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It is not work that kills men; it is worry. Work is healthy; you can hardly put more upon a man than he can bear. Worry is rust upon the blade. It is not the revolution that destroys the machinery, but the friction. Fear secretes acids, but love and trust are sweet juices.—Beecher.

COST PLUS UTILITIES

THE cost plus system has been discredited. Employed in the United States during the war period as an emergency measure, the principle was found to be economically

and a detriment to the public.

vided through revenues from the of Portland's citizens. public with the means to pay the cost of their service, and, in addition, are guaranteed the profit. It is pure and simple cost plus. The heavier the capital investment-whether the investment is necessary or not-the bigger are the profits which the company demands and gets.

The cost of service is nothing to the corporations. If the operating expense is \$6,000,000 a year instead of \$4,000,000 it is all the same to the company. There is no incentive toward efficiency, no reason to protect the public interest through rock bottom economy, no argument for increased subscribers through lowered rates. The cost of service, whatever it may be, is paid by the patrons of the utility. Officials, then, can afford to be careless of costs. The public pays the operating expense regardless of its proportions.

And after the operating expense or the costs are cared for, the utilities dig a little deeper into the patrons for the "plus" or the return on the investment. The greater the investment the greater the profits to the utility. Why, then, should officials be niggardly about investing money? The more they put in the more they get out. And just like the war contractors, they are guaranteed the "plus." The federal government guaranteed it to the war cost-plusers and the state gov-

In dealing with utilities, is it sound policy to cling to the cost plus system which the people of the United States submitted to during the war because of the emergency and then BEHIND every man's success or abandoned as unsound? It is hard Bailure lies a woman, someone

E Telegraph company, of which the strength is counted, and he found intelligent cooperation by Oregon Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph in the glowing cheeks of a young manufacturers with those who are company is a subsidiary, is not in im- girl his source of inspiration. dividends of thirty-edd million dollars Hamon was both the Hebe and the be made fully successful.

last year, in addition to quadrupling priations.

system that Brandels applied to Bos- heart out," she said. ton gas: The lower the rate the profit.

GASSED in France!

He is now at Tucson, Arizona, in a desperate fight for his life against the ravages of tuberculosis. He is Dr. Littlefield, prominent figure in a well known Yamhill county family.

strong men who know all too well what it means when you are gassed in France.

sail over an obsolete battleship next | The movie men are too prone (Without Sunday)
One year.....\$3.00
Six months... 3.25
Three months... 1.75
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Three months... 1.75 tends to also show that a battleship prizefighters and sensational char-One rest.....\$3.50 can be forced into submission by acters off the screen. They should the use of gas.

say, from the kind that puts men and there let the past be lost in gently to sleep to the poisonous forgetfulness. mustard variety and the tear gas can, in explosive shells, be dropped from an airplane to fill and permeate battleships below and smother all on board.

The best chemists in the world of extravagance? are feverishly working to unlock the secrets by which chemical com- in high places and low was unloosed pounds will replace bullets and by that drunken spending orgy? shrapnel and mere shells in hurrychemists discovered near the close of the war, a gas which scientists know would, when ample supply was at hand, have enabled the American Army to blast its way to Berlin almost unopposed, are undoubtedly to be added other discoveries in which the extinction of life will be on a scale beside which destruction in the late war will be as nothing.

Then "gassed in France" will be but the dead ashes of a dim memory. Gas victims will not be wrecks thousand under headboards in France, but be in piles and heaps ing spree. and rows unmatched in the history of the earth, unguessed in the proph- ernment money that was supplying negligence or stupidity-equally criminal ecies and dreams of men.

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by of Portland have gone far to rec- have dried up and that it is only the theatres range from cen-The greater the cost the greater was sorship and the price of admission to their profit. As a result the govern- indictment of titles that seem to ment and public were unmercifully have been selected for their sordid burdened with excessive and watered appeal. In the pow-wow the critical segment of the public, at least, is The price of materials meant a inclined to view the theatre heads great deal of the cost-plusers. The as mere profit grubbers, callous to overhead meant something to those the calls of citizenship, morality and who held contracts and were goug- the plight of the unfortunate. When ers. The higher the cost the greater the theatre men turn their houses was the return to the operator. The over to the speakers and slides of top heavy businesses paid the big a community enterprise and give the profits. As a result, the cost plus Community Chest appeal prominent system has been universally con- place before an average daily attenddemned as unwholesome in business ance of 50,000 or 60,000 people, they reveal the fact that they are as earn-But the public service corpora- est in their public spirit and as sotions in Oregon are operating under licitous to do their share for the the cost plus system. They are pro- general welfare as any other class

THE FRENCH POLICY

IT IS proposed that as a measure of national economy all American woodsmen be sent to take a course in forestry in France. Foresters who went to France during the war are said to have been thoroughly planting a tree whenever a tree is cut. As a reward of this policy, the by a Tacoma firm. French had, to meet the war emergency, enough timber for bridge and

railroad construction. The forests of the Columbia basin contain some 700 billion feet of standing timber what appears to be factured on a large scale in Portan exhaustless supply. But once upon a time the prairies of the United States were over-run with countless buffalo. Wild pigeons darkened the sky with their flight. Salmon once crowded streams where they are no

longer known. Senseless destruction without propagation always foreshadows annihilation. Nature has created no resource valuable to man which is beyoud the destructive power of man.

The forests of today in Oregon and Washington will be the ruins of the tomorrow of national history, unless reproduction walks side by side with consumption.

Another visitor to Portland wanted ernment guarantees it to the utility of the "confidence men." It cost him about \$3000. Such education usually is expensive.

### CLARA HAMON

to believe that the public corpora- has observed. Either because of her to buy Oregon-made goods of the tions in Oregon, some of which are inspiration or because he wants to existence of which they have never tails to another and larger kite, are make her regret snubbing him, he heard. The spreading of informain need of the "emergency" assist- succeeds. Strong men take one of tion as to what they are producing ance of their patrons through the the two courses. Weaker men give is one of the first steps to success up to disappointment and fail. Jake in building up manufacturing indus For one, the American Telephone Hamon was a strong man, as such tries. Only by the fullest and most

Nemesis of Jake Hamon's life. She its surplus and contingency appro- was the cupbearer of his success, the witch who brewed his poison. "Cast The true plan for utilities is to me from you and through me the old make national and universal the law of compensation will strike your

Her prophecy was fulfilled. The larger the profit to the utility, and moth whirligigged round the flame the higher the rate the smaller the with intensity, and though its wings were singed and its body soiled it ultimately snuffed the flame to nothingness.

With the blaze gone-the source of its activity-what is to become of the moth with the burned pinions? Movies at \$1000 a week? That sum has been offered the moth to appear on the screen.

Does anyone wish to see the sordid story of Clara and Jake Hamon re-Under little headboards are a lot enacted? Wouldn't transforming her of them who were gassed in France. into a movie queen glorify her too All over America are the wrecks of much? Wouldn't such financial success serve to hold her up as a model example rather than as a horrible warning? Should we be put in a And America is preparing, in the position to applaud a person for next war to gas, not merely men, but flying on wings of infamy to

bombs, the American air service in- profits. It is time that they kept allow Clara Hamon to quietly slip Any kind of gas, the air chiefs back into her destined place in life

STILL DRUNK?

How much of the crime wave is due to America's late debauch

How much of tumultuous passion

Some workers with big salaries are ing armies into eternity. To the often encountered even yet, borrowdevilish secret gas which American ing money to tide them over. Why should they borrow? Have the extravagances and prodigality of yesterday become habitual to them, not

Young boys who formerly worked in the shipyards at a huge wage have been caught still trying to make easy money by burglaries. They bought neckties at \$3.50 when wage getting was good. They became accustomed to giddy expenditures of the rich, like silk shirts and other of men here and there and a few costly trifles, in those days when the country was on its wild spend-

Have all forgotten that it was govthe cash in those giddy, golden days and that the supply has since been By their unanimous backing of cut off? Do men and boys and the Community Chest campaign the women and girls not realize that (Ind. Dem.) feels that there are "un-

Those were evil days—those days Those were evil days—those days just now our relations with England are when America was intoxicated with more delicate than with any other nation its easy money and crazed with a desire to buy costly things. They ever, expresses little sympathy for Britdragged from its moorings the thing that built up the country-the principle and policy of thrift. They swept minds out of their sane course, blew them out off their balance with the poisoned gas of extravagance.

We are headed back to normalcy The gilded days of easy money are gone. The government's cash box is closed and locked. There is shrinkage in everything and there will be more in most things.

The wise worker, the practical worker, the worker who looks ahead. has hauled in sail, is shandoning the habits acquired when the country was drunk and putting his house in order for normalcy.

MADE IN OREGON-BUT

DIDS on chairs, involving an order D of thousands of dollars, were recently opened at an Oregon institu- (Dem.). with freight prepaid was submitted

At a speech-making dinner within few miles of Portland, California catsup was on the tables. The proprietor didn't know that Oregon catsup as good if not better is manuland.

The Journal has worked hard to encourage the use of Oregon-made products. But it cannot do all. Manufac urers must do something.

They must make the price right. why a better chair can be made at Tacoma and be sold at a price lower than an inferior Oregon-made chair. Sentiment cannot govern business Thousands of buyers realize that purchase of Oregon goods means more employment for Oregon workers, more clothes and schools and matic relations will not result." shoes for Oregon children, more business for Oregon dealers, more Oregon capital earning profits, more activity and more general prosperity

in Oregon. But they want goods approximately as good as the foreign article, and want them at something like the same price. Manufacturers generally realize this, but there are some apparently who do not.

Nor can Oregon people be expected spreading the gospel of using Oreediate need of financial aid. It paid Strangely enough Clara Smith gon-made goods can the campaign

#### WAR WITH BRITAIN?

Anonymous Hint From Abroad Is Viewed Soberly Though Not With Alarm by America's Editors— "Unthinkable," Most Say, and Thence Proceed to Write Recipes for Keeping It So.

Daily Editorial Digest (Consolidated News Association)

That "anonymous and mysterious warning" from an official of the British foreign office to the effect that his coun try and ours are "treading the path that leads to war" is not taken very seriously by the American press. It is, however, discussed from a number of angles. The possibility of actual physical conflic between Great Britsin and the United States is dismissed by the majority of writers with the one 'unthinkable." But at the same time it is felt that if conditions exist which would justify such a statement from an foreign office disclaims any responsibility in its utterance, both countries

So far as the public knows now the Kansas City Star (Ind.) believes that "there is nothing to justify any such and the man who made it "gives the impression of suffering from nerves." But from the point of view of most writers the matter cannot be so lightly passed over. The St. Louis Star (Ind.) welcomes the "salutary effect" that a warning issued under such "It is well to have the instinctive revulsion from it which all but a few Americans and Britons must have felt"; and that it was "well spoken" even if it was intended merely as "a plea to exercise patience and guard against statements or actions which might serve to arouse feeling in America or England."

Most of the papers seek to get back of the "warning" itself and to determine the points at which relations are sufficiently strained to warrant so extraordinary a position as the British official assumes. Naturally the Irish sit nation and the war debt appear as the as is generally conceded to exist. The Pittsburg Sun (Dem.) seems inclined to place on the United States most of the blame for the present lack of friendliness, and construes the statement question "as a plain warning to this country that the temper of the British people, historically slow to wrath, is sorely tried." Undoubtedly, in the opinion of the Sun, "some American spokesmen have given serious cause for offence to Great Britain" and "there are in this country swashbuckling demagogues whose dearest wish is to see the two countries at swords' points." Since, at the same time, "systematic efforts have been made in Great Britain to crystallize hatred of everything American" the Sun concludes: ican and British ships of state are not drifting apart. They are drifting blindly together toward terrific impact on befogged seas. It is time to drop anchor and take soundings. The omin of the foghorn has been heard. Only

Aside from such "absurd consequences questionably factors of growing importance in the relations between the United since, as the Fort Wayne Journal Gasette (Dem.) puts it, it is certain "that on the globe.'

The New Orleans Item (Ind.), howish resentment against the American attitude on the various matters which are causing friction. The American fleet, it holds, "is a protection, not a menace to Great Britain," and further: cussion of the settlement of a debt is a business proposition. Discussion of the Irish question is one that our people as overs of liberty and as champions lumanity have a right to engage in. Discussion of the payment of a just debt is human nature. Discussion war between the English speaking peoples on these grounds is absurd.

There is, as the Springfield Republican (Ind.) sees it, a simple explanation of the "maladjustment which the two countries are discovering in their rela-tions": "What has happened is that the old system of contacts between Britain and America have been wrenched and twisted by the war. They now find themselves in touch under strange conditions, often with divergent aims and interests. The entire world is undergo-ing a new orientation; Britain and America are whirling in the

fered by the Norfolk Virginian Pilot (Dem.). The British official's stateconverted to the French policy of tion. A better chair at less cost and ment, it finds, is but one of "several indications of a spirit of distrust," a large part of which doubtless arises from the fact that "the United States has shown a disposition to keep the world at arms' length, and arms' length dealings tend to create suspicions." The Charlotte (N. C.) News (Dem.) shares this view, declaring that we are merely "getting what is coming to us if the rest of the world is suspicious of us, regarding us with envy and jealousy, and is preparing to lay down the law to us.'

Bad as relations between the two countries are, the Providence Tribune (Ind. Rep.) feels that "they are better than they might be if Britons were less patient than they are with the meddlesome attempts in this country to make trouble," and while "to most minds war between the United States and There is not a reason in the world Great Britain is unthinkable," the world war was just as "unthinkable" but ocnevertheless. Other papers agree that such a war is not ent The Lynchburg (Va.) News (Dem.) warns that neither country "should, in good sense, embrace the assumption that no matter what hapwhat nature of provocation is offered, dangerously strained diplo-Attaching more significance to the warning itself than do most of its contemporaries, the Durham (N. C.) Sun (Ind.) thinks "it is probably intended to express the possibility, not of war now, but of war within the next half century," when it "may easily become nec-

Curious Bits of Information Gleaned From Curious Places

The Jericho region is supplied with three kinds of water, and this prodigality, coupled with the historic fame of the Jordan valley, has furnished a regular formula of bathing for pilgrims to course, every tourist has to bathe in the Dead Sea; it is the thing to do, writes

composed of salt, kerosene and lye, drives off to the Jordan and seeks re-lief in the muddy water of that river. Then, as night rapidly settles in the deepest wrinkle on the face of Mother deepest wrinkle on the face of Mother Earth, the tired traveler rides between the miserable hovels which constitute modern Jericho and dismounts at the Sultan's spring, once sweetened by Elisha. Here the water is collected in a large pool, both cold and clear, and few indeed resist the temptation to plunge into it and remove forever any lingering signs of the holy but muddy waters of the Jordan.

## Letters From the People

[Communications sent to The Journal blication in this department should be writtenly one side of the paper; should not exc of words in length, and must be signed by ter, whose mail address in full must accept the contribution.]

THE PUBLIC'S LOSING GAME

Here Likened to the Holder of a Two-Spot, Facing an All-Trump Hand. Portland, March 18 .- To the Editor of The Journal-Referring to the discussi of the telephone rates, which seems to be the most important and interesting question at this time, I wish to say should heed the warning and find out that I have read carefully all statements published pro and con, as well as the statements made by the public service ommission, and I have practically confined my impression of the whole mat-ter to the admission made by the commission itself. It plainly tells you that the law does not give it sufficient authority to make a thorough and complete investigation of the financial condition of any utility corporation, inasmuch as it is barred from inquiring into the affairs of private sub-corporations or sinister creations of the parent companies. This, of course, is admitting that it has been sitting in the game al of this time holding a two-spot, while the Binghamton Sun (Ind. Dem.) feels the big interests were holding a trump hand. In a measure, the public itself Why did it sit idly by and allow such a law to be enacted? Why did not the public service commission say that it was helpless under the law, a long time ago? Were the mayor and the city commissioners aware that they were being flimflammed and were playing at a losing game at the time the increase rate cases were being considered? If any or all of the com issioners knew that the utility service law was defective, and that it operated porations, why did they not take the public into their confidence and shout for help?

In view of the astenishing facts recently disclosed in relation to the crease rate cases, I would suggest that a rehearing be requested in all of the cases acted upon favorably by the com-

This occurs to me, however: What can we do under an admittedly de-fective and partial law? It seems to me the proper thing to do would be prepare ourselves to meet the enemy in a proper legal manner.

STRESSES CAPITALIZATION

W. L. Archambeau.

Matter Largely Overlooked by the Corporations That Get Rate Raises. Portland, March 15 .- To the Editor of The Journal-Involving a matter of hun-dreds of thousands of dollars is the case of the telephone system in this city, nursed by the motherly care of a commission endowed by the state with greater powers and less limitations than any other triad ever invested with authority in the state of Oregon. The only one so far who has come forward with statements that vitally affect the ingers' ends and who probably knows too much for the zealous city authorities, who wish to make us believe in their incerity for the welfare of the citizen. He has plainly made it known that this cormorant phone company serves to bol

ster three corporations. I have not the least doubt that \$2,000,-000 honestly expended in the making of a telephone system for Portland would du plicate every mile of line and every imdement now in use in this city so employed. In order to conceal the rapacity of the triple entente before mentioned just what proportion of capitalization of the Portland belongings is, so far as the public knows, lost in the general scramble of the hundreds of millions dollars of capitalization of that triad And to nalliate this-to put it mildlytransfer from meum to tuum, the pub ic service commission has, as I under stand, defined it to be limitation under the law for it to take into any calcula tion whatever the capital stock and bond issues of any corporation, over which it has jurisdiction, but simply to permit revenues ample to conduct the bus properly of any public utility seeking its protection. With this implication the trinity referred to are very careful not to touch on the subject of capitalization at all, but in the prestidigitation of creating rates, manage to arrange for from 6 to 8 per cent on grossly excessive capital stocks and bonds in thimble-rigging for the benefit of overcapitalization That we have 8 cent carfares is because the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, with \$60,000,000 of capitalization where there is not \$25,000,000 in value, is an illustration. If the interested and plucked citizen wants to be honestly informed on this subject, give Mr. Cousin a chance to

Charles P. Church.

PRAISE FOR CLACKAMAS OFFICERS
Oregon City, March 15.—To the Editor
of The Journal—Please give me space of the for a few remarks regarding the excellent work being done by officers in the release of the prisoner. This Span-clackamas county. The sheriff's office is a very busy place, and Mr. Wilson and his deputies are making it very unhealthy for violators of the law. Mr. Dent read the letter and, with a smile, to commit crime and get away with it. Frank Neldon.

TO BRITISHER Portland, March 14 .- To the Editor of

The Journal.-I see in The Journal where "Britisher" is complaining because phy. Well, they must be very ignorant. He also says that in Great Britain they are taught to speak foreign languages That must be recently, for I was born and reared in Great Britain, and all got to do at school was to write, read count, spell and draw. Now an American.

Uncle Teff Snow Says

It's a mighty hard job fer our preacher o say anything with pep enough in it to keep the deacons awake and fun enough in it to attract the young folks and at the same time not rile the old-timers and hardshells. Rev. Edouard Geographic Magazine. Lucky is the man whose skin does not crack in the heat of the vailey, for Dead Sea water on a cracked skin or the film of the eye reminds one of bolling oil and the Spanish inquisition. Having performed the necessary rite and dutifully completed an experience which can be recorded in the diary of the trip, the poor pilgrim, laved with a tenacious fluid that seems to be

# COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE one more week to buy your Spring greens appear to be ivance of a green spring.

That 85-year-old Ridgefield vants to deny that there's any marriage. Is there anything to prove that the lice thrower's "bones" come from gamdice thrower's boling lambs? While embalming fluids continue plentiful it is probable that wild joyriders will be with us.

These "back to the land" advocates And there's nothing to make us be-lieve that the joker in the deck ever had a story to tell. Eastern states must be heir equilibrium. They're their equilibrium. The about our hop supply.

The state of happiness is profan some people who claim to be "the piest person in the world."

SIDELIGHTS

It will no doubt be a disappointment to the Job-hunters to learn that half the postoffices are already filled with Re-publicans.—Eugene Guard. Somebody wants state legislatures remain in session all the year roun some people never know when the have enough.—Albany Democrat.

When they are dressed for the mar-ket, you can't tell a chicken from an old hen. We are writing of poultry, you understand.—Klamath Falls Herald.

There is a new face in the White House today. The sun and moon will function as of yore, and there will still be sand in the sugar and gravel in the beans.—Medford Mail Tribune. Portland does not overlook many good bets. Now Mayor Baker is asking the federal government to donate to the city the old postoffice site in Portland on Morrison street.—La Grande Ob-

server. Which seemingly proves that black is white: The Waffles at Astoria are doctors—not breakfast viands.

Governor Olcott is now toll-collector for the Interstate bridge. We suggest that the little toll coops be painted up in honor of the new collector and that a guard be maintained to prevent another holdup.—Corvallis Gazette-Times.

The state of happiness is profaned by some people who claim to be "the happiest person in the world."

A San Francisco poet drank poison and then jumped into the ocean because his verses weren't appreciated by his acquaintances. Think of the awful mortality that would ensue if that custom should become general!—

Eugene Register.

# MORE OR LESS PERSONAL

Random Observations About Town

Montie B. Gwinn, who for many years Ivan Smith of Oneida, N. Y., is a was a resident of Pendleton, where he guest at the Hotel Multnomah. was a banker, is at the Portland on his make Portland his headquarters and will way to his home at Boise, Idaho. "I bring his family here shortly. He is went to Boise in 1871, said Mr. Gwinn. Northwestern sales manager for one of the was 50 years ago, and I was the manufacturing firms of Oneida. then a boy of 13. The first time I came to Portland was in 1883. I took the stage from Boise to Pendleton, and from there came on to Portland on T. A. McCann, lumberman; Joe Jean-Henry Villard's special train. I met him at Pendleton and he invited me to and Miss Frances Thompson. be his guest for the trip to Portland. have spent the winter in Los Angeles, but it is lambing time up in my country, so I must get home. I am in the sheep business as well as in the banking business. In the war years I put in a lot of time on Red Cross, Liberty loan and Victory bond drives. At present I am head of the European relief drive for Idaho. Some day someone should Oregon and Idaho who have gone New York city and made good in a big way. The list is a surprisingly Westerners seem to have the largeness of vision that makes for success.

L. L. Paget, banker of Seaside, is Portland visitor. He reports that the Seaside hotel did a most excellent busi-ness during the past winter, more than paying expenses. The sea wall is about finished and Seaside is going out for this year's summer resort business vigorously, to make Seaside the most popular resort of the coast.

James E. Tulberton of Flat, Alaska, is at the Multnomah. Flat is a small town on Otter creek about eight miles from Iditared and about 500 miles from Seward.

Mrs. Charles H. Castner of Hood River is a guest at the Imperial. She was formerly president of the Oregon eration of Women's clubs.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Dodge of The George P. Topping of Banden, at the mouth of the Coquille, is a guest at the Multnomah.

J. A. Smith, who has a ranch in spencer Creek district near Eugene, is a Portland visitor. A. W. Oliver of Corvallis is at the Im-

perial. Victor Seeborg and Mat Sorvan of Asoria are registered at the Mutnomah. W. N. Morse of Wasco is at the Mult-

I. B. Bowen of Baker, veteran pubsher, is at the Portland. R. C. Garrison of Prineville is a guest at the Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. McLean of Vic-Mr. and Mrs. Portland. A. E. Robb of Hermiston is Multnomah.

Last week, Mr. Dent received another

letter from Barcelona, beautifully writ-

ten, on foreign paper, and reading as

follows:

Barcelona, Feb. 1, 1921.—Dear Sir:
Being imprisoned here by bankruptcy I
beseech you to help me to obtain a sum
of \$350,000 I have in America being
necessary to come here to raise the
seizure of my baggage paying to the
registrar of the courts the expenses of
my trial and recover my portmanteau
containing a segret pocket where I have
hidden two checks payable to bearer for
that sum.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Carmon of Eugene are at the Imperial.

Bend residents in Portland include A.

Fred Wiggins, Toppenish nurseryman, is in Portland to visit his old friend, A. McGill, who is in a hospital recov ering from an operation.

Klamath Falls, is in Portland seeing the sights. He is a guest at the Per H. O. Prageter of Roseburg is a Portland visitor. He came here to attend a meeting of the fire patrol directors. Laigh Yount of Eugene, who claims

that is his honest-to-goodness name, is a Portland visitor. A. R. Sweetser of the University of Oregon is a Portland visitor. He has to address the Boy Scouts.

E. E. Livengood, for many years resident of Pendleton, now a merchan at Albany, 's a Portland visitor. Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Nover of Fairbanks, Alaska, are guests at the Portland.

Mrs. Della Burkett of Roseburg has moved to Portland. S. M. Leonard of Medford is registered at the Imperial.

George L. Humphrey of Klamath Falls is at the Imperial. H. L. Stanfield of Stanfield is a guest t the imperial,

Frank H. Shepard of Corvallis is Portland visitor. C. C. Edwards of Salem is at the Imperial.

Fred Harvey of Pendleton is at the J. E. Lyons of Coos Bay is at the Perkins.

Jake Slovorp of Anchorage, Alaska, registered at the Perkins. J. C. Bartlett of Ontario is a guest at

the Imperial. W. A. Kuykendall of Eugene is a Port-G. M. Roberts and A. L. Hill of Med-

ford are registered at the Imperial.

T. D. Barclay of Pendleton is at the W. R. Scott of the Hub City of the Willamette valley is at the Multnomah. F. E. Ryus of Ketchikan is at the

We frequently wonder how the an-

## OBSERVATIONS AND IMPRESSIONS OF THE JOURNAL MAN

By Fred Lockley

[Included among those who have another suess coming are those who think that everybody has heard of the "Spanish prisoner" fake and that nobody falls for it any more. Read below the story that Mr. Lockley tells.] cients could do such beautiful stonework with the crude tools in their possession.

As a matter of fact, the ancients did not depend upon crude tools to do their beautiful carving on monuments. Re-An eighteen hundred dollar joke is a rather expensive bit of pleasantry. Some cent researches at Gizeh, in Egypt, show years ago E. W. Dent, whose office is in the Labbe building, received a letter pyramids used both solid and tubular of money if he would send money for set with jewels, which enabled them to bore through the hardest rock. Statistics have been published recently

telling why people kill themselves. Th unhealthy for violators of the law. Mr. Dent read the letter and, with the law in the law is a place where it is man to whom he handed it is fairly well and 75 high-salaried presidents or mannot profitable to commit crimes. Take known in Portland. Some months later and 75 high-salaried presidents or man to whom he handed it is larry well and 75 high-salaried presidents or man it all around. Clackamas county has as good officers as any county in the state and said, "I have another letter, and will for enforcing the law. There is not an have to send more money." The Spanish thority for the statement that 6701 perofficer here but is doing his best to prisoner's letter had entirely passed out sons committed suicide in this country make good and to make it more difficult of Mr. Dent's mind, and he said, "What last year. The reported number is an sort of investment are you making?" increase of more than 1000 in a year. Of this friend responded, "Do you remember the 6701 suicides reported for last year, ber the letter you handed me from a 2604 were women, 400 were veterans of man who was being held as a prisoner the world war and 500 other persons in Spain? I got in touch with him and have sent \$1800, but it seems that his captors demand some more money before they will release him."

Ine world war and 500 other persons killed themselves after committing murdant der. Suicides among children are increasing alarmingly. Of the 707 listed in 1920, 484 were girls. One man killed in 1920, 484 were girls. One man killed himself because his wife refused to vote Mr. Dent was conscience stricken and himself because his wife refused to vote explained to his friend that he had thrown his money away, and he addidn't fit, and a woman killed herself ised him to waste no more on the because her husband could not or would not eat a ple she had baked.

The Chicago Tribune's purchase of forest of spruce to convert into pulp is the reason for Christopher Marlowe's poem, published in the New York Evethe reason for Christop ning Post, after the manner of Joyce Kilmer. He writes:

A tree whose fiber and whose pith Will soon be Gumps by Sidney Smith.

The Oregon Country

Northwest Happenings in Brief Form for the

OREGON NOTES Eight cars of cattle were shipped from the Princville yards last Saturday. Cheese factories at Halfway are now hipping their product by parcel post. The expenditure of \$40,000 for improvement of its water supply is contemplated by the city of Molalia.

The three banks of Lakeview, according to their last statement, held deposits amounting to \$1,057,386.34. The cooperative sales agency at Hood River did a total business during the last 12 months of \$2,475,839.12.

A charter has been granted to John L. Karncop of Portland for a new bank at Prineville with a capital of \$50,000.

The election at Freewater to authorize a \$16,000 bond issue for street improvements carried by a majority of 55 votes. The Coos Bay Central Labor councils heading a movement to obtain and maintain a public ambulance at North Bend.

The cost of growing wheat in Umatilla county is variously estimated by Pendle-ton bankers as ranging between \$14,50 and \$20 an acre. On March 25 the Chiloquin district in

The King's Food Products company is signing up a hundred tons of green pod stringless beans for the coming season's run at the Salem plant.

There are 30,000 acres in the reclama-tion and irrigation project of the Fort Klamath Mercantile company, and about 10,000 acres are now under water. Another bad landslide has tied up the O-W. R. & N. line near Eigin, where the track is under tons of earth, rock and trees to a depth of 30 feet or more. A doe, wandering down from the foot-hills, trotted along the Pacific highway into Medford and, frightened by a pass-ng automobile, crashed into a wire fence breaking its neck.

WASHINGTON

Scarlet fever has broken out at Top penish and many homes are quar

Pacific county commissioners have appropriated \$15,000 to complete the road netween Seaview and McGowan. Burglars drove a truck to the rear of the Regal Dye works at Tacoma and hauled away \$3000 worth of clothing. Plans are completed for a \$30,000 armory at Puyallup, to include a drilliall, community hall, gymnasium and

ning tank. Tacoma, Olympia and Eastern inter-ests have begun work on a complete veneer manufacturing plant at Olym-pia to cost not less than \$80,000. Jack Jones, captured last week after a gun fight with the Benton county sheriff, pleaded guilty at Yakims and was sentenced to seven years in priso

than \$2000 was stolen from the Went worth Clothing company's store a Walla Walla some time last Sunday

Nick Manolas is in a nospital at Aberdeen, suffering from a builet wound received when an unknown person fired five shots at him through the front of a coffeehouse.

Warden Henry Drum of the penitentiary has accepted the appointment as superintendent of the state game farm and fish hatchery at Walla Walla. The appointment becomes effective April 1.

The school board of Spokane has decided to call a special election April 9 on the question of levying a tax of 1 mill to make it possible to maintain the present schedule of salaries for teachers.

The total assessed valuation of Lemhi county for the year 1920 is \$5,381,025.10, or \$516,976 less than 1919. The Rev. Wallace S. Kincaid, 72. for many years a resident of Coeur d'Alene, died suddenly a few days ago of paraly-

mrs. Timothy Regan of Bolse has received notice that the body of her son John, who was killed in action in France, would be sent tome for burial in the near future.

Because of injuries received by his 5-year-old son, who was burned badly by electric wires that had fallen down, E. J. Coulter is suing the city of Weiser for \$15,000 damages.

The American war mothers of Salmon have purchased a large residence and will put it in shape for an infirmary as a memorial to the men of Lembi county who served in the world war.

Jacob Bare of Idaho City was mourned is dead for 27 years by his relatives a Barnard, Mo., while unknown to them a lived and prospered as owner of a leep ranch in the Bolse basin. He rently wrote to his family and a retion followed.

PORTLAND/

center of brush manufacture. Scores of brushes, each different from the others, are manufactured to serve every imaginable purpose.

The American Brush Manufacturing company of Portland estimates that the people of Oregon buy each year \$200,000 worth of household and janitor brushes and that paint brush

purchases approximate But only about 20 per cent of th

side the state. Qregon patronage is however, growing The brush industry at the present time employs about 20 people and the annual payroll aggregates \$25,000

A normal increase in the patronage of Oregon for household and janitor brushes would necessitate an increase of 25 workers and bring the payroll to approximately \$5000 a month.

Paint brush manufacture is comparatively new, but a fair proportion of Oregon's patronage would practically double the brush industry as a whole, it is said.

War on the gray digger squirrel, one of the worst pests on Lane county farms, is being waged by the United States bio-logical survey.

Klamath county will vote upon the inque of \$31,000 bonds for the erection of a new school building.

To prevent the spread of pear thrips, an embargo against importation of their roots has been established by Lane county against Marion county.

Governor Hart has vetoed the "blusky" law passed by the last session of the legislature. J. R. Dixon, for 33 years a resident of

Men's wearing apparel valued at mor

Recruiting during the last four weeks has brought the strength of the Washington National Guard up to a total of 1665 men and 116 active and reserve officers.

Miss Birdle Campbell of Tacoms habeen indorsed by the Washington on gressional delegation for appointment of the woman's division of the department of labor.

The University of Washington Daily, published by the university school of journalism, will cover the entire Pacific coast by wireless in its intercollegiate news service.

IDAHO Seventy per cent of the 1920 grain crop on the Nez Perce and Camas prairies is reported to have been sold.

Articles of incorporation have been filed at Pocatello by the Lava Motor company of Lava Hot Springs. The cap-ital stock is \$50,000. Starting to walk across the Portneus river near Pocatello on a pipe, the fryear-old son of William Deutsch fellinto the water and was drowned.

While the two boys were playing with a .22-calibre rifle, the 6-year-old son o Mrs. C. Conitz was accidentally shot by a playmate. The wounded boy is in a hospital at Kellogg with small chance for recovery.

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business goes to Oregon manufac-turers. The remainder is spent out-

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