my crushing it.' Suddenly a spider web defamily here and make it my home," said scended into hell and he seized it and "You have possibly heard held tight as it drew him upwar my father, B. Fay Mills, preach, as he ward heaven. Other lost souls seeing not be denied that these bonds were thereby make hisself liable fer a income more ago. I was the eldest of a family also raised toward heaven. Seeing then a great extent, tax. Lew figgers it's easier to lay off of six—three boys and three girls, he was afraid the spider web might invest according a few days and come back to the Cor- Father was a rather remarkable charbreak, and cried out. Let go; this is

The influenza situation at Walla Walla is much improved, but smallpox is increasing. R. H. Nelson has been awarded \$38,000 contract for eight miles of road from Hartline to Wilson Creek. The flu ban has been lifted at White Salmon and all schools, churches and places of amusement are now or Two bandits robbed and killed J. P Paschink, pestmaster and storekeeper a

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Northwest Happenings in Brief Form for the Busy Reader

OREGON NOTES

City Recorder Geer estimates the in-influenza cases at Cove at not less than

Bonds in the sum of \$100,000 have been ofed at Reedsport for the installation

Contract for a new school house 90x70

There are three school districts in matilla county that have been unable

The Bend Water, Light & Power com-

Plans are being drawn for a new

Roseburg will be a stopping place for aircraft which it is said will soon be

plying between San Francisco, Portland and Seattle.

Pierre Ramsyer, committed to the

state hospital from Marion county in 1919, escaped from the asylum wood camp last week.

A Jersey bull association has been

of improving the grade of the dairy cows of the country.

will be held in Astoria next June.

for the reception of 600 delegates.

chamber of commerce is

Astoria when a log struck

The state encampment of the G. A. R.

Paper company's logging camp near

ing his jaw and crushing his chest.

While ordinarily the blanket of snow in the high altitude of the Cascade

house at Parkdale 120x60 feet and built of white con-

of a water system.

feet and two stor awarded at Mosier.

Jmatilla county that have far to secure teachers.

Reedsport for the installation

stories high has

Cumberland, a coal town near Seattle. The offices of the general superintendent of the Great Northern system have been transferred from Seattle to

The Democratic state central committee has selected Spokane as the meeting place for the 1920 state convention, May 7 is the date. Beavers in the Touchet river valleys

destroying thousands of dollars' h of fruit trees and rendering many acres of land useless. Reports that oil has been struck by Hamilton-Canfield corporatio is drilling near Waitsburg, are said to be groundless.

Japanese owners of a jewelry store at elry worth close to \$20,000. Despondent after a long sickness with influenza. Joseph Maxwell committed suicide at Yakima by slashing his throat

and wrists with a penknife. Albert Fleming, aged 62, and Mrs. Clara Fleming, 52, were instantly killed at Seattle when an automobile in they were riding was struck by an in-

terurban car. A big Texas corporation has decided

Because of an alleged collusion of bidders, the state bureau of inspection has ordered canceled a \$260,000 paving contract between Pierce county and the

Independent Asphalt company Governor Hart has denied the application for a pardon for J. Harwood Morris, formerly cashier of the Fra-mont State bank of Seattle, convicted

embezzlement of the bank's funds.

IDAHO Mayor Whitaker of Pocatello has appointed a special committee to invest gate profiteering.

The Non-Partisan party has raised

25,000 to carry Twin Falls county in the coming campaign. The Idaho Tech at Pocatello has been chosen as the training school for South-ern Idaho service men. The Boy Scouts of Lewiston have

started a membership campaign with the goal of 400 members. School has again opened at Cotton wood after being closed for two weeks

on account of influenza. Lewiston and many of the towns sur-rounding the city are still in the clutches of the influenza epidemic. The Blackwell & Rutledge mills a Coeur d'Alene have started work with

two full day crews and a night crew. Olaf Delain, in the employ of the city of Caldwell for the past 10 years, was found dead in the city's storage room. Southeastern Idaho is enjoying what the farmers call "a million dollar snow." Over six Inches have fallen at Poca-

Railways Neglected Oregon Until The Journal

Made a Campaign The railroads, of course, hold the center of the stage in America just now. Their return from government administration to private owners has awakened the old, old question as to whether the transportation of the nation should be permanently directed by the public. Oregon has a great deal of interest in the determination of the question, because there are thousands of miles of railroads in this state and upon efficient service depends the prosperity and progress of the Beaver state, as well as returns from many millions of dollars invested in industry, agricul-

ture and business. But there was a time when Oregon's voice would scarcely have been heard on a railroad issue among the company of states. When The Journal entered the newspaper field away back in 1902, there was a railroadless area in the interior of Oregon as large as the state of New

Oregon had been bottled up under the Harriman policy, which, fortunately, is no longer the policy of the Pacific. Lacking a new leader sufficiently courageous, independent and energetic to campaign for railroad extension free of retarding finfluence, Oregon's develope suffered. Washington, the scene of aggressive and competitive railroad building, was going ahead rapidly in every desirable way. Read Journal files previous to 1906 and the protest against lack of transportalowed by activity in railroad building. As a direct result of The Journal's "agitation" the Hill railroad interests entered Oregon. What the past has accomplished in Oregon raffroad building is only a sugges tion of what the future should hold.