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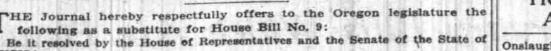


The constancy of the wise is only the art of keeping disquietude to oneself. —Rochefoucauld.

TEACHERS' TENURE

NEARLY one third of the teachers in the Portland public schools many school districts the probationthe teaching force.

the teaching profession. Perhaps terstate commerce commission to re- where a motor vehicle can travel. teachers become heartsick over the open the case. agitation, tumult and strife, grow weary and worn with the criticism, futile than effective, more noisy than strike caused many merchants to Jones, the teacher, the truck gardener women will always have to occupy anysubstantial. incident to the present controversy over tenure.



Oregon: That Section 6, of Article XV, of the Constitution of the State of Oregon be, and the same is, hereby amended to read as follows: Section 6—No county shall be reduced to an area of less than four hundred (400) square miles; nor shall any new county be established in this state contain-ing a less area, nor unless such new county shall contain a population of at least twelve hundred (1200) inhabitants; provided, however, that in any county containing an incorporated city having more than one hundred thousand (100,000) inhabitants, the Legislative Assembly, or the people by the initiative, may pro-vide for the establishment of a new county with its boundaries coterminous and coextensive with the boundaries of such city and for a consolidation of the county and city governments in such county and city, and also for the creation of a new county out of that portion of the old county lying outside of the boundaries of such incorporated city or for the annexation of such outside territory to ad-joining countles; and be it further Resolved. That this amendment to Section 6, Article XV, of the Constitution of

Resolved, That this amendment to Section 6, Article XV, of the Constitution of Resolved. That this amendment to Section 6, Article XV, of the Constitution of the State of Oregon he submitted to the people at the next general election for their approval or rejection; and be it further Resolved. That the Secretary of State be directed to set aside two pages in the official State Pamphlet for the publication of arguments in support of this proposed amendment, and that a committee, consisting of one Senator and two Representatives, be appointed to prepare and file said arguments.

It is a proposal for consolidation of the city and county governments of Multnomah county. It is a measure drawn and recommended by busi-

ness men after an exhaustive study of conditions of double government. It was presented to the legislature in 1919, passed unanimously by the

senate, but afterward defeated in the house.

By Carrier, City and Country DAILY AND SUNDAY One week......\$.15 One month.....\$.65 BUNDAY One week.....\$.10 One week......\$.10 One week......\$.10

Ninety-six per cent of the population of Multnomah county is in Port-land. Ninety-three per cent of the entire valuation of the county is in

There are a city engineer, an engineer of public docks, an engineer of the Port of Portland, a county roadmaster, a county surveyor, an engineer of the water bureau and an engineer for the bureau of parks. There are a city attorney, a district attorney, and special counsel for the dock commission and for the Port of Portland.

There are a city auditor, and a county clerk and a county auditor.

There are a city treasurer and a county treasurer. There are a police department, a sheriff's office, and a constable's office. There are a city purchasing department and a county purchasing department.

There are a city health bureau and a county health bureau.

There are a city jail and a county jail.

- There are city rock piles and county rock piles.
- There are a city hall and a county courthouse.

House bill No. 9 proposes to reduce taxes by designating three little

kinglets who shall limit the money that the various officers and officeholders shall spend.

Consolidation of city and county governments proposes to reduce taxes by eliminating officeholders, duplication, inefficiency and waste.

Under House Bill No. 9 the duplication and officeholders continue, limiting the money to be spent for service and constructive purpose.

Under consolidation the officers and duplication are limited, permitting collectible funds to be spent for service and constructive purpose.

Under House Bill No. 9 the affairs of the city and county will be ad ministered by three little kinglets, responsible to the governor.

Under consolidation the affairs of the city and county will be admin stered by one commission, responsible to the people of this county.

ture to refer the whole matter to a side of the thoroughfares with their commission to report at the next backs to machines going in the same session? direction, they would proceed on the

left, facing traffic, pedestrians could escape the danger of being struck AT SEA ASHORE

SEATTLE and Tacoma clearly un-derstand what Portland and Vanseen

is the reason the two Puget Sound That is especially true when a driver capitol and buttonhole our representaaries and substitutes are one half terminals are bringing to bear every is not anticipating a pedestrian on power to throw obstacles in the way of the wages of their useful trades to the power of persuasion and all pres- a highway as a general rule, where- changes looking toward justice. There is a strong drift away from sure of influence to induce the in- as the highway is the only place know without asking that the packers,

\_\_\_\_ But so far their efforts are more

cancel orders previously placed with

## HOW TO KILL. A LOBBYIST

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**Onslaught on Congress Becomes Matter** of Concern to the American Press-Pitiless Publicity Plan of Dealing With These Undesigables Meets With Favor-Wilson's Early Action Cited as Precedent.

> Daily Editorial Digest (Consolidated Press Association.)

The violent epidemic of lobbyism from which congress complains it is suffering is a disease which the press thinks can only be cured by a strong application o pitiless publicity. The suggestion from Senator Kenvon and others that a law be passed requiring the lobbyist to register and frankly declare his interests is

championed by some writers, but many the about actual school conditions. Teachthink that only "showing up" the individuals, their connections, the money they receive and what they spend will

cure the evil. . . .

The Kansas City Star (Ind) makes its comment ironically. In discussing the stitutes teaching regularly who are not then. law that would force the lobbyist to re-"The yeal his connections it remarks: question for congress to decide whether these proposed regulations would be unduly harassing to their business and restrictive to their rights. If so, then of course the law would be un-

constitutional. It must be remembered that it is not always convenient for the lobbyists to announce their approach by a blare of trumpets."

While the St. Louis Post Dispatch (Ind.) does not believe that registration would go to the root of the evil it believes that it would help. It describes the new form in which lobbying appears. The men are no longer members of "a third house," but "they are the managers or publicity agents of bureaus pretending to be devoted to some public objective. Or they are attorneys or officers of some commercial organization with a hightinues, and "publicity," which "acts with ally trained and experienced in their penal effects on the lobbyist," is the only work, have at least this much proteccure. the situation if Mr. Wilson's example be schools eight years ago.

situation thoroughly." The Fort Wayne Journal Gazette (Dem.) states that prerogatives, would wreck a school syshas been more free from this pest than in a full generation," and: "Mr. Harding will make a ten-strike with the public when he calls congress in extraor-dinary session, and finds this familiar army smirking and sneaking about, if he ago and give them another touch of the pitiless publicity that then sent them

sneaking for cover." . . . There would be shortcomings in any

down by an automobile they had not as the New York Globe (Ind.) remarks, monastery; closed to all human pleas.

It is much easier for a pedestrian. Yet we must admit that rich and poor lights of an automobile and avoid assemblies than in our courts so long That is the reason for Seattle's serious consequences, than for a as those who have the time and money to spend on it can maintain paid advoare probationaries or substitutes. In flaring slogan, "Fight or Die!" That driver to see a dark object ahead. cates to hang about the hallways of the the railroads, the oil companies, the sciences, and if more girls would avail coal operators and the speculators in

house and perceeds to argufy with said gent's other foot, and the door gits shut. It's about time fer the people of Oregon to call on the dorg and rest from the palavatin' at the legis lature about our schoolmarms-Goo bless 'em !

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 in length, and must be signed by the writer, whose mail address in full must accompany the contribution.]

TEACHERS' TENURE Case Argued From Standpoint of Making

Profession Practicable. Portland, Jan. 27 .- To the Editor The Journal-The public knows too lit-

difficult to obtain. At present there are | lar.' 335 probationary teachers in the force who have not yet qualified as permanent teachers, and there are many sub-

qualified to apply for regular positions because of lack of professional training. Under these circumstances educators generally, both local and national, agree

that permanent tenure is one of the chief inducements that will serve to draw teachers to the schools and help to hold them there. Our Portland schools under tenure had

been steadily forging ahead, both in efficiency and in harmonious cooperation between teachers and administrators, until some board members took the initiative in deciding to amend the very Tillam

satisfactory and workable tenure law that has functioned to the benefit of the schools. The result is that the teachers justly resent the attempt of the board to arrogate to itself almost unlimited power in dismissing teachers, and to strike from the law the provision for an appeal board, similar to that essounding name which maintains Wash- tablished under civil service, before ington headquarters in evidence of its which a teacher, feeling herself unjustly national scope and importance." Oil, dismissed, may take her case for re-lumber and other interests are sending view. American justice and democracy big checks to Washington, the paper con- demand that these teachers, profession-

tle difficulty will be found in handling other insidious forces that disrupted our followed. The Sandusky (Ohio) Register' In the interest of the schools and of (Rep.) declares that "there is an obvious remedy at hand," for President Wilson ducted, the citizens of Portland should created a "lobby committee," which still demand the retention of the present ten-

tion.

during the last eight years Washington tem to reestablish their own domina- ing district is less than 100 mfles from School Patron. us. There are some wonderful silver

ON DOMESTIC SERVICE Portland, Jan. 26 .-- To the Editor of most famous. In places in this vein you

probability be flooded with the capable shipped to the smelter at Anyox, nearby, est paid of any, with no longer than the skyscrapers in your business dis-

William H. O'Hare, from the metropolis of Southern Oregon, is in town. He reports Medford forging steadily metropolis. ahead. water power have men in Washington raise all domestic lines of work to the

Falling markets and the buyers' where never have men in washington highest planes, Get busy, girls, Back of The Dalles are registered at the We know without asking that Neighbor to the normal place in life that most Imperial. vay Mrs. A. L. Hays

This World.

COMMENT AND	NEWS IN BRIEF	The Oregon Country
SMALL CHANGE	SIDELIGHTS	Northwest Happenings in Brief Form for the Busy Reader
ess lawyers ought to fit in law- ourts.	who saw snow for the first time in his life the other day hasn't missed much.	OREGON NOTES The Graves Canning company will es- tablish a fruit cannery at Tillamook.

overhead and keep the dinner pails

than 9000 students are now registered

E. E. Cummins of McMinnville is a

H. E. Bartholomew of Pendleton is

Ray Powers of Corvallis is a guest

R. T. Cookingham of Klamath Agency

Wade Goodman of Pendleton is in

Guy Lafollette, newspaper publisher

Jeanette Waller, from the Capital City,

K. H. Kills of Salem is visiting in the

D. J. C. Booth of Lebanon is

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is registered at the Hotel Benson.

of Prineville, is at the Portland.

is a guest at the Portland.

Portland visitor.

at the Portland.

at the university.

guest at the Imperial.

registered at the Oregon.

at the Hotel Oregon.

Portland on business.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28, 1921.

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Clatsop county.

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bank

Great

F. J. Berger of Eugene is registered at the Portland.

in money and jewelry.

Organization of the Oregon Mint Grow-ers' association has been formed at Eugene with E. B. Wallace of Linn

Eight inches of new snow fell in Wal-

R. Bruce McPherson of Howell, Mich., has sold to the William McPherson es-tate a tract of several hundred acres of timber land in the southern part of

Clatsop county. But one Umatilia county ex-service man is inithe state hospital at Pendleton for mental disability, while there are seven other ex-service men in the hos-pital from various parts of the state. Mrs. Anna Elizabeth Ferguson, one of the oldest of Oregon pioneers, died this week at the home of her daughter in Haines, aged 34. She had been a resident of Baker county for mearly 50 years.

La Center Farm Loan association. There are 28 members.

According to the census bureau the value of all crops for Washington in 1919 was \$227,212,008.

being done by the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company at Centralia.

The preliminary organization of an American Legion post has been effected at Onalaska by 14 ex-service men.

The Washington legislature has peti-tioned congress to establish a haval air-plane base at Sand Point, on Lake Wash-

The United States has filed a case against Harry Prince of Oroville for the unlawful shipping of 10 beaver skins out-side the state.

Preference for married men and ex-

soldiers is asked in a petition being circulated in Aberdeen and Hoquiam among employers.

Walla Walla will attempt to sell at home \$500,000 worth of 6 per cent water bonds, issued to cover the cost of a 20,000,000 gallon reservoir.

All Sunday freight service with the exception of perishable shipments has been discontinued on the Spokane divis-lon of the Great Northern railroad.

A force of armed men firing from across the streets and nearby roofs forced the surrender of a burglar who had footed the Summit Mercantile store

Mrs. Lucy Mead, proprietor of a lodg-ing house at Spokane, was beaten into unconsciousness by a thug who entered her apartment and robbed her of \$1500

The Yakima Commercial club is mak-

IDAHO

Construction work costing \$23,000 is

Sometimes the public service commis-tion should leave off the "c." People can sleep night People can sleep nights now, as the legislature has voted \$3000 for the study of wild plant life in Harney county.--Medford Mail Tribune. The buckaroo who is as wild as whoop has not been discovered.

Egg bids are erratic, the market ed-No, society in general isn't going to the dogs at all. The criminal receives a heap more publicity than the right-eous man.-Roseburg News-Review. itor says. So are lots of the eggs. "All ye who enter here leave hope behind" might be a suitable new slogan for Seattle commerce.

It we all knew as little as some folks who think they know everything, we would have no telegraph or airplane. Policemen who invaded a home and stopped a poker game and a home and

stopped a poker game were among those who did not catch the "Talkative Burg-lar." A little dab of rough and ready cleanser at the windows of our souls would please the missionary now and then. tle about actual school conditions. Teach-ers have large classes; the schools are crowded, and experienced teachers are who did not catch the "Talkative Burg-

Lawless la

less courts.

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While legislators pile up taxes and politicians encourage extravagance and waste public funds, industries reduce the sum of \$15.000 for an earth full to take the place of the long wooden bridge on the county road between Veneta and The news writer who said smelt were "sunning" themselves in this weather has a greater regard for verb form than

for truth. In London they say the world faces a crisis. Oh, well, Noah said the same thing and Adam probably had a heach of his own like that. Professor Lower L

Professor Lewis says Oregon people eat more California fruit than that of Oregon. On the same principle ancient limburger cheese is preferable to the Ullimburger cheese is preferable to the tates at buying road bonds.—Albany limburger cheese is preferable to the cream variety. Den

MORE OR LESS PERSONAL

## Random Observations About Town

nomah. "Prince Rupert has a wonderful future," said Mr. Condon. "I have been up there six years. The present popula-tion is between 6000 and 7000. Prince Rupert, as you probably know, is head-quarters for the fishing fleet. Large juantities of black and the fleak an Two papers at least feel that lit- tion from the political manipulation and quarters for the fishing fleet. Large by dog team and by canoe. He is known quantities of black cod and halibut are and loved all over Alaska. caught and shipped. The salmon fish-. . .

H. Oftedal of Cove, Union county, is a ing in the Skeena river nearby is celebrated. Not only is Prince Rupert the guest at the Benson. Cove is one of the terminus of the Grand Trunk railroad, pioneer communities of Eastern Oregon. but it is becoming a great shipping cen-It is noted for its splendid cherries and exists and "presumably understands the ure law and resent the attempt of a few ter. We have a drydock there and other fruits. T. T. Geer, former govshipyards. Two steel vessels are now ernor of Oregon, spent his boyhood at under construction. The Alice Arm min- Cove. Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Hillman, from

and copper mines in this district. The the university town of California, Berke-Dolly Varden is probably one of the ley, are guests at the Benson. More

The Journal-In relation to girls losing can strip the pure silver in small sheets their jobs in telephone offices I would like from between the rocks. They have just will imitate Woodrow Wilson eight years to ask the company if it is fair to force built a railroad into the Dolly Varden us to pay higher rates when most of us can hardly meet the present one, and Wolf, the Musketeer and the North Star when in the near future we will in all are all good mines. Some of the ore is

domestic women of Europe, who are un- and a good deal of it goes to Tacoma law providing for the registration and excelled housekeepers, accustomed to for treatment. We have three excellent regulation of the special pleaders, for, privations and long hours. And the do- hotels-the Prince Rupert, the Central mestic slavery, so-called, is no worse and the Knox. I was born in Sau "Washington cannot be turned into a than the strife and bickerings to hold Francisco, but I am very much attached the jobs of industrial slavery that have made the artificial, restless, fish-out-of-Fifteen years ago I was in Portland and couver have gained in the Columbia under those conditions, to see the are no more equal in our lawmaking water woman product of today. We I have not been here since. It doesn't women should stand together, for once, look like the same town at all. I could and make the domestic trades the high- hardly believe my eyes when I looked at

10 hours, and go home every night, as trict." in industrial plants. Men have raised We highest notch by organization. Our trade schools teach all the domestic themselves of them they would soon

J. R. Docherty and George Fitzgerald

Bend,

Imperial.

Anyway, many are quitting the classroom for other work, and it is the best among them that are going into other callings. It is not a matter to be regarded lightly. If the decimation and demoralization in the ranks of the teachers goes on, the American child will suffer, and the republic itself will suffer. With probationaries and substitutes already almost as numerous in the classrooms as permanent teachers, and with hundreds of schools literally without teachers at all, it would seem to be time for something to be done to make the teaching profession more instead of less attractive, in order that the depleted ranks might be filled. Those ranks ought to be filled for the sake of the children of the country.

In Portland there is agitation and strife over teachers' tenure. There is strife and agitation at the legislature over it. It is a strife that shakes the schools to their founda- ports of the Columbia. tions and that naturally keeps the teachers in an unsettled state of and even street cleaners are under civil service. A garbage man's license cannot be taken away without a hearing.

And all the strife is over a comparatively small matter-the school board wants no commission to which teachers may appeal when charges are preferred. The commission was originally created at the request, not of the teachers, but of the school board itself. And in four years there have been but two appeals to the commission.

In one of the two the board. which was clearly wrong, was reversed. And in the other, the board was sustained.

A commission which has been re-In the four years the board had dis- any others on earth." All of which missed 10 permanent and nine probationary teachers and had demoted three teachers. With nearly one third of the teaching staff probationaries and substitutes, and with nowhere to turn for permanent teach-

ers because they are not to be had, want to dismiss?

There are some splendid men on Only recently an aged man was run the Mississippi valley. Why not the present school board. If teach- down and killed by an automobile hurry the improvement and bring the ers could be assured that the board on one such thoroughfare. Later an business here? would always be composed of splen- officer was injured in the same vidid men, they would possibly with- cinity. Such accidents are reported

draw their objections to the pro- to the police every few days. posed tenure amendment. But they cannot be so assured. The pedestrians to avoid those accidents. feet deep. To get into it the bather

not be a good plan for 'the legisla- If instead of walking on the right tubs put into use in Gotham.

go by.

manufacturers. The head of a local In all the bombastic assertion of their port bodies, milling companies house is said to have wired, "Cancel and business interests there has not my order immediately." The reply appeared yet an argument which le- from the manufacturer was prompt, gal minds recognize as sufficient in "Sorry, but we cannot cancel your order immediately. You must wait law to induce the federal commission

to reopen the issue which it heard your turn." ---so thoroughly and so carefully be-DECEPTIVE APPEARANCES fore it announced its order. Nor have Seattle and Tacoma yet

**D**OUND from New York to Atlantic succeeded in taking any step which City, a passenger on a Pennsylwarrants any assumption of genuine confidence on their part. The Puget out hoarsely, and fell backward. A Sound ports, frankly, are at sea. physician employed the usual means They know that a 10 per cent difof resuscitation without avail. The man or ferential in favor of Portland and man was pronounced dead and re-Vancouver to and from a territory that produces up to 15,000,000 bushstretcher, and an undertaker was not hesitate to give all his time and atels of grain a year will inevitably summoned to meet the train at Trenestablish the Northwest's milling center at the head of deep sea navi-

At that city, the daughter pleaded gation on the Columbia. They know that the interchange of business will that she be allowed to take the body of her father through to Atlantic belong." With this sentiment the Brig greatly profit both the zone designated in the order of the interstate City. Finally her request was commerce commission and the upper granted.

What they must also know, with- Trenton a baggageman thought the mind. Tenure is their civil service able advantage of the water grade Application of smelling salts proestablishes for the Columbia basin duced a noticeable. convulsion its far reaching decision.

> transient or mutable. It is founded to be what the, are not. Hasty on fundamental justice, and on such judgment and action on such occaa base a greater structure than was sions often produce undesirable re- an army of lobbyists to Washington. It contemplated even by the federal sults. The New Jersey "dead man" commission will rise as the years will concur in that philosophy. \_

Speaking in behalf of protection are reported as beginning earlier this of America's infant dye industry year in making out their returns. It against the invasion of unrestrained saves them time. When they de-German competition, the Manufac- layed making their returns until the

turers' Record avers: "We would be last minute the rush was so great sorted to but twice in four years safer without a gun factory in the that many had to wait for long is scarcely a cause for all this con- nation, a powder plant or a warship periods, resulting in a large loss of than without a chemical industry time. It was unsatisfactory alike to ing and hauling at the legislature. and a chemical personnel equal to the tax collectors and the tax payers. is a reminder that the chemists did play a vital part in the winning of

the war. NIGHT ON THE ROADS

THE trunk roads leading from how many teachers did the board . Portland are frequent scenes of producers will continue to pay high accidents to pedestrians at night. rail rates diverting their product to

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walks and people on foot proceed is of wood, lined with zinc. It is Under the circumstances, would it on the paved section of the street. supposed to be one of the first bath foot in the door to keep Ma from shut-

or the tailor is without voice in Washington except for his vote. And these things we are powerless to change.

The Chicago Daily News (Ind.) believes that upon the integrity of our representatives rather than upon "mechanical and artificial devices" rests the people's hope, and it points out that "the average congressman is not so simple-

minded as he is sometimes painted, and he is under no obligation to discuss legislation with anyone at the wrong Beacon Journal (Rep.) takes the posichance to pay attention to the interests vania train rose in his seat, cried of the mere people without being bored and bullyragged by any special interests." but this paper believes, too, that "if a congressman is worth his salt the man or business that approaches, him through a lobbyist will at once prejudice his case even if he has one." On the moved to a baggage car on a other hand, "every congressman should

tention to every constituent, rich or earth. poor, to protect his interests. This is his It is what he is hired for.' usiness. That he may do this, the Journal believes the law must "placard" the lobbyist "and place these gentlemen where they

hamton Sun (Ind. Dem.) is in full accord. It adds that the paid agents should be forced to "tell the public just

A few minutes after the train left how much the passage of special legislation is costing them and the people through their representatives will make out confessing it, is that the inalien- dead man's right hand twitched. a quick end to that sort of business." In the same strain the Charlotte Observer (Ind. Dem.) declares that the and its ports rights which the inter- through the body. The supposed questions, "Who gave you the money state commerce commission did not corpse kicked. He got up, looked to come here-and how much?" would establish but merely recognized in about and prepared to leave the curb the lobbyist's activity, for "no law could be passed that would keep train at Atlantic City. There he lobbyist away from Washington," but Right must always some day win. waved the undertaker aside and the right kind of publicity would mean It did in the Columbia basin rate went on to the home of his relatives. (Rep.) does not believe that publicity case. And it is not a victory either There are times when things seem alone will do the trick, but demands "courage" on the part of congress for a horough and searching investigation. "Selfish interests," it says, "have sent will require more courage than congress usually displays to stop their activity

Publicity will deter them, make them secretive, but only scandal that ruins .Those who must pay income tax some will serve to interrupt them."

> Curious Bits of Information Gleaned From Curious Places Of the nut-bearing American trees, hickories are perhaps the best known, being strictly North American trees.

none now growing in any other part of the world. Of the 14 known species one is Mexican, the other 13 growing east of the Rocky mountains. Indiana boasts of six species, of which the shagbark, or shellbark, is the most noted because of

BRING THE BUSINESS its nuts and peculiar bark. The wood WHILE North Portland harbor remains unimproved and Portland for implements and fuel the finest trees I received the nomination at the Chamcontinues as an outlet for hut one- of our forests have been sacrificed, the poeg convention and ran for the office crop of wild nuts decreasing as a confourth of the livestock produced in

sequence. The pecan is the largest of the Columbia basin, the livestock the hickories, growing to perfection in the rich, moist soils of river bottoms.

Uncle Jeff Snow Says:

teachers ever few months or so with a should preserve them as curiosities." new law, or some kinder bluff at one, is wearysome. The Corners Commer-

In an old house on Twenty-third cial club is sick of the disputin' and street, New York, is a bath tub eight the bunches of first one side and then It would be a simple matter for feet long, four feet wide and five another takin' up time explainin' and re-We don't know what the explainin'. people seem to care little about the In many cases there are no side- has to ascend a flight of steps. It Bulger Bob, our pet bulldors, don't know allus what the gentleman at the door wants, but when the gent puts his pants on !

tin' of it, Bulger Bob whisks round the take them off.

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"VERBOTEN" Inquiry by One Interested in Things of

Portland, Jan. 24 .- To the Editor of The Journal-Not long ago we were ness in Portland. making all kinds of fun over the Germans because wherever you went there were signs of "Verboten." Curiosity got the better of me Sunday evening and I strolled down to hear a speaker a stone's throw away from the police station. time or in the wrong place." The Akron Two policemen were standing at the entrance of the hall. One of them intion that congress should be "given a formed me there would be no meeting. And then he showed his authority. Strolling down Third street I was due for another jolt. On every corner there was freedom of speech. They were speaking of spiritual things and they did not care what was being done on earth. The other parties were wanting to speak of earthly matters and were very much alive as to what was being done on

Now, will the editor please define free speech according to the constitution of the United States?

And oblige a troubled reader of your valuable paper. Stumped.

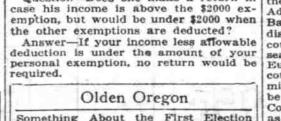
> INCOME TAX [Communications concerning income tax prob-ems will be answered by The Journal. All com-nunications should be addressed to the "Income

Tax Editor" and must bear the writer's name and address.] Question - Can taxes and interest charges on unimproved and idle prop-(lots) be deductible from my in erty come; also the same on my residence, there being a mortgage on each?

Answer-Yes, if actually paid within the taxable year. Question-How about the cases of

stocks when they become worthless (bankrupt) in 1920? Answer-If the bankruptcy is closed, or the loss can be determined beyond a doubt, such amount can be deducted. Question-Does one make a return in case his income is above the \$2000 exemption, but would be under \$2000 when the other exemptions are deducted?

deduction is under the amount of your personal exemption, no return would be required.



Tickets in Champoeg County.

Interesting, if not valuable, documents

that may still be in existence, though

chances of their discovery are extremely

remote, are named by James W. Nesmith

in a letter to Eastern friends in 1\$45.

Nesmith was then filling the position of

title from his letter. He writes in part:

"I was appointed to my present office

"supreme judge of Oregon," to quote his

thereto.

The town of Fairfax, near the border of Rainier national park, will be moved three miles east of its present location because the vein of coal which a com-John Henderson, hailing from Opal W. H. Smith of Medford is transacting City, in Eastern Oregon, is a guest at business in Portland. the Imperial. W. T. Holden of Eugene is visiting in Portland. pany has been working there rah out E. E. Woodcock of Lakeview, county several months ago. seat of Lake county, is transacting busi-H. L. Faulkner of Juneau is at the . . . Portland. Ground has been broken for a new ad-ministration building at the Inter-Mountain institute at Weiser. 4 Mr, and Mrs. Walter G. Coombs, with Mrs. A. F. McKenzle of Roseburg 1 their daughter, are at the Benson from visiting friends in the city. Another shipment of brook trout from Massachusetta consisting of 150,000 eggs, has arrived at the fish hatchery at Coeur . . . J. A. Gallagher of Heppner is visiting G. N. Ross, whose home town is Ontario, is a Portland visitor. his brother in Portland. d'Alene. The Christian church at Moscow has purchased a \$1500 lot upon which a church edifice to cost \$40,000 will be R. L. Jordan of Prineville is at the Mrs. Jennie Horn of Klamath Falls is visiting relatives in Portland:

## **OBSERVATIONS AND IMPRESSIONS** OF THE JOURNAL MAN

By Fred Lockley

[A veteran of the campaigns in Egypt and arrived from Gallipoli, attacked the Mesopotamia tells Mr. Lockley about the British operations in those countries during the great war and of the problems that Great British seize the Suez canal. Again the Turks operations in those countries d war and of the problems that were routed, with heavy slaughter and mandatory over Mesopotamia will face.] driven back. Bassora was the British

Captain E. G. Baxter, formerly of the base in Mesopotamia. Royal Flying Corps of Great Britain, was recent Portland visitor. With others rom Great Britain's air service he was

detailed for duty in France, Egypt and Amara to General. Townshend, but in Mesopotamia. In an hour's talk he told January, 1917, the British resumed the me of many interesting incidents rela- offensive. General Stanley Maude, with tive to his service in the Holy Land and 120,000 troops, pressed steadily forward

elsewhere in the Far East. against strong opposition, until he cap "Turkey's political existence in Europe tured Bagdad. The capture of Bagdad would have ceased after the Balkan war was a rather spectacular performance in 1913 had it not been for Germany's The British, in spite of heavy dust and protection," said Captain Baxter. "Ger- sand storms raging, secured a footing many was interested in maintaining the on March 8, 1917, on the banks of the political, integrity of Turkey. Germany Diala, and entered Bagdad - Sunday wanted to see a railroad extend from morning. General Cobb's forces oc Berlin to Bagdad, under German con- cupied the railway station, while Gen trol. This railroad and her interest in eral Marshall's troops held the left, and friendship for Turkey would have of the river. When the Anzacs, Indian assured Germany of the control not only troops. Lancashire troops and others of Asia Minor and the plains of Mesopo- marched through the palm groves and tamia but of the districts tributary orange groves and through the fertile fields into the city they were greeted She would have controlled Adrianople, which is the key to the by Armenians, Chaldeans, Arabs and Balkans, Salonika, the key to the Aegean Persians and men of many other 'tribes

district, and Constantinople, which, of without the law'. course, controlled not only the Black "General Allenby's men had equally roaches of the interesting experiences when they en-If Germany tered Jerusalem, silencing the Turkish sea but also the land approaches of the Euphrates and Tigris. could make Turkey strong, in both the and German guns, mounted on the military and the naval sense, she would Mount of Olives.

be a worth-while ally. Russia, coveting "Great Britain has taken over the man-Constantinople as she did, was regarded as the hereditary foe of Turkey. With date for Mesopotamia. The air force Great Britain, France and their allies has been made supreme, not an auxiliary on the side of Russia that determined or part of any other force. It is recog-Turkey's course. Germany, to win and nized that if there is a struggle it will hold the friendship of Turkey, promised occur in Mesopotamia. Mesopotamia not only to save Stamboul but to regain and its tributary territory form a rich for Turkey not only Egypt but also prize, and under modern irrigation and When the farming methods this one-time Garden Tunis, Algeria and Morocco. German emperor made his famous trip of Eden can be restored to its old-time in 1898 to Turkey and thence to Palesfertility.

tine and Syria, entering Jerusalem as a Knight Templar, he determined that "Large quantitles of war material are Mesopotamia, with its rich stores of corn, wine, oil, cotton and minerals, being shipped into Mesopotamia, for while Great Britain hopes there should pay tribute to the German emnever be another great war, the failure pire. His dream of a Berlin-Byzantiumof the United States to come into the Bagdad railroad came very near to reali-League of Nations, and the many minor wars now going on, make it imperative zation. . . .

to be prepared for eventualities. Meso "With the activity of the Turk in stirpotamia has a nomad population, and ring up the Bedouins and the natives of unrest and revolution are likely to occur in Egypt as well as in India and Meso-Egypt, Great Britain had to divert part potamia. The wandering Arabs and of her armed forces to hold Egypt and the Suez canal. She sent a strong force, tent dwellers, who live very much as from India, as well as British troops they did in Bible times, do not take You and the Anzacs. One of the first clashes kindly to modern civilization. occurred at the first battle for the Sues Britain has a heavy contract to canal, in which 111 British troopers were carry out in restoring and keeping peace killed and more than 2000 Turkish dead in Mesopotamia. Mesopotamia, to an Father (to Sammy, coming home in a were left on the desert. Hach Turkish extent, is the hub around which regiment was equipped with 250 camels. such spokes as Egypt, Palestine, Persia The British airmen flew low and and India. It will seem strange to have dropped bombs on the Turkish troops law administered by Great Br the ancient city of Bagdad, while to see and the camel trains, doing great execupatrols of British troops in Constanti

"On August 7, 1916, the Australian Light Horse and the New Zealand Mounted Rifles, who had but recently childhood of our race."

Directors of the Idaho Building -& Loan association at Boise propose crease the capital stock from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000. Organization of the Southern Idaho Bean Growers' association has been ef-fected at a meeting of about 50 growers at Twin Falls. Word has been received at Belse from officials of the Oregon Short Line that no reduction can be granted in the hay rate to Northern Idaho.

About \$100,000 will be available for road building in the Moscow district this year and \$500,000 will be spent in "For a while the British successes were public improvements in the city.

discounted by the disaster at Kut-el-The Idaho Assessors' association, in annual convention at Boise, decided to assess sheep at \$4 per head, range cat-tle at \$25, yearlings at \$12 and milch cows at \$40.

A railroad has been constructed to the phosphate beds eight miles front Soda Springs and soon, it is expected, ship-ments of phosphate rock will begin. The rock is crushed and sold to farmers for fertilizer.

> KNOW YOUR DORTLAND

"Silence" is the rule, but nevertheless, "I'll meet you in the periodical room of the library" has been so often repeated recently that it almost has attained a social status.

The average attendance of the periodical room has recently jumped from 500 to 700 a day. Located con-veniently on the first floor and well equipped with the best and most entertaining of periodical literature, the department has become a popular meeting place.

At noon, in the evening and on Sundays chairs are at a preinium, and favorite magazines and papers must be paged diligently by their prospective readers.

Once the timid question was heard, "Is this room for women, too?" But not so now. The collection of domes-tic and fashion magazines is the most used of any on file and the newspapers from the old home town have their constant readers among women as well as men.

will The Central library's periodical Often as collection grows rapidly. many as 20 new titles are received as gifts in the course of a month Publishers are generous in their treatment of the public library.

There are now on file, in the periodical room alone, 445 magazines covering a host of subjects, and 228 newspapers, from practically ail the population centers of the coun Oregon alone is represented in file with 102 newspapers. There are also newspapers from Canada, England, France, Scandinavia, Austra-Ha, New Zealand, Hawall and the Philippines.

Back numbers as well as the latest issues are kept on open shelves, and it is the cooperation of readers in returning the magazines to the shelves that makes the collection useful to these who come later.

mous vote of the whole territory, happening to be on all tickets, two of which I send you inclosed, which were printed

edraggled condition)-Great Scott ! how you look!

Father -- What! and with your new

Sammy-Yes: I didn't have time to

in December last to fill the vacancy ocof most of these species is tough, strong casioned by the resignation of Dr. Baband flexible, but because of its value cock, who left for New York by water. at the election which took place on the first Tuesday of the present month (June), at which I received the unani-

This here fussin' up of the school first tickets printed in Oregon. You

TOO SHORT A NOTICE From Capper's . Weekly,

Sammy-Yes, Pa; I fell in a mud