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We should not so much esteem our poverty as a misfortune, were it not that the world treats it so much as a crime.

A VOTER WANTS TO KNOW

Will you let the voters know, if the port and dock commissions are united into one body and the \$10,000,000 port proposition carries, whether they (the port commissioners) can take over the St. Johns terminals and let them fall into decay or dismantle them?

The Journal is not in a position to answer Mr. Carnahan's questions. The Committee of Fifteen, which is the author of the Swan Island port plan and of the port bill on the November ballot, is the port commission.

The three bodies have been given, through the city council's similar questions, unusual opportunity to make their position absolutely clear before the voters of Oregon pass upon the port bill in November and before the voters of Portland, also in November, pass upon the charter amendment proposing the transfer of title to Portland's municipal docks from the city to the port commission.

It is, however, unthinkable that the St. Johns terminal, already the object of the expenditure of several millions of public money, would be neglected, dismantled or abandoned in the event of a change in port administration.

There may be substantial questioning of the wisdom that directed the selection of the municipal terminal site on the Willamette north of St. Johns, but now that the property has been bought and valuable terminals erected thereon, one thing only remains, and that is to make the terminal as useful and valuable to the public as possible.

Proper sequence should be maintained in considering the port plan. The port bill to be voted on by the Oregon electorate extends to the Port of Portland commission as at present constituted every power short of actually taking over the city's docks.

The present port commission, as if the measure carries, issue bonds amounting to more than \$16,000,000, it can levy a tax of \$1,000,000 a year, it can engage in the real estate business, it can build docks, it can construct railroad terminals, it can develop and lease or sell industrial sites.

Only in the event that the people of Portland adopt a charter amendment authorizing the city to turn its public docks, for which \$10,500,000 in bonds has already been authorized, over to the port commission in exchange for refunding bonds, will the merger of the dock commission with the port commission occur.

The features of the port program originated and offered by the Committee of Fifteen that most startle the public are the magnitude of the project, the unusually large pledging of public credit proposed and the centering of exceptionally extensive authority in a small body answerable only to the legislature.

Before the people pass either affirmatively or negatively on the port

DO YOU?

"I WANT America to have the most effective and most dependable navy in the world," exclaimed Candidate Harding, in a front porch speech Saturday. That was what William Hohezzollern wanted. That is what America will try to have if the League of Nations goes to pieces.

That is what every big nation will insist upon. And by the time they get through every worker will have both a soldier and a sailor on his back. And that is what brought on the last war and what will bring on more wars. The League of Nations council is now making a survey of the armaments of the world with a view to cutting down armies and navies.

Which is the better plan for the children and parents and workers and business men of America? Are not war taxes high enough already? How much more should we add to the cost of living?

bill they want to know precisely and by pledge: 1. What project or projects will be adopted. 2. What lands will be purchased and what price will be paid.

After R. A. Dean, assistant to Admiral Benson of the shipping board, had visited Portland and learned directly of the conditions that render intolerable a Northwest shipping board district with Seattle as headquarters, intimation came that the Columbia district with Portland as headquarters might be created.

SENATOR HARDING says from his front porch: I have no expectation whatever of finding it necessary or advisable to negotiate a separate peace with Germany. In view of the simple fact that the allied powers with whom we were associated in the war have already formally concluded their peace, the passage of a peace resolution by congress would merely give formal recognition to an obvious fact.

This is an astonishing statement to come from the leader of a great party which is looking to him for enlightenment on a program left dark by the phrasemakers at Chicago. He would not, he says, find it necessary to make a separate peace, because the allies have made peace. Is this the final logic of Harding statesmanship?

What of the seized property of German aliens, not yet validated by any joint act of the United States and Germany? What of the \$750,000,000 of American claims for lives and property destroyed in unlawful submarine warfare, or by seizure? There are territorial interests settled by the treaty of Versailles in which America has distinct national interest, such as Samoa and China.

A declaration of peace by congress would settle nothing with Germany. It would, however, definitely disassociate America from the allies. It would mean isolation and the lone hand. It would mean harter and haggie with Germany, with all advantages on the side of Germany. It is to this pass that this champion of victorious America would bring us.

accidents occur. To avoid the collisions is merely a matter of going into intersections with a motor under proper control. Police and courts can well afford to deal rigorously with those who violate the law at corners. It is the latter who are responsible for the huge number of accidents.

MAKING A BLUFF AT ECONOMY
By Carl Smith, Washington Staff Correspondent of The Journal
Washington, Sept. 6.—As a remedy for the high cost of living and for economy in the cost of government...

Washington, Sept. 6.—As a remedy for the high cost of living and for economy in the cost of government, Secretary Clarence B. Miller of the Republican national committee, and a former congressman from Minnesota, has made a speech advocating the dismissal of 200,000 employees of the federal government.

So if 200,000 were dismissed that would leave 40,000 to perform all of the government's work in all parts of the country outside of the postal service.

FOR MOTOR TOURISTS
In a little town of Idaho the estimate is that each motor touring party remains an average of seven days in the public camp ground. Each party spends while encamped an average of \$5 a day with the merchants of the city. The camp ground is usually filled to capacity with people whose pleasure is enhanced by the accommodations provided them and who go away praising the progressiveness of the city.

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 300 words and should be accompanied by a return address in full must accompany the contribution.]

DISTRUSTS BOTH PARTIES
Portland, Sept. 4.—To the Editor of The Journal—Relying on your usual courtesy in allowing a hearing in your paper to be given to the two candidates who express their views, I herewith give a few thoughts, asking for information.

Curious Bits of Information for the Curious
Gleaned From Curious Places
Theodosia, the only daughter of Aaron Burr was a woman of superior mental accomplishments and strong affections.

OLD OREGON
In 1845 There Was a Great Salt Famine in the Land.
In the autumn of 1845 salt became scarce and the price was advanced from 62 1/2 cents a bushel to \$1 at the Hudson's Bay company's store at Oregon City.



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interest now. Here are a few selections. To Justice Coleridge: "There is nothing so unnatural and so convulsive to society, as the strain to keep things fixed, when all the world is, by the very law of its creation, in eternal progress."

COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF
SMALL CHANGE
Labor conquers all things. Strikers sometimes hit men and things they do not aim at.

MORE OR LESS PERSONAL
Random Observations About Town
"I have lost my elephant," frantically telephoned W. K. Berryman, a dealer in exotic animals, to a gentleman at the Multnomah. Hotel employees are called upon to find many things, but the lost elephant stumped them.

OBSERVATIONS AND IMPRESSIONS OF THE JOURNAL MAN
By Fred Lockley
[Special of incidents in the career of Dave Horn, veteran stage driver, are continued by Mr. Lockley today. Stories of the brutal and murderous Slade and Pendleton and throughout Eastern Oregon will, in reminiscent mood, tell you many an interesting incident of the days when C. S. Jackson was the Pendleton agent for John Hailey's one-time transportation company of the Inland Empire.]

Uncle Jeff Snow Says:
Tad Schlammer has it that some people's got a pull and some people's got a drag and the elephant has a trunk he can't put clothes in, which is why a policeman can go to the circus and catch Tad's a savin' up his coppers and nickels for fear his uncle that works off a taper won't git no deadhead tickets.

The Rainbow of the Santiam; or, Why the Biggest One Did NOT Get Away.
(Continued From Yesterday)
It was evident that this monarch never intended to give his life tamely. Four times he ripped the line off the whitening reel. The slender rod bent and again he struck around the lee of the giant rock where he knew he could find jagged edges to saw a path for himself. He struck the taut line or caught get a dead pull that would prove too much for the sliver cork.

The Oregon Country

Over 1,000,000 pounds of prunes in the vicinity of Astoria, Douglas county, are still unshipped. It is planned to expand the plumbing course at the Eugene high school into a residential school.

The Roseburg Chamber of Commerce is arguing for an excursion of business men to Gardiner and Reedsport. Congressman W. C. Hawley has been nominated for reelection by the Prohibition party of the First congressional district.

The forest fire patrol operating out of Eugene for the past few weeks has reported to be burning in green timber in the vicinity of Alsea Bay. Hop-pickers are arriving at Springfield, Lane county, for the picking season, which has begun.

WASHINGTON
Lack of material has retarded highway improvement in Lewis county. A motor driver harvester operating near the town of Astoria on fire and was totally destroyed.

The Aberdeen city council has passed an ordinance prohibiting dancing on Sunday at public places. As a result of teachers' examinations held in Lewis county in August, 67 teachers received certificates.

IDAHO
The board of parole has granted paroles to 23 inmates of the state penitentiary. Mayor Omer of Lewistown has vetoed an ordinance recently passed licensing real estate dealers.

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