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LET US USE THE CHANCE GOD GAVE US
the annual meeting of the Oregon state cha commerce, held in Portland, a resolution was passed urgmore hydro electric power in Oregon.
more hydro electric power in Oregon. given in a story under the signature of Governor Olcott in the Oregonian New Year's amnual. The governor said.
Peloped water powers as can both eastern and western Oregon lying idle waiting for the hand of man to transform them into last productive hydro-electric energies. Here is the chief and ample fuel of the future, going on forever and furnishing an in= exhaustible suppiy of heat, light and power. As the other fuel
Yossibilities wane these enormous hydro-electric possibilitie be developed as a natural sequence, and as they develop they will be a magnet to continue to attract more and more industries to this coast and to this state.
The facts justify the governor's viewpoint. Engineer's reports show that approximately one third the potential water
power of the United States lies in the Columbia basin. Thoze re ports give estimates on the cost of developing individual projects and offer suggestions as to how the electric power may be
used. As previously stated by this paper used. As previously stated by this paper, a survey has been
made showing that enormous electrical energy may be developed at Umatilla rapids on the Columbia, and that this power may be used among other purposes, for pumping water on arid lands in Oregon and Washington. There are 150,000 acres on the Oregon side subject to reclamation in this way. The proposal of-
fers unuall opportunities from several standpoints, particularirrigation is not necessary during winter months when electricity is most needed for heating and lighting. In many respects the Umatilla rapids project is the most logical one in the north-
west for early action. It offers opportunity for development of a vast body of power at low cost and there is a chance to use all or most of this power immediately in constructive development. The fact the power can be used for reclamation work provides a basis for asking government aid in the event the scheme should
not be found favorable for private enterprise. Surely it is appropriate for the state cha
like the governor to call attention to Oregon's opportunities in the field of hydro-electric development. Neglect of this subject means neglect of the northwest's best bet. Since one of the most favored power sites is in Umatilla county the subject
should be one of particular interest to our people.

AFROM FRYING PAN INTO THE FIRE committed the bad checks, makes the plea that he hildren. He is probably a lize the ertainly rendered no service to his wife and children by He coming a felon. On the contrary he has disgraced them and and very likely placed himself in a position where they will be denied the benefit of a wage earner. Being smart enough to write a check he should have been bright enough to know that profession is overdone and the easy trail the check forger. That makes this capture generaily certain.
but most anyone thard but most anyone these days should know that turning criminal WAR HORSES VS. THE MERIT SYSTEM

THERE are news stories to the effect that Postmaster Jones
of Portland may not be confirmed by the senate. This is of interest to Pendleton also from. the fact our own postmaster is in the same category as Mr. Jones. Both Mr. Jones
and Mr. Cronin are republicans. They were promoted to their present positions by appointments made on a basis of merit. That the tests were on the square may be assumed from the fact that in each case experienced men were chosen and they were not of the same political faith as the president. What occurred in
Oregon doubtless happened elsewhere in cases where there were Oregon doubtless happened elsewhere in cases where there were
vacancies to be filled. It was a forward move, a step away from the spoils system and toward recognition of faithful, competent service in the government employ.
Is it possible our new administration which has talked so much fficiency is going back to the old method of cheating tay payers by filling important postal positions with political warhorses to draw the big salaries while their assistants and clerks do the work? Such a move would be reaction unalloyed. The
Harding administration might be pardoned for removing or wing admimistration might be pardoned for removing, with
basiss but if it touchenes any postmaster appointed on a political basiss but if it touches those named under the merit system
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faith with those in the service.

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