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Thou hast taken usury and increase, and thou hast greedily gained of thy neighbor by extortion, and hast forgotten me, saith the Lord God.—Ezekiel 22:12. IN REVIEW

FIRE story of the late coal strike

st April, the miners attempted to meet with the operators to reach another agreement. The workers announced themselves as willing to accept the same wage, but the operlators refused to meet with them. even after government conciliators had attempted to bring about a conference. The owners insisted on ported by the Federated Patriotic a wage reduction. Naturally, since the operators would not even discuss the matter, a strike ensued. zations. It was a bill that ought It lasted several months. In the not to have been passed, because meantime no coal was being there is need in every state of every brought to the surface. At last the possible form of school and college operators agreed to pay the old wages. The supply of coal was by a great many very excellent peonearly exhausted and a shortage ple, and to say that they have was forecast for the winter.

The price, of course, skyrocketed, It is estimated that \$25,000,000 a week more is being paid for coal during this December than was paid during the same month a year ago. It means, since the cost of mining It is the same, that the operators have succeeded, by bringing on a strike and thereby reducing the supply, in adding \$25,000,000 a week to their profits. And what does it mean to the

of the country pay more for their state." if they are to be told that coal. It means that the railroads Oregon is under a "blight" and pay more for coal, and, therefore, have to make more profits. The striving to raise a \$300,000 pub- penitentiary a master-criminal. * steel concerns pay more for coal, und, therefore, add to their cost of get strangers to come here and operation. It means that the cloth- settle, will work under a serious ing manufacturers pay more for handicap. coal and will add that to the cost of clothing. It means that every industry in the United States will Olcott are giving it. It is merely pay more for coal and add the cost a sporadic outburst of an old idea. to the prices of their goods, which If left alone it will pass just as additional cost the public will pay other outbursts of the kind came, when they purchase the products of flourished for a time and then disthe industries. It all means that appeared. There are so many great the workers are getting no more, big things in Oregon, so many intelbut that the operators are taking ligent and just citizens, so many an additional \$25,000,000 a week splendid resources and opportunifrom the people of the country as ties, so much to do is state developa result of a strike that the owners ment and state progress, that it is of the mines brought on.

tion, might have avoided the coal side issue like the Ku Klux Klan. strike. Officials promised to prewest profiteering. The national ada inistration might have saved that \$25,000,000 a week to the people of the country. But it didn't, and A ence eight volunteer workers in the people are now paying the bill, the Chamber of Commerce cam-Meantime, may the commission created to go into the coal situation make a thorough investigation and offer a real solution of the the heads of 25 Portland businesses. present difficulties. Its failure would likely mean other \$25,000,000 a week gains for the coal operators through various maneuvers with workers and the public.

A WINNING FIGHT

proughout the nation chiefly acta for the success in life on

campaign. When you buy one of the cheery-faced seals you aim a bullet at a dread disease. When you stamp a seal on a letter you help stamp out tuberculosis. Great

is the power of prevention! In Oregon there would be four it not been for the practical work done in this state to eradicate the consumption. The work is not yet done. There are still seals to buy and effort to be made before the last furtive germ is stamped out.

The victims who surrendered all their spare change to stick-up men Friday night probably wished they had contributed the money to the Community Chest, the Astoria relief fund, the Chamber of Commerce publicity fund, the antituberculosis seal campaign, the Salvation Army Christmas dinner fund, the Near East relief appeal, or any one of a dozen other causes, rather than as an involuntary gift to persons who most certainly do not use ill-gotten gains to further generous projects.

> MR. OLCOTT'S EASTERM SPEECH

DESCRIBING Oregon as the scene of "deeds of violence" and declaring that, as a result of the passage of the compulsory school bill "leading and prominent citizens were taking steps to leave the state." Governor Olcott drew a dark picture of conditions in Oregon in his address before the governors' convention. Governor Olcott was almost melodramatic in describing the "blight" which, he said, the Ku Klux Klan had brought upon Oregon.

The Journal holds no brief for organization should go out of busivisible empire."

Nor does The Journal think Gov- state progress and prosperity. ernor Olcott should paint the direful picture of Oregon, a picture of "deeds of violence" and "leading and prominent men taking steps to leave the state," which he drew beof all the newspapers in America.

sane people in Oregon. It is doubtful if there is another state in the union that has a larger percentage of very steady and very well poised citizens.

To the whole body politic, the in three days. is nearing its conclusion. A re- Ku Klux Klan is in a very small In the recommendations for clemview of its high points throws light proportion. To claim, as Governor ency it is argued that La Rose was on the strategy of the operators. It Olcott does, that the klan has cor- a heavy drinker, enacted his crimes should be highly interesting to rupted, or is about to corrupt, the under the influence of liquor, and every man and woman in the whole mass is absurd. There is not that prohibition is now in effect. people of Oregon are going to be been known to obtain intoxicating tween miners and operators expired led by the klan into any wicked or beverages. disreputable action to "blight" the

Contrary to the impression given the country by Governor Olcott's speech, the klan did not bring the compulsory school bill before the state. That was done by the higher-up Masons. It was supsocieties, composed of Free Masons and many other fraternal organitraining. But the bill was supported "Russianized" the state, as Governor Olcott declared in his speech,

is nonsense. If high officials in Oregon are to spread broadcast word pictures of deplorable conditions here, if they are to herald it abroad that the state is "Russianized," if they are to give the impression that Oregon is the scene of "deeds of violence," if people elsewhere are to be told in all the newspapers by the governor of the state of Oregon that 'leading and prominent citipublic? It means that the people zens are taking steps to leave the under a "menace," those who are licity fund to advertise the state to

The Ku Klux Klan feeds on the publicity which men like Governor foolish for men to be distracted The government, by proper ac- from the big things ahead by a

96 PER CENT READY

paign for promotion of state publicity and cooperative marketing reported that they had interviewed

In only one instance had they been turned away by refusal to unifying the whole west side decontribute. The business head pro- velopment. But it does show that fessed sympathy with the purposes of the effort, but he ascribed personal business reasons for his fail- of the west side business district ure to contribute.

On the other hand, 24 of the 25 SINCE 1904 the national death met the workers cordially and Morrison street property owners A certain percentage might remain rate from tuberculosis has decreased 50 per cent. The fight this particular cross section of the dening of the approach to Morri- work and establish homes and famagainst the great white plague is campaign organization recorded a son bridge. Burnside street prop- lies, thereby helping to solve the a winning fight. Educational work 95 per cent success in solicitation. Yet it was not money alone the

beauties of the state. They pointed to Washington with her 20 people with her 22, and Oregon, signifiwith resources and opportunities unexcelled by any other Western state.

They went farther. They said help the Oregon farmer. They advocated Portland aid rather than Portland exploitation of Oregon agriculture. They said that the people now on the land must succeed before any sure prospect of comers. They argued for improved railroad transportation. They pointed out the need of the Natron cutoff to afford Klamath country promore reasonable rates. They asked how the development of Central as large as Eastern states still devoid of a mile of railroad.

They urged a Portland leadership in general establishment of cooperative marketing. They said the farmer is the only producer who hasn't a word to say about the selling price of his product, and that until better markets and more markets can be provided, with some reference in the selling price of farm products to the cost of production, Oregon farmers can only expect to go farther and farther down the road of failure.

These comments are the best exthe Ku Klux Klan. It thinks that Portland in a long time. They show years of the century mark he had turbs us is merely the open display of that Portland is waking up. They ness. It does not think there is show that Portland is beginning to any need in this country for an "in- realize how much her own future depends upon skillfully aided out-

A PLEA FOR CAUTION

TACK LA ROSE was guilty of I three of the most cold-blooded fore the assembled governors and and brutal assaults in the criminal with all the attendant publicity of history of Portland before his conbig headlines on the first pages viction and sentence to the penitentiary. He operated with a gas pipe, There are a great many safe and striking his victims over the head without warning or cause. One died. Another never regained his mentality. The third was saved because he was struck a glancing blow. All three attacks occurred

the slightest possibility that the But even in these days men have

Perhaps La Rose has reforme It is entirely possible that he has.

When men reform and give very complete evidence of their reformation, the public is willing to give them another opportunity in life. But a record of assaults such as Federal Council of Churches. ant charged against La Rose suggests that state officials should be very certain of the reformation before granting clemency to the man who terrorized Portland as the "gas nine thug."

HIS EDUCATION

OF COURSE he went to school. a boy of 15. But he wasn't skil- police put him aboard a passing ful enough or learned enough to be train. Railroad men threw him off It Is Repeated for the Admonition of a master of his craft. So now, or at the next station, if not between later, he will probably have a stops. course in the penitentiary. That will correspond to the university.

Always provided that he doesn't in an impulsive moment kill somebody with one of the revolvers that, in spite of law to the contrary, even a 15-year-old boy can easily obtain, he will doubtless emerge from the

Others may tell the story of the child found with his loot and his amateur boastfulness in a Portland hotel, in different terms. They may say that what he has had and what he will get are good enough for him. Perhaps so.

But while he does penance let society turn its face in shame. Street life that breeds crime is repreach to any city. Institutions that graduate criminals are a condemnation of Oregon people.

HOLDING THE WEST SIDE

WEST SIDE business men are not, it seems, asleep. Signs of awakened interest appear in the plan for rejuvenation of the older west side-district, the improvement of the bridge approaches and the development of the waterfront.

Owners of property on and near far as to outline a tentative ter- and exported. minal scheme. This plan is defective only in its failure to recognize the importance of coordinating and the itinerants of the wheat fields one body of citizens whose interests are at stake desire the permanence and the increase rather than the loss of property values.

erty owners are aligning their in

something to set Oregon on the street property owners have under high road to prosperity. They disconsideration the widening of cussed the desirability of advertis- Madison street approach to Hawing the water power, the timber, thorne bridge. All have outlined the unfarmed acres and the scenic their plans with reference to the waterfront project.

The city planning commission is deaths a day from tuberculosis had to the square mile and California doing effective work to arouse all west side business interests to the cantly sandwiched between, with danger of allowing further retrodisease. As it is, two die daily of only eight to the square mile, yet gression of the older west side business district. The agricultural committee of the Chamber of Commerce has indorsed the plan as a means of increasing and improving the time has come for Oregon to the public market. Civic and business organizations are giving the subject hearing and will appoint committees for further study.

Out of all this citizen activity will emerge an intelligent and apprehensive appreciation of the west success can be extended to new- side problem. Unless the bridge approaches are improved so that people can more easily cross the river there will be tendency to establish a new business center on ducers competitive markets and the east side at the expense of the west side. Three fourths, at least, of the people who deal on the west Oregon could go forward with areas side come from the east side residence districts and must cross the bridges.

Unless there is improvement of the old business district, which the majority of people pass through in reaching newer and more modern business buildings, there will be a "dead spot," where business under every natural cause should be most active.

AN EFFICIENT LIFE

CEORGE LAWRENCE SR. demonstrated that a man need not retire because he has grown old. pressions that have come out of Though he had reached within 10 been almost constantly active in business up to within a short time of his death, a few days ago.

Long after he had celebrated his eightieth birthday people passing and its institutions. Much of what we the George Lawrence company are learning is not pleasant, but building late at night were accustomed to see this pioneer of the time, and it was all disclosed long business bending over his duties. interpreter of the human heart, Jesus He did not believe that work, even Christ. The big fact upon which faith long hours, are very hurtful to a may build is that, in spite of what he man, and his near-centenarian rec-

Neither did he believe that ab- plan. sorption in business took from the joy of life. On the contrary, he his work and in the simple sized. "All is vanity," our writers cry with the Preacher of old, and add, re-

If more people were willing to whence there is never return, there would be more who could approach this example of an efficient life.

FROM THE WHEAT FIELDS

THE bread that was in the sheaf I is being eaten. Heat of Oriental, British and Belgian ovens trans- father's home. lates Oregon wheatfields into food. But what of the quarter-million itinerants who harvested American grain? The question comes from so unexpected an agency as the

A little while ago the air was filled with dust and sun. Harvesters came from the ends of the nation. Some of them bought tickets. Many rode the rods. While they were gins to see the only reality. The mesneeded for labor there was a certain attitude of invitation and tolerance on the part of railroads and

But when the wheat was sacked First, he had a course on the the Federal Church Council inquirstreets. That corresponded to ers find, the disposition of coungrade schools. Then he enjoyed a try communities was to hurry the period in reform school. That cor- migrant harvester along. He was responded to high school. He a "patriotic hero" before the haremerged with all the ambition of vest, a hobo afterwards. Local

The migrant was considered an indifferent sort of citizen. He lacked wasn't the kind of man to whom speaking to a people who zealous boosters handed illuminated booklets in effort to induce him to tice it; because it is in the power velop its matchless resources."

Was it to be wondered that the dog kicked at snarled, or that the developed a bitter philosophy of their destruction?

Here is the appeal that the Amercan church council issues:

The church just now is saying much concerning economic and onditions. Here is one that is purely missionary in character. The church has now an opportunity to take a hand (stamp his name on their money) and in the practical application of its the say, Is not the Lord among us?" No ories. The government is not inter-evil can come upon us." This is what The government is not interories. ested, now that the war is over. The Micah is saying today, and we hate local community and farmer-employer him because he is looking directly have not yet seen their responsibility. church must save the situation both for the sake of these men them-selves and for the Kingdom of God on earth. For, once alive to the fact that But these men were all big-they stood the church cares for them just as Jesus did when on earth, not a few would become its heralds of the wheat field natead of its bitter denouncers.

The appeal goes primarily to churches in wheat sones. Conse-carriage to smithereens, mum."
"Horrors! Was the baby hurt?" quently it is of immediate interest to the churches of the Columbia the waterfront between Morrison basin, where wheat is grown, and fore." and Madison streets have gone so of Portland, where grain is milled

The proposal is appealing because it is almost the first suggestion that may possess a possible social value susceptible of development if cordiality opened the doors of the churches. In turn, the men attracted to the

wheat fields by the harvest might become of greater economic value. ever-pressing problem of settling

THE WORLD'S EXPECTANCY

Persistence of Christmas as a Great Festival Is a Token of the Deathless Hope Which It Embodies — That Hope for Ages Disappointed and Deferred, but Is So Because of Man's Own Dullness in Sensing the Conditions Upon Which Only Its Realization Is Possible.

From the Chicago Evening Post The return of the Christmas seas uickens hope in men's hearts. We annot reflect upon the great event it souls of those unrealized longings which, through the centuries, have cenered upon the fulfillment of its prom The persistence of the Christmas fes

dval throughout the world as the sym bol of man's faith in the ultimate triumph of the spirit of good will and peace is a fact of tremendous signifi In 2000 years no failure of hu man planning, no dark tragedy of hu-man passion, no mad abandon of lus or folly, has been sufficient to extin guish the light of the Bethlehem star drive from the breasts of men the reat expectancy which it inspires. That great expectancy has survived

too many disappointments to be disappointed finally. Bitter experience has given to it clearer understanding It is today more intelligent in discern Nor is it occasion for discouragement

that we find many despairing, for the despair is provoked by the inadequacy human plans which have left God out of reckoning, and it is bearing in upon the conscience of the world that this is the fundamental cause of all our

It is undeniable that there is a surface indifference to spiritual things apparent-in the attitude of multitudes senses, a taxity of conduct, a disregard for standards and restraints and once recognized authorities which occasion deep concern. But much of what diswhat convention kept covered or au-thority repressed. We have lost something in the external decency of discretion, but we have gained in honest knowledge of ourselves. We are learndiscerned of the unlovely, he believe that men had the capacity to achieve ord was a verification of the theory. God's purpose if they would accept His

Disillusion is the keynote of much of found his happiness and play in and the mockery of life are emphapeating his advice, 'Let your heart make merry while young; follow your live simply and wholesomely, and own inclinations, and all that appeals dissipate less energy in directions to the eyes," knowing, even as they say it, that "the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor is the ear with

hearing." They are discovering anew the truth that life in a region of experience remote from God means an eventual famishment of the soul, a starved feeding upon husks. It was through this discovery that the boy, in the story Jesus told, came to himself, and straightway turned his face toward his

Thus disillusionment is driving us back to God. Losing faith in ourselves and in our own plans; in the mighty systems we have builded, social, political and economic, we are turning to One who never lost faith in us because His faith in God's purpose and power never faltered.

So the great expectancy is quickened in men's hearts. Hunger puts edge upon the appetite of hope. the dissolving of illusion the world be sage of Christmas is the willingness of God to enter human life. That is reality. As quickly as we set the it true.

Letters From the People

ed by the writer, whose wall address must accompany the contribution. MICAH AND HIS MESSAGE Those Who Today Are As Those

the Prophet Rebuked.

Vancouver, Wash., Dec. 14 .- To the Editor of The Journal-Recent reference, through The Journal, to Micah. stability, the ability to save, the the prophet, comes happily because capacity for a good appearance, He timely. Micah is speaking today iniquity and work evil upon their beds : when the morning is light they praccome into the country and "de- their hand. They covet fields and they take them away by violence. They oppress a man and his home, even a man and his heritage." Micah is man who felt the boot of expulsion the good and love the evil, who pluck (the toilers') skins from off them and their flesh from off their They build up Zion (in Wall street) with blood, and Jerusalem (in Washington, D. C.) with iniquity. The heads thereof judge for reward, and the priests thereof teach for hire, and the prophets thereof divine for money Yet they will lean upon the Lord evil can come upon us." toward the U. S. A. as he speaks. Micah appealed to Lincoln, to Roose velt and to Wilson, and he appealed to

> A NARROW SQUEAK From Life

high, rather than "pat."

Ruskin, Carlyle and Lloyd George,

Amos.

"A motor truck smashed the baby "You're mighty lucky, mum. was kidnaped only five minutes

> Astoria Resurgent By William T. Perkins

Behold! The fecund river laves thy feet. Behold; The sail-awept sea thy strong bills gr Nor fate, nor flood, nor holocaust of fire Shall stay thing hour or mock thy high desire: For in thy soul there glows the vision still; And in thy weins and thews, unconquered will. COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE Cern show at Salem open. May we exhibit the one on our left little toe? Little girls quite often have big

What a cheerful idiot a man must be to attempt to get married on a bogus check. One square meal doesn't always deserve another, unless you can satisfy yourself with hash.

'Maybe there'll be a shortage of pumpernickel," the sporting editor tells us. The shortage being coincident with the shortage of Pilsner. When Portland does a thing there's no haif-way measure in it. To Astoria the city nobly opened its heart and its purse at the same time.

Omar Khayyam would have a merry time in these modern days finding the jug of wine and loaf of bread, to say nothing of a sheltering bough. "Butter is firm," says the market editor, speaking professionally of that commodity. Boy, we'll say she is. The durn stuff won't even thaw on a hotcake these mornings.

Fortunately for our appetite, we have a different conception of strict veracity from that of some of these "Strictly fresh."

SIDELIGHTS Sounding the horn when brakes are called for should be grounds for forfeiture of an auto operator's card.—Marshfield News.

If the steamer Narenta makes time, the New Year will indeed happy one for the lord mayor of don. He will have a box of Hood Newtowns.—Hood River Glacier.

The worst thing about Russia is that every hair-brained tourist who spends a week there comes home and starts to write a book about it.—Crane We may not be able to stop the arguments over boundary lines in Europe but we can help this section by fixing up some of the dilapidated fences between Lebanon yards.—Lebanon Express.

The Marion county teachers' insti-tute at Salem last week took a stand for more rigid enforcement of the state law prohibiting sale of cigarettes to minors. Old cigarette smokers between coughs could give high school students forming the permicious habit good ad-vice.—Woodburn Independent.

The price of marriage licenses is about the only price that has remained at the old standard during the past years of fluctuation. But then, the first cost never did amount to anything in

MORE OR LESS PERSONAL

Random Observations About Town

to purchase some equipment for his home radio. He says he has no trouble in tuning in on The Journal service. Among recent arrivals in the city is R. W. Marlatt of Heppner. H. C. Boone of Tillamook is a week-

and guest. Frank Elliott of Baker is among week-end visitors. Martin L. Sullivan of St. Helens spent Saturday in Portland.

Among out of town visitors are Mr.

and Mrs. G. L. Webb of Tygh Valley. F. H. Crosby of Fugene is among recent arrivals in the city. George Towe of Silverton is a guest at the Hotel Portland.

Among out of town visitors is J. E. Walstrom of Bandon. S. Van Vleit of Yakima, Wash., transacting business in Portland.

P. G. Ripper of White Salmon Wash., is among week-end guests. Among week-end arrivals was J. T.

T. H. Foley of Bend is in Portland | Ralph Gerber of Raymond, Wash. was transacting business in Portland Saturday. D. W. Morrison of Boise, Idaho, is among those spending the week-end in Portland.

> George A. Larsson of Marhafield is among recent visitors to the metropo-Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Robertson of Marshfield are among out of town

visitors. W. J. Winslow of Caldwell, Idaho was transacting business in Portland

A. C. Chase of Myrtle Point is spending the week-end in the metropo-Mr. and Mrs. James Hughes of

Woodburn are among the guests of the Imperial hotel. James Churchill of Gales Creek was transacting business in Portland Saturday.

A recent arrival in the city is A K | Peck of Marshfield. Among out of town visitors is C. H. Giles of Myrtle Point.

IMPRESSIONS AND OBSERVATIONS OF THE JOURNAL MAN

By Fred Lockley

objectives of still a school and a school of the correct certain popular misapprehensions regarding its character, which is that of an educational, not penal, institution—upon which distinction pretty nearly everything depends. upon the platform they greeted me with

this song : Every loyal son will give a rousing toast to you. Every loyal son will love you true. O. S. T. S. with a hope untold,

A heritage to us you did unfold; Love of family, love of friends, love of country. Makes us proud of what you stand for, dear old Blue.

I shall not attempt to repeat all that W. L. Kuser, superintendent of the school, said in the course of the evening in answering my questions, but here, in brief, is what he said about salvaging boys:

As we wrestle with the taxation problem and devise ways and means to develop the wonderful resources of the we should pause to consider our greatest resource—our boys. Despite the many evidences of growing parental neglect of children, and the fact that the news columns are filled with accounts of crimes of boys yet in their teens, we do not seem to be awake to the real situation. Juvenile delinquency is a big problem and a most expensive one. The nearer we come to solving it the easier will be the solution of all our social difficulties.

The average boy is a pretty fair cort of fellow. He may fall occasionally to measure up to the standard we set for him, but on the whole he does very well. The average hoy, however, is not the problem of the community and the state. The unfortunate chap, the state. The unfortunate chap, the under-privileged one, requires our special attention, and he is the lad we have in mind. What are we going to do for him? Call out the construction gang and do some repairing and rebuilding, or wait awhile and require the services of the wrecking crew? No greater need exists in Oregon today than that of a modern and comprehensive plan for caring for her wayward boys. Selfish motives alone comprehensive plan for caring for her wayward boys. Selfish motives alone would dictate the salvaging of every lad, at any reasonable cost, and mak-ing of him a worth-while citizen. The ideal place for a boy is in

good American home, with a mother and father who love each other, living and working together for their boy's interests and advancement. But when the home is broken by death, divorce or separation, as are the homes of the majority of our boys, a properly planned and maintained state institution can be a refuge of hope and op-portenity. Most under-privileged boys need only a chance to make good. They have been the victims of circumstance have been the victims of circumstance and are not to blame for the failures they have made in their lives.

The training school should not be a place for a boy to be locked up in order that he may atone for his offenses. He, of course, will need disciplining, for he had been headed wrong so many years that it will not be easy for him to properly adjust himself. But a training school is not a prison—rather an opportunity shop is not a prison—rather an opportunity shop— a place for a boy to learn that the world can use only honest, honorable, upright men, and to prepare for such a service. Such a school is a part of the educational system of the state and should not be classed with the renal inshould not be classed with the penal inshould not be classed with the penal in-stitutions. It is a place where boys are taught things worth knowing and disciplined in things worth doing, with emphasis placed on moral integrity. honorable purpose and honest effort. Boys who come to a training school are in special need of training in habits of clean conduct and clear think-ing, and each lad must be taught the joy and wholesomeness of good, honest, hard work.

Of course, there is but one plan for modern training school for boys, and that is the cottage plan. The congregate system is a half century or more out of date. What our boys need is

From the Youkers Statesman.

Mrs. Styles: "I see by this pay that a woman in a Western town hi hit upon a noval plan of obtaining separation from her husband withou

On a visit to the Oregon state training school. fathering and mothering, and that can where he addresses the boys, Mr. Lockley interviews the superintendent, who sets forth the objectives of such a school and is at pains groups of not more than 30—the fewer be done only when boys are very carefully segregated and divided into groups of not more than 30—the fewer the better—because individual attention to correct certain popular misapprehensions regarding its character, which is that of an educational, not penal, institution—upon which distinction pretty nearly everything depends.

Last week I visited the Oregon state training school and made a brief talk to the boys. I was pleased with the spirit of the boys, as shown by their school songs and yells. As I stepped clothe, educate, give non-sectarian religious training, provide recreational amusements and do various other things in fitting a boy for future useful service. The annual sum required is not large, and if it were, how could money be spent to better advantage than in saving young boys from lives of crime and shame? Are the boys worth it? The returns to the state are incalculable. When we tell you that three out of every four boys who come to the school go out to make good and to cause society no further trouble, I am sure you will see that the few cents each taxpayer contributes ancents each taxpayer contributes annually are devoted to a good cause.

We are trying to show the boys of the training school that the law is not a monster that reaches out and grabs them and thrusts them into a place of punishment devoid of privilege and opportunity. We want them to feel that the same hand that leads them to the training school gives of the funds of the state to train and develop them that they may become good, useful citizens. Too often, society is interested been a trouble-maker in the community, and the aim is to do away with his bad influence. That, indeed, is an obligation each community owes its law-abiding citizens, and yet, when a law-abiding citizens, and yet, when a lad who goes wrong because he has not been taught how to do right is sent to the training school, it is society's business to follow him there and see that he gets a square deal and that the conditions are such as to send him back a better boy and a better citizen. The public should know what is going on in its state institutions. The best way to learn is to visit them. See for yourself if your investment is paying good returns.

your own home town or community ou got rid of the boy for a while sending him to the school but you not get rid of the conditions nor your personal responsibility for the conditions which sent him to us. In fact, he is still a part of your community and the chances are he will fact, he is still a part of your com-munity and the chances are he will go back to it when he has earned his merits and becomes eligible to parole. He represents your community in the training school, and the kind of citizen he will be when he goes back to you will depend largely on what we have been able to do for him here in the school.

Can you tell me in dollars and cents just what a good citizen is worth to your community? We can do for the your community? We can do for the boys you send to us just what our facilities will permit us to do. If we cannot classify them in proper groups and divisions we shall fail in doing much that could be done under favorable conditions. If it were your boy would yeu want him placed with a hundred or more other fellows with little opportunity for careful, individual, personal attention to be given to any of them? Wouldn't you want him to have a chance to frequently be counseled by a "cottage father" and a "cottage mother," who would take a personal interest in him? Wouldn't you want him protected from the chap who you knew was exerting a bad influence upon him? influence upon him?

Of course you would, and our lads deserve the chance to think clean thoughts and live useful lives. In many cases, in the heart of some poor mother her lad is as precious—yea, the most precious thing on earth. We had loving, capable parents, who left no stone unturned to shape our lives to the end that we might "make good." These blessings came, unearned largely by us, because we were fortunate. In the chjoyment of our many advantages and opportunities, are we going to fail properly to provide for and train in the way he should go this unfortunate but deserving lad who asks only for 1 chance to know the right in order that he may do it?

band out to match a piece of dress goods and told him not to return se had matched it. He's still out." YEP, THERE'S ONE

The Oregon Country Northwest Happenings in Brief Form for the Busy Reader.

OREGON Fred Tomingas, wanted at Astoria on a charge of kidnaping his 3-year-old daughter, is under arrest at San

Mrs. J. M. Wagner was several burned Thursday at her home in land when the lid of a steam of kettle blew off. Carlton, 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Burke C. Eaton of Eugene, was erribly scalded Wednesday when he fell backward into a tub of hot water. Grading on the Shes hill cutoff on the Lebanon-Cascadia road is about completed. Rocking will start in a few days and will continue all winter. At a recent meeting of Eureka lodge of Odd Fellows in Pendleton, R. Alex-The annual budget adopted by the city of Gold Hill provides for an expenditure of \$4625.80 for the ensuing year, which will be met by a levy of 12 mills.

Due to trouble experienced with drunkenness, disorderly conduct and fighting on the streets of Silverton, the city has employed an additional

A poison campaign against the jack-rabbits of the high desert has been started in Deschutes county under the direction of the United States biological survey.

Earl, 18-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brennan, fell over backward into a tub of boiling water at the home of his parents in Baker and was fa-

tally scalded. At a meeting of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen in Springfield last week it was voted to request the legislature to not disturb the work-

The Lane county court has given a contract for the construction of \$000 feet of highway from the lower Sluslaw road to the Southern Pacific depot at Cushman. The cost will be \$8876. The budget for the Salem school district, calling for \$243,250, was adopted Wednesday night at a meeting of tax-payers attended by just two people, one of whom presided and the other made the motion to adopt,

WASHINGTON The Walla Walla Commercial club is backing a project for the estab-ishment of a fruit cannery in that

city. The East Stanwood Press suspended last week, the editor, B. J. McMs'nn, having resigned. It is not known whether the paper will resume. Governor Hart has appointed Harold B. Gilbert, an attorney of Yakima, as judge of the superior court of Yakima county, succeeding Judge George B. Holden, resigned.

A chapter of the Order of De Molay, the object of which is to promote the social and moral welfare of sons of Free Masons, was instituted Wednes-day night at Olympia. Slipping on the frost-covered planks of the Milwaukee railroad bridge Wed-

nesday night, Louis Lett plunged to his death in the waters of the Puyal-lup river near Tacoma. Justice John F. Main has been elected chief justice of the Washington state supreme court for two years by his associates on the bench, succeeding Chief Justice Emmett N. Parker.

Fonnereau B. Dolby, 18-year-old clerk, died at a hospital in Seattle Wednesday from injuries suffered when a huge bobsled he was piloting collided with a telephone pole. Paving of the Sunset highway, con-necting Spokane, Walla Walla and other Eastern Washington points with Western Washington, will probably be authorized by the coming legislature. Preparing to cut approximately 40,-000,000 feet of timber in the Edmonds-Silver Lake district, the Backus & An-derson Logging company has built a

new logging boom on the sound miles south of Everett. Miss Dorothy Waters of Ellensburg

Fulfilling a premonition that he would die suddenly while repairing a road, A. A. Jackson, 50 years old, was stricken near Stillwater Wednesday stricken near Stillwater Wednesday and was found dead at the roadside when search was made for him.

IDAHO The cash balance of the general fund of the state of Idaho had fallen to \$7.17 November 30, and interest bear-ing warrants are now being issued. Mrs. L. E. Taunt of Lewiston Or-hards, was badly burned Wednesday chards, was badly burned morning when her nightgown caught fire while she was standing near a

More than 1000 poultry fanciers and exhibitors are expected at the second annual show and institute of the Gen

J. H. Lambie, one of the largest land owners in the Inland Empire, an-nounces that in the spring he will make an initial planting of 100 acres of alfalfa on his 720-acre ranch near Final arrangements have been made for financing a second dormitory at the Lewiston State Normal school to cost \$60,000. The building, which will accommodate 70 students, will be erected the coming summer.

Twenty Years Ago

From The Journal of Dec. 17, 1902. The funeral services over the remains of the late Solomon Hirsch were held this morning and were attended by of the largest gatherings of friends and acquaintances ever congregated in this city to pay tribute to an esteemed citizen. Services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Stephen S. Wise.

The articles of incorporation of the filed this morning in the office of the county clerk. J. P. Marshall, B. H. Hamlin and Cecil H. Bauer are the ncorporators.

The City & Suburban Railway con pany has notified the common council that it will not accept a 25-year blanket franchise in exchange for those it now

less than 80 years. There was ice in the drinking foun-tain in the Plaza blocks this morning. good indications of winter.

Fully \$750,000 is to be spent on the street improvements now in progress in Portland, despite the fact that there are so many outcries regarding the bad condition of our thoroughfares, according the City Engineer Elliott.

F. E. Judd, manager of the wool scouring and woelen mills and manu-facturer of the celebrated Pendleton Indian robes, is at the Hotel Portland and will spend several days in the A sensation was sprung in the local

wholesale markets this morning when the Portland Flouring Mills company announced an advance of 20 cents a barrel on all brands of patent flour. Building operations on the east side

do not appear to be diminished on account of the wintry season. There are about as many buildings construction at the present time as there were during the summer season. A large force of men and teams is engaged in the laying of a double track for the City & Suburban company on