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There are scores of gangsters in Portland. They are in the downtown sections, in the east side sections and in the outlying districts. They have a flagrant disregard for law. They hate policemen.

THE DAWNING DAY?

FOUR items in the news have a tremendous bearing on the future economic status of the United States. One tells of the coming visit of German representatives to this country to seek "advice" from American financiers.

PORTLAND AND THE FUTURE

NEW YORK admits that terminal congestion costs her hundreds of millions of dollars each year and affords Boston and Philadelphia opportunity to compete for trade which, except for cost and hindrance, would gravitate toward the nation's metropolises.

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out of the stern school of necessary thrift. Up to his maturity, Woodrow Wilson knew nothing but straitened circumstances. Garfield knew the stern lines of near poverty. The children who are not wasters, the children who are taught from the beginning that it is national and humanitarian service to save, the 12 in a single family whom a thoughtful mother is directing to thoughts of working for something and then laying away for the future.

Poverty is not all the fault of the greed of mankind. Much of it is caused by the profiteers whose organized power and cunning enable them to rob and plunder the weaker. But many a poor boy sinks into poverty because childhood is begun in wasting, the habit of wasting becomes confirmed and old age comes on with the luckless, misguided in childhood, sinking deeper and deeper in the mire of hopeless poverty.

GIVE THEM THEIR DUE

THERE can be no criticism of the \$100 fine and 10 day jail sentence imposed upon local gangsters unless it is directed at the leniency of the judge. Certainly the penalty was not too severe.

BACK TO ECONOMY

CREAT is as the tax burden in Portland, it is greater in Seattle. As Portland seeks means by which governmental cost can be reduced without loss of efficiency, so Seattle's tax reduction council seeks a lightening of the load.

TWO LITTLE ORPHAN GRIZZLIES

From Our Dumb Animals: "The life story of every bear is a story of adventure," says Enos A. Mills in his book entitled "The Grizzlies," which all boys would do well to read.

CURIOUS BITS OF INFORMATION

Gleaned From Curious Places: The custom of laying the cornerstone of a public building with ceremonies was practiced by the ancients. At the laying of the cornerstone when the Roman emperor Trajan was proceeding of vestal virgins, robed in white, surrounded the stone and consecrated it with libations of water.

UNCLE JEFF SNOW SAYS

Some of them city fellers in Portland kicks about charges for water in the city. But, of course, Ma and me thinks we've got to pay for it. We've got to pay for it. We've got to pay for it.

WILSON COMING INTO HIS OWN

A High Editorial Tribute From a Journal That Opposed Him Attests in Proof, as Woodrow Wilson, the Rising Tide of Revolt for a Great Nature and a Momentous Work—Borah Country in Testimony to the Principles of Wilson.

THE PLUCKED PUBLIC

BANK wrecker, ambitious schemer in shipping operations and former federal convict, Charles W. Morse is again in the limelight for alleged illegal dealings in connection with United States shipping board contracts.

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LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

COMMUNIST sent to the Journal for publication in this department should be written on one side of the paper, should not exceed 200 words and should be accompanied by the writer, whose mail address is full and necessary for the contribution.

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