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The price of shoe shines in Portland was reduced from 15 cents to 10 cents a short time ago, and now it has been put back again. Did the public service commission interfere?

They say that Leon Trotsky, the great experimenter in the science of misgovernment, has launched a campaign to make Russia clean. His first move seems to be to get rid of all the people who have made it dirty.

A number of substantial persons living outside of Springfield, one as far as ten miles, have asked different members of the News force, lately, concerning the annexation agitation. Not a single one of them had anything complimentary to say for the project or for the agitators.

Somebody found a trail, on the ground or in the grass, down in Patagonia, of a kind of saurian which had been supposed to have quit business some thousand or million of years ago. Some of the scientists are disposed to believe it genuine. They are talking of sending an expedition down there to see if it is a fresh track.

An anonymous slip, left, apparently, by some business caller on the counter in the business office of The News, contributes this word of comment to the discussion of a theme which may be becoming a little stale, but is not yet out of mind: "Springfield's annexation to Eugene (if such a thing should happen) would be like some of the modern marriages. It would help to support some deserving lawyers."

A designer and maker of fashionable dresses in Paris has incurred the displeasure of the trade by inviting newspaper men to view his samples of spring and summer dresses. It is an unsettled question in this country whether any but the most seasoned newspaper men should be allowed to see the ultra fashionable woman with the dresses on. The Oregon code of newspaper ethics makes no delivrance on that point.

The backwardness of the spring season has had a discouraging effect on the production of spring poetry, as well as production in other lines. If you have a particularly sweet and tender bit of spring poetry on hand that you were moved to write some day when there was a streak of sunshine, bring it in; and if there happens to be another streak about this time next week we will put it through the press at a venture. Don't wait for the robins. We don't believe the robins know any more about Oregon weather than the rest of us.

A hot campaign for the restriction of the sale of liquor is being waged in Poland. Of the two most advanced propositions one is to allow only one place where is liquor is sold, to every 2500 population. The other is to grant permits to eating houses, but not to places where liquor

is sold alone. Warsaw, the capitol, has an ordinance, rigidly enforced, prohibiting the sale of liquor from Saturday noon to Monday noon. There is a national law making a liquor seller responsible for drunkenness, and punishing with imprisonment both the intoxicated person and the one who sold the liquor.

The new soldier's bonus bill, the one with the loan certificate feature has been reported to the house of representatives by the committee on ways and means, with a recommendation that it pass. The vote was 19 to 5. This occurred just after the committee had called before it Secretary Mellon, Controller of Currency Crissinger and Ex-governor Harding, president of the federal reserve board, and had listened to a full expression of their views. Mr. Mellon and Mr. Crissinger have been opposed to the bill. Their expressions of opposition were not so positive as heretofore. Gov. Harding's attitude was not decidedly favorable, but conservative. These actions seem to indicate a strong probability that the bill will pass.

Of all the acts of the peace conference, the one which has met with the most opposition has been the Pacific treaty, sometimes called the "four-power pact." The handful of irreconcilables, of both parties, who have seemed to make a merit of opposing about everything that the representatives of the nations were agreeing upon, have centered their opposition on this treaty. If they could not make a breach on this, they could not on anything. In the senate on Tuesday all proposition for amendment were voted down after some sharp debating. The votes indicated that more than two-thirds of the membership of the senate favor ratification. The indications are that all the treaties adopted by the peace conference will be ratified. The United States would be placed in an extremely embarrassing position if the work of the peace conference should be blocked by the United States senate.



REGULAR MEETING TOMORROW NIGHT

July 27-28-29 are the dates set for the fourth annual gathering of the Oregon legion by the state executives of the legion meeting in Portland recently.

Pat Foley of The Dalles chairman of the convention arrangements committee, has sent out word that this assemblage will be the greatest gathering of war veterans in Oregon since the armistice. Invitations will be sent to the 110 posts in the state. The Dalles legion



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aires promising to stage a wonderful setting the buddies throughout the state to furnish the acting. Many matters of vital importance will be brought up before the convention in 1922, aside from ratification of the constitution, appointment of committees and election of officers for the state organization and election of delegates to represent Oregon at the national convention in New Orleans in October. La Societe des 40 Hommes et 3 Chevaux, the playground order of the legion will hold its promenade the day preceding the opening of the convention. Initiations, banquets and entertainments will hold sway that day.

George A. Coddling of Medford, the present vice-commander of the state organization of the legion, has announced his candidacy for commander for the Oregon department for the coming year. While in Portland attending the state executive committee meeting of which he is an active member, Mr. Coddling announced his intentions of running for the command of the department of Oregon. Coddling has been in legion activities in legion affairs following his discharge from the war as an enlisted man.

The honor roll of posts in the state of Oregon that had "gone over the top" in the first three months of the year and exceeded their 1921 membership includes: Marshfield, Seaside, Dallas, McMinnville, Fossil, Grants Pass, North Bend, Hermiston, Redmond, Creswell, North Powder, Mosier, Sherwood, Clatskanie, Haines, Banks, Stanfield and Nyssa. A great number of other posts in the department will go over the top shortly. The state organization now ranks third among the legion departments in the Union in point of membership.

Lane Goodell, department commander of the American legion of Oregon, has announced that the state organization will circulate petitions within a short time throughout the posts in the state to obtain enough names to place upon the ballot next November, an Anti-Asiatic bill for the exclusion of Orientals in Oregon.

To put 700,000 ex-soldiers into jobs the American Legion's immediate objective, according to an announcement from Legion national headquarters, To accomplish this, a nation-wide drive will be launched from local posts in every city and town in the country on March 20, and employers and business men will be called into conference to devise ways and means of

CURIOSITIES OF DAILY NEWS

Suing his wife for divorce, a deaf mute of Chicago complains that his spouse used too much rough language in her finger talk.

In London a suit for "jactitation of marriage" has been filed by a man against a woman who annoys him by claiming to be his wife when she is not and never has been, the first legal

creating jobs and putting an end to a situation which Hanford MacNider, legion commander, has called, "the greatest crisis in the legion's history."

Civic organizations from Maine to California have been asked to swing into line to back up the legion and make a concerted effort which will be felt in all sections of the country. By stimulating industry, by pushing engineering projects and municipal developments, by speeding up public utility enterprises, road building, paving, dredging, truck gardening, reforestation and reclamation, and by encouraging the "back to the farm" movement, the legion hopes to break the labor slump which has kept worthy men out of work and caused widespread distress. Each city will be divided into regions, each under its own post and employment committee, with a general committee coordinating the efforts of all.

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New York has an inventor who has perfected a means by which rays of light, allowed to play upon the letters on a printed page, are converted into musical sounds, pleasant to hear, so that the blind can read through their ears.

Denver, Colo., is to furnish blind persons with police whistles, which, when blown at street crossings, will cause traffic cops to halt all traffic while the sightless cross the street in safety.

A Maryland legislator has introduced a bill which will make it illegal for more than two persons to ride on the front or three on the rear seat of automobiles, with the idea that it is crowding a machine which produces accidents. Some of his conferees have asked the author of the bill if he didn't mean it for street cars.

The Pneumonia Month

March is a typical pneumonia month and usually gives a high rate of mortality for the disease. After a long and hard winter, the system loses much of its resistance and people grow careless. When every cold, no matter how slight, is given prompt and intelligent attention, there is much less danger of pneumonia. It should be borne in mind that pneumonia is a germ disease and breeds in the throat. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is an expectorant and cleans out the germ laden mucus and not only cures a cold but prevents its resulting in pneumonia. Children take it willingly.

TROPICAL SPIDER MAKES TROUBLE FOR TELEPHONE

Certain parts of South America are the habitat of a large spider that weaves its web around the telephons wires strung on the crossarms of poles. The spider is enormous and its web is heavy and of a thick texture.

The telephone companies were much perplexed when in the late even-

ings and nights frequent short circuits tied up their lines. After a time they discovered that the trouble arose from the heavy spider webs. When the sun was out, the webs were dry and there was no trouble; but at night when the webs were covered with dew, short circuits occurred. The only remedy is constant brushing away of the webs from the telephone wires.

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