THE OREGON DAILY JOURNAL, PORTLAND, OREGON against poison, and set before the king. against poison, and set before the king. Whenever the king wished to drink a servant would call loudly for the wine. The wine was brought and tasted by two persons, then given to the king, and while he drank a glass saucer was held beneath the goblet, lest his majesty spill wine upon his person. we shall presently correct our ex- rate, was practically nothing. The travagant tax exactions and go gack increased value of adjoining land POSTOFFICES AS tost the owners almost nothing.

to sanity. The building of the highway was however, justified because it made RATTLING THEIR BONES

accessible for the pleasure and de-WHEN visitors come to Portland light of beauty seekers everywhere to view the Rose Festival will the great scenic picture gallery which nature had spent centuries part of their entertainment consist of the privilege of feasting their eyes preparing.

on our dilapidated streets? Will those motorists who come agreed that the masterpiece views from cities of smooth streets each of the gorge must not be defaced

For the benefit of visitors to the

imminent risk of their health and

blocks near the city hall, be provided

give them a trip through the rocky

TELEPHONES-Main 7173, Automatic 560 All departments reached by these sum matic \$60-51 be warned to drive his automobile All departments reached of these numbers NATIONAL ADVENTISING REPRESENTA-TIVE-Benjamin & Kentnor Co., Brunawick building, 225 Fifth avenue, New York; 900 Mallers building, Chicago. with great care over the rough spots in Portland pavements lest he damare his spine?

PACIFIC COAST REPRESENTATIVE-W. R Batanger Co., Examiner building, San Fra cisco; Title Insurance building, Los Angele Post-Intelligencer building, Senttle, great show will danger signs be

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SUBSCRIPTION RATES

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any plans pertinent to Portland

> lennium is reached? strike me dead if I made that statement," and immediately toppled over

dead. His relatives would have a stubborn time endeavoring to convince his auditors that the dead man had not made the statement.

roads to Dublin?

GOVERNOR HART'S VETO

Washington's appropriation for idea. Seattle has understood 'the other government combined. value of the Northwest bid for tourist business, and, with a gener-

Hold on with a buildog grip, and chew and choke as much as possible. —Abraham Lincoln.

and cooperation has given that union than half as much to him as all DROPERTY is for sale all over Orin which there is strength to the

PROPERTY is for sale all over Or-egon, often at a price less than the assessed valuation or taxable value. A certain building was sold in Roseburg recently for \$6000. The taxable value was \$7500. The pur-chaser went to the board of equali-and asked that the assessed value be lowered to conform with the market value. It was reduced to conform with the market value. It was reduced to conform with the market value. It was reduced to conform with the market value. It was reduced to conform with the market value. It was reduced to conform with the market value. It was reduced to conform with the market value. It was reduced to conform with the market value. It was reduced to conform with the market value. It was reduced to conform with the market value. It was reduced to conform with the server of the two being wanderers and prisons and by the educational sys-tem with its universities, normal value be lowered to conform with fectively done until Governor Hart tem with its universities, normal

Letters From the People

[Communications sent to. The Journal for publication in this department should be writtlen 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-pany the contribution.] Daily Editorial Digest -(Consolidated Press Association)

It is reported that a canvass will made in congress to determine the senti-ment among Republican members toward "a return to the old spoils system of handing out postoffice jobs." Rumor has it that such a return is threatened The heads of the sign companies with commendable public spirit agreed

AN OPEN LETTER On Behalf of Non-Resident Owners Under Foster Road Improvement. Corvalits, March 19.—To the City n a proposal of the new administration o rescind the order placing postmaster-hips under civil service. However, if Commissioners of Portland, Hon. George L. Baker, Mayor of Portland-Gentleships under civil service. However, if this canvass develops no stronger sup-port for the proposed change than is found in the editorial columns of the country's newspapers, the incumbents can feel fairly free from worry over unemployment. While it is true that most of the papers commenting on the voice the column of some 20 neurosident most of the papers commenting on the natter are Democratic still for De voice the opinion of some 20 nonresident owners of lots in that section of Portmost of the papers commenting on the matter are Democratic, still few Re-publican writers approve the principle of overturning the merit system. Post-master General Burleson's statement of master General Burleson's most and the statement of most of the papers commenting on the principle of overturning the merit system. Post-master General Burleson's statement of most of the papers of contrasters about. the political affiliations of postmasters who were "covered" into the civil service

A number of residents of Corvallis and the Willamette valley who hope at by executive order is generally accepted as evidence of the fairness of the ap-plication of that order. And the old shibboleth, "for the good of the service," is evoked in opposition to a change. Nevertheless, some papers fear that the change will come. The Pittsburg Sun by executive order is generally accepted as evidence of the fairness of the ap-

change will come. The Pittsburg Sun (Dem.) predicts that "inasmuch as Mr. Harding frankly states that his is to be recessity, for years to come at least, of the building of expensive trunk line severs to the Willamette river, some seven miles or so away. I still believe the building of expensive trunk line clude Lee A. Thomas, Jessie Burton, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Baird and daughter Mar-the Devider Patter-the building of expensive trunk line clude Lee A. Thomas, Jessie Burton, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Baird and daughter Mar-the Devider Patter-his birthday. a strictly partisan administration, it is not improbable" that this "reactionary course" will be pursued.' The Birming-ham News (Dem.) "does not want to be-lieve that. Warren G. Harding is a pro-vincial politician, a good fellow who would rather please a few friends than to safeguard and perfect the postal ma-chinery," but the Brooklyn Eagle (Ind. Dem.) does not "hesitate to say that Dem.) does not "hesitate to say that top, if the time comes that such a sewer never has the so-called merit system

never has the so-called merit system been in so grave peril as at the present time," though it is willing to submit to the "inevitable" now, in the conviction sulted. If you go shead and put this thing over on the nonresident property owners you forfeit our confidence forthat further experiment with the old "spoils system" will prove even to "its advocates that progress is more to be sought than retrogression." ever and no one from Portland need

ever come into the Willamette valley and try to sell Portland realty or se-The Springfield Republican (Ind.) "deplores" Senator Lodge's denunciation of the executive order as a "humbug," Portland now enlist since "the senior Massachusetts senator tion over 4000 retired Portland now enlists in its popula-tion over 4000 retired farmers, too old the new president in shaping his civil service policy." But, agreeing with a number of other writers the Downth a in their old age, its advantages. Thous feels that Mr. Burleson has fully ands more have the same thing in view and have bought and are buying property with the same end in view. had been filled with Democrats before Is it your announced policy not to consult this call of nonresident but at the Oregon. the blanket order was issued, former Postmaster General Burleson gives staprospective home owners? The course tistics of the political affiliations of the which now threatens looks that way. appointees affected which the New York Walter I. Woods. Vorid (Dem.) finds "reassuring" and which, in the opinion of that paper, "will go far toward arousing proper PORT AND DOCK COMMISSION Portland, March 23 .- To the Editor

sentiment against any proposal The Journal-Please inform me as to reestablish the old spolls system." Judging the personnel of the combined port and by this report it is clear to the New dock commission and when the combine

## COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SIDELIGHTS

It must be a poor brand of American-ism that cannot function without the hyphen.-Roseburg News-Review.

Henry Ford says "things are looking better," Somebody has given Henry a ride in a regular car.-Medford Mail-Tribune.

. . .

## SMALL CHANGE The chest shall be filled.

To his recallers he is Governor Hart 2. FILAL 194

"Whiskey." Many a tragedy is ten in the simple looking word. Chatty housewives should prove an ef-fective antidote for talkative burglars.

Assassin shoots at Italian premier omebody's trying to start another war

Some of our soldier boys are still in Germany. They're being kept there to receive the mail sent them during the war.--Klamath Falls Herald. Probably it is just as well for griminal that the public is not the just of guilt. . . .

An excellent way to take up the sla in business is to prune the costs doing it. . . .

Adjustment of wages upward and liv-ing costs downward would suit us fine about now. . . .

sleight-of-hand work, is a guest at

Henry B. Purl. from the metrope

Seward and reports business condi

outhern Oregon, is a guest at the Hotel

Edith M. Sprote of Hood River, is

E. C. Robbins of Eugene is a guest

Mrs. Charles Kirk of Albany is regis-

Mrs. H. N. Anderson and Rose,

daughter, are in Portland from Condon

Walter Bartholomew of Pendleton

. . .

the Capital City, are guests at the Oregon. W. E. Tallant, canneryman of Astoria,

W. G. Fisher and S. B. Powers, from

Frank McTaggart, Eugene merchant,

transacting business in Portland,

G. D. Handley of Tillamook is a guest

Hotel Cornelius.

od in Medford.

tered at the Hotel Seward.

at the Hotel Oregon.

is at the Portland.

guest at the Cornelius.

the Hotel Seward.

Ye gods! If the rainfall has been be-low normal lets get back to normalcy quickly and get it over with.

"Rosy future seen by San Francisco Apparently the Bay City is again tryin to butt in on Portland's game.

Greek letter societies have been suspended in the Portland schools. They should never have been started. High school efforts to ape the colleges are both silly and detrimental to good ef-forts in scholarship.—Corvallis Gazette-Times. Let's devise some system to charge the telephone company for the countiess valuable hours we waste getting the wrong number.

MORE OR LESS PERSONAL

Random Observations About Town

his birthday.

L. Zaenker.

Seward.

OBSERVATIONS AND IMPRESSIONS OF THE JOURNAL MAN

By Fred Lockley

. . .

E. E. Woodcock, whose business is slouthing and sheriffing at Lakeview, is in Portland to tell what he knows about

Guests from the Capital City at the

S. S. Hooper, hailing from Denver, the

E. Nordyke of Lexington, Morrow

county, is registered at the Cornelius.

Hotel Seward include Mrs. L. A. Daly Mrs. Charles A. Park, H. Kissane and

stleggers. • • •

tered at the Seward.

at the Oregon.

in the newspaper game.

Northwest Happenings to Brief Form for L OREGON NOTES

The Oregon Country

SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 1921.

Silverton's city council has appropri-

Spencer Moseley, Oregon pioneer a probably the oldest man in Lane cour is dead at Eugene, aged 94.

No, society in general isn't going to the dogs at all. The oriminal receives a heap more publicity than the righteous man.—Albany Democrat. On Monday, March 21, the postoffice was reestablished at Alberson, Harney county, with Glenn Oliver as postmaster

Dr. H. N. Aldrich, pastor of the Leslie Methodist church, has been chosen prosi-tent of the Salem Ministerial associa-

Treceive the mail sent them during the war.—Klamath Falls Herald. Since it is about to be established that ieprosy is a punishment for profamity, will some learned scientist inform us what causes smallpox?—La Grande Ob-server. The census bureau announces that the United States has 35 persons to every equare mile, but refuses to risk a guess that there are 35 square persons to the mile.—Eugene Register. Greek letter societies have been suspended in the Portland schools. They school efforts to ape the colleges and both silly and detrimental to good ef-

The Willamette Valley Hopgrowers' association has been organized at Sil-verton to pool the balance of the 1920 hop crop and to prepare for future

A campaign for 100 tons of string beans has been completed by the Salem King's Products company, and the com-pany now has begun a campaign for spinach.

In an effort to strengthen the New York prune market, the Oregon Grow-ors' Cooperative association recently withdrew all quotations on prunes in that city.

Paul Vinzette, 76, who had followed the trade of cobbler at The Dalles for 20 years, died suddenly a few nights ago, his body being found next morning in the rear of his shop. Salem guests at the Cornelius include E. P. Dunwiddle, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Gregory, Helen C. Campbell and Mrs. M.

Through the failure of the city to answer four different suits filed in the circuit court the past year, many street and sewer assessments in Astoria are said to have been rendered vold.

The public service commission has or-dered the Molalla Electric company to resume its street lighting services in Canby pending investigation into the controversy between the city and the utility. Guests from the Capital City at the Multhomah include B. C. Keiser, J. E. Beach, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. K. S. Hall and C. S. Smith.

WASHINGTON

The battleships Idaho and Mississip have arrived at the Puget Sound na-yard after a leisurely trip up from Si Pedro, Cal.

Actual work of circulating petitions for the recall of Governor Hart because he refused to veto the poll tax bill will be begun within a few days. Judge J. B. E. Bourne, resident of Rainier for 30 years or more, is transacting business in the city and is regis-

Preparations are being made at Camp Lewis to try out three airplanes of a new type. The planes will carry ma-chine guns and light rifles. W. C. Bohle and Herbert H. Hanser of Lebanon are registered at the Hotel

The Flynn Lumber company has re-sumed operations at its mill at Mineral in Eastern Lewis county. The plant had been closed since December.

sunshine capital of Colorado, is registered Crashing into the rear end of a truck near Tuickwilla Monday night a crowded Tacoma stage was hurled 15 feet across the highway, injuring 16, but none fa-Bend citizens visiting Portland include J. E. Albright, B. T. Boyce and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pettibone.

The signal corps cut-up plant at  $\nabla$ bouver, where thousands of soldlers we engaged during the war in getting the spruce for airplanes, is being t down

The Rev. R. S. Stubbs, ared 97, made the trip from Tacoma to Vancouver a few days ago for the purpose of baptiz-ing his great-grandson, Robert William

Northern Pacific workmen burning brush near Walla Walla heard bottler popping and saved two of 240 bottles of whiskey which bootleggers had cached along the railroad.

[Mingling with distinguished citizens who are greats at Portland hotels, Mr. Lockley collects many good stories and other matters of interest. A collection of such choice bits is his offering for the day.] Isom White, 20-year-old Everett youth sentenced to be hanged for killing Lee secret of success as well as happiness Linton, for hire car driver, in November, 1919, has been denied a rehearing by the state supreme court. A charge of manslaughter has been placed against P. C. Heddle, driver of an automobile which collided with a street car at Spokane, killing one woman and fatally injuring a man. former president of "Mr. Following an attempt at suicide Mon-day by inhaling gas, G. W. Rasmussen 35, went to a shooting gallery at Ta coma Tuesday where he blew out his brains with a .22 calibre revolver. Governor Hart has issued a requisition upon the governor of California for re-turn to Tacoma of Jafet Lindebary wanted in connection with the failure of the Scandinavian-American bank, of which he was a director.

TELEPHONE RATES TAXES are very high. Nobody will dispute that statement. Yet the entire tax that a certain Portland home owner pays is \$100 a year, while his telephone costs him \$51 a year. That is to say, the tele-

unused, has become so expensive

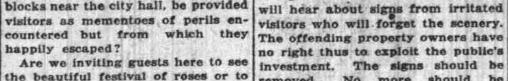
plication, contend that what they

do for the individual is worth more

that telephone corporations, by im-

OVERNOR HART'S veto phone service has become so 'expensive that its cost is more than the Northwest Tourists' association half as much as the whole cost of is inharmonious with the Seattle state, county, city, school and all answered Senator Lodge's charge. In reply to the accusation that the offices His case is typical. The mere item of telephone service, a service that ous cordiality, the Seattle Chamber a few years ago was unknown and

ist guests to visit all other Northwest cities. This spirit of cordiality



on Hawthorne avenue, or of certain if signs obstruct the view. People

removed. No more should be placed so long as the highway is traversed.

At the very beginning it was

that no signs of theirs should ever

Their promise has been kept. Bu

Chairman Holman of the county

commission complains with justly

righteous indignation that signs are

appearing and that they are erected

by ewners of property in the gorge.

Do these defacers of their own es-

tates realize the injury they are

doing to their property? The highway will become a scenic mockery

be placed along the highway.

Japan has passed a big armament

streets? Or have city authorities bill. She is building warships against any plans? Or are all improvements a big American navy in Pacific wato be postponed until the 1925 expo- ters. America is building warships

Have the Rose Festival directors

sition has come to pass or the milagainst a big Japanese navy in Paci-

fic waters. And there you are. And more than \$90 out of every \$100 of A West Virginian yesterday de- federal tax money goes for wars past

clared that he hoped "that God will or to come.

of Commerce in widely published advertising has urged Seattle's tour-

UNDER THE YOKE

SPOILS

Rumored Purpose of G. O. P. Leaders to Go Back to Old System Excites the Nation's Editors, Few of Whom, Even Among Re-publicans, Look With Favor Upon Such Reaction.

the market value. It was reduced to schools, high schools, elementary pulled down the plan with his veto. \$5500. Washington people could make no schools, professors, teachers, super-

JAKE HAMON'S VICTIM

make her a heroine as a result of

SIGNS THAT DEFACE

Five lots changed hands in Portbetter investment than by popular intendents and the millions of value land recently at \$80 a lot. They subscription to privately do what the were assessed at approximately \$260 governor prevented from being done plants. a let. The purchaser could go to publicly.

the board of equalization and the

board would undoubtedly reduce the Any giver can direct in what cause assessed value to conform with the

market value. Chest may be spent. Most people Five lots cannot be assessed at one will not care, believing as they will

figure and the adjoining lots or lot that whatever the cause it will be across the, street be assessed at a well spent. figure twice as great. The tendency

then would be reduction, in the course of time, of the assessed value of the adjoining property and the

remaining property in the district. atres controlled by them has been privileges and protection and bene-The same tendency will appear in agreed to by unanimous vote of the fits of all state, county, city, school other districts. In time the assessed members of the Motion Picture and other local government. values would decline over the entire league of Oregon. Movie men in city.

Sales below the assessed value are the same policy. taking place in Portland, many of them. There are, of course, various reasons for the decreased value. One

of the big reasons is taxes. If the market values continue to the morbid appetite of the country. decline, assessed values will decrease It is a program that places a very with them. If the assessed values low estimate upon popular taste and

are lowered and the tax levying public morals. bodies impose the same burdens that The girl has done nothing to make are now carried by the people of herself a lure to movie patrons exthis city and state, the rate of taxes cept to figure in a shooting, a spec-

on every piece of property, improved tacular flight and a sensational trial and unimproved, will increase unless with ugly details. additional taxable property The enterprise is a proposal to

brought into the state. And will it come? With a de-

acts not at all heroic. It is a procreasing property value and an inposal to glorify incidents in which creasing tax rate will a new industhere is everything to condemn and try come into Oregon to establish a nothing to glorify.

plant? Would a business man under The late years of the girl's life those conditions enter this field? have been a career of shame. . She Would a man come here from anis certainly to be pitied and no other state to erect a home? Or chance should be denied her to atone would the industrial executive, the for and rise out of her past. But business man, or the homebuilder in the name of the clean homes of search for sites in other states where America and in the name of the the property values are not declinmorals of America, and for the sake ing and where the rate of taxation of the adolescent girls of America. is not increasing?

let there be no exaltation before the That is exactly the situation that is threatening this state. Many properties are selling below the assessed value. Assessed values may brute's passion.

decline. If they do, the tax rate on every piece of taxable property will be increased unless new taxable week. How much are you going to

wealth is brought here. And we are, give? by our taxes, placing a barrier between the industrial investor, the business man, the home builder and sites in the state of Oregon.

"HERE was a time when the tilted Is it wise policy, or is it suicide? hould we increase the burdens on lumbia were assessed at as little as the taxpayers who are now under \$5 an acre. the yoke in Oregon and drive them That was before the Columbia from their land and state, or should River highway was built.

The increased value of these lands we throw down the bars to allow other capital to enter and lighten today results exclusively from the the load on those who are now car- building of the highway.

The saving thought in the situa- dollars for the highway. tion is that Portland and Oregon

rying the heavy tax burden? The taxpayers paid millions of

Naturally, the assessment against some of those East Side streets are are too rich in resources to become the abutting property, at its insignifi- repaired a parade might be embarrassed or bankrupted and that cant valuation and at the prevailing dangerous undertaking.

reversal of the executive order by President Harding." Asserting its "firm and consistent" championship of civil service. invested in school properties and the Dispatch insists, nevertheless, that

If taxes are high, what about telecivil service standards, not grafting it phone rates? But, through its 25 upon a political patronage already subsidiaries and by its own power office. also feels that the "civil service system his contribution to the Community as the central body which directs as practiced in the last administratio everything telephonic, the American which "Mr. Harding is reported on the Telephone & Telegraph company is eve of attacking," is one that has been made "to serve merely as a shield for

in control of the telephone service of the nation and is not subject to control by any public authority. Being in control, this telephone

colossus piles profit on profit and TO BAR films exploiting Jake that is why the privileges of a Rep.) holds that "it will not be good business if the postal service is regarded Hamon's victim from all the- phone cost half as much as the as a political plum tree." The Canton (Ohio) News (Dem.) agrees that "the ooner the business of the government ceases to be a source of reward for politicians and their friends the better."

THERE should not be further pro-L testations from Germany relative to her inability to meet the allied demands for coal. She could

easily have met them before. Certainly she will have no ground for debate since the Silesian plebiscite. loses." The pre-war consumption of pit

coal in the territory which now constitutes Germany is estimated at approximately 140,000,000 tons a year. For her own consumption and pay-

ment to the allies of 2,000,000 tons a month, Germany needs an annual coal supply of 164,000,000 tons. The present production within Germany is estimated at 132,000,000 tons. She is now importing from Silesia 12,000,000 tons annually, giving her a total at the present rate of production of 144.000,000, or 20,-000,000 tons less than required. But her present production is 14

per cent less than it was seven years country of this unfortunate girl ago. By stimulating her productive whose only claim to distinction is forces, as Germany is expected to. that she was the victim of a big and must do if she is to live, her

available coal will reach a total sufficient to easily meet the demands Get ready for the big drive next of home consumption and the allies

And in addition she will be left the Silesian output in excess of 12,000. 000 tons.

If Germany is expecting the allies to judge her ability to pay repara-

I lands in the gorge of the Co- tions by the output of only part of her productive forces, her statesmen have again gone wrong on the temper of the world. To pay, Germany must go to work, and the sooner the better.

The Rose Festival board has de-

clared itself in favor of a children's parade on the East Side. Unless

oney and W. L. Thompson. was merely an "attempt to forestall any

DISAPPOINTMENT FOR POLITICIANS

From the Salem Capital Journal. There will be weeping and wailing 'genuine civil service implies admission and gnashing of teeth among the hungry from the beginning by compliance with faithful if Postmaster General Will H. Hays carries out his promise of main- in the Camas Prairie country. Whe The Baltimore American (Rep.) taining the civil service status of pro- I was at college in California I started motions in the appointment of postmas ters inaugurated by President Wilson ride. The evening was warm and when filling vacancies by examinations. I struck a wayside inn I took a glass and Such procedure will shatter the hopes of of beer or two. Either I was absent-scores in every city and town expecting minded or I may have taken more than inecures as the result of political affilithe protection of current political apations.

In the lower posts of the service the In the lower posts of the service the instead of starting on the road toward merit rule has long obtained, and since the college I headed in the opposite But while "there is a wide room for improvement in the service" the Cham-bersburg (Pa.) Public Opinion (Ind. President Wilson's executive order, issued in 1917 applying the merit test to of hours without seeing any familia presidential postmasters, appointments landmarks. I thought I was hoodooed have gone to the candidates ranking or bewitched. Finally I hailed a farmer highest as the result of examinations. Even in such large offices as Boston and to get to market in the early morning Portland, Republicans were appointed postmasters because they were first on road. He told me if I kept going the list of eligibles.

In response to charges that former Postoffice "patrons," the Harrisburg Postmaster General Burleson had set I was going. I was about all in, so Patriot (Ind. Dem.) thinks, will wonder aside the merit system for political reawhy politics should have anything to sons and demoralized the postal service do with the selection of a man to handle the house called upon him to report the such a non-partisan business as the collection and delivery of the mail." number of vacant postmasterships and but they will get us there.' We began the status of certified. Mr. Burleson The whole country "ought to protest" obtained the required information for against a proposal which, in the opinion congress by asking the appointees to of the Indianapolis News (Ind.), "is a state their politics. Of 2013 postmaster proposal to abolish efficiency and make political pull the basis for appointments." replying, 1012 were Democrats, 907 Republicans; 82 Independents, 10 Prohib Replying directly to the News, the tionists, while 139 had no political af-Fort Wayne News and Sentinel (Rep.) filiations. In the North the Republicans exclaims: "'Efficiency !' Good Heavens ! led with 846 appointments and in the As I stepped off the boat at one of South the Democrats with 598, about the small ports a man stepped forward is the sort of postal service this country has been suffering under for the past the relative strength of the parties. eight years now to be labeled 'efficient'? The showing by Burleson proving that If it is, then for goodness sake let us the merit system controls appointments, have inefficiency, and have it in large has gone far to arousing sufficient senti-

. . . In the regularly recurring shifting of be continued speaks well for the admin-postmasterships "for the good of the istration. Of course, many of the inservice," the Seattle Union Record cumbents who secured appointment upon population of Grant county is less than (Labor) thinks there are few "so unpolitical grounds and who cannot qualsophisticated as to take them at their ify under the merit rules, will be reface value," because: "Everyone who moved, but their successors, it seems it seems strange that in two such remote knows anything at all about politics probable, will have to undergo exami- places I should run across former resiknows anything at all about politics knows that all of this for the good of nations that will eliminate the ordinary the service' bunk is just a little pleas- office seeker.

It is probable that congress favors the antry indulged in by shirty politicians to civil service system as relieving its justify an otherwise unjustifiable act. Changes in administrative offices are members of the pressure of office seekantry indulged in by shifty politicians to appointment there are scores of appliproving the service."

While the Providence Tribune (Ind. remarked as a result of bitter experi-Rep.) thinks the discussion is merely "the wish fathering the thought" and ence, every appointment made him 56 enemies and one ingrate. expresses no fear that the suggested

Uncle Jeff Snow Says

Gleaned From Curious Places

n' farmer usin' less land It pays the spec'lator to alongside. raise pests better'n anything else. The farmer lives in Oregon and buys pizen to kill the pests with and the spec'lator, mebbe, lives way off somewheres, the Lord knows where, and raises pests, weed seeds and prices as fast as the shows what can be done, with Oregon climate and Oregon land.

PUZZLED THE EXPERT "What did the efficiency expert hav

"He can't understand it." "Understand what?"

"How we've made a success of thi maitre d'hotel approached, bowed to the royal couvert and presented the napkin Then each dish was brought forward and tasted by its bearer as a precaution failed 10 years ago."

George E. Shields of Long Creek is a Portland visitor. "Speaking of Long Creek," said Phil Metschan, proprietor Colonel H. E. Dosch is a Portland visitor. Every time he comes to town he drops in to visit his old friend of the Imperial hotel, "I had two rather Harry B. Miller. odd experiences in relation to this small the state board of horticulture. place. Long Creek, as you know, it Miller has been confined to his room

on the stage road between Pilot Rock and Mitchell. It is just south of Ukiah, for the past three years," said Colonel Dosch. "We were old friends and fellow-workers, and I like to take out a ily or some plant as a reminder of the out one night on my bloycle for a long old days. He lives at Twenty-first and Brazee streets. I wish more of his oldtime friends would call on him. My son Arno is back in Berlin. He was scheduled to go to India to write up the unrest there, but they switched him to two glasses of beer, I don't know which ;

but in any event, when I came out Berlin. During the past five years Arno has certainly seen a good deal of the world. As a matter of fact, I direction. I pedaled steadily for a couple myself have had many experiences that are pleasant that I like to think about shall be 80 years old within the next two months, and since I have been 15 who was driving in the opposite direction I have been paddling my own cance. In the early part of the Civil war I was in General John C. Fremont's body-guard. Later I became colonel of the Fifth Missouri cavalry. When I was a and asked him if I was on the right

that direction I would have to travel clear around the world to get to where youngster I was one of the Wells-Fargo pony express riders, riding from Virasked him if I could put my bicycle ginia City to Placerville. Most of my life I have been interested in promotinto his wagon and ride with him. He said, 'Pile in ; my team is not very swift, ing fruitgrowing here in Oregon.

J. T. Hinkle of Hermiston is at the to talk, and I asked him where he was Imperial. If Mr. Hinkle is not the father of irrigation in Eastern Oregon, from. He said, Long Creek, Oregon. I told him my father had run the butcher at least he is its godfather, for the Hinkle ditch was one of the early projshop at Canyon City. We found we had many mutual acquaintances in Eastern Oregon.

"Recently I made a trip to Mexico dry and barren sagebrush waste, populated by jackrabbits, horned toads and coyotes, to a modern and prosperous city, the center of a rich alfalfa and and shook hands with me and called me by some other name than my own fruit district. Where the palpitating He apologized for his mistake and we heat waves once rose from the sandy began to talk. I asked him where his desert the blossoming alfalfa now waves ment against restoring the postoffices to the spoils system. That the system will be continued speaks well for the admin-I come from is Long Creek, Oregon. before the afternoon breeze. Land that was dear in those days at 50 cents an acre cannot now be purchased for sev-When you remember that the entire eral hundred dollars an acre.

half that of Salem, and that Long Creek If within the next few days you cal has a population of about 150 people particularly tender lamb chop, you can make up your mind that it came from the carload of fat lambs brought dents of Long Creek." down from the Eastern Oregon exper-

ment station at Union by Robert W. Captain Lowell H. Smith and Lieu-Withycombe. These lambs were raised tenant E. C. Kiel of the Ninety-first under special testing conditions, and careful records were kept of the amount squadron, air service, are at the Hotel Multnomah. "It took us five and a of feed used and weight gained. Robert appointment there are scores of appli-cants, or as one Oregon senator once Field to come to Portland," said Captain Withycombe, son of Dr. James Withycombe, former governor of Oregon, has been with the Union experiment station "Weather conditions were bad. Smith. 12 or 15 years. We had to fly low. We ran into cold

rain near Dunsmuir and Sisson. Frank R. Kerr of Wadhams & Kerr found plenty of snow; in fact, the air Bros. reports excellent success in the raising of the Albert Grilley memorial was thick with heavy flakes falling on Mount Shasta and the hills thereabouts. fund. Efforts are being made to raise a fund of \$5000 to serve as a student Now's the time when the idle land We also ran into rough weather between spec'lator's gittin' in his work a-raisin' ground squirrels fer profit. Ever she ground squirrel gits her a family of Olympics to map and photograph the loan fund. Albert Grilley gave to the service of others, and it is felt that no monument to him could be more eight in April, and they live rent free devastated forest area there. The heavy and tax free the rest of the year on the sale that struck that country some fitting than a fund of this kind from members of the various fraternal and gale that struck that country some weeks ago resulted in the blowing down civic organizations of the city. of about \$,000,000,000 feet of timber. If

and pests, and he pays less taxes 'n a we have good weather conditions we hard-workin' farmer usin' less land shall be able to survey the entire area "I believe the railroads of the west will arbitrarily reduce their rall rates on lumber so that the producers. and take photographs of it within 10 days. Then the government will have in this section of the United States may accurate figures instead of a mere esticompete in neutral territory with the Southern pine men," said N. P. Davidmate. We have three airships with us and our crew includes three pilots, two son, lumber operator on Puget Sound, registered at the Multhomah from Tamechanics and a photographer."

coma. "A great part of the past freight George Putman, formerly a member business was lumber shipments, and that revenue is now almost nil. The George Putman, formerly a member of the editorial staff of The Oregon Journal, later owner of the Medford Mail-Tribune and at present publisher of the Salem Capital Journal, is in the metropsuccess of this investigations is methods we should have are expecting other members down. Usually at this time of year much piling and dimension stuff is being shipped, but I know of no busi-ness in that line now. A lot of lumber is being sold now for 25 per cent less than it cost to produce. However, building activities are opening up railroads wish to bolster up lumber-hauling, and to do so rates must come down. Usually at this time of year

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Governor Davis has issued a procis nation calling upon the people of Idah April 11 to 18.

After beleng closed for six months, the Natatorium, Boise's natural hot water plunge, was opened to the public last Saturday.

A carload of seed potatoes has ar-rived at Pocatello and will be distrib-uted to the boys' and girls' clubs of Bannock county

State Senator E. W. Whitcomb of Salmon, who has tendered the judgeship of the Sixth judicial district, has de-clined the honor.

For alleged faise statements regarding his dairy, William Cleveland has insti-tuted suit for \$10,690 damages against the city of Twin Falls.

Hinkle ditch was one of the early proj-ects of Umatilla county. He has seen the town of Hermiston change from a dry and harren sagebrush wasts norm

Total receipts of the department of public welfare for the last blennium were \$18,749.06, chiefly from fines for violation of health and sanitation laws Charging misconduct in office, the tax-payers' league of Twin Fails county has fied ouster proceedings in district court against the commissioners of the Twin Fails highway district.

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The Oregon Civic league is a forum for the impartial hearing of bo sides of issues which are municipa statewide and national in scop

The purpose of the league is to arouse the indifferent citizen to active interest and to inform the busy citizen that each may assume offer lvely his or her share of the con munity burden. The lengue has be a factor since its organization September, 1913, in the solving community problems and in the de velopment of a civic consciousness. Consequently nearly avery subfrom a state reconstruction conve-tion to motion picture consorrantly, h been the subject of the league's pr grams or activities.

The thrice elected pre Oregon Civic league is A. C. Newill He is also a member of the school board. Miss Grace Amos is the sec retary, Robert L. Yoke is the treas urer and F. J. B. Nicholson the aud tor.

The directors, in addition to the of ficers, are Mrs. C. B. Cady, M. H Calef and Miss Honrietta Failing The members of the executive bo are: Mrs. N. G. Anderson, E. Brown. Mrs. G. L. Buland, C. Cady, Norman F. Coleman, Mrs. E. Colwell, Mrs. W. A. Elliot, Mins I Grelle, J. Hunt Hendrickson, I Leona Larrabee, R. W. Monta Leona Larrabee, R. W. Monta Mrs. A. C. Newill, Mrs. A. W. N olson, H. E. Plummer, Mrs. Dona Spencer and John H. Stevensou. The meetings of the Or league are held each Satu

except during the su ason, in the crystal room of

change will be made, the Boston Post (Ind. Dem.) feels that there is evidently 'no hope as yet for any lasting method of keeping party struggles out of the postoffices. Some congress will do the ob thoroughly some day, but very maniestly not the incoming one." Curious Bits of Information The land spec'lator has him a farmer. big track of bresh and timber and weeds hard-workin' farmer

Louis XIII, king of France, used to complain that he never in his life tasted not soup, although he had a kitchen consisting of 32 rooms, with 500 windows. There was a reason. When the king dined any person in respectable clothes was admitted to the sight, and accord-ingly a dinner was a sort of show. Louis

sat in silence alone or with the queen at the great table. The procession of dishes having left the great kitchen some distance away, it crossed the road, mounted the huge staircase, filed through several long rooms and finally emerg into the presence, preceded and flank to say?"

by guards. Everyone who met the dinner en route was required to bow salute. Arrived at the king's table,

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The Community Chest proposes some other states have announced the gathering of all the money for It is to their credit. The bid of charity and character building in a \$25,000 a year for Clara Hamon as single week. To you it means one

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