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packing interests spend many thousands of dollars annually is interlarded with fishing where the salmon are feeding and reaching their maturity.

To catch the salmon offshore during the closed season is like consuming the grain intended for seed. It is against the best public policy and harmful to an important industry.

WHAT THEY OWE?

IT is known that Governor Olcott has met with numerous refusals in his patient effort to secure a worthy successor to Mr. Benson on the state highway commission.

Why do not men of big calibre and approved character accept greater responsibilities in public affairs?

Every man owes something in the way of service to the community. This is particularly true of men whose success in material acquisitions proves their capacity and whose reputation is a guarantee of their integrity.

A place on the state highway commission is a great trust. The state highway body is, in fact, for the moment the most important public institution in Oregon. It has just been chartered by the people to make a further expenditure of \$10,000,000. It is the directing head of a vast road system intimately and tremendously connected with the welfare of the state.

Under ideal public conditions it ought to be an honor and a privilege for men of parts to accept membership on the commission.

A time comes in the lives of worthy and successful men when they owe it to their fellow men to help serve. There are numbers of such men in Oregon who might well lay aside personal affairs and devote their time and their talents to the advancement, the purification and the perfection of public affairs.

Simon Benson's public service in Oregon has won for him a niche high in the estimation of Oregon citizens. He will be remembered and commended when contemporaneous men of even larger mould will be unlamented and forgotten.

We complain often that affairs public ought to be better and purer. Men who could by taking part make public affairs better, utter that complaint.

They are not in position to criticize. The thing for them to do is to enlist when the governor of the state asks them to serve, and by their own talents and their own example give public affairs the ideal service that all so much desire.

There is much more in the world than to merely pile up a fortune in gold and bonds and shares of stock and plants and lands. That kind of career is commonplace. The noblest monument of all is that fine fame that comes from honorable and useful service.

Now that a Portland policeman in the course of his duty has been slain by bandits, has not the point been reached where every man abroad after 9 o'clock be required to give a satisfactory account of himself, whether he wears a soldier's uniform, a plug hat or less conspicuous garb?

THE SCIENCE OF TERMINALS

THE theory that a city serves itself well when it controls and directs all transportation within its corporate limits seems to underlie the recommendations by the national conference committee which investigated and now reports on the unification of railroad lines and service in cities.

Inasmuch as two Portland engineers, J. P. Newell and Charles H. Cheney, are members of the committee, the broad suggestions gain more or less of a local color.

Waste and duplication result from admitting the railroads to the city, each selecting its own route, building its own terminals and arranging its own trackage, is the committee's first general assertion. The second is that "unified control and operation of all standard railroad lines, within the limits of any city, is essential both to the requirements of modern business and to the convenience of the public."

Nor does their value end merely in money. Those who are giving their energies and devoting their careers to the breeding of better livestock are also building finer standards of citizenship. They add to the value of the Northwest's manhood and womanhood. And one of the very best exhibits of the stock show are the men and women who have brought the livestock here.

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AN UNAMERICAN PRACTICE

HAZING is again an issue at Annapolis. More power to the arm of Secretary Daniels in his declared purpose to end it.

Hazing there is a brutal and un-American practice. Its severity has driven numerous promising young men out of the school. The overlordship which upper classmen assume in the adoption in an American educational institution of the Prussian military caste. It is a prize system for the bully who finds in the traditions and privileges of hazing a friendly and protected opportunity for the practice of his brutal instincts.

If by resistance a lower classman

that the traffic directed to the terminal as proposed would in large part be carried across the Willamette on the railroad bridge below Swan Island. An ingenious calculator estimated that if the terminal handled a business equal to its capacity, the bridge would be opened for the passage of water craft at least 75 times a day. How, then, it was asked, would time be allowed to get the freight cars across a bridge so often open?

It is immediately clear that there should be minimum cause of delay in handling within the city the freight transferred from cars to ships, from cars to manufactories and business houses and that local freight should be handled in segregation from transcontinental freight.

The report has the direct value of suggesting that in Portland's future terminal development the coordination of all forms of transportation should be a first consideration.

Do you notice in the daily papers the extent to which the crime wave is sweeping over the country? Do you account it an aftermath of war or does it just happen so?

KINDNESS GOES TRAVELING

A FEW days ago a girl blind from birth traveled alone from Kansas City to New York. She was in no one's care. Her friends failed to meet her at New York.

But she traveled safely. She arrived without delay at her destination. Utterly forgetful of her sightlessness she wrote and talked enthusiastically about what she "saw."

For her it was a great and delightful adventure.

The explanation was simple. Though blind she possessed a resolute spirit and a resourceful mind. The majority of young women with perfect vision would have been more confused than she.

The spirit of any individual is more important than any faculty of sight or hearing, taste or touch or smell.

But additional statement is necessary to complete the explanation. Human kindness rode with this sightless girl on the train, stepped off with her at the station and was waiting for her arrival. The trainmen and the passengers gave her the use of their eyes. In the hands and hearts of strangers she found help and friendliness.

Sometimes people are accused of coldness and callousness. They are said to be indifferent to the welfare of their fellows. But the majority of people are merely thoughtless. Their kindness is latent and never out of reach of those who need it.

The Portland hold-ups and burglaries have finally caused the killing of a policeman. Is there anything in the law about concealed weapons?

A GOLDEN OMEN

THERE is something about the stock show which thrills the observer. The power which the 3500 blooded animals gathered there will have for good in the future of the Northwest is incalculable. Each of the horses, cattle, sheep, swine and goats will have an influence extending for generations beyond count. They represent more pulling power, more beef, more milk and butter, more wool and more bacon and hams than would be possible had they not lived. And each represents an achievement in human intelligence; a notable result of discerning selection and devoted care.

A good sire in a dairy herd has many times turned a losing venture into success. The progeny of famous horses and cattle, almost without exception, reflect credit and add luster to the names of their ancestors.

The splendid exhibits of the livestock show are valued in the aggregate at a good many millions of dollars. Their presence has been the impulse for the offer of many thousands of dollars of money for prizes. But whatever they are worth now will be multiplied year after year as time goes on and all the increase of value goes into the wealth of this great section of the nation.

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Olden Oregon

Territorial Governor Davis, Being a "Carpetbagger," Was Unpopular.

John W. Davis, who was appointed territorial governor to succeed Gaines, came from Indiana. During the administration of President Polk, Davis was elected to the Indiana legislature. Previous to that time he had been three times elected to congress from an Indiana district. He was once speaker of the house of representatives and twice president of the Democratic national convention. After serving as governor of Oregon a few months Davis resigned, in August, 1854.

While he made a good governor, he was not popular. In his retirement he was tendered a parting dinner at Salem, but he declined the courtesy.

Curious Bits of Information

Gleaned From Curious Places

The cock was first brought into public notice as a national emblem of France in 1865 by an unknown artist who sought to celebrate the liberation of Le Quenoy from Spanish domination by striking a medal showing a Spanish lion fleeing before a cock, a Chinese writer in the Christian Science Monitor. He was anxious to oppose one national animal against another, but as France had none he decided to utilize his name and the bird was adopted to represent Gaul. In 1873 the cock appears on another medal as the national emblem of France, and again in 1706. When the national guard was created, in 1789, it was adjudged necessary to adopt an emblem, and the cock was adopted for an entirely different reason—because it was the bird of Mars. It disappeared during the empire, but in 1830 reappeared. Napoleon III again suppressed it, but the Third Republic adopted it and during the last half century the Chantrelle, as it is called by Rostand, has faithfully chanted the moving destinies of France.

Uncle Jeff Snow Says:

Henry Schlagsmeier invested \$18 in moonshine and hid it under the flivver seat last week. His mother found it and poured it in the radiator, where it done the flivver more good 'n it would of done Henry, but Hen told her if she made the flivver reel and stagger mighty bad, He figgers a little wood alcohol for 50 cents would of done the radiator all right and he's therefore \$17.50 and injured.

THIS "ISM" RELIES ON HARDING

Washington, Nov. 19.—"Socialism will flourish like a green bay tree under the Harding administration," is the comment that comes from the prison cell at Atlanta where Eugene V. Debs, Socialist candidate for president, is confined. Many of other political faiths agree with Debs. This is because they expect the Harding administration to be distinctly reactionary and a social position of consequence will be a swing to the extreme of Socialism. It is reasoned that the radical gain would be checked if the country during the next four years were to have a progressive president, whether Republican or Democrat, because steps would be taken to satisfy the reasonable legislative demands of workers and the great middle class. Repression and denial always lead to dissatisfaction and revolt, and the followers of Debs count upon making many recruits when the dominant faction of Penrose, Lodge and Grandee makes clear its grip on the Harding administration.

The Socialists in the recent election would unquestionably have secured many congress seats instead of one had not the Republicans and Democrats pooled candidates in four New York city districts and the Socialist candidate, J. B. McLaughlin, it is, they returned only Meyer London, who runs every two years against Henry M. Goldfogle. London won for the first time in 1916, lost to Goldfogle in 1918, and again defeated Goldfogle this year.

The Socialists had a hand in the defeat of Scott Ferris, Democratic candidate for governor in the recent election. It is a considerable Socialist vote in that state, which, reports indicate, was thrown largely to the Republican candidate, Representative John W. Harfield, being published in your paper tell us to use Oregon made goods, and here is a man using goods made in Canada. How do you expect us to make a living and buy Oregon made goods if this continues?

L. H. Davis.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

(Communications sent to The Journal for publication in this department should be written on the left side of the paper; those on the right side, on the right side. All communications should be addressed in full and must accompany the contribution.)

THE MIAMI VALLEY CONSERVANCY WORKS

Dayton, Ohio, Nov. 12.—To the Editor of The Journal—I have received a copy of your issue of November 5, in which you have an editorial entitled "Escaping the Flood." This describes the flood prevention works at the Miami valley, Ohio. This editorial begins with the statement: "One of the startling characteristics of humanity is its ability to rise to inspirational heights of conception and to execute them." It goes on to say: "I feel certain that many of you are reading this article with the statement: 'Let it be hoped that no such civic dullness will beset the people whose fortunes are tied up in the water projects of the West.' It occurs to me that possibly you did not have full information at the time of writing this editorial. In the preparation of plans for this flood prevention work, most thought was given to the possibility of securing by-products in the form of water power. We are certain, for definite reasons, that such by-products are not possible.

In the first place, there is no definite rainy or dry season in the Miami valley. A flood may occur at almost any time of the year, and also a drought may occur at any time. It is elementary that the same storage space cannot be made to hold water for power development, and at the same time be kept empty to store water in flood emergencies. Floods come when you want them, and the water is absolutely no time for emptying a reservoir in time to create storage capacity for controlling floods. To store water for a power development, therefore, would mean that flood control, which is the imperative need of the valley, would be sacrificed.

There is also another reason for not undertaking power development which would mean the sacrifice of flood control. The lands flooded are not steep mountain sides, but flat, fertile farm lands. During floods these will be covered by still water and will receive a deposit of silt which will raise the high lands. As a result, these occasionally flooded lands will come to be the richest farms in Ohio. We have a record of one tract of land in the valley which has had five deposits in flood time, where 60 consecutive corn crops have been raised without fertilizer and without rotation, and the yields on this tract continue at the rate of about 80 bushels of corn per acre. While floods may occur at any time of the year, by far the larger number occur during the winter and early spring. Within a week after the flood is passed the basins are again empty. Not once in 25 years will the corn crop be lost. We have satisfied ourselves by careful estimates that the value of this land for agriculture is greater than the value of the water storage. In case of a similar construction on the Loire river in France, where such land has been flooded above the dam for more than 200 years, the land so flooded is worth \$50 to \$100 an acre more than land nearby which is not flooded.

The work of the Miami Conservancy district has been carried out not only with enthusiastic persistence, but with most careful analyses and the balancing of every possible advantage and disadvantage. In view of the influence of your paper, I feel it my duty to call attention in all fairness to give similar publicity to this statement for the protection of the good name and reputation for common sense of the people of the Miami valley.

Arthur E. Morgan, Chief Engineer.

Portland, DE IN CANADA

Portland, Nov. 18.—The Editor of The Journal—While walking in the new building at East Eighth and Main streets today I saw that they are using some time marked "Made in Canada," and I wondered if there wasn't any lime made

THE WORLD'S FIRST AID



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COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE

Some soldiers can never be soldiers. "Prompt action" usually is action in its slowest form.

The most interesting book for book week reading still is the bank book. If Senator Harding catches nothing more than a tarpon he'll be a lucky guy.

Success is like tomorrow. There isn't any such thing for the ambitious. "The duck is a gay and festive bird, especially when plucked, stuffed and roasted to a delicate brown."

"Protective tariff on domestic raised nuts demanded, a headline advises. Oh, well, the world owes us protection."

SIDELIGHTS

Pereals has dropped to 13 1/2 cents a yard, but who wants to wear pereals? "Prompts action" usually is action in its slowest form.

The principal objection to a landslide is that it carries into office a large number of undesirables whom the people do not tolerate until the next election.—Polk County Post.

Down in Creswell there is a city ordinance preventing Dr. Scarborough talking paven. And it is rumored that they have even bonded it.

The new steel bridge over the Skumnum river, one of the Hudson road north of Centralia was completed last week and thrown open to traffic. The city council of Kalama has called for a special election. DeWitt is to vote on the city purchasing the water works of the Orchard Water company. Officers of property in the counties of Pacific highway and Carrolls mountain have petitioned the Cowitz county commissioners to organize a diking district.

MORE OR LESS PERSONAL

Random Observations About Town

A. G. Clark recently returned from a two months' trip throughout the east where he went to preach the gospel of the Kodak bear, for he fights at the standpoint of a manufacturing state. He visited Vancouver, Winnipeg, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Chicago, Milwaukee, Grand Rapids, Detroit, Toledo, Toronto, Rochester, Buffalo, Toronto, New York city, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, St. Louis, Kansas City, Denver and Salt Lake City. He comes back more than ever in love with the City of Roses, and more proud than ever of Portland's record of honesty in advertising.

B. C. Parker is a guest at the Multnomah Hotel in from Kodiak Island, the home of the famous brown bear. There is room for a good deal of improvement in the manners and disposition of the Kodiak bear, for he fights at the drop of a hat, and if you fall to drop your hat he will fight anyway.

C. C. Gard and W. E. Newton of Moro are at the Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Dolph of Pendleton are at the Benson. Mr. Dolph is the son of former United States Senator

C. A. Dolph, and Mrs. Dolph is the daughter of George Perringer, who, with New Burgess, was killed by highwaymen at the Clatsop tavern just a year ago. Both Mr. and Mrs. Dolph are former students of the University of Oregon.

L. A. Stoop of La Grande cannot hide behind a lamp-post. He weighs upward of 350 pounds. He handles farm lands in Union county and he calls for La Grande. He is at the Multnomah.

The following well known citizens of the Inland Empire are guests at the Imperial: W. H. Glenn, Imbler; S. E. Miller, Union; G. E. Carnes, Pilot Rock; Mr. and Mrs. L. Wade, Condon; Fred Stanley, Redmond.

Guy Raymond and Tom Gay of Fossil are guests at the Oregon.

Mrs. H. E. Harris and daughter Ella of Johannesburg, South Africa, are at the Hotel Portland.

Father H. J. McDevitt, formerly of the cathedral at East Fifteenth and Davis streets, but now of Marshfield, is here visiting old-time friends and parishioners.

OBSERVATIONS AND IMPRESSIONS OF THE JOURNAL MAN

By Fred Lockley

[Two promoters of enterprises of great value to Oregon are subjects of Mr. Lockley's interviews today. The history of a notable Eastern logging project is a feature of great interest.]

How would you like to be walking along the streets of a strange city at midday, enjoying the spring sunshine, watching the hurrying throng and scanning the faces of passersby to see if you could discover a familiar face, and suddenly the lights go out? Colonel J. E. McNaught of Hermiston had that very thing happen to him a few years ago. I dropped into a New York city for a rest. While walking along Broadway one afternoon it seemed to me as if the light had faded and I was in Stygian darkness. At first I could not find my way, when the matter I had lost my eyesight. For five years I was blind. The doctor told me the optic nerve had been paralyzed from a disease called neuritis. Today I am seeing the world again. I became interested in Hermiston.

"To begin at the beginning, about 20 years ago a wealthy Englishman camped at Cottonwood Bend, near the present town of Hermiston. He had an elaborate camping equipment. His home at that time was Victoria. He had while in Chicago met and won as his wife an actress. After his marriage he discovered she was a drug addict. He cured her of her craving for morphine by starting on a camping trip, traveling by wagon along the coast. He saw the possibility of the country and bought 1500 acres of raw sagebrush land. The land at that time ranged in price from 50 cents to \$2.50 an acre. He filed a

The Oregon Country

Northwest Happenings in Brief Form for the Busy Reader

A turnip weighing 24 pounds, a sugar beet 28 pounds and a potato 5 1/2 pounds are on exhibition at Cottage Grove.

Some wheat is being shipped from the farmers' warehouse at Eugene on the basis of 65 cents a bushel f. o. b.

Shaw & Burton of Clatsop Falls are building a modern sawmill near that city with a capacity of 50,000 feet of lumber.

Manufactured goods and products of Southern Oregon will be shown at a commercial exhibition to be held at Ashland the first week in December.

Amendment of state prohibition laws to make them conform with the Volstead act was asked by the Oregon Anti-Saloon league at the next session of the legislature.

Fred Richmond of Coquille, who has been at the Oregon State Penitentiary camp at Waldstrom's landing, was probably fatally injured when a snag fell on him as he crossed the bar.

The Deer Island (Cooperative Telephone) company has filed with the public service commission an application for an increase in rates. The company does business in Columbia county.

News has reached Cottage Grove that Clyde Hull, a former resident of that city, had been killed. When a snag fell on him as he crossed the bar, his gun was being handled accidentally and he was killed.

Plans are under way for colonization of raw lands in the area now flooded by the loganberry industry at Bandon. It is believed that at least 1000 acres will be reclaimed.

The national industrial conference board of New York has requested C. H. Gram, state labor commissioner, to furnish information for covering present unemployment in Oregon by industries.

Following a meeting at Albany of 10 Beaver Creek residents representing 2000 acres of land they are now flooded, preparations were made for the organization of a drainage district to redeem the land.

The state board of health will immediately file suit and enjoin the Winchester Sanitarium company from constructing its proposed tuberculosis sanitarium at any point on the North Umpqua watershed where the city of Roseburg obtains its water supply.

WASHINGTON

Reclamation work at Coyote creek, 75 miles up Lake Chelan, has been suspended for the winter, throwing 100 men out of work.

TACOMA people will vote on December 7 on a proposed bond issue of \$2,500,000 for the reorganization of the present school system.

Cash donations and pledges totaling \$40,000 have been made toward the erection of a Lutheran hospital and day-care center in Spokane.

The public service commission has granted an increase in the interurban passenger fare between Seattle and Tacoma from 91 cents to \$1.02.

Seventy-five per cent of the real estate owners in the Clatsop county need pay their full tax and get the 25 per cent rebate prior to March 15 each year.

The Centralia Cooperative society, organized by Charles Carnes, who disappeared from Snohomish a few days ago with about \$1500 in his possession, is being sought by the police.

Snohomish county officials have been asked to locate the body of a man who disappeared from Snohomish a few days ago with about \$1500 in his possession.

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IDAHO

Word is received at Twin Falls that G. F. Baker, a dentist of that city, was killed at Oakland, Calif., by deliberately leaving a loaded gun in his car.

Articles of incorporation have been filed in the secretary of state's office by the Custer County Sheep company. It is a corporation with a capital of \$100,000.

Shipments of the Consolidated Interstate-Columbia Mining company in October were greater than for any month of September, about 20 per cent.

Permission has been granted the Richfield Water company by the public utilities commission to increase the water rate in the towns of Richfield and District.

Overproduction of condensed milk has led to the closing down of the plants in the state. The state board of health has issued orders for the month, according to O. W. Jones, the superintendent.

Idaho's Champion Jersey cow, Besie's Fawn Blossom, has been sold by T. W. Bartley of Moscow to E. Johnson for \$1000. The cow has a record of 1047 gallons of milk in 305 days.

During the past year six bridges have been built, 365 miles of county road has been graded, 250 miles of irrigation and 53 culverts put in on the county roads leading out of Idaho Falls.

Parks Are Worth \$5,000,000

—Tracts Outside the City — Proposed New Sites

City Auditor Funk has just notified Park Superintendent Keyser that the book value of Portland's parks is \$3,728,965. The park superintendent, however, contends that the value of the property of the city devoted to park purposes is at least \$5,000,000.

The auditor's figures do not include donations and improvements made by individuals and corporations. A large tract belonging to Portland lies far beyond the city limits, on the Columbia River highway. It is called Benson park and is bounded by the river and the two most splendid cascades of the many which border the scenic thoroughfare. These are Multnomah falls and Waikeneah falls. The former has a single drop of more than 600 feet and a second leap of more than 100 feet. The Indian interpretation of the name of the latter is "Most beautiful." The stream which constitutes Waikeneah falls leaps full born from the side of the mountain, 1500 feet above the highway. Shepherd's dell, on the highway, also belongs to this tract.

Under consideration for park purposes are the two blocks on Williams avenue opposite St. Mary's church, and tracts at East Twenty-sixth and East streets, Clinton-Kelly; the northeast corner of East Eighty-second and Gilson streets, Montaville; Nineteenth and Jarret streets, and a tract at East Twenty-sixth and Central East Side; on Main street, Lewis.

Included in the much-used park area of the city are the North Parkway block at East Twenty-sixth and the South Parkway from Salmon to Clifton, and the Plaza blocks between Salmon, Madison, Third and Fourth streets.

The greatest of all the parks adjacent to the city is owned by Uncle Sam. It consists of 14,000 acres in the gorge of the Columbia, above the city, and is a veritable wonderland for the pleasure and the benefit of the people. It is a veritable wonderland to all who explore its upland trails or rest by its mountain torrents.