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WE must be as courteous to a man as we are to a picture, which we are willing to give the advantage of a good light. — Emerson.

MAKING HISTORY?

IS INDUSTRIAL history being made by the decisions of the United States supreme court? Monday that body restrained trades unions from boycotting the installation of printing presses manufactured in non-union plants.

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BACK TO THE LAW OF THE JUNGLE

Since the Criminals Have So Reverted, Police Authorities Are in the Way of Playing Safe. — The Editors Express Their Views. Daily Editorial Digest (Consolidated Press Association)

From the editorial viewpoint, evidently, the way to stop a crime wave is to stop it. The policy adopted by Chicago's police commissioner is the "shoot it out" — strikes most commentators as a more reasonable approach to the problem than either "grandstand play" or the simple method of ridding one community of criminals by passing them on to the neighbors.

It is indeed refreshing to see a Portland pedestrian stop and look both ways for traffic before stepping into the street.

THE OVERWHELMED VETO

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LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

PEOPLE'S RIGHTS PARAMOUNT Capital and Labor Should Bow to These: [Communication sent to the Journal for publication in this department should be written on only one side of the paper; should not exceed 100 words; should be signed by the writer, whose mail address in full must accompany the contribution.]

Troutlake, Wash., Jan. 4.—To the Editor of the Journal—Many people become "weepers" because of the loss to labor in wages through strikes and because of labor's demand for a closed shop. They make no reference to the loss in wages through capital's striking, nor to the fact that the organization of capital are equal to a closed shop.

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COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE Zeros are to be placed before telephone numbers in New York. Indicating, perhaps, the chances for getting them.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

SIDELIGHTS D'Annunzio may have been "hungry for martyrdom," as he declared, but the Fiume population preferred something to eat.—Albany Democrat.

MORE OR LESS PERSONAL Random Observations About Town Out of town people who attended the sixth annual meeting of the Oregon State Drainage association at the Chamber of Commerce in Portland.

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Northwest Happenings in Brief Form for the Busy Reader OREGON NOTES A civil service examination will be held at Rainier to select a postmaster at a salary of \$2,000 per year.

Clackamas county will spend this year \$448,673 for the construction of the Pacific highway from Multnomah to the Marion county line.

Two million salmon eggs collected for the Rogue river by the state fish commission recently, hatched on the way and were sent to a hatchery on Coos bay.

Washington The state has purchased the \$65,000 worth of bonds issued by the Richmond irrigation district.

Spokane county has collected \$1,500 in fines from motor vehicle law violations in Yakima county during the coming year total \$3,055,773, an increase of \$85,911 over last year.

Charles P. Cole of the business firm of Cole & Dingman has disappeared from Astoria, leaving all the funds of the firm with him.

At a meeting in Spokane Wednesday afternoon the board of directors of the Oregon State Bank was reduced to 10 members.

W. H. Oxley of Baker is taking in the sights of Portland.

Idaho The state land commissioner is asking an annual appropriation of \$40,000 for forest fire prevention.

Idaho farmers took a long step toward the problem of the small flock owner when, during the winter, they marketed 150,000 pounds of wool and marketed it.

Idaho A prehistoric mastodon tusk, six feet long and 24 inches in diameter, the gift of a Japanese collector, was first introduced to the geological department of the University of Idaho.

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