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Persevering moderately is much more successful and unobtainable more useful than talented incoherently. —James Hamilton.

HAVING exchanged the Chamber of Commerce building for partly improved east side water front property, Maurice Thomsen, Seattle, Tacoma and Spokane milling magnate, says he has no plans for developing his new holding for flour milling purposes or otherwise.

Perhaps not. And then again he may look at it this way: The principle has been laid down by the Interstate Commerce commission that the haul from the interior down the Columbia is a better haul, a cheaper haul, the natural course that traffic will ultimately follow.

By the same inexorable law of fitness, wheat will more and more be shipped as flour rather than as wheat. The laws of economics will ordain it so and it will be so, whereat Portland will become a vast flour milling center.

Charles is having even a more difficult time reigning his throne than the little fellow has in paying his taxes in Oregon. CUTTING THEM DOWN NOT a single death occurred in Portland in March from injuries received in an automobile accident.

sulted in scores of avoidable collisions. Such accidents are invariably the heritage of an uncontrolled machine or lamentable carelessness. With the opening of the spring automobile season, the police net should be spread wide for offenders. Let Portland of 1921 outdo Portland of 1920 in saving life and limb in automobile collisions.

One chunk of comfort hurries out of all this fuss about railroad wage schedules. It ought to be perfectly clear that if the workers are getting more of the revenues there isn't much, if any, left for the speculators, the traders and the exploiters of the public.

DAWES AND SOLDIERS PORTLAND IS SEVENTY HOW wide the eyes of Hugh D. O'Bryant, first mayor of Portland, would open if he could come back out of the past and, with the mayor of Portland today, review the growth of the city.

The pictures of Portland's first officials disclose the fact that either hirsute adornment was more popular or barbers less frequent than in our modern day. Beard wearing was unanimous 70 years ago, but there is not a single bearded officer of city government in the city hall today.

MADAME HOFER was the proprietor of a small cafe in Paris. The profits from her business afforded her a bare living. But her lack of success in the field of finance was overshadowed by her success in acquiring friends. She had hordes of them.

"Portland First" records in war drives were won because Portlanders were in deadly earnest. Only the same quality of devoted effort and unanimous cooperation will win the Community Chest campaign.

Commercialism has wrought its ruin there. There is nothing in sight but almost numberless stumps, relics of what was yesterday a beautiful and valuable forest.

THE PASSING WOODS AS YOU look out from a car window or automobile as you pass between Portland and Astoria you see many a hill that is the scene of a near tragedy.

the people were ready to reap the fruits of their labor, a summer sun shone down with tremendous heat upon the mounds where the ancient forests had been, and within 40 hours the mighty Yellow River rose 40 feet. It inundated the fields, carried away homes and implements, buried thousands of human beings under its angry waters and spread ruin and devastation where there was promise of abundance.

Woud he consider it possible that we receive 202,000 letters on 45 trains each day and that we send out 200,000 letters, not to mention parcel post packages, on 35 trains daily?

And wouldn't it be as far beyond pioneer belief as it was beyond pioneer vision if we told him that we have 243 churches with a seating capacity of 100,000 and 48 theatres, which entertain an average of 50,000 persons daily?

Mayor O'Bryant presided over a city of 321 souls. He would come back to a metropolis which the last census credits with a population of 258,288. It was even more widely spread out proportionately than Portland today, for its area was then 154 acres, today 42,630 acres.

One of the best recorded acts of the Portland city government was, in highly commendable fashion, to prepare for winter transportation. Mayor O'Bryant could look upon our \$10,500,000 system of ocean terminals today and learn that the canoe and clipper transportation of his day has given way to steamship service which connects the Port of Portland with the Orient, Europe, Australia, the Atlantic coast and South America?

There is absolutely no record that Mayor O'Bryant or any of his associates envisioned the day when the assessed value of the city, which in 1855 was \$1,162,585 would exceed \$314,000,000 in 1921.

There were men living here 50 years ago, who thought Portland had reached the maximum of its growth. One of the reasons the streets are not wider is that such a growth as that of the present was thought impossible.

THE LAST WORD ABRITISHER, whose wife was exceedingly talkative and equally grasping, took his own way of getting the last word. After his death, this paragraph was discovered in his will.

GENERAL WOOD'S MISSION Many Believe He Is the Best Man That Could Be Chosen to Investigate the Philippines, Although Some Oppose the Appointment. Daily Editorial Digest (Consolidated Press Association)

There is, of course, a minority sentiment. The Des Moines Register (Ind. Ed.) says: "If General Wood is being sent to report on the conditions of the Philippines for self-government, then no more unfit selection could be made."

For the rest, however, even those who plead for the cause of Filipino liberty are generous in praise of the general. The Cleveland Plain Dealer (Ind. Ed.) is anxious to know what kind of governor General Harrison has made.

Increased Taxation Inspires Suggestions For Reduced Public Expenditure. North Bend, March 28.—To the Editor of the Oregon Daily Journal: "Under the Yoke" was read with much interest, then read again. And, as you declare, the brakes must be applied.

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CHEER UP, KID Tired Mother—Dear Me! What is baby crying for now? Active Little Sister—He's cross with me because I tried to make him smile with your eye-strutcher.

Letters From the People (Communications sent to The Journal for publication in this department should be written on one side of the paper, and must be signed by the writer, whose name and address in full must accompany the communication.)

SMALL CHANGE Leafing trees and budding hopes are commonly wonders of spring. The most difficult thing law enforcement has to do is to enforce the law.

MORE OR LESS PERSONAL Random Observations About Town Walter Rysdal of Elkton is registered at the Seaside. Elkton is on the Umpqua river in Douglas county. It is about 60 miles west of Drain.

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OBSERVATIONS AND IMPRESSIONS OF THE JOURNAL MAN (Apropos of the miners' convention now in session at the State Hotel, Portland, Ore.)

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