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It is another's fault if he is ungrateful, but is mine if I do not give. To find one thankful man I will oblige a great many that are not so.—Seneca.

IN THE SCRAP HEAP

THE Allied Commission of Con-I trol has been and is destroying

The commission has destroyed military airplanes, heavy field pieces best investments in the world. and poison gas machines.

Thirty-five thousand cannon of all code. It has been taken as a model kinds have been sent to the scrap by other states. Water put on the heap. More than 160,000 machine land makes crops certain, and that the nouse accepts the senate amend- take his seat" is probably wise. The speculation. S. L. Deachman. ments and the bill becomes a law. Tribune adds: "If President Wilson called In my letter to Mr. Deachman I had three million guns and the material ministration of the irrigation laws, for manufacturing them have been cost more than the value of the projunked.

The German people were for years taxed to purchase that armament. They paid for a large army and for its equipment. They bought battleships. The German nation was heavily armed.

were purchasing armaments and

They were ready for battle.

entered Belgium.

Now the army that it cost millions to train, cost millions to maintain, and cost millions to equip, is in the scrap heap. The fleet that it cost billions to build and maintain and man, is destroyed.

The equipment is passing away under the direction of the allied com-

cost. It was used to wreck Europe, terms bond deals are made and just twinkler as a great celestial diamond. And now it has all vanished. That is the grim story of arma-

ments, written in the blood of 10,-000,000 people, and paid for with the necessary to pay a big financial in- with naked eye or by aid of teleresources that would have fed the stitution a profit of \$212,700 to mar- scope involuntarily echoes the repeople of Germany, Austria, Ar- ket a million and a half dollars frain of David, "The heavens declare menia and China that are today worth of bonds. That is a far the glory of God and the firmament starving to death.

If, as he alleges in court, Enrico Oregon's state treasurer, and a wild Caruso was fed spoiled calves brains howl of protest was raised in that boy 14, have been arrested for burby his chef, the affair is no mere case, episode but almost rises to the importance of an international issue. Any chef who feeds his employer spoiled brains is no gentleman.

THE COLONIST MOVEMENT

THE Great Northern's order to reestablish homeseekers' rates to the Pacific coast comes like the schoed voice of James J. Hill. Behind some unplerced curtain of futurity, since his withdrawal from he speak again in direction of the pedestrians? railroad system to which he gave his life's energies, he would point in heads resulted from a series of falls to let the United States survive. Paydirection of the policy his successors observed on one of the slanting sideling the bill gave the nation somewalks, rain wet and oil filled one thing to work for Industry and October 10 on some tall trace.

Hill believed that a railroad day last week. should make its living and its profits It is where automobiles are parked change the balance when the time out of the country it traverses. To that the sidewalks cause most fre- came

make satisfactory returns freight quent slipping. Oil which drops cars must run loaded in both direc- from the transmission of the motors tions. When he was satisfied that a is carried to the sidewalks by region would sustain life and develop thousands of the feet of those who traffic, he sent his railroad line out slip.

scandal story about an unnamed business man recently. During the incomers paid as his railroad sys- evening eight men came to his office to lick him. Apparently it is better to mention names.

A Pennsylvania editor printed

FROM A WINDJAMMER

When he had them there he would introduce superior seed and high BILLY GOODE was a sailor. Many over the merits of the proposal, which the vast majority of commentators admit, than over the question as to whether grade livestock. He sought tennage and he got it in the Dakotas, in Montana, in Idaho, in Washington seaman on a British windjammer. or not action upon it should be postponed Then it was as purser in the British and in Oregon. The beneficent incimercantile marine. dent of his vast constructive en-

He was young, adventurous, had deavor was the development of the

which he left incomplete was the found as a trooper in the Fourth causes for a desire for postponement. cavalry, U. S. A. That didn't suit It says: him. He tried the newspaper field see that a comprehensive disarmament as a reporter on a San Francisco program involves a general compact with larger plan and large organization paper. From there he went to New some sort, call it what you will.' Mr. capable of employing land and York, still a news writer. He became city editor of the New York of league or association even though he water, power and transportation, in the creation of a really magnificent Evening Mercury and during the covering naval construction. By rush-the tree of their activities Spanish-American war represented a ing through at this session the three large press association on board Ad- broader program to which Mr. Root is miral Sampson's flagship.

In 1904 he went to London to become news editor of the Standard and later joint news editor of the who oppose and those who urge immedi-Daily Mail.

A few years later Herbert Hoover went to Belgium. He needed an able assistant. He heard of Billy sot preclude making the larger one Mr. Goode, went over to England and got Harding is supposed to favor." him, and made him his right hand man in Belgium.

United States Billy Goode was left in charge of the work in Europe, later by a Republican senator and adopted by to become an important official of rigation bills, a member of the the British food ministry.

Today he sits in a palatial office in Vienna, pushes a button, and sends for the premier of Austria. He is now Sir William Athelstane Meredith Goode, K. B. E., chairman of toward events will happen between this the Austrian section of the interna- promising complexion of affairs." Sometional reparations commission and Warmsprings project bonds were chief representative of the British treasury in Austria.

He is known as the uncrowned king of Austria, wielding as much power as the Hapsburgs in former time until the Harding administration

Billy Goode combined ambition, ability and industry, and thereby can be logically answered. The New this is not true. Let me say that there are modifications at some places, due rose from the deck of a windjammer to become one of the powerful men of Europe.

R. L. Sabin, L. J. Goldsmith and F. W. Mulkey are to be the initial tax commission under the Gordon bill which has passed the senate, if It is a redeeming fact that the original commission would be composed after he had gone out of office. Costly as present army and commission would be composed as present army and commission. It is a redeeming fact that the origiof men of such high character. Neither would be likely to abuse the tremendous power committed to the hands of the commission.

STAR GAZING

At the same time, other countries has found it profitable to make it days, Venus lights her torch in the appear that Oregon irrigation bonds western sky and strives, with at least

powerful army, would never have \$1,550,000. Reaping as they did, if near neighbors. To the eastern sky

miles. Sirius, brightest among the stars, bond deals that should be investi- is blighted by Venus, brightest of gated. The state is guaranteeing in- the planets, but Garrett Serviss gives terest on the bonds and it is the Sirius caste as contrasted with bulk The armament all came at great state's duty to know under what when he refers to the brilliant

The irreverent do not study the families of suns, stars and planets in One thing is certain: It is not the skies. The student who gazes

Two children, the girl 12 and the glary. And what is to be done with them? Certainly they can't be sent There is an excellent prospect for to the present state training schools. competitive building of battleships The boys' institution more nearly apamong the leading nations of the proximates a breeding station for

WHAT DID UNCLE SAM DO?

THE fervent patriots who plead I that Europe's debt to the United States be cancelled in order that WHILE sanding slippery streets overburdened nations "may not for the protection of horses, perish" will be comforted by consult-Europe billions of dollars. No one walks, rain wet and oil filled, one thing to work for. Industry and per-

DISARMAMENT'S

Borah's Resolution for a Tripartite Agreement Sets the Editors Debating, Mainly as to Whether Action Were Best Before or After Taking the New National Administration.

Consolidated Press Association The Borah resolution calling for an international conference on disarmament has started discussion in the press less over the merits of the proposal, which the vast majority of commentators aduntil President-elect Harding takes of-

tiations with Great Britain and Japan strong. He was ambitious, but had for a naval holiday has many supportthe liberty of equal opportunity was no obvious starting point on the road ers in the press, who urge that it will to success. He had no aid, no pow- be useless to discuss policies that have erful friends, no place made for him. Orleans Times Picayune (Ind. Dem.) He tired of the sea and was next goes into more detail than most in explaining what it holds to be the real now proposes a three-nation compact in interpreting the motives of both those

ate action, the Dallas News (Ind. Dem.) declares that Borah's argument is "well grounded," for to make the agreement which the latter has proposed "would The New York Evening Post (Ind.) likewise is "not impressed" with the argument for delay, for it thinks that "no embarrassment will be caused to a Republican president by negotiations instituted in accordance with a resolutian introduced a Republican congress." The Denver Rocky Mountain News (Ind.) also "deplores delay" and hopes "that the favorable opportunity will not pass, that those who believe in armament reduction as an essential factor in the estabwhat impatiently the Lynchburg News lation, and land values fell, but the (Dem.) demands: "In the name of com-mon sense, why is it that because Presi-been worse without the taxation of ion sense, why is it that because Presi-

Lodnon (Conn.) Day (Rep.) declares that to the extraordinary conditions through "anything that Borah might do at this which we have been passing; these have "anything that Borah might do at this time would have abortive results," because it would imperil "the success of Harding's compromise plan," and to abandon this plan for "any other premature" action would be "futile." The Providence Tribune (Ind. Rep.) and the Reno Gazette (Rep.) agree that, as the latter puts it, "to postpone consideration of the Borah resolution until Mr. Harding shall the death rattle of this game of land speculation.

Which we have been passing; these have just pulled up for a rest. We shall go on until the thing is fully established. I am not optimistic that it is going to be a short fight. There may be temporary recessions. There are bound to be, but the current of human progress something from Western Canada some time, and that something will be death rattle of this game of land speculation.

S. L. Deachman, this country are, it would seem better to leave the matter of a disarmament conference to be dealt with as a part of the new administration's general foreign pol-The Louisville Post (Ind.) also. feels that Mr. Root's advice "is more nearly right" and the Boston Herald (Ind. Rep), goes so far as to offer as argu-Seemingly, the big money trust that buys Oregon irrigation bonds E hind the curtains of night these ment in support of this sentiment that "if a suggestion for a conference on disarmament were to emanate from Washington at the present time, it could not be taken seriously at foreign capitals, al-

Some writers, while they are enthusistance, while it declares that the resolulently opposed any and all international agreements looking to disarmament?" Other watchers, too, have felt the The Norfolk Virginian-Pilot (Ind. Dem.) complish its defeat."

In the resolution the Cleveland Plain curity, but merely suggests that we look for congress to "lay its partisanship aside and take at least one step toward the performance of a service for the benefit of all nations, as well as their own," and the Birmingham News (Dem.) finds the plan "the fairest of all fair proposals ever made seeking to minimize the possibility of great wars."

preted by the Seattle Union Record (Labor), seems favorable: "We are glad Senator Borah is plugging away. Labor favors disarmament, right now, under the present system; if it cannot be under the present system, then labor favors the acquisition of another system. ator Borah is plugging away. Go on; we are plugging with you. The New York Herald (Ind.) and the

must have than Japan," but how many miles of coast line, how much shipping riod."

Curious Bits of Information

Father Crespi, who came to California on the expedition with Portola in 1769, was the first, says the San Francisco

of the trees, we gave them that of the color of the wood, Colorado." This dis-covery of the redwood was made by Father Crespi somewhere between Los Angeles and Monterey. Governor Fages, who came in 1782, later wrote in his diary of the redwoods: "Here are trees of girth so great that eight men placed side by side with extended arms are unable to embrace them."

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 accom-SINGLE TAX AT EDMONTON

Statement by One on the Ground Reply to One Alleging Failure. Portland, Feb. 12.—To the Editor The Journal-The following communication, for which I ask space in The Journal, was written in response to a letter I sent the Westerner, a newspaper published at Calgary, Alberta: Calgary, Alta., February 7, 1921. J. Hermann, Esq., Oregon Single Tax Caigary, Aita., February Hermann, Esq., Oregon Single Tax League, Portland, Or. Dear Sir: Yours of the fourth regarding the crash in Edmonton at hand. The clipping is in-Edmonton at hand. The clipping is in-teresting but not true.

Have you ever seen a person under-going a major operation? Usually the individual has been sick for some time. Usually the The day after the operation, generally speaking, he looks still worse. Of course, if an anti-single taxer came

speaking, he looks sun accourse, if an anti-single taxer came around to see him at that time he would report this in scare headlines in the dailies run by the cash register, somewhat as follows: "Deachman Ruined by Operation, Doctor Nearly Causes Ruin of Prominent Citizen. System Shocked by Ordeal. Cutting out the Big Tumor Nearly Fatal. Vast Quantities of Blood Lost." of Blood Lost. Edmonton had a tremendous outburst of speculation. Was that the result of the taxation of land values? To tell the of speculation. God's truth, in some measure it was, because when people heard of a city in which industry was free from taxation they rushed to it, and consequently there was a boom in land values. Nearly the same thing happened at the sinking of same thing nappened at the sinking of the Titanic; there were not enough life-boats to save all the passengers. That is not an argument against lifeboats, only a proof that when you have life-boats you must have enough of them. But the real difficulty of Edmonton is rather a failure to collect taxes than the failure of the taxation of land values. When the war broke out practically every person in this country—and, I think, all over the world—had sized it up as being a short and bloody war; the most pessimistic gave it six m There was a temporary shock to ness, and city councils in general post-poned the holding of tax sales, thinking the war would soon be over and then times would pick up. In addition to that a great many holders of prop-erty were soldiers, and of course it was impossible to force the collection of lishment of peace will maintain the agi-tation in its behalf, and that no un-toward events will happen between this and the inauguration to change the country. In consequence, vast arrears of taxes piled up, and now this is blamed on the single tax. Of course the single tax checked specu-

mon sense, why is it that because President Wilson happens to be president until the fourth of March, this legislation should not receive disposition before that time, but must be postponed to some time until the Harding administration has got full under way?"

Many writtens have a feel that provide a shandoned single tay as a failure. has abandoned single tax as a failure single tax had been abandoned in Western Canada.

> SHADE TREES CONSIDERED Over-Shading Alleged, With Special Reference to Growths of Maple Portland, Feb. 12 .- To the Editor of The Journal-The talk of an ordinance to regulate the growth of go on and wipe out the Oregon maple and replace it with trees that add to the a nuisance, with broken sidewalks

Mayor Baker is to be commended for "tarred with the same un-Americanism his stand against city nuisances and pests. Visitors note all the defects in Nations. Accordingly our splendid iso- a city when on a tour, and Portland lationists are working in the dark to ac- especially, because the roses have given it a world-wide reputation. Resident.

> the Farmer Sidesteps. Portland, Feb. 10 .- To the Editor proven by etc. - Oregonian, Febnouncement," ruary 9.

But the census reports, which are available to everybody, are: Oregon, percentage of rural population, 1890, 73.2; 1990, 67.3; 1910, 54.4; 1920, 50.1 almost an equal division for 1920, while States is 48.6.

abnormal situation. Oregon's chief products are grain, lumber, livestock, dairy, wool, fruit-that is, preeminently The state needs a rapid increase in rural population. Instead, it is rapidly declining. Why? Too much Portland, politics, too much taxes, too much much bonds, too many men "handling" real estate and too few cultivating it too many boulevards and scenic highways, and too few market roads. Farming has become so unremunerative that the usufruct of bonds and taxes is luring the farmers to the towns. J. B. Ziegler.

Uncle Jeff Snow Says:

The farmer in all countries has allus been able to stand a heavy gaff in the way of taxes and rents. He's most althem statesmen was right.

His Friend: "Nice day; let's take a

trip up to the zoo.' of the cedar, and without a cedar mother-in-law says I'm an old gorilla, that for thousands of years heavily world for development along the lines and as we knew not the names. When I go anywhere I want a change." laden river junks have been willfully of its foreign trade."

COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE Where there's a will there is usually a Where are the lace clustered valentines

of our school days? Why make these college girls consider heir health when beauty is at stake?

Lots of women are victims of this talking sickness" and don't know it. . . . Maybe our perspective is warped, but ve'd rather wear laurels as a clown than s a count.

universal smile than discover fourth dimension. "Omsk" sounds 'like the noise father makes when baby lands amidribs from the window sill.

By the same token, we'd rather create

We know lots of folks who can quali-y for President Wilson's new "bungalow nen" classification. It's a very proper term, too, while the countryside is flooded with second story countryside is flooded with men and their ilk.

If we counted all the heartaches caused

SIDELIGHTS Plumbers are scarce and they get shorter hours and more pay. Yet men fight to be elected to congress.—Klamath Falls Herald.

Look for defects in a person and you will always find them—but look for good points, and you will find them, too.—Cottage Grove Sentinel.

Few persons in this country know what Bolshevism is, but they know what it is not, and that is condemnation enough.—Roseburg News Review.

A great many people who sit in stuffed office chairs are issuing advice to others to go back to the land and do hard muscular work digging in the dirt.—Malheur Enterprise A German has written a book in which he describes three future wars.

which he describes three future wars. Maybe he is getting a commission from munition manufacturers.—Benton Coun-America is suffering from what might be termed our national ailment—an al-

most universal desire to obtain some-thing for as near nothing as possible.— La Grande Observer. The fatal tendencies of the man who diffin't know it was loaded are fast giving place to the motorist who is always

by the "comic" valentines, real folk ing place to the motorist who would forbid them circulation on this going at a very slow rate of speed when would forbid them circulation on this he kills his victims.—Crane American.

MORE OR LESS PERSONAL

Random Observations About Town

Verne Guthrie, who in the old days Eastern Oregon guests at the Imperial was employment secretary of the Port-land Y. M. C. A. but is now a traveling Sexton of The Dalles and Floyd Conro. salesman and a very successful one, still Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Desch. W. A. Grampe has a warm spot in his heart for his old and Rose Mayfair, all of La Grande. home town. In a recent letter, dated at Vancouver, B. C., to a Portland friend, he says: "Portland will have to look to its laurels if it wants to continue to be known as the Rose City. The civic bodies of this city are planning to make Vancouver the 'Rose City of the World.' The Kiwanis club is heading the movement and has already raised \$3500 as a start toward planting a huge rose garden in Stanley park." Mr. Guthrie does not state whether they will secure their rose bushes in Portland or borrow a few carloads of Portland roses when they want to decorate floats for civic occasions to impress tourists.

Mrs. Florence Dalton and Miss Opal G. Downs of Burns are registered at the Hotel Seward.

J. R. Lawrence, pioneer merchant of Ukiah, in Southern Umatilla county, is at the Imperial.

Bess Kilgore of Klamath Falls is at the Seward. Mr. and Mrs. A. King of Mount Angel are at the Benson.

George H. Graves of Salem is a guest at the Benson. business in Portland. Harry Tabke, traffic manager for the Port of Astoria, is at the Multnomah.

B. F. Stone of Astoria is a Portland visitor. W. R. Coulter of Baker is in Portland. John L. Zenor, U. S. C. G., is a guest at the Multnemah.

Jay Billings of Wallowa is at the Multnomah. Arthur Putnam of Huntington is at the Multnomah. P. J. Cook of La Grande is a guest at

Drs. W. B. Lee, J. L. Hesse and C. B Willoughby of Eugene are Portland Suzita Espy of Ocean Park is a Port

land visitor. Lydia Bowers of Pendleton is at the

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Byers of La Grande are at the Cornelius. Mr. and Mrs. R. Blanchard of Newport are guests at the Cornelius. Mrs. J. J. Simor of Monument is a

R. J. Carson of Spray, in Wheele county, is a guest at the Imperial. Mrs. Amo Schaffer of Wasco is Portland visitor. Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Forester of Tax

gent are Portland visitors. W. F. Ramsdel, forest supervisor, is in town from Roseburg. E. N. Crockett of Bend is transacting

Dolly Madison of Bend is visiting her brother in Portland. Mrs. George Wilhelm of Harrisburg is Portland visitor.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Howard of Hood River are at the Seward. Mrs. E. N. Warner and her daughter Ruth of Medford are at the Seward. Rex Underwood of Eugene is at the

Fanny and May Sommer of La Grande are registered at the Portland. L. E. Fry of Condon is at the Benson

the Portland. OBSERVATIONS AND IMPRESSIONS OF THE JOURNAL MAN

By Fred Lockley

[A veteran in sea trade is quoted by Mr. Lockley today in the interest of market finding in the Far East. He indicates the profits, as well as certain present perils, of trading with Chinese for the interest of their controls. far in the interior of their great country, and predicts boundless rewards, too, as within the Americans who will move themselves

One of the most interesting men I have ever interviewed is that veteran mariner, its navigation we have been Captain Robert Dollar. He is of the old type, a rugged navigator of the seven seas whom P. H. Lowry had in mind when he wrote:

In a recent issue of the Pacific Marine Review Captain Dollar tells of the opportunities for American trade in the inerior of China. He says:

"The Yangtsze-Kiang river is the principal artery of trade in Central China-from the oldest times in Chinese his-tory there has been boat traffic on this river, and on its lower reaches in mod-non-interference. The organized Chinese river, and on its lower reaches in modern times there has been considerable bandits, however, who infest the mounsteamer traffic. Of later years this tain stretches of the river, saw an opsteamer service has extended to include the upper reaches of the river. The they decided to compel our steamers to service naturally divides itself into three pay heavy tribute to them every time separate and distinct divisions. The we passed. Knowing from previous exlower river, from Shanghai, or from arranged to have the American gunthe ocean, to Hankow, a distance of 740 boat El Cano follow our steamer, and ers can reach Hankow at any period of established their, point for collecting the year, and at time of high water tribute a few shots soon had them run that port. The middle reach of the river, from Hankow to Ishang, has a distance of 370 miles, and on this reach trip, so he put machine guns on our fair sized steamers are running with steamer and gave us three marines for considerable regularity. The country is each gun, the guns being covered with of the river, from Ishang to Chungking. Our marines stripped the guns, and after includes a distance of 462 miles. Of a volley or two the bandits decided that includes a distance of 462 miles. Regular steamer service is maintained dits saw the Stars and Stripes they with palatial passenger steamers and large freighters. The trade here is grow-large freighters. The trade here is grow-large freighters. ing steadily and will continue to grow as the vast population living on the plains on either side of the river becomes alive to modern civilization. On the n On the middle steamers with an increasing demand for better service are the rule.

write more particularly at this time. found five dead soldiers on the street in This reach of the Yangtsze-Kiang river front of the office. This will show is practically the only communication little of the varied adventures and exfrom the outside world with the prov- periences that are still found in the deince of Szechuen, the largest and one of the richest provinces in China, justly lands and in the gathering up of a called in Chinese history 'Nature's cargo for our trans-Pacific steamers. estimated population of from 60,000,000 to 70,000,000 absolutely self-supporting quite a large export trade in bristles, and having, as previously mentioned, no hides, musk, silk, Chinese medicines communication with the outer world ex- goatskins, wool and many other com cept through this upper reach of the modities, and this trade is capable of Yangtsze-Kiang river and by tortuous almost unlimited development. Szechuen foot trails over very difficult and high also possesses coal, copper, gold, petromountains.

ficult and dangerous and require shallow gorges is about 100 feet from low to

, navigated down these rapids and dragged back just as heavily laden by sheer man power, the river coolies on the towpath dragging the beat over the heavy rapids by means of long bamboo cables.

"Our company has recently placed on this route an American steamer, and in some experience which might be of in terest to those operators who are interested in the development of Chinese trade. As is well known, interior China "The wild, fierce freedom of the stubborn seas
Beats in our blood; the similit morning comes
And down the dawn we hear great destinies
Calling our courage, like rich distant drums,"

Calling our courage, like rich distant drums," of the Yangtsze-Kiang river and par-ticularly along this upper stretch of the river, so that most of the Chinese owned steamers on this stretch have gives up navigation. At first the troops on both sides were rather unwilling about allowportunity and between the two armies first of these includes what is called the perience that we might expect this, we miles. Fair sized modern freight steam- when we came to where the bandits had ocean going freighters can easily make ning for cover. However, the captain of so flat that at Ichang, over 1000 miles tarpaulins. On our next trip, seeing no from the sea, the elevation above sea gunboat on hand, the bandits immedi level is only 130 feet. The upper reach ately attacked the ship with musket fire the lower reach of the river there is lit- discretion was the better part of valor. tle to write of any unusual interest. On subsequent trips whenever these ban-

"Changsha, the upper terminus of our route, is a walled city of nearly 1,000,000 people. This summer Changsha was held by Yunan troops. These were driven out October 24, 1920, by Szechuen troops after sanguinary fighting, and when the firing ceased and our office employes "It is of the upper run that I wish to had ventured out from under cover they velopment of American trade in distant "The province of Szechuen has now

leum and salt; in fact, is said to be one "The upper reach of the river is through a series of deep gorges filled with strong rapids, which make navigation very difto man, many of which are still fun draft steamers of very high proportional thorse power and of about 16 knots speed. their first installation. Its people are some idea of the nature of the gorges industrious to a degree possessed by permay be obtained when it is stated that haps no other people in the world, unthe average rise of the river in the less it be that other section of the Chinese nation so much in the limelight ing the bill gave the nation something to work for. Industry and perseverance provided the ability to dustry of the Chinese race is the fact is one of the richest fields left in the

The Oregon Country

Northwest Happenings in Brief Form for the Busy Reader

OREGON NOTES

The Corvallis schools have installed courses in elementary plumbing and electric wiring. The Hood River health officer reports four cases of smallpox, and a strist quarantine has been established.

The Umatilia county farm bureau has a membership of 200 at present and an attempt is being made to increase it to 500. The Lane county fair will be held Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Fri-day prior to the state fair at Salem

Lambing is already under way in a number of the sheep camps of Umatilia county. All is shed lambing at present and good results are reported. The building fever has struck Med-ford and a number of residences will be started as soon as spring opens. business houses are also in cor

At Dryden fire of unknown origin to-tally destroyed the warehouse of the Bohlke Fruit company, together with 50,-000 boxes of apples. The loss is about \$150,000.

The depth of snow at Craier Lake rim is 11 feet, and at Anna Spring camp, five miles lower down, is 10 feet. The

depth is five feet more than last year About 65 per cent of the 1920 crop of wheat in Umatilia county has been sold, and while there is a noticeable tendency to hold the grain, a number of farmers

have sold since January L. About 2500 tons of ore per day is being fed into the smelter of the War Eagle quicksilver mine, located in the Meadows district of Jackson county. The smelter has been in operation two

One hundred twenty-nine registrations in correspondence courses during the month of January is the highest record

for a single month yet reached by extension division of the University Oregon. More than a million dollars for import ant construction projects in and around Pendleton is in sight and plans now well matured call for the expenditure of the most of this money during the

coming year. WASHINGTON

Six men, alleged members of the I. W. W., were arrested at Spokane Saturday for selling radical literature on the streets. The Frank Graddis post of the American Legion at Woodland has established a labor bureau for the southern part of

Cowlitz county. Forty-eight thousand tons of ice have been cut and stored in the Northern Pa-cific ice houses in Yakima, Ellensburg, Toppenish and Pasco.

Lawrence Boulet, an employe of a grocery store at Moline, was killed near Elma when a truck he was driving over-turned, crushing him beneath it. Reports from Yakima indicate that the unemployment situation is decidedly im-proved and that within a week or two the greatest need for jobs will be met. Helen Heimbigner, aged 9, of Odessa, died at a hospital in Spokane from what doctors characterized as sleeping sick-ness. The child had been asleep two

Assessors of Washington have agreed upon a rate of value of \$6 for ewes of standard breeding and \$4 for the gen-eral run of bucks. Last year the taxes were based on a \$12 valuation.

Mrs. Lucy Jane Goodwin, aged 83, is dead at her home in Walla Walla. Mrs. Goodwin crossed the plains many years ago, her husband, Dr. L. H. Goodwin, being captain of a train of 100 ox-drawn

A temporary restraining order has been issued enjoining the city of Scattle from paying interest on the \$15,000,000 utility bonds by which the street railway was purchased, until wages and operating expenses are paid.

A Yakima nursery has just shipped a consignment of apple and pear grafts and year-old cherry trees to Rev. J. S. Nelson, a missionary in the interior of China The Centralia Mill & Supply company has filed articles of incorporation at Chehalis. The capital stock is \$190,000.

IDAHO In a raid by revenue officers at Sand-point last week 65 quarts of liquor were seized, valued at over \$1000. News is received at Pocatello that for-mer Senator Dubois is to head the capi-tal service and information bureau at Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Margaret J. Holbrook, aged 83, an Oregon pioneer of 1844, and Mrs. Martha Coburn, aged 80, who crossed the plains in 1866, died at Lewiston last week. Lewiston is entertaining for the first time in its history the Pacific Northwest Hardware & Implement Dealers' associ-ation. Portland jobbers are in attend-

freight transportation

Masked bandits entered a poolroom at the town of Bruneau in Southwestern Idaho, lined up the occupants against a wall and robbed them of \$1500 in cash and all their valuables.

A scholarship donation of \$100 a yeahas been offered to Boise high schoostudents by Dr. H. N. Holverson. This will be used to send the student to medical college at Valparaiso, Ind.

dures the state to sell part of its Lib-erty bonds and lend the money invested in them to farmers who find themselves hard pressed to meet their obligations. The 7-year-old daughter of F. S. Coo received fatal injuries when she was thrown through the windshield of her father's automobile as it collided with a highway construction wagon parked near Pocatello.

KNOW . YOUR DORTLAND

A few mornings ago a mere may went timidly to make a talk to the librarians of Portland. His timidity was increased when, after his introduction by Miss Anne Mulheron, chief librarian, he found himself confronting an audience without a single masculine countenance in it.

Do the people of Portland and

Multnomah county realize that the most efficient library organization in the United States-and Portland has just that rank-has a staff composed

library pay roll-but not as librarians. They do the heavy work that doesn't require trained brains. do such things as keep the library building clean, and wheel books from one corner to another, and move tables and chairs, and hang pictures

all the softly modulated voices, which are both evidence of refinement and a lence." there is not a single bass

training and special study than could be claimed by any other group of women in Portland, or, perhaps, any other city. It is to be doubted if a be gathered from other than the universities and colleges of Oregon.

with the librarians of Portland, They do everything with the precision and efficiency of a machine.

entirely of women?

A few men, of course, are on the

and maps. But the guiding genius and gen-iuses are all of the fair sex. Among

result of training in an instituti where the sign on the wall says "Si-The professionally trained young women who constitute the Portland sent in the aggregate more university

And the man who contends women are not systematic and busi-nesslike should become acquainted

A Texas cowpuncher, after a visit to New York recently, declared that there was no crime wave in the me-

tropolis-that it was just some of the people trying to get even. THEIR BIG PROFITS

IN THE debate at Salem on the ir-

ments of passenger service. He

wanted the people on the land.

homes of those whose hunger for

James J. Hill was a giant figure

full possession of this great region

is, and that can only be done by

theatre of their activities.

Builder.

thereby satisfied.

house declared that irrigation bonds asserted that irrigation bonds are sold on the Portland market at \$1.01. Mr. Gallagher declared that the

sold by the brokers at \$1 to \$1.02.

Bonds on a sound irrigation project should be first class security. They are subject to none of the whims of the public as is true of utility securities under public service commissions. The security is the land, and land under production is first mortgage on the farms of the irrigation district, and the farm

Oregon has a splendid irrigation

ducing land. Why should irrigation bonds, then, be "poor security"? Why, with the state itself guaranteeing the interest on such bonds for a period, should they not be a splen-

did security?

other peoples were strapped to pay are "poor security." Mr. Gallagher the result of general attention, to their taxes. They were competing asserted in the debate that the bonds outshine both Sol and Luna. of the Warmsprings project in his Dickens, who suggested in his As a result of it all, European county were bought by a big Califor- "Tale of Two Cities" that the great- resolution, make it a point to mention countries were armed to the teeth. nia institution at 90 cents on the nesses and the littlenesses of a world the inconsistency of its author. They had the rifles, the cannon, the dollar and sold at \$1 to \$1.02, yield- might be comprehended within the Oregon Journal (Portland, Ind.), for inairplanes, and the machine guns. ing a profit to the bond buyers of light of a twinkling star, may have tion "deserves support," comments that \$155,500, in addition to a brokerage watched Venus as, in defiance of "if Borah is right in his present conten-An excuse presented itself and the fee of 4 per cent, amounting to \$57,- daylight, she led the van of heavenly tion, what else could he be but wrong" battle was on. Ten million lives 200. The buyers' profits alone in luminaries into Omar Khayyam's when, during the campaign, "he viowere spent and billions upon billions the deal were thus \$212,700. The "bowl of night." in wealth. Europe was stripped of contractors' cost plus profit added wealth. Europe was stripped of to the bond discount and brokerage earth grow small while they looked also finds "the senator's object commendable," but ironically adds that it is to fight a conflict that would never totaled \$427,200. The original esti- out into the limitless vastness of the have occurred had the nations of mate of the cost of the project was universe. Venus is only 87,400,000 that mars the covenant of the League of Europe been unprepared. The \$750,000. The actual cost in bonds miles away, a bit closer than the sun, kaiser, without his fleet and his issued against the project was and Mars and Mercury are other

> Mr. Gallagher's charge is true, a are Jupiter and Saturn, giants the impression that Oregon irriga- earth and Saturn is 792,300,000 tion bonds are a "poor security." There are transactions in these

what profits are being made out of the manipulation of bonds. heavier profit than Morris Brothers showeth His handiwork." made in its bond transactions with

world. Germany and England en- criminals than a reformatory. tered on such a race and the world is badly scarred from the war that followed.

mundane things, the empire builder's why not do something to extend the ing their own national history. personality is obscured. But could humane impulse for the benefit of Uncle Sam, after the Civil war, owed Sprained ankles and bruised suggested cancellation of the debt Call, to write of the redwood tree. In

THEY WHO SLIP

DELAYS

Daily Editorial Digest

Mr. Root's objection to allowing the land and its occupancy with the an active brain and body, and was present administration to initiate nego-

Following the same line of reasoning

Many writers, however, feel that query

though it might be given the courtesy of acceptance in principle."

profit of \$427,200 in the construc- among the planets that make their | Dealer (Ind. Dem.) sees a "nighty meritorious" factor in the "stampede for tion of a million dollar project, it orbit around the sun, but Jupiter ap- economy in the matter of national deis undoubtedly very profitable for pears less bright than Venus be- fense" and points out that "it does not The Journal-"That the generally befinancial houses to spread abroad cause he is 415,750,000 miles from propose economy at the expense of secarefully before we leap." To the San Antonio Light (Ind.) it is an opportunity

The point of view of labor, as inter-

New York Tribune (Rep.) are hardly enthusiastic over any scheme. The former feels that "the issue which this country must settle with itself and nobody else not "how many more warships we population and wealth "we have to defend and preserve." The Tribune thinks our navy needs "rebalancing" rather than "expansion on the old one-phase basis," and in all probability Japan and Great Britain will welcome "the opportunity to shelve some of the more costly forms of construction for a certain pe-

Gleaned From Curious Places

known to us, having leaves very unlike my wife's as cross as a bear, and my

trees seems to have had the desired reach of effect in Irvington on a few of the streets; and a good thing it is, too, for where they have been pruned the property looks 100 per cent better, and the streets are lighter and more cheerful these gloomy days. Let the good work

beauty of the district. One block, especially, is a disgrace-Twenty-second to Iwenty-fourth on Tillamook street. That block seems to have a pull, some way for the growth of the maples has become lawns destroyed, buildings looking dingy and dirty, trees lapping across the street, making it always damp and dark and shutting out the street lights in some places the whole length of a block. Some beauty, that, for a fine city called

OREGON'S DRIFT CITYWARD Dealer (Ind. Dem.) sees a "highly mer- Recapitulation of Items in the "Load" the farms to the city population is not true as to Oregon is

> the percentage for the whele United The significance of these figures for Oregon is that they display an obviously

lus willin', too, and I reckon our Amerfarmers'd hold mass meetin's in protest if they was to have their taxes tuck offen their hoof critters and work stock like they do up in Western Canady. When some statesmen a few year ago told some farmers to go home and slop the hogs and not try to be statesmen, there was a mighty strong senti-ment expressed by lots of farmers that ALL OF IT OLD STUFF