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for, to wit: That thing for which Grant appealed, "Let us have peace."

THE ONLY VIEWPOINT

MAYOR BAKER pointed the way to unravel present traffic tangles in Portland when he told those assembled at the council chamber Friday that "what we want is constructive suggestions for the solution of the problem."

A plan is before the council, the purpose of which is to eliminate the abominable congestion in this city. It is a comprehensive measure; a measure designed by experts to relieve present conditions; a measure that holds out strong hope for a situation wherein people can get to and from their homes in a reasonable time, and to and from the business houses and office buildings of the city.

All Portland agrees that there is urgent need of effective reform. Perhaps the situation calls for radical reform. At least, conditions cannot be left in the status quo nor near the status quo.

There can be no reform by merely tearing to pieces the proposed plan. There can be no reform by mere destructive criticism. There can be no reform by throwing arguments into the hearing that are designed largely to attract class against class, and one kind of traffic against another kind of traffic, the principal purpose of which is to divide the elements that are demanding reform and beat measures intended for reform.

It is quite possible that the proposed plan at present constituted a defective amendment. If amendment is necessary there should be amendment. But let all elements be agreed that the purpose of the proposed plan and of the hearings is to devise means of the best possible reform, and then let that reform be the purpose of all concerned, speakers and commission alike. Unadorned destruction and bitter division will land Portland just where she is today, from a traffic standpoint—submerged in congestion and delay.

Personal interest will figure largely in the debates. It will have much to do with opposition to any reform. It will be the backbone of the destructive criticism. But let it not be forgotten that the public good is the first consideration in public affairs, and that the city commission of Portland is expected to view all problems from the standpoint of public good.

If through destructive action and division of the various elements, the proposed measure is rendered impotent or beaten entirely the city commission, as at present constituted, will fall utterly in one of its important duties. The result will be decidedly injurious to the future of the city. On the other hand, if the lead of Mayor Baker is followed and all elements unite in offering "constructive suggestions," Portland will be enabled to face the future without the burden of an Oregon boot in the form of massed congestion.

Allenists are to examine Tierman as to his sanity. Only on the theory that he is crazy can there be a satisfactory explanation of his conduct. Men who travel his trail have no business at large.

WATER IS GOLD

WATER is the gold of the West. No proof of this assertion has been so strikingly presented as in the projected treaty of seven Western states for the division of the Colorado river.

waters of the desert transformed into orderly farms and gardens, and homes securely established among trees and flowers, where the whitened bones of the three-killed may be found even today.

NO CUT WITHOUT A CUT

THE JOURNAL is curious to know how many elections will have to be held and how large a majority will have to be piled up before the responsibility for taxation will be understood, that people want their taxes reduced, not increased.

This observation is suggested by the non-action of the tax conservation commission of Portland, which was created to encourage economy in city affairs. The Journal opposed the creation of the commission, and does not subscribe to the principle under which it acts, but yields to its exercise of authority as a part of the law of the land.

Because action by the commission must be unanimous in order to be valid, the effort of two members of it to cut the playground directors to 23 instead of the present 46 failed to become effective. By the same token, the commission failed to interdict the purchase of a municipal golf links.

It is not contended here that 46 playground directors are inadvisable. But it is remembered that a great many people have risen to prominence in human affairs who in their childhood knew of no such functionary as a playground director. And there is certainly room for debate over the issue of the purchase and ownership of a golf links for play purposes when in the vital matters of public utilities there is a perennial howl against public ownership. Then there is the further question of how far public tax money ought to be used in providing diversion, pastime, entertainment and other things. To what lengths may not the spending of public money go, with a publicly-owned golf links as a starter?

It seems to be the popular idea to talk about reducing taxes and vote for reduction of taxes, but not to reduce taxes. If any cut is to be made, the prevalent thought seems to be to cut off the other fellow's publicly-provided diversion, but "let mine stand."

Mr. Pierce's majority resulted from the failure of those in control of the levying of taxes to understand that the people as a whole are in earnest in their desire to have taxes reduced. Taxes cannot be reduced except by reducing them. They cannot be cut unless some of the private activities which this generation has made public activities, paid for out of tax money, are cut.

CHURCH AND THE FOREIGNER

THE Portland Americanization council has issued to the churches of this city an appeal for cooperation to which no possible pastoral immersion in detail and humdrum should prevent response.

Get into contact with immigrants of your own faith, in an initial request, which contains no suggestion that the minister and his workers wait until the foreign-born pass the threshold of the church before they show an interest.

Make your church a center for Americanization activities, in the second admonition. What are "Americanization activities"? Surely, first of all, an invitation, a welcome and the creating of a feel-at-home atmosphere. Then an interest in the individual personality of the foreign-born man, woman, boy or girl. Real interest involves the play of cordiality, courtesy and respect. It means that the American-born will seek to learn about the land from which the newcomers came, the problems and the joys there, the institutions and the traditions.

homes and churches as well as through the schools. There will be in the future less of an Americanization problem than exists now. National sentiment is turning against the introduction of the European unit into this country.

Forty-five ocean carriers were in the Columbia river Saturday either receiving or discharging cargo. When you remember that each ship holds the freight of three or four trains, you can understand why the Columbia river has become one of the greatest of world highways.

A WARNING WORD

THE state organization is interested only in seeing the state senate organized along Republican party lines, so that needed party legislation may be accomplished.

The less the next legislature has to do with "party legislation" the better. The playing of partisan politics in the Oregon legislature at succeeding sessions was chiefly responsible for Chamberlain and for West and is now responsible for Pierce, all Democratic governors in an overwhelmingly Republican state.

Work with a meaning is easier to do; work with a meaning is inspiring to do. Difficulties and hardships incidental to the job are borne with a greater patience when men know what the job means.

And the same thing is true of life. The man who has found the meaning of life is never worried with the problems of the world. People who raise that question have not discovered life's significance, and this ignorance of the why of life is responsible for the most of the stupidity, blundering and disillusionment which mark men's living.

When the meaning of life has been discovered it will be found to justify its seeking. It involves toil, sacrifice, pain, disappointment, loss—these take their understandable place, and derive values, inestimably precious, from the whole of life's relationship to the whole, to the finished product of God's purpose.

For the only idea that will give life a meaning sufficient to justify it is the idea of God. Leave God out and the whole scheme falls into a morass of confusion. If you are in it is merely a fragment of anarchy—a blind servility or a blind insurrection, which are but two phases of the same thing.

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FINDING LIFE'S MEANING

This Discovery of Discoveries in the Career of Any Human Being—Revealing Action of the Will—Showing the Piece-Worker When Shown the Relation of His Detailed Task to the Completed Product in Which It Is to Form a Part of the Universal Plan.

The emphasis which was necessarily laid upon production during the emergency days of our war experience resulted in the employment of various devices for clearing the way and increasing the energy of the workers. In many instances, ideas which the stress of need developed have been adopted as permanent features in industry, and are still contributing to greater efficiency in manufacturing and service.

Ordinarily, under the modern minute subdivision of industrial processes, in a great plant employing several thousands of workers, each worker is assigned to some specific task which he repeats day after day without any clear idea of what relation it bore to the completed whole. This, indeed, was the case in the case of the worker in the plant in the concern's employ understood just what the concern was doing, what product it was turning out and what part the production was playing in the work of the nation.

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COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE SIDELIGHTS

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MORE OR LESS PERSONAL

Random Observations About Town

P. I. Hunsstock and family of Corvallis are among recent arrivals in the metropolis.

Visitors from Douglas county include Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Enger of Roseburg.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Atkins of Kelso, Wash., are spending the week-end in Portland.

E. B. Shull of Pendleton has come to Portland on a business mission.

C. Bremser of Roseburg is spending the week-end in Portland.

M. M. Warner of Goldendale, Wash., is transacting business in Portland.

Miss Elmora of Corvallis was among the visitors of Saturday.

Burt Brown of Fossil is taking in the sights of the metropolis.

L. J. Medaniel of Pasco is transacting business in Portland.

W. G. Krueger of Canby was transacting business in Portland Saturday.

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The Oregon Country

Northwest Happenings in Brief Form for the Busy Reader.

OREGON The largest special school levy to be levied in Linn county this year is that of the Linn county high school, which calls for a tax of \$11.64.

Thinking back the entire cranberry season has been a success for the county sold at prices which were most gratifying to the growers.

The flouring mills at Astoria are grinding more flour than ever before. It is turned out a number of large export orders that have been booked.

Volunteer schools have the largest enrollment in vocational agriculture of any school in the state. There are enrolled in this department 10,000 pupils.

Citizens of Knox Butte, one of the richest farming communities in Linn county, have inaugurated a movement which will lead to a community hall.

The Salem city automobile park is a paying institution for the sixth month. It operated this year a total of \$327.58 having been collected from automobile fees.

In an effort to increase the assessed valuation of timber lands in Yamhill county, \$10,000 has been included in the county's budget for the county court for crusting timber.

Owen A. Merriok, ex-newspaper man of Portland and Astoria, is under arrest on a charge of larceny of a motor car. The Motor Car Company of Astoria claims the car.

A farmers' warehouse, the estimated cost of which will be \$30,000, is to be erected in Salem this winter by Paul Treloar, who has a community hall, and will have 7500 square feet of floor space.

A large motor truck owned by A. O. Hurney, Hood River transfer man, burned Wednesday on the Columbia river highway, near Landing, and was destroyed, the ditch without serious injury to any of the four occupants.

The Hickman-Besse Stock company, which operates the Linn county theatre for several weeks, presented "The Girl of the Flying X" at the Portland theatre Friday for the entertainment of the convicts.

WASHINGTON The Mason County Savings and Loan association has opened a branch at Shelton with a capital of \$100,000.

The cheese factory at Satsop is the largest of its kind in the Northwest. It handles \$400,000 worth of milk during the past year.

Charles E. Jones, 77, died at Tacoma Tuesday morning. He had been a prominent florist of Tacoma, died suddenly last Saturday when he was stricken by a heart trouble at his home in that city.

Frank E. Beal, for the past 80 years a prominent florist of Tacoma, died suddenly last Saturday when he was stricken by a heart trouble at his home in that city.

All the automobile license plates ordered by the Washington state department of transportation have been finished and delivered by the plant in the Walla Walla peninsula.

The first 10 months of this year Tacoma has exported nearly \$10,000,000 worth of flour and \$4,000,000 worth of wheat. The total for the year is \$14,000,000.

In protest against the increasing popularity of tuxedo trousers at the University of Washington, students have pledged themselves to wear overalls in the class room.

Four hundred and seventy-four new members have been obtained for the Vancouver Community Club, which was organized on October 1. The club is operated by the American Legion post.

The majority of Representative Mark E. Reed of Shelton for speaker of the Washington house of representatives was elected Monday at Idaho Falls when his father, Thomas M. Reed, was speaker of the territorial house 40 years ago.

President Harding has nominated Edward D. Quinn as postmaster at Nes Perce, Idaho.

The special 13 weeks course of the agricultural school at Idaho Falls, which opened at the University of Idaho, January 3.

The Central Pacific railroad to the Union Pacific is favored by the Boise Chamber of Commerce.

A. G. Dahl, road contractor of Troy, has been elected mayor of Naugatuck, Connecticut. He was elected on Tuesday when his car turned turtle in a ditch opposite the Indian school building.

William Mack Hinkley, 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hinkley, was killed Monday at Idaho Falls when his coat became entangled in the shaft of a wood saw.

The Idaho state industrial accident board has ordered that the Naugatuck school teacher, \$2500 for the loss of an eye while playing with his pupils.

Twenty Years Ago

From The Journal of Dec. 3, 1902.

Yesterday afternoon 17 druggists met to frame a protest to be presented before the common council against the proposed increase of \$400 per year for selling liquor.

Washington—Senator Morgan is expected to arrive here today for the canal. He favors the Nicaragua route.

The West Side Suburban Railway company is a new corporation that has obtained a franchise from the city council for a road between Portland and Hillsboro with an extension to Forest Grove. Work on the new road will commence within 60 days.

Government may be being transferred from the Alaska stock this morning to the Northern Pacific for shipment to Tacoma and from there to be sent to Manila. It consists of 124 bags and has been lying in the warehouse for four or five months. It would probably have been shipped direct had Manila.

During the past few days but very little has been going in the shipping business. Local exporters apparently have all the vessels engaged for present and future business. There is a change in the situation is expected for some time to come. There are now only three disengaged vessels in the river.

The work of laying the new 20-inch water main on East 25th street and Margaret avenue in Sunnyside has about been completed.

Mayor Williams and the councilmen are anxious to have the following enacted and improve milk situation that exists in Portland. That strenuous measures will be taken to correct the milk situation. They will be held in the legislative committee.

The legislative committee of the Legislature has passed a bill to be presented to the state legislature for an appropriation of \$500,000 for the fair.

Members of the Manufacturers' association have determined that if no answer to their letter to President Nelson of the Northern Pacific railroad demanding an explanation of or apology for his stop at Portland and the Lewis and Clark fair is received within a period of 10 days, they will send a deputation to the city.

IMPRESSIONS AND OBSERVATIONS OF THE JOURNAL MAN

By Fred Lockley

Here are helpful hints for those who are wasting their time in the wrong kind of work, or in jobs that are busy instead of the sober, manly jobs that are plenty the enough to show exactly what he means when he talks about round and square pegs.

What kind of peg are you—a round one or a square one? Sometimes when a round bolt or pin in a machine becomes loose or worn, try replacing it with a square one. It is a matter whether the machine is a typewriter, an automobile or a threshing machine, you are bound to come to grief in the vast majority of cases.

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