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ports and imports of the Columbia river have heavily increased, that the handling facilities of the ports of the Columbia are not surpassed elsewhere and that service is a practiced ideal here.

Had Portland not organized the port's traffic department and had not the Oriental representatives of this department called upon the manager of the company in Japan, with statements of our growth which were equally true and attractive, it is doubtful if so large a factor in trade for which our investment of plan, money and business solicitation have been made.

Pen Versus Sword Newspapers Are Running Far Ahead of the Government in Preparing the Way for World Peace—Demand a Halt in Armament Program, With No Reservations.

mercury during the winter seldom descends below the freezing point; when it does so it is rarely stationary for any length of time.

COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF SMALL CHANGE What flour scarce—cosmetics plentiful. What's the answer?

Letters From the People [Communications sent to The Journal for publication on the editorial page are on only one side of the paper, should not exceed 300 words in length, and must be signed by the author.]

THE OREGON COUNTRY Northwest Happenings in Brief Form for the Busy Reader. OREGON NOTES

Life's best things take time. A character is not a creation of a day. An education can be bought only with the expenditure of years. Friendship is what last the longest.

WHY STIR UP STRIFE? 'Tis this a time to stir up strife between employers and employes by enactment at Salem of anti-labor legislation?

HIS LAST REQUEST A REAL child of God must have been the Rev. Charles W. Holmes, Episcopal minister, who died in Vancouver a few days ago.

TAXES, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE One Who Pays Both. Would Abolish Public Service Commission.

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MORE OR LESS PERSONAL Random Observations About Town. The Bankers' Life association of Des Moines is holding a session at the Hotel Multnomah.

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A BEGINNING REFORMS are slow in America. They come step by step, infrequently in one fell swoop.

WHY NOT LET THE LAWS AS THEY STAND? The state mediation commission has in its two years of existence proved to be the greatest industrial peacemaker yet evolved in any state.

ALWAYS ADVANCING ACCORDING to the United States government figures The Journal during the six months ending October 1, 1920, showed a net gain of 3.7 per cent in its daily and Sunday circulations.

JUDICIAL SALARY INCREASE One Who Opposes Asks Why. Asserting that it is unnecessary.

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PREDICTIONS REALIZED THE Invo Maru of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha line is in port, the largest passenger vessel which has ever tied to a Portland dock.

THE Suzuki Company, which began the New Year happily by returning its branch offices to Portland after five years' absence, is one of the first five of the great business houses of Japan.

THE rest of the country as confidently expects Portland to have a Rose Festival as Portlanders expect their roses to bloom.

CURIOUS BITS OF INFORMATION Gleaned From Curious Places. Inhabitants of the little mountain country of Montenegro employ curious methods of medical treatment.

UNCLE JEFF SNOW SAYS: It's allus safer to call a man by a rank higher 'n' belongs to him ruther'n a rank lower.

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