

AN INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER... PUBLISHED EVERY WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY MORNING... SUBSCRIPTION RATES... FIGHTING THE FARMERS' BLOC... IN A speech in New York, Secretary of War Weeks made an attack on the "farmers' bloc" and went so far as to say that a return to "Cannonism," by giving the speaker of the house power to appoint committees, might be advisable.

Income tax has reached so fine a point across the Atlantic that a tax on tips is in prospect if not in actual operation. Most people consider tips as tax enough. WHEN LEGISLATORS MEET THERE are evidently to be some hot disputes at the special session over the exposition bill. In many counties gatherings of taxpayers have requested their legislative members to vote against any exposition proposal.

WALKING AT WILLBRIDGE The school children near Willbridge are compelled to walk in the roadway from the schoolhouse to their homes. There are no sidewalks along county roads. Fearing for the safety of the children the school board, one of the administrative bodies within the county, asked the county commissioners, another administrative body within the county, to lay sidewalks along the road.

THAT PEACE MAY BE ADVANCED Japan is probably as glad as any other nation to get rid of the burden of armaments. The rising sentiment in Japan against war and the cost of war is like that in all the countries of the earth. Governments everywhere who fail to respect the high universal wish for them to take steps for continued world peace are in peril of overthrow overnight.

Letters From the People SMALL CHANGE It is hoped the four-power agreement will be something better than a four-year affair. A READER'S THANKS With Prophecy of a "United States of the World in Due Time." PORTLAND, Dec. 15.—To the Editor of The Journal—Thank you, Mr. Editor, for the article on the "United States of the World in Due Time," published in your issue of December 10th.

INCOME TAX AND THE FAIR WRITER Assests "Big Income" Can Be Taxed. PORTLAND, Nov. 30.—To the Editor of The Journal—Sunday's papers convey to us the information that the special session is to be an educational campaign for candidates for governor, and that as a feeder an income tax is to be substituted for the "world rot" use.

COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF Sidelights England and Ireland may not have buried the shillagh entirely, but at least it looks as if they were going to club together.—La Grande Observer. In 11 months of the year 1744 persons have been killed by automobiles in the state of New York. War and its casualties are not so trivial matters, after all.—Eugene Guard.

The Oregon Country Northwest Happenings in Brief Form for the Busy Reader. OR GON Forty carloads of Oregon evergreens have been shipped to California this season for Christmas tree purposes. The new \$60,000 high school building just completed at the site of the old building is one of the finest structures of the kind in Eastern Oregon.

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WINTER TOURISTS MOTOR tourists no longer follow the example of the geese. Their migrations are not controlled by the seasons. At the automobile camp ground, whether December days bring rain or chill, the gasoline tourists still snuggle in their tents, cook at the cheerful fires provided by the city or gather sociably in the community building provided by the municipality.

CONTRACTS BY DIVINE RIGHT? A few companies a divine right to all contracts for furnishing materials to the municipal paving plant? Or does the city welcome additional bidders and lower bids? A Swiss newspaper insists that the currency of most European countries is now not on a gold but a wood basis. The wood is transformed into paper upon which gaudy certificates are printed and these are worth at least the cost of the paper and the printing.

Curious Bits of Information Gleaned From Curious Places Celluloid, from which many toilet articles and novelties are made, is composed from the cellulose found in cotton cloth or raw cotton. It is treated with a solution of nitric acid, which forms it into a pulp, and then water is added, which is washed with water, which removes most of the acid. It is partially hardened and camphor gum mixed with it, when it is rolled into sheets and thoroughly softened by steam and then hardened by drying.

Uncle Jeff Snow Says It takes brains to talk right up to a question and then dodge away from it and pretend it ain't there. Some of our ministers and college professors can do that any day or evening week in and week out. The way some of 'em looks into the eyes of the fellow who has a special hole on what God made for all men is enlightenin' and edifyin', but ask 'em for a remedy and all they have to suggest is bigger churches and more colleges. Well, that ain't no remedy, but it is a measure that'd put the coal, timber and city business block profiteers on the kibosh and they ain't got sense enough to do it in any 40 churches and 40 colleges, so I ain't no mention. It's ever before it was time to rejoice, it seemed to us, when our own America laid down the proposition that all the world could see was fair and righteous.

FAVORS STRAIGHT TAX PLAN AND Predicts That the State Will Vote For a 1925 Fair. PORTLAND, Dec. 8.—To the Editor of The Journal—With reference to the letter in your issue of December 7th, signed "E. W." and under the heading "Propose for the Unemployed," I want to state that, being one of the unemployed, I should like to know how the state would be benefited by a 1925 fair. I should like to know how the 12 teachers, according to "E. W.," could draw \$7 each, while I was told to get \$3 only for two meals, and how they could work from 8 a. m. to 9 p. m. If I understand "E. W." right, they have drawn their money already, and they are waiting for the 1925 fair to come. Where would other people be employed who fared as I did. I should like to have "E. W." or someone, explain these matters.

OBSERVATIONS AND IMPRESSIONS OF THE JOURNAL MAN By Fred Lockley "I decided to study medicine, so I went to Willamette university and put in a year and then landed a job as contract doctor to the Warm Springs Indian reservation. I was in order when issued requiring doctors on Indian agencies to know something about medicine. It had been a political job, just as the job of postmaster was. A doctor didn't have to know any more about medicine than a postmaster had to know about letters. I returned to Willamette university and put in three years, graduating in 1917.

Christmas Gift Suggestions Christmas time to Grandmother and Grandfather brings countless secrets to be shared with the kiddies in regard to Mother's and Father's Christmas gifts, or, if Grandmother lives a little way off, it means a busy afternoon in preparation for the family's Christmas. But the Christmas presents to be given Grandmother and Grandfather are also given a good bit of thought. Good books are things to be shared by them both. Or a year's subscription to their favorite magazine in an equally acceptable gift.

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AS NIPPON SEES IT CONSTRUCTION work on all warships in all Japanese navy yards has been suspended, is the statement in a dispatch from Tokio. Congratulating the United States on the success of the Washington conference, Premier Takahashi of Japan "pledges the empire to support the four-power Pacific agreement to the limit." The premier says: The people of Japan congratulate the people of these powers upon the approach of an era of peaceful development and friendly feeling among the nations of the earth. They expect great things from this new concert of the powers that once aligned themselves in a common cause in defense of civilization. We of Japan are ready to render all possible support to

THE Florida Everglades From the London Mail. Three quarters of the way down the long narrow strip of Florida now come to an immense lake. This Okeechobee, as large as the county of Surrey, yet nowhere more than a dozen feet deep. A most dangerous sheet of water it is, for it is everywhere rushing in summer thunderstorm raises a sea in which no boat can live. South of Okeechobee you reach a wall of monstrous oppression, dark and forbidding, hoary with trails of old Spanish moccasins and beyond this the glades themselves. The Everglades of Florida form a swamp which is one of the largest, and in many respects the most interesting, in the world. Cupped by a shallow rim of limestone, its surface is not more than 10 feet above low water mark; yet the swamp itself is not brackish, but filled with clear, soft water. In the narrow channels of clear water dotted with lily leaves. Here and there these broaden into exquisite lakes where alligators float like logs, and where is sometimes seen the pink and purple of the roseate spoonbill. The water is generally covered with grapevines and sweet yellow-flowering jessamine. Here linger the last survivors of the Seminole Indians, a type more nearly approaching the redskin of fiction than of existing anywhere. They live by fishing and hunting, they still retain a few negro slaves, descendants of the runaway who took refuge with them in the old days. The bird life of the glades is wonderful. This, heron, ducks of many kinds, snipe, birds, hawks, and the beautiful white egret, are but a few of the many. There are also the enormous, great diamond rattlers and the sluggish, hideous swamp moccasin. In the "hummocks" grow wild orange, wild lemon, the custard apple and wonderful orchids.

NO POISON GAS Conference Critic Urges More Radical Action in Line of Disarmament. VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 14.—To the Editor of The Journal—For some time I have been waiting to see The Journal take the line of disarmament. It is making in leaving out of the contract being signed the great matter of poison gas and airplanes, the new mode of warfare which undoubtedly would be adopted if the war were to occur. We are pleased with what they have done, but if this is now left out of the war god will yet remain, with greater capabilities for the destruction of the human race than ever before. It was time to rejoice, it seemed to us, when our own America laid down the proposition that all the world could see was fair and righteous.

DEFERTERS? "Desertion" Put Sinnett on Honor Roll. OAK RIDGE, Dec. 14.—To the Editor of The Journal—Under the headline, "Two Republicans Desert," the Oregonian of November 18th carried an Oregonian news bureau dispatch from Washington relating the desertion of two members of the delegation from the three Northwestern states. The two "deserters" were Sinnott of Oregon and Summers of Washington. This is a case where, I think, desertion should be rewarded and should place these two men on the honor roll. They stand for the people instead of the profiteers who are set up to enforce by party discipline. A Reader.

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