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to an electrical socket, from which a death current is sent through the wires. The fly wings his way to the wires, which are a convenient and attractive perch.

Inventors have done much for this world. Without their communication would still be carried on by messenger, the motive power for transportation would still be the horse.

THE BEAK AND TALONS OUT in Good Samaritan hospital is Robert Greene, 49, sentenced to 60 days in jail and to pay a fine of \$100 on a charge of contempt of court for alleged violation of the injunction sued out of the federal court by the O-W. E. N. Railroad company in the shopmen's strike.

Greene has a wife and four young children and is buying a home on the installment plan. The wife asked for \$15 the other day for clothing for the children.

Laws should be enforced. Punishments should be adequate. Failure of either is chaos. But the railroad company has won the strike.

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greater returns to human existence to prosperity and to happiness. This is a vision but it is far from visionary. It will take years to accomplish but it will be done.

THEIR GAME THOSE who are plotting inroads on the workmen's compensation law ought to abandon their enterprise.

Back of the plan are the casualty companies and ambulance-chasing lawyers. Effort is made to hide them under a smoke screen by a claim that it is an employers' program.

A few employers, it is true, are in the plan. Some of them claim they want to do their own insuring. But what lumbering establishment, for example, can guarantee to pay death benefits for 45 years to the widow and orphans of a dead worker, killed in an industrial accident?

The whole plan is absurd. It is so regarded by most employers, and by all workers. It should be dropped.

ASTORIA WILL NOT STOP FIRE has destroyed the heart of Astoria's business district but it will not destroy the heart of Astoria.

THE terror blow has paralyzed for the moment the brave city at the mouth of the Columbia, but it will not more than stagger the braver spirit which will see about rebuilding amid the grief occasioned by the loss.

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Suppose that the head of water created by the dams were passed through machinery to generate electricity. The energy of a million horsepower at one point, a quarter of a million at another, possibly a million at another.

Suppose that on the lands and in the towns of the Columbia basin were located, not the seven or eight people to the square mile as now, but the vastly greater number who could draw life and prosperity from the soil brought to real productivity.

AMERICA AT LAUSANNE Ambassador Child's Speech Before the Near East Conference in Text For Editorial Comment Covering All Points of Interest.

Which the Incomparability of "Representation" Without the Usual Incident of "Taxation" is Overlooked Preference Between "Outside Dictator" Noted.

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COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF SMALL CHANGE International interest appears to be impartially divided among the British and the French.

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