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Captain Kidd had had luck in finding the treasure he sunk in various sections of the world if there is anything in fable... Anyway Mike is having a rather difficult time of it.

Electrification is now an established fact upon the Cascade mountain division of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad... Many millions of dollars have been spent by this railroad in its effort to lessen the costs and nullify the hazards of mountain operation.

IS IT just all right and nobody in the world to blame in the automobile accident which orphaned five children Saturday night? Five other children lost their father when a driver drove his truck over him as he worked on the railroad track.

Perhaps nothing more serious than more dead and more orphans will come from these continued killings and the continued immunity for those who kill.

THE MONTESANO VERDICT

THE Montesano jury found the principal defendants guilty but not of murder in the first degree. It is evident that the jurors gave credence to the testimony of the defense to the effect that some of the Armitage day marchers assumed a threatening attitude when the parade reached the I. W. W. hall.

Many say they have no scruples. And they think they have none. But when they sit in a jury box day after day and look into the eyes of the defendant; when in their own solemn thoughts there comes to them a vision of the dying struggles, the death throes and the jerking limbs of a man whom they have voted to kill; when brought face to face with the consciousness that the living, breathing defendant before them is to be, if they so will, a stark and stiff corpse within a few days, many jurors, when the time to vote comes, find it convenient and preferable to vote for a lesser verdict in order to escape from the consciousness of having helped take a human life.

Whether this figured in the Montesano verdict cannot be known. But it will grow as a force in future verdicts, and it has been growing in strength in past verdicts. There was a time in the world when men were too little removed from the code of the jungle to have the higher ideals that an advancing civilization has brought.

WORDS DON'T REFOREST... WHAT is the use of talking so much about conserving the nation's timber resources and actually doing nothing? There is a nation-wide famine of newsprint, yet officials and congressmen persist in using it unendingly to publish statements concerning what they think should be done rather than doing it.

A SAFE DEPOSIT... MIKE PAULOVICH seems not to have been a student of the Bible. If he were he would have remembered that the man who dug in the ground to hide his one talent of silver met with bad luck.

When Gifford Pinchot urged conservation there was a hue and cry and a shanty Irish throwing of sticks and stones, which had the sole apparent purpose of placing extravagance upon a political pedestal and preserving it against the weather with a liberal coat of whitewash.

Now it is perfectly obvious, as Mr. Pinchot said recently, that "if we had kept the lands that are most useful for growing pulpwood at work producing it, instead of allowing their productive power to be destroyed, the publishing industry would have escaped its present excessive burden."

More than 100,000,000 acres of forest lands which ought to be growing wood have been devastated, and are now merely idle wastes. If we had conserved their vast power to produce instead of recklessly destroying it, the price of lumber would not have doubled, and the consumer would have been spared the corresponding rise in the cost of living.

What is the reason that facts like these fall in bringing about a compulsory national reforestation policy, where yet there is time and hope? With only 150,000,000 acres of virgin forest left out of an original 850,000,000 acres, and with the supply being grown at the rate of but 40 billion feet a year while we cut down 100 billion feet a year, what is the explanation for lack of action that will meet the situation?

Having succeeded in indefinitely extending the visit of Willie Hohenzollern, Holland has another bright idea. Germany's printing press money and England's 8 per cent gold reserve have made it so unprofitable to submit trade to the unnatural exchange that Austrian merchants began loading a ship with wares which they proposed to exchange in London for things they want.

BLACKMAIL BY INITIATIVE... A NEW law is needed in Oregon. It is needed to protect the public against a wrong use of the initiative. Four years ago an initiative bill hostile to the Columbia river fishing interests was prepared and signatures were obtained for placing it on the ballot.

For a sum of money the men in charge of it made away with the petitions and the measure was never brought to a vote. Out of the transaction one of them profited to the extent of an automobile. The operation was so profitable that the same men are now circulating petitions for a measure to cut the interest rate in Oregon.

Letters From The People... [Communications sent to The Journal for publication in this department should be written on one side of the paper, should not exceed 400 words, should be signed by the writer, whose mail address in full must accompany the contribution.]

On Behalf of the Sightless... Portland, March 11.—To the Editor of The Journal—There was an entertainment given at the Auditorium Tuesday evening, March 9, at which a considerable sum was realized, to aid the blind of Oregon in the passage of a bill to establish an institution in Portland.

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Some of the Items That Benton's Assessor Has on His Roll... List of Larger Agricultural and Horticultural Farms in the Blue Ribbon County.

One of the institutions of which Corvallis is proud is the recently erected plant of the Corvallis Canning Company, with its apple grading and packing plant, its cold storage rooms and its canning equipment.

The assessor of Benton county can answer offhand almost any question put to him. Here are some interesting facts shown by his records. The largest bearing apple orchard in the county is owned by Robert Johnson of Corvallis, and being 148 acres of bearing prunes in excellent condition.

The Greater Monroe Doctrine... Portland, March 12.—To the Editor of The Journal—The two great political parties in this country are the Monroe doctrine, which guarantees the territorial integrity of American nations against foreign aggression.

Expressing Presidential Preference... Madras, March 8.—To the Editor of The Journal—I am a Republican, but I don't see any timber in the G. O. P. I favor McAdoo, who has shown himself to be constructive.

Objects to Sacramento Exception... Walls, Wash., March 10.—To the Editor of The Journal—I see that the Sacramento exception in the proposed \$50,000,000 for expenses the first year for seeing that the law against having liquor, except for sacramental purposes, is enforced.

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The Oregon Country

Northwest Happenings in Brief Form for the Busy Reader... C. N. Laughridge has resigned his position in the office of the secretary of state to enter the employ of a Canadian bank.

The Roseburg Realty board has adopted a resolution urging the county court to purchase the land on which the Crater Lake road is located.

Seymour Jones of Marion county, late secretary of the house of representatives, will not be a candidate for reelection as representative.

Unless the 1920 census reports are received at Bend before the primaries, it is probable that the election of candidates for city officers must be elected in the fall without nomination by ballot.

La Grande is to be made the headquarters of the Eastern Oregon district of the Macabees. Heretofore the district has been under the supervision of Portland.

Uniform dress for high school girls is generally approved at Roseburg but is being considered in connection with the prohibition of silk stockings and high heeled shoes.

Wenatchee county was organized by the legislature in 1882. The first county seal was made the temporary county seal. A measure will be placed on the November ballot to locate its permanent seat.

The state highway commission has received notice that Oregon will be allocated \$1,000,000 for the construction of federal government for road work. Thus far the state has received 170 trucks.

Extravagance in dress will be eliminated in the Wenatchee district. A vote by the girls of the student body showed that 180 were in favor of a uniform dress for the district. The order demanded this year, 80,000 boxes will be required.

WASHINGTON... Yegmen blew open the safe in the postoffice at Rainier and secured \$250 in cash and stamps. The public school and farm bureau of Saratoga county were closed Saturday at the new community hall.

Free city mail delivery for Clarkston is proposed on July 1. The salary of the postmaster will be raised from \$1800 to \$2300.

An effort is being made to adjust the local telephone controversy between the telephone company and the telephone company at Seattle.

The work of paving Clark county roads will begin in the next few weeks. The county will spend \$1,300,000 in paving this year.

The supreme court has granted a writ of habeas corpus to the recent winner of the Yakima state fair be turned over to the state treasurer.

Protests against the approval of the bond issue for the new school building conference of an \$18 weekly minimum wage for women employees in hotels and restaurants in the city of Seattle.

IDAHO... A Tallman has been reelected watermaster of Boise river. His salary was fixed at \$5000.

The Board of Aldermen school district has increased the salary of the superintendent of schools to \$3600 a year.

Governor Davis has recommended the observance of the election of the state of Idaho April 5-11 for purpose of encouraging home industry.

Official returns from the Grandmont school district show that the proposal to issue \$100,000 bonds failed to carry by a few votes.

Thomas T. Kerl of Coeur d'Alene, convicted of the murder of a woman, was sentenced to a fine of \$2000, has been disbarred by order of the state supreme court.

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Motion to dismiss the application of the Idaho Power company for increased irrigation power rates has been denied by the state public utility commission.

Fred B. Jones of Boise, district manager of the Mountain States Telephone company, has been reelected to the position of the company for Utah and Idaho.

The South Methodist church of Star, near the town of Star, was destroyed by fire as the result of a fire started by children playing in a pile of trash at the side of the building.

The public utilities commission has requested the Oregon public service commission to join in an order directing the railroads between Postville and Huntington to run on mountain time.

"Christmas Relief Bureau" Conducted by The Journal... A Notable Philanthropy... Portland is prosperous. Work is abundant. The slump that many expected at the end of war as industries changed over from military to peace production has not occurred.

Ex-service men are being absorbed by desirable employment without unreasonable difficulty. It is to be believed there was never a time when jobs were at a premium, when idle men thronged the streets, when the utilization of the Gipsy Smith tabernacle as a place for the unemployed to sleep and eat was necessary as well as the employment for similar purposes of an old laundry on the east side.

It is to be believed that the statement that a few years ago in Portland Christmas drew near and mothers in modest homes wept not over empty little stockings.

It was during these "hard times" that The Journal found opportunity to be useful in a new way, by way of giving to the needy a gift of thousands and that gave The Journal readers a chance to express sympathetically their own generous sympathy for "Christmas Relief Bureau" was opened in a store room on the ground floor of The Journal building. Facts about necessity were gathered, and the names of those who had been abandoned agencies. Appeals were published day by day. It was insisted that aid should not alone be for Christmas but to help the unfortunate and needy throughout the year.

Thousands of dollars and thousands of packages of food, clothing and presents were distributed. And the gratitude of mothers made the experience blessed to all who had a part in it.

Pedestrianism to the Discard... From the Philadelphia Ledger... Once a man was noted if he went to Europe; now he achieves distinction by walking all the way to the office.