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INTERPRETING THE LAW
A MOST interesting construction has been placed on the enforcement of the prohibition law in New York by the statements of enforcement officials.

BEHIND THE SCENES
THE rail strike today developed into a fight to a finish, when the peace negotiations were blown sky high.

THE PRICE
IF AN insane person buys a pistol and kills somebody with it, where does the responsibility lie?

PROFITS FOR THE PUBLIC
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ers indiscriminately for there are more crazies, more crooks and more irresponsibles in every community. The true course is to stop the manufacture and sale of revolvers.

But we shall have to wait for prohibition of pistols and until then the most scrupulous care is necessary in regulating their sale.

Something must be done. Portland's congested district is rapidly becoming worse congested. The limitations of streets 60 and 80 feet wide with intersections every 200 feet are all too frequently evident.

Those who oppose it do so for business reasons. They say the scheme will keep trade from them; that one-way traffic will impose injurious complexity and delay.

Those great financial interests are directing the railroad strategy, and it is a blood and iron strategy. When President Harding tried to settle the strike he sent Secretary Hoover to New York to present his plan.

From the Equitable Trust building Mr. Hoover went to the meeting of the railroad presidents, but it was only a perfunctory presentation of President Harding's plan.

The important thing in this bit of history is not the mere fact that the offer was rejected. It is the higher fact that the president of the United States sought industrial peace for the welfare of all the country.

They do not even appreciate that they are subjecting the traveling public to the perils of railroad equipment out of repair. They have no qualms about the bearing that inefficient equipment has on the operation of the lines.

When Vancouver makes fiesta to honor the prune she chooses that subject which far surpasses all the orgies of Bacchus on Olympus.

THE REAL CULPRITS
A FEW months ago a theatre in an Eastern city was robbed. It was a spectacular and daring burglary. The bandits escaped in a taxicab.

But the man had spent 60 days in jail. His fingerprints were taken and placed with those of criminals, and his picture appeared also with those of criminals in the rogues' gallery.

THE effect is that critics of the American system ascribe the fault to our plan of self government, which is not to blame at all. The Reds howl about it. The bolsheviks rave about it.

THEY say that municipal ownership of utilities is a rank, stark, staring failure, but the municipally owned car line in San Francisco is piling up a surplus while at the same time holding down the fares of corporation owned lines in that city.

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COMMENT OF THE STATE PRESS
Hot in The Dalles, but There's a Difference - Lighters, National Digest Poll Cuts No Lee - Pleasure Seekers Are Thoughtless - After 31 Years - Ain't Scientists Wonderful!

The Dalles Chronicle: The temperature attained a mark of 90 above in Chicago, Monday, and they are sending out press dispatches about the heat wave in the Middle West.

Blue Mountain Eagle: Just as often as the men get together to drink a little liquor conversation. They first talk about it being hot or cold and then it is wet or dry.

Corvallis Gazette-Times: A bugologist at the Smithsonian Institution says that ants are a threat of mankind in civilization; that they have had a division of labor agreement that settled the strike question thousands of years ago.

What's in a name? Inquires Shakespeare. But that was before an exchange of Kelso for Longbell or Longview involved a giant lumber plant and real estate operation.

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LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE
[Communications sent to the Journal for publication are held in abeyance until they are of sufficient length and must be accompanied by return address in full must accompany the contribution.]

IDAHO SCHOOL LAW
Private Schools Are Not Prohibited
Portland, Aug. 23.—To the Editor of The Journal:—A letter in The Journal, August 21, states that the Idaho school law does not prohibit private schools.

While we're fighting on ways and means for making our prisons self-supporting, we recall the promises of reformers who promised us there would be more need for prisons when we adopted their reforms.

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SMALL CHANGE
The gun manufacturers helped again to reduce the population by one Saturday night.

Germany's getting a lot of sympathy because it fears the cold of winter. But sympathy should remain at home, at least until our own skin is filled.

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SIDELIGHTS
If the valley was Africa, a hunter would be shot for a hippopotamus every fall.—Medford Mail-Tribune.

One of the worst things about these strikes is that they give the profiteers an excuse for raising prices on almost everything.—Eugene Guard.

While transacting business in Portland George Stevens of Pendleton is domiciled at the Imperial.

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THE OREGON COUNTRY
Northwest Happenings in Brief From the Busy Reader.

Stanley Adams, the first commander of the Albany post of the American Legion, recently installed.

While she was making soap, the clothes of a woman who lived near Halfway, caught fire and she was fatally burned.

Walla Walla, as given out by the county board of assessors, are 10 per cent lower than last year.

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MORE OR LESS PERSONAL
Random Observations About Town

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OBSERVATIONS AND IMPRESSIONS OF THE JOURNAL MAN
By Fred Lockley

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