

GET RID OF FIRE TRAPS

More than two years ago a number of wharves and buildings along the inner waterfront were condemned. They were obsolete. They had survived their usefulness. They were unsightly. They invited rat infestation. They were a fire menace. They were ordered removed.

The owners asked a two-year extension of time in which to obey the law. The extension was granted. The two years have more than passed.

In the meantime Astoria has had a catastrophic fire. Every city in the nation in Astoria's terrible experience has had an object lesson in the value of fire prevention and fire prevention.

Portland has a waterfront plan which if put into effect, would render unprofitable portions of the waterfront and the older business district profitable and attractive again.

What better time than this to dispense with the old and useless and begin with the new and useful?

A Portland lawyer insists that we have arrived at a petticoat government. The usual average on juries, he says, is nine women and three men, while in Kansas a 19-year-old girl has been elected justice of the peace.

FOR MAKERS OF WAR TO CONSIDER

The New York Post believes that situation will be only made worse by such deeds. On the other hand, the Springfield Republican feels that the "methods may be drastic, but perhaps the West is too easy-going in not holding its politicians to stricter responsibility for their actions."

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COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE
Some bondholders you may have noticed are extremely short of breath.

SIDELIGHTS
When it comes to contending in a court of law the superior charms of one beauty over those of another, as is the case in a New York case of late, we think it is safe to say that the law is a cruel and unfeeling cause.

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THE OREGON COUNTRY

Northwest Happenings in Brief From the Oregon Reader.

The annual Red Cross roll call in Umatilla county resulted in \$3400 to the funds in the treasury.

Fire at John Day, near Canyon City, Thursday burned four business houses for a time threatened the whole town.

At a meeting of the Salem Chamber of Commerce, held last night, the local Highgate was elected president, T. M. Hicks is secretary.

George Westcott, 29, who took up a homestead near Rock Creek in Douglas county many years ago, died a few days ago in a hospital.

George W. White, organizer of the First National bank of Klamath Falls, died last Monday in Pasadena, California.

University of Oregon students working their way received \$10,313 a month from the federal government.

The Albany cannery will operate next year in the chamber of commerce by the Pacific Northwest Cannery company, owners of the plant.

The Southern Oregon Swine Breeders' Association, held its annual convention Thursday night at the Hotel Jackson and Josephine counties met at the hotel.

Even though snow covers the ground and water pipes are frozen, Bend's "courageous" park still has one tenant family, the E. J. Fulmer, at Muskegon, Mich.

The new medical detachment of the Oregon National Guard, ordered by the War Department in Eugene, is now being recruited. The detachments will consist of 100 men.

Salem Heights received first prize for the best community exhibit of the county at the annual show recently held in Salem. Bush College in Polk county took second prize.

Patrick Bishop, 22, arrested in San Francisco and returned to Klamath Falls, Oregon, on charges of carrying a check, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary.

Since the fire of June 1, when 16 business establishments were destroyed, a large number of men have left Prineville. Several modern buildings have been erected and temporary structures are all occupied.

WASHINGTON
Jacob Horwege, aged 90, died recently at Davenport, where he had resided for nearly 50 years. He was buried in the city of Davenport.

J. F. Hawthorn, in charge of drilling a well for the city of Ritzville, reports that it will cost a minute at a depth of 641 feet.

IMPRESSIONS AND OBSERVATIONS OF THE JOURNAL MAN

By Fred Lockley
Curious facts about the Bible are here stated by Mr. Lockley, who has collected them not only from the Bible, but from the various commentaries and translations.

Some day, when you have access to some of the ancient collection of Bibles, just compare the text of Wycliffe's version or Tyndale's Bible with the revised version we read today. Look up Miles Coverdale's version, or Matthew's Bible, printed in 1534, or the Great Bible, printed in 1539, or the Bible known as Taverner's Bible, or Cranmer's Bible, or Conrad Badin's Bible, or the Bible of Wm. Whittingham, who was the husband of his sister of John Calvin's wife.

My friend is right. There would be less ill will and fewer misunderstandings in this world if our motives were better understood. No matter how unpleasant it is, it is always worth while to get at the heart of the matter, and away from misunderstandings when differences arise between friends.

Anyone wanting more details may write to the American Civil Liberties Union, 900 North Western, New York, N. Y. If this report is true, then it occurs to me that the American Indian had nothing on modern Christian American missionaries.

REFORESTING CONSIDERED
With Admonition to Conservators to Make Note of the Logging Methods.

TWO JOYLESS JOBS
From the Kalamazoo Gazette
Now comes the annual search for the job seekers for the year-end and also the annual search for the janitor of the first building.

NOT LIKE 1917
From the Norfolk Pilot
Sociological fiction based on the experience of the writer in his own life, a drug on the literary market—it doesn't pay any longer to be over-earnest.

THE Bible is the divine word of God or it isn't. If it is wrong in one point, it is all wrong. The man who says you can change one word in the Bible and not destroy the faith of our fathers.

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TWENTY YEARS AGO

From The Journal of Dec. 18, 1901.
There appears to be no line of business that continues to flourish like the Chinese gambling houses in this city. Notwithstanding the efforts of the police to suppress these places they are still in full operation.

The recent cleaning process at the county jail has proved a good thing for that institution. It has enabled it to drive the clerks and others who labor in the upper stories of the courthouse to distraction. The creeping population of the jail is moving upstairs.

Active work in preparing the site for the Lewis and Clark exposition will be begun tomorrow. Rooms are being put in readiness at the custom house for the occupancy of the United States engineers.

Colonel R. C. Judson, industrial agent for the Harriman system, left for Portland for Eastern Oregon, and Washington points today and will spend some time organizing a series of farmers' meetings.

Although it is winter and the weather has been rather chilly, hundreds of people from all parts of the United States and foreign countries visit the City Park.

At the annual meeting of the Oregon State Forestry Association, the following officers were elected: President, E. J. Ladd of Portland; vice president, N. S. Wiley of Rex; secretary, J. Murray of Woodlawn; treasurer, J. H. Ladd of Portland.

After a lengthy and spirited discussion yesterday at the Board of Public Health, it was decided that the 1905 fair to be held in Portland.

It is very likely that some action will be taken soon by the board of education to remedy the crowded condition of a majority of the city's public schools.