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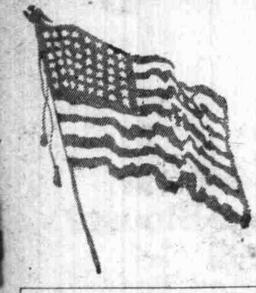
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Ridicule is generally made use of to laugh men out of virtue and good sense, by attacking everything praiseworthy in human life.—Addison.

IN THE PUBLIC DEFENSE

THE American Telephone & Tele-I graph company, with fts bags might perish from the earth. of gold, marched in grand triumph into the New York stock exchange Tuesday. It created a sensation on and civilization may his enterprise the stock market. With prices of prosper! stocks sagging and the money markets low, the telephone colossus anascended from par to almost 109.

graph company has always paid divi- opening of the season until the fifdends. For 39 years it has paid not less than 71/2 per cent. For 14 years it has paid 8 per cent. And now it is to pay 9 per cent.

And it has done more than pay dividends. It has accumulated a surplus of \$444,000,000 or a sum equal to 27 per cent of its total assets. After all operating expenses were paid last year, all taxes, all interest, all fixed charges, and after most liberal allotments had been made for maintenance and depreciation, and after dividends were paid, \$16,500,000 more was placed in the contingency and surplus accounts. Besides that, \$33,000,000 more was invested in stocks of the associated companies.

"There has been no time in the last two years when the A. T. & T. earnings were not enough to pay a higher rate of dividend," H. - B. Thayer, president of the corporation, is quoted as saying, following the announcement of the dividend increase. He insisted that the increase was decided upon to create a market for stock of the company, even though the stock was most attractive under the old rate. It was selling at par when railroad and industrial stocks were quoted at from 70 to 80.

The A. T. & T. company, through control of 25 telephone and electric companies, is enabled to amass its huge profits. It controls the production, distribution, operation and the whole of the telephone business. It uses the subsidiary companies as a buffer between the parent corporation and the public. The parent company drains the subsidiaries and the subsidiaries cry poverty.

Electric companies owned by the parent corporation provide equipment for the telephone subsidiaries. also owned by the A. T. & T. The profits of the telephone business. States. And it doesn't allow the profits Gunmen have run riot in New vehicles operate like any truck. The sidiary companies are not permitted them are foreigners. They settled high tension overhead wire through to own telephone devices. They all differences and disputes with the a trolley pole to the conventional could purchase them, the original gun in open defiance of law and efectric motor. cost would be small, and the charge order. would go into the capital account of The shootings, slayings and bomb- apparent. Any pavement is a track. the associated company, and the ing outrages in "Little Italy" in Chi- Steel rails, wooden ties, cement bed-And every year the A. T. & T. com- occurrences in the "Bloody Nine- flexibility of operation and turning

every year by the A. T. & T. com- is the old order of centuries ago in front of the streetcar, the latter pany to perfect inventions to lower brought to America by immigrants does the almost unbelievable. It the cost of telephone service. Many from Europe and practiced here by goes around the truck. are the devices produced. But does them, the cost of service to the telephone

The A. T. & T. company is that corporation. While it lays aside stupendous surpluses, pays elegant diviphone patrons.

of the congress, the interstate com- repudiated by us? Is there to be no merce commission, and the president to protect the people of Oregon and tion regulations of things American? of this country from the exactions of the titanic corporation. If necessary the power of all should be invoked in the public behalf.

Community Chest campaign, says of six stories. The streetcars are the quota is assured. That is the But they bear the evidence of one spirit that wins. It is the Portland bright idea. A mail box on every spirit.

VIVIANI

One yesr.....\$3.00 Six months... 1.75
Three months... 1.00

A GREAT Frenchman has arrived at Washington.
There are recommendation.

diplomat and envoy extraordinary he is not making public the whole import of his mission.

But even the secret aim of his enterprise is not difficult to guess. France recently passed through the valley of the shadow. Only a thin fringe of soldiers shielded Paris from the deadly purposes of Wilhelmstrasse. The dead Frenchmen in the conflict have not all been counted. The figures of the cost in money have not been fully listed and cast

The heaviest sufferer among the big nations is concerned about the future. Is France to pass through another Gethsemane? Some other under the rod? Is there no way, through the kindly interest of the great republic that saved her yesterday from a merciless foe, to become part of a guarantee that tomorrow France, bled white, shall not be on her knees a suppliant for peace? Correspondents may guess; people

nay conjecture about the mission of Viviani in America but such is the secret and soul of his errand. day are still fresh in France. She

passed through the fiery furnace and

knows that in another one France That is why Viviani is in Washington, and for the sake of mankind

Last year the disciples of Isaa nounced an increase in the rate of Walton had their tackle all groomed its dividends from 8 to 9 per cent. for a wonderful April fool day at Quotations on its stock immediately the expense of the trout. This year the fish have the joke on the fish-The American Telephone & Tele- ermen. The legislature delayed the

TWELVE TIMES ONE

6 HAVE 16 cents and I would like I to give it all to the Community Chest," said a small boy who came bashfully into the Chest building at Sixth and Morrison streets, yesterday.

"How much could you give a month?" he was asked. .

"I didn't know you could do that," was the boy's eager answer. "I could save up 50 cents a month. I'm sure."

In a few minutes a young woman entered the door. "I work," she explained, "and all I can afford to give is a dollar." Before she left her total subscrip-

tion had been lifted to \$12 for the year at the rate of a dollar a month, and she was happy in the thought that during 12 months the cooperation between herself and the Community Chest would assure relief of sorrow and misfortune to the full extent of her ability to give.

How many others are aware that the sum total of Community Chest quarterly payments?

Two automobiles approached, an cream. east side intersection. Both machines were under control. Both other took its turn afterward. If lists would drop by the score. ___

BRINGING US THEIR FEUDS

THERE is no stronger argument I for intelligent regulation of forholding company gets the profits of upheavals among peoples from other streets of Shanghai these days apthe electric business and gets the lands in various parts of the United

to sag. For instance, the sub- York during the winter. Many of motive power is transmitted from a

profits of the parent company on cago, following the aldermanic elec- ding and continuous upkeep are the particular device would be ended tions, have led sober men to ask if alike unnecessary. with the sale. But no; the subsidiary there has been progress in this Since the wheels are company can only rent the devices. country in the last century. Recent flanged nor confined to rails, greater pany collects a substantial and teenth" ward have revealed another is possible. To block the line the resort to the gun and bomb to the closing of the entire street is neces-Huge sums are paid to experts exclusion of the law of the land. It sary. If a truck or automobile stalls

patron ever decrease? It is the com- the menace of tong wars. Chinamen ment in trackage and its maintepany that gets the benefit. The cost have been killed in California. Gun- nance might bring back the good

difference in cost goes to the A. T. The word is passed out that they are to kill rival tongmen at all costs, There has been built up in this even to the sacrifice of white lives country the most scientific profit if need be. Again there is evidence exacting corporation ever known. of the transplantation of the feuds of China in America.

What right have the foreign populations in this country to set up dends and boosts the price of its here, in defiance of all customs, all stocks, the subsidiary companies ask law, and all decency, their reigns of and get increased rates from tele- terror? What right have they to come here, abandon everything It may take the combined efforts American and apply the social ethics

azine show the "Plaza Del Sol, one of Madrid's centers of business activity." The tallest sky-scraper shown reaches the rarefied altitude that the appeal will not cease until also exclusively of the one-man type. car assures prompt collection at central points.

MUCH AND LITTLE

NTO whom much is given, of him shall much be required." This is a text for business men to use out of church this week,

The reports from Community Chest workers are that stenographers and clerks are giving more in proportion to their means than per sons of wealth.

The excuse makers are said to be chiefly excuse manufacturers who feel no sting of need unless it be the need of a heart.

Let those who give as much as they can from their little be not discouraged. The most famous conribution in history is the widow's mite. Those who live closest to destitution and suffering are most apt to share their crusts and to know the divine thrill of pity. Those who have amassed their gains by exploitation of the little people are most apt to feel themselves immune from the pleading calls of want. But in reality their lack is greater than that of those who hunger.

Portland must not fail in the Community*Chest campaign.

Two thugs drove a Montana con ractor before them at The Dalles, took him to a lonely spot, shot him in the breast and threw him into the Columbia as dead. Why shoot an unoffending man after his valuables have been taken? Could an attempt at murder be more wanton? But it is mostly for the use of such as the assailants in this case that pistols are manufactured.

THE ULTIMATE OF THE RACE

E DUCATION is a cornerstone on which America is erected. It is a basis for our political institutions, for our social life, for our economic stability, and for human progress.

In 300 years and for schools of all kinds there has been spent in the United States approximately \$16,-645;000,000.

In 1920 alone, the people of this country spent \$22,700,000,000 or \$6,-000,000,000 or 30 per cent more for luxuries than has been expended on education in 300 years, according to figures presented by P. P. Claxton, commissioner of education for the

United States. Mr. Claxton says that, in the last 50 years, a total of \$14,552,000,000 has gone into the schools, including elementary and secondary, normal schools for teachers, higher educational institutions and professional and technical houses of learning whether privately or publicly supported. For the years preceding 1870 Mr. Claxton adds \$2,093,000,000 or \$16,645,000,000 spent on educa-

tion in the United States for all time Among other items included in his luxury expenditures for 1920 are \$3,-000,000,000 for joy rides, pleasure resorts and races, \$3,000,000,000 for luxurious service, \$350,000,000 for soft drinks, \$800,000,000 for tobacco contributions can be multiplied and snuff, \$500,000,000 for jewelry, many times by pledging monthly or \$750,000,000 for face powder, cosmetics and perfume, \$800,000,000 for cigarettes, and \$250,000,000 for ice

Is rugged America becoming soft Are the light desires of today to stopped. One proceeded ahead. The overshadow the civilization of tomorrow? Is the tendency of the country more drivers would approach inter- toward abandonment of useful ensections in that way the accident deavor and upbuilding for indulgences and degradation? If so, what is to be the ultimate of the race?

THE RAILLESS TROLLEY

I TAVE the Chinese solved the eign immigration than the present I streetcar problem? On the pear trackless trolley cars. The wheels are flat and rubber tired. The

The value of the device is at once

A more delightful prospect ap-On the Pacific coast we are facing pears. The elimination of investof service may decrease, but the men are reported as heading north, old days of the 5-cent fare.

LANSING'S STORY OF THE TREATY

Refutation of the ex-Secretary's Position, in General and in Particular an Able Reviewer, Together With an Indictment of Him as One Who Has Broken Confidence. coffee.

"C. H. H." in a Review of "The Peace Negotia tions," by Robert Lansing, in the Atlanti for April.

"Now it can be told." So thinks the

te secretary of state as he hurries to

join the ranks of those who, for personal or partisan reasons, seek to merica's part in the war and the peace. His book is not a history of the peace negotiations, but a recital of his pernal differences with President Wilson In Mr. Lansing's case the provocation manner in which he was asked to re-sign; but he has placed the satisfaction of a personal grievance above his plain duty to his country. He speaks of "the conduct of Mr. Bullitt, who had heid a responsible position with the American commission at Paris, in voluntarily repeating a conversation which was from its nature highly confidential"; but it that he is doing the same thing, tarily repeating highly confidential conversations with the president. Mr. Bullitt, likewise, was out of office when it be urged that Mr. Lansing has the right some day to publish his story, now is surely not the time, while the treaty and covenant, with his own signature or them, are still matters of international as well as domestic discussion, and while American policy in relation to them remains undefined. Intent on justifying himself, he forgets all international considerations.

The obligation laid on retired officials n such matters has been admirably expressed by Mr. Lansing's father-in-law the late John W. Foster, in his book, "The Foundations of Diplomacy:" has been well said that a diplomatist, who necessarily assumes confidential liberty to dissolve that confidential connection for his own vindication. . . . There is no, doubt that such conduct is immoral in political ethics and to be darkles in the timber. If Mr. Lansing's volume does not re-

make him out a great secretary. Great the game or resign. Whether he or the president was right in specific matters, is a question that time alone can decide. The principal points of difference are stated to be: the reaty with France; the lack of a definite program for the American commisioners; "secret diplomacy"; Shantung. if the president had followed his secretary's advice by staying in Washingon, Mr. Lansing would have been head of the American delegation, and on his own showing this would have created an impossible situation. Not only was he opposed to self-determination, but his dea of a league of nations centered about a court with no "teeth" in it or other means of enforcing peace, so that he was unfitted from the start to work for the kind of league which the president desired, and consequently unwilling to make any of the compromises which the president made in order to secure It was inevitable that he should early drop out of the discussions at Paris and should dislike the treaty at the end. How little he understands the real difficulties of the negotiations or the amount of preliminary work required is seen of procedure had been accepted, preliminary treaties could have been signed within a few weeks, covering all territorial questions, as well as the fundamental problem of reparation, which is still unsettled. Mr. Lansing believes honestly that his advice should have been taken. Another alternative

There remains the delicate question of truth. Have we the whole truth in this 'personal narrative," or must we await omething fuller and more impersonal Besides various memoranda, Mr. Lansing prints a few extracts from his diary. We need the whole diary, and more, in order to judge the fundamental quesions, why and when the secretary the president's confidence. Did Mr Lansing ever offer his resignation be-fore it was calded for? Until all the facts on this point are before us, we are left wondering whether the secretary's esignation ought not to have fered and promptly accepted before the president sailed for France

Letters From the People

[Communications sent to The Journal for publication in this department should be written on only one side of the paper; should not exceed 300 words in length, and must be signed by the writer, whose mail address in full must accompany the contribution.]

"UNDER THE YOKE" A Victim Tells How the Utilities Crack Their Whips Over Him. Portland, March 29.—To the Editor of The Journal—Permit me to say that your editorials under the title "Under the Yoke" have caused me to compare my tax bills with the plunderbund levies am astounded to learn that the tax I pay state, county and municipality is not a drop in the bucket to what I pay he public utilities.

On my home the tax for 1920 was \$45 For this little payment I get fire and police protection, schools, sanitary cers, streets cleaned, supervision of elections, five mayors, parks, playgrounds, jails, penitentiaries, insane asylums, one fair specimen of a governor, a swarm of legislators, constables, county clerks judges, juries, bailiffs, inspectors, coiectors, auditors, and numerous plain taxeaters who would doubtless starve to death if they were not on the payroli, to say nothing about the 40,000 other benefits of organized society.

I call that a bargain. Any time I get all of these things for \$45 per year I'm heard me kick about high taxes as levied by state, county and municipality. The levy will have to double twice before I boller.

But here comes the telephone company and assesses me \$42 a year for a twoparty line-and what do I get? I'll tell you. I get the wrong number or "line's six times in 10. I get called out of bed at 2 o'clock a. m. and told to "rush right over to the hospital." Not being a physician, I can't accept these assignments, but must return to my pillow with the thought that someone may die for want of medical attention be-Oh, yes; I get innumerable chances to climb the basement stairs to answer the phone only to learn that someone calling East eight, four, one, live has been connected with Tabor two, two, five-my old number. Time was when the telephone people would tell me the time if
the kitchen clock had run down. But
that seems so long, long ago. In olden
times they would call me in time to

McCracken in Texas back in '72 fer dam
decided that Salem should be the capital.

Following the Statesman at Corvallis
came the Occidental Messenger and also
the time when Ike McGovern sued Bill
McCracken in Texas back in '72 fer damsoon and a paper called the Union was catch a train. Oh, bring back those ages done to his hoss by a-shootin' of wonderful days. They are gone, never the same and fer bustin' up his house-

above enumerated look ye! Here come the transit

total \$90.75. And what do I get? A little light for my house and a chance to straphang morning and night every day in the year. Just twice the sum of

ny taxes. That's all.
Is that all? Not yet. The gas com pany takes a small rakeoff. I pay it \$25 a year for gas to cook toast and

The sum total of these taxes is \$156.75, nearly three and a half times more than pay for all those blessings above men-Are they through? Not yet, in Tennessee yesterday. A landlord reduced rents. Wait until they get a crack at me in the office. Down there the Lewis estate rents me two nice rooms for \$390 yearly. It furnishes elevator service to lift my cause of all Mexico's woe. customers to my office. It furnishes heat, light, janitor service, water, soap and towel supply. A bargain, sir. A cellent weapons against high rai rates. But shoe leather is costly. bargain!

But here comes the wire trust, with single telephone wire and two extensi faucets, and lays taxes on me of \$170 a year-nearly four times the taxes I pay for the manifold blessings mentioned above. Under the yoke? I'll say, my burden is heavy. My taxes are next to noth-

What the utilities do to me is a plenty. City, county and state get \$45. The telephone, transit and gas trusts stick me up for \$260, at the present rate of tribute, and are looking around to see if there is any place where I've been missed. And I've got a wife, I've said noth-

ing about her carfare. Robert G. Duncan. RAILROAD RATES AND WAGES An Employe Protests Against Standing

All the Cuts.

Portland, March 29 .- To the Editor of The Journal-Anent the railroad situation, I wonder if your paper has space for a few lines from a railroad employe who has seen something of railroading in various parts of the country. Of course, the writer naturally hears the employes' side of the wage question, and being on the business end of that matter, he rises to state that he does not want his wages cut. Neither do I want to see my boss "go broke." But with all the paid advertisements got out by and for the railroad owners, all the testimony produced by the representatiyes of organized labor before the wage board at Chicago, the public is led to believe that there are a whole flock of

The owners cry, "Boo! We are bankrupt," and the workers cry, veal him as a large man, neither does it We will strike," and while both are partly in the right, both are in wrong. For instance, the rolling stock and roadbeds are now in very the past two months the railroads hav laid off every man who could be spared resident's going to Paris; the nature so as to reduce expenses. Recently the of the league and the inclusion of the newspapers printed a dispatch which covenant in the treaty; the guaranty stated that the railroads of the country had lost \$1,000,000 during January and that February was going to show total mileage of the railroads in the United States, this is not a large amount, and March. Will the railroads break forth in print and tell us what the total net profit is for the months of August,

September and October next? The Literary Digest for March 26 states that the interstate commerce commission reported to the senate that: 'In 1919 the operating expenses of all Class 1 railroads in the United States were \$4,419,988,750 (under government control). In 1920, 10 months of which was under private control, the operating cost was \$5,810,970,021, an increase of \$1,891,000,000. The report further states that the highest estimate of the increase in wages granted to railroad employes last year totaled \$480,000,000. This leaves a balance of \$911,000,000 to account for. What did the railroad wners do with that vast sum under private ownership?

I could not try to tell the interstate commerce commission something which they cannot discover for themselves, but believe that inasmuch as the railroads have not attempted to surmount this argument, they should not be lowed to thrust the full share of the blame on the men who make it possible for them to move trains. With thousands of others, I have not worked for six weeks past, and I greatly need the work. I am willing to stand a small cut if it is necessary to start the wheels turning, but I want to be convinced that it is necessary before I do stand the cut. I realize that living costs are lowering, and wages should go with them, but I want assurance that, with my cut, there will be a corresponding cut in freight rates, so that business may revive and my brother workers in other industries may prosper. An Employe.

LARGEST CITIES Portland, March 30 .- To the Editor of The Journal-Please give list of 10 largest cities of the United States and Riggst cities of the population of each. Subscriber. [New York, 5,621.151; Chicago, 2,701,705; Philadelphia, 1,823,158; Detroit, 993,739; Cleveland, 796,836; St. Louis, 772,897; Boston, 748,060; Baltimore, 733,826; Pittsburg, 588,193; Los Angeles, 576,673.]

A RECIPE Vancouver, March 24.-To the Editor The Journal-I have mislaid the ecipe, published in The Journal, for enlarged pores. Would you please reprint it again for my benefit? Mrs. M. A. B. water, 3 ounces; elderflower water, 1 tincture of benzoin, 1/4 ounce; tanns ounce; tincture scid, 5 grains.]

REGISTERING IGNORANCE From the Angeonda Standard What many a congressman doesn't know would fill a book, and it's pretty expensive having him unload it Congressional Record.

LET THE WORLD CRY "NEIGH!" From the Vancouver (B. C.) Province It would be easier establishing "stable" government in Europe if the old war horses would do less rearing around in their stalls.

Curious Bits of Information Gleaned From Curious Places

De Quincey for the last 30 years his life invariably dined on some loin of mutton, boiled rice and coffee. The Manchester Guardian says that every day he interviewed the cook and told her to prepare these dishes, adding: "If you do not remember to cut the mutton in a diagonal rather than a longitudinal form consequences incalculably distressing to my system will arise and will prevent me from attending to matters of overwhelming importance." Another lover of monotonous diet was William Morris. who, when he shared a studio with Burne-Jones, had roast beef and plum pudding for lunch every day, even when the thermometer was 90 degrees in the

Uncle Jeff Snow Says I see the Germans has welched

to return. Yet, this telephone trust has hold furniture follerin' and durin' a Jacksonville Sentinel, published by W. the castiron nerve, the sublimated audarumpus at a neighborhood dance give in city, the copper-plated effrontery, to good faith by the plaintiff aforesaid. Ike established the Oregon Democrat at Alask me to pay it nearly as much money got jedgment, all right, fer \$1000, which as I pay for state, county and city was fully 200 per cent over and above taxes, for which I get all the blessings the actual cost of the critter and furniture, but Bill wouldn't and couldn't pay, And, look ye! Here come the transit he said, 'cause he had to first pay off started in 1861, trust and the light brigade. My electric his gamblin' debts of honor. The sheriff hight bill averages \$3 a month—\$36 a had to use all his lawful powers and his year. If I ride a streetcar twice daily eloquence backed up by a mighty handy it will cost me \$54.75 yearly. The two gun to bring Bill to time.

COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE SIDELIGHTS The Community Chest is swelling. Empty coaches and idle engines do not make for rail dividends, and will sooner

were

or later call in a receiver.-Baker Demo "Managers called need of China," the paper says, Maggie manages china very

Any man in public life who objects to being "knocked" and "roasted" is wholly unreasonable. The public must have some pleasures.—Albany Democrat Mexican revolt brewing. Thought

Why don't those aviators who are try-ing to fly from the Pacific to the Atlan-tic in one day make the effort on the Isthmus of Panama? They'll be sure to get across then.—Bend Bulletin. An authority has discovered that 97 per cent of Americans die without making a will. Probably because only 3 per cent have anything worth willing.—Eu-

The government has seized a fishing boat because it carried booze. How can the owners catch fish without their bait? Stated baldly, the events that are A picture star has been jalled. That's a fine precedent. We'd like to see the practice extended to certain other stars transpiring in Germany are exactly similar to those that take place when a deadbeat sets out to avoid payment of a just debt.—Eugene Register.

Why do they always speak of a lady "dressing up"? Observation teaches us that these days milady is dressing up on the down end and dressing down on the up end.—Astoria Budget.

Gas price recently advanced 70 per cent. Now it comes down 5 cents. Is that public service commission salve to ease the wound of its telephone rate ac-

MORE OR LESS PERSONAL

Random Observations About Town

W. Y. Williams of Spokane is one of the advance guards in Portland for the mining congress. "We are going to Silver Falls Timber company. He has said Mr. Williams, "a very have. cessful convention, I believe. I have heard lots of talk of it up Spokane way and I believe there will be a large number of delegates. Portland is looked ing the fame of Portland's beauty and pospitality. The first time I came to Portland was in 1883. I have put in the past 35 years in Idaho and British Columbia in the mining industry. I was born in Carnaruin, Wales, the early home of Lloyd-George. I came to Amer ca 50 years ago, when I was 17 years

Harding is sensible. "Steps" are ex-

J. Barton, from Baker, county seat of Baker county, is a guest at the Ore-

J. W. Hoglen and Charles A. Ault

from the county seat of Wallowa county are guests at the Imperial. Mrs. J. C. Price and her daughter Jean are visiting Mrs. Price's father, J. P. Ellis, in Portland.

Mrs. H. A. Jennings and Bessie Mc Cullum of Madras are in Portland or business and pleasure. Mrs. H. F. Fischer of Corvallis is

visiting friends in Portland. Frank S. Ward of the Capitol city is ransaction business in the metropolis. A. D. Jones, from the Capital City in Portland on Dusiness.

E. L. Madden of Ontario is at the Imperial. J. A. Wright of Salem is transacting usiness in Portland.

Herbert Egbert of The Dalles is at Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Darnall of Eugene

re guests at the Cornelius.

tracts in the Nehalem country. As one of his friends said, "Ben may own a and I believe there will be a large num-ber of delegates. Portland is looked be wealthy, but he is living it down upon as a very hospitable city and I and overcoming his handicap by piling of \$7.50 an acre for deeds to lands can couple of million dollars, and his foiks know the delegates will go away spread- lumber just a little better than anybody else, and by being a heluva good fellow, so he will get by in spite of his wealth.' O. C. Hughes, George H. McMullen, W. L. Schultz, Joseph W. West, M. West and J. K. Byswater, all of Hood River,

are guests at the Imperial. H. E. Vincent and his family are in

Portland from Eugene attending to matters in connection with the Cascade national forests. A. R. Wilcox, forester, from the Sui-

W. H. McKay, from Vale, in Malheur county, is a Portland visitor. Mrs. Frank Page of Eugene is

slaw country, is in Portland on fores

guest at the Imperial. Captain W. C. Sinciair of Medford is ransacting business in Portland. L. L. Steuver of Fossil is a Portland

visitor. V. M. Ward of Heppner is at the Oregon,

Mrs. B. M. Webster of Hood River is guest at the Benson. C. A. Smith of Astoria is registered at the Benson.

C. P. R. Short of The Dalles is at the E. Nixon of Bend is a guest Benson. W. R. Scott of Albany is a Portland

OBSERVATIONS AND IMPRESSIONS OF THE JOURNAL MAN

visitor.

By Fred Lockley

[Reminiscences of an Oregon octogenarian are Magazine, which was founded by T. G. to the Willamette valley in the early '50s long time he was a newspaperman and to literary magazine published is an authority on newspaper history of the early titled "Captain Gray's Company."

W. W. Fidler lives at Grants Pass If three score years and ten is the allotted span of life, then Mr. Fidler has been living on borrowed time for the past 10 years, for he is 80 years old. His interest in life, however, is just as keen as it was when he was half this "I was born at Crawfordsville, age. "I was born at Crawfordsville, Ind.," said Mr. Fidler. "My folks moved to Richland, Iowa, in the early '40s. My father was a physician and surgeon, When word came of the rich gold diggings in California in 1849, my father joined the rush to the gold fields. After year or two spent in the gold mines in California he came up to Oregon and took up a donation land claim of 640 acres on which the town of Coburg. in Lane county, is located. He did not hold this claim long, but sold it to a man named Van Dyne for \$606. With this money he went east to get his family and bring them to Oregon. This was in 1853. My mother, my three sisters and I came to Oregon with my father and settled on the McKenzie river near Eugene. With my sisters I went to school at the Van Dyne school-

house. The teacher was Hulings Miller, father of Joaquin Miller. "In 1856 our family moved to Southern Oregon. We got hold of 320 acres of land there, and after holding it many years I eventually sold it for \$200. The last time it was sold it brought \$24,000.

"In 1857, while we were living or Galice creek, I decided that I needed more education, so I went to Eugene City, as it was then cailed, to attend Columbia college. I made my home with E. P. Henderson, a professor in the college. My deskmate was Cincinnatus Hiner Miller, better known today as Joaquin Miller, poet of the Sierras. Columbia college was burned down in 1858, so I went back to Southern Oregon. I secured a job teaching school at Jack-sonville. After teaching a while I became editor of the Southern Oregon Press, and later, of its successor, the Democratic News. The paper was later "In the '50s and '60s a large number of newspapers came into existence that are forgotten today. The Democratic Standard was established in 1854. It

suspended in 1859. Later it resumed sublication for a while. Eventually the cress was moved to Eugene City and was used to print the new paper called the Democratic Herald, which had been started by Alexander Biakely. The Herald lasted but one year. Before the Herald was started at Eugene the Racific Journal had been started. This was bought in 1858 by B. J. Pengra, who changed its name to the People's "In 1859 a paper was started at Rose

burg, called the Roseburg Express. After the Salem Statesman had moved to Corvallis, following the capital from Salem, it moved back to Salem, when the voters decided that Salem should be the capital. started by J. H. Slater. One of the leading papers of the late '50s was the bany. Its editor was a man named In 1865 it was rechristened the States Right Democrat. The Oregon State Journal of Rose started in 1861. It succeeded the Rose-

Scott Duniway's novel of 350 pages en-

"In 1870 I was teaching school on what is now the site of the city of Frants Pass, though at that time there was no city there, and it was a part of Jackson county instead of Josephine county. The following year I moved to Williams Creek, in Josephine county, and in 1874 and 1876 I represented Josephine county in the legislature. 1874 I was the Democratic nominee for

"In days to come the marble halls of Oregon are going to become famous. \$150,000. We used to call them the Oregon Caves. was the first person to write up an account of the discovery of these caves. The way I happened to do so was that after Lige Davidson, while following a wounded bear, had discovered the caves, he told me about it and he and I explored them. We were the first white men to enter these caves.

later I was a resident of Portland, and with Colonel Robert A. Miller of Portland I helped run the Hesperian.

"As a man looks back over 80 years of life there are many incidents which stand out head and shoulders above the others. Incidents of my boyhood of which I have always been proud were my saving two men from drowning. While running Spore's ferry on McKenzie river I pulled a man out who had gone down for the third time. Some time later I saved a man from the rushing, swirling waters of Rogue river.

months we spent with our prairie schooners making the journey from the treatment given to us by Jacob Spores Uncle Jakey,' as he was always called was among the earliest settlers; so he east of Eugene. He was always ready stopping place for those who had in that part of the country.

"The first magazine to be published in Oregon was the Oregon Monthly have today."

A total of 364 industrial accidents we eported in Oregon last week, two which were fatal. Concrete will be used in pay streets of Dallas, according to a of the city council.

The city of Salem has purchased a motorcycle to be used by the traffic officer of the police department.

The Oregon Wood Products company in Salem is busy turning out broom handles at the rate of 6000 per day.

The Jesse Lower sawmill on Bear creek, Creswell, which was destroyed by fire a few days ago, will be rebuilt at

Elks in Corvallis have secured a charter for a lodge. It will be known as No. 1412 and will start with a charter membership of 75.

The Johnson mill at Reedsport has started cutting an order of 10,000,000 feet of plunys wood for the Crown-Willamette Paper mills at Oregon City.

Following reports that Bend was the

third city in Oregon in the er of alien labor, investigation re only two men are employed in who are not citizens.

Leases held by Japanese in the Yakims in 1919 to 87 last year. The Tacoma school board has called special election for April 19 to vote on a extra 4-mill school tax.

water. For the first time since before the wa

The Walla Walla county commissioners have appropriated \$20,000 for the building of a concrete bridge across the Touchet river at Bolles.

C. H. Jay, an electrical worker at the Naches power plant, came in contac with a high voltage wire and is in a critical condition in a Yakima hospital

Pullman suffered its third disastrous fire in a few weeks Saturday when the

three-story flour mill on East Main street was destroyed, entailing a loss of \$25,000. Henry Lunt, assistant cashier of the State Bank of Clarkston, shot h

George Williamson of Tacoma, formerly attorney for the Scandinavian-American bank, has been arrested on three indictments returned by the grand jury. He was released on \$20,000 bail. Lauriene Smith, 8-year-old daughte of J. H. Smith, disappeared several day ago from her home in Leavenworth and it is feared she has perished either in the Wenatchee river or in the mountains Paul Brown, for two years secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at Bremerton, has gone to Shanghal, China, where he will take charge of the new Y. M. C. A. building to be constructed there at a cost of

"In 1882 I moved to Scattle. Two years

"As I think back to the six long

Missouri river to the Willamette, seems that I am looking back to some past age, for today the same trip can be made by an automobile in almost as many days as it took us months. One of the bright spots in my memory of our early days in Oregon is the kindly had his pick of the choicest lands of the Willamette valley. He chose a donation land claim on the McKenzie four miles to share his home with anyone who needed help. His house was a favorite and could pay their way, and was a most welcome asylum for those who had not. He was a sort of William Penn of the West so far as his treatment of the Indians was concerned. He was respected and loved by all of the Indians "Another bright spot in my childhood memory is of my school days at the old

schoolhouse where Coburg is now cated. In the summer of 1854 I went to school there to Squire Miller, or Judge Miller, as he was sometimes John Miller was considered the bright particular star of the family. He assisted his father in hearing some of the classes. Hiner, or Joaquin, as we now know him, had run away. He had gone to sow his crop of wild oats, which later esulted in the harvesting of an abundant reward of international fame and ready cash. Joaquin Miller's father was a quiet, unpretentious, easy-going gentleman of the old school.

"You often hear people speak of th hardships of the pioneers, but as look back to my boyhood days it seem

The Oregon Country

Northwest Happenings in Brief Form for the

The Reedsport Lumber company has posted notices reducing wages, making \$3.25 per day the minimum for common

Thirty-eight men and 10 women obtained positions through the Eugene office of the United States employment bureau during the past week.

By a vote of nearly three to one, bany's taxpayers have approved \$40,000 bond issue to provide funds building an addition to the Madi

celed by the government in so Hyde-Benson selections. The Hood River County Game Protective association has released 24 pairs of valley or crested quall in outlying sections of the valley. The birds were from the state game farm.

The Oregon public service commission has taken up the fight of the hop grow ers for a lower carload minimum of hop shipments, and has the case dock eted for an early determination. WASHINGTON

At an auction sale of dairy cattle in Spokane 38 head brought nearly \$10,000 an average of \$254 a head. Arthur Kincade, 5 years old, is dead at Spokane as the result of burns re-ceived when he fell into a tub of boiling

passenger trains are passing through Prosser on the Sunnyside branch of the Northern Pacific,

Reports from over the side indicat that Hoquiam will be host July 1 to to 2500 service men at the convention of the American Legion. Information is received in Spokane tha Pat Whalen, for 10 years a member of the police department of that city, wa killed at Oklahoma City last week.

Thousands of members of the order throughout the Northwest gathered at Brementon last week to take part in the dedication of the new \$135,000 Elks tem

records at the bank were declared to be in order.

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a modern moonshine factory was found a few days ago in the old work-ings of the Sierra Nevada mine at Kellogg. A dairy association has been formed in Wendell with 30 members and a man has been sent to Washington to select a carload of cows.

Those holding permits for grazing cat-tle in the Boise forest are already mov-ing their stock up the Boise river to-ward the summer range. Deer on the south fork of the Payett river are in poor condition, but ther has been little Joss in their number con sidering the rigorous winter just past. According to C. C. Delavan of the Coeur d'Alene national forest, fire has ard in the forests of Northern Idaho is worse than in any other section of the United States.

More than a million and a half dollars' worth of Idaho treasury notes and bonds were sold last week by D. F. Banks, state treasurer. The sale will place Idaho back on a cash basis. Based on claims that the weather has made the roads impassable, the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce as asking an extension until June 1 of emergency freight rates on hay from Idaho to East

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The City club is one of Portland's ready it has gained recognition one of the substantial bodies of land business and professional it has attained to a membersh It has attained to a membership a 600 in the brief period of its activity and the word "activity" is advisedly used, for its contact with municipa and state problems has often resulted in solutions and always with benefit to the worthy interests involved.

The meetings of the City club were originally held in a small hotel room the largest diving room of the Ban

the largest dining room of the Ben-son hotel is now required for the Friday noon gatherings, which are always well attended.

Robert R. Rankin, attorney, is president of the City club. The vice presidents are Walter E. Sterns of

the Ellison-White Chautauque company and L. D. Bosley, special ager of the Northwestern Mutual Life in surance company. Fred S. Cook, as sociated with J. McCraken company is treasurer, and C. W. Plati, secre tary-treasurer of the gas company The board of directors consists of H. Ashley Ely, wheat grower; George E. Murphy, president of the Associated Engineering corporation; Ellis F. Lawrence, architect; Dr. J. Earl Else, physician; Sydney J. Graham, attorney, and Thaddeus W. Venese, attorney.

The general purpose of the City club is expressed in a brief a "To work with all high purp organization for a greater Po