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**SUBSCRIPTION RATES**  
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The Boise Statesman is considerably worried over the report that President Wilson is going to occupy his office in the capitol building in order to keep in touch with pending legislation, fearing that the legislative and executive branches of the government will get mixed up. This desire on the part of the Boise paper to preserve inviolate the constitutional provision dividing the government into three departments does it credit, and certainly some danger exists along the line here indicated. It cannot be denied that under republican administration this provision of the constitution has been more honored in the breach than the observance. Passing lightly over Teddy and his Big Stick and the act of Taft in withholding federal patronage from the recalcitrant progressive senators in order to bring them to terms, the attention of the Statesman is called to the act of the U. S. supreme court in deliberately changing the intent of the anti-trust law, thus usurping the functions of the legislative department; also the unconstitutional acts of the Idaho supreme court in its recent contempt case. In its role of preserver of the constitution the Statesman should not overlook these direct violations thereof.

One of President Taft's last official acts was to veto the Webb bill to prevent the interstate shipment of liquor into dry territory. The reason given for this action was that he believed the law to be unconstitutional. The bill was immediately passed by both houses of congress over the president's veto and is now a law. Under the circumstances, one can't help wondering if the president gave the true reason for his action. Many able lawyers in congress declared the law to be constitutional. Why could not the president have let it take its chances in the courts, as other laws are compelled to do? If he were so anxious to prevent the passage of unconstitutional laws why did he not veto the newspaper publicity bill. So much doubt exists concerning the constitutionality of this law that Mr. Taft's own postmaster general had agreed not to enforce it until the supreme court had passed upon it. Yet it was enacted into law without the presidential veto. The ways of statesmen are beyond comprehension.

The editor of the Middleton Herald has traded off that newsy little sheet for a five-acre fruit tract and announces that "we expect to give up newspaper life for good unless circumstances drive us to it again." Far be it from us to discourage our worthy brother in his laudable ambition to become a useful member of society instead of a mere parasite thereon but we will wager that he will be back in the newspaper harness in a year or two. A few rounds with the aphid, codlin moth, commission men and numerous other pests connected with the fruit industry will convince him that he has mistaken his calling.

Speaking of the ridicule that greeted "General" Rosalie Jones and her suffragist legions in their march to Washington, the New York World says: "Twenty years ago 'General' Coxy was the word of the United States; forty years ago Susan B. Anthony was a notional joke. Does it ever occur pointedly to thinking men

that the jest of today may be the gospel of tomorrow?"

Governor Hadley of Missouri in a recent speech at Boise, Idaho, viewed with alarm the fact that the socialist party was the only one that showed a gain at the last election. Cheer up, governor. Sometimes our greatest misfortunes are blessings in disguise.

Ontario Democrat: The Gate City Journal moved the machine shops and round houses from Vale to Nyssa last week and as usual placed Ontario seven miles off the map. The Enterprise will be kept busy this week moving the shops back to Vale.

Silver City is soon to have a moving picture show. It is gratifying to note this indisputable evidence of the advance of our neighboring city toward a higher civilization.

District Attorney Brooke will have a portion of his duties cut off under the operation of the new county attorney law passed by the last legislature.

**IN RESTRAINT.**

Fifteen representatives of Portland commission houses pleaded guilty in the federal court yesterday to having engaged in an unlawful restraint of trade. One feature of the offense to which they confess was the diverting of tramp cars of vegetables, fruits and produce from arriving in Portland. They kept the tramp cars out in order to hold up prices.

Their pleas of guilty are also an admission of the government's charge that their combination discriminated against independent dealers. They paid fines aggregating \$8500, the largest individual fine being \$1250, and the next highest \$1000.

Equally significant is the announcement that huge quantities of fruit and vegetables fit for food are being burned at the garbage incinerator in an effort by dealers to maintain such food stuffs at high prices.

Asparagus, oranges and cantaloupes have been delivered at the incinerator in perfect condition. Quantities of them have been removed from the garbage and sent by Superintendent Otis free of charge to Portland families by whom the products were eagerly consumed.

Last summer a quantity of Walla Walla asparagus reached the crematory in perfect condition, just as it had been packed. It was distributed to the Baby home, the hospitals and other institutions. The statement of the superintendent is that enough wholesome beans, onions, celery, potatoes, asparagus, apples and other fruits are destroyed at the incinerator to feed a small army.

The burning of these foodstuffs is a moral crime. It should be a crime under the laws of Oregon. There ought to be in this state a Sherman law for punishing conspiracies in restraint of trade.

Why did the house and why did the senate at Salem so quickly and so effectively chloroform every anti-trust bill proposed.

What is a legislature for, if not to enact laws to punish men for burning foodstuffs when so many people are hungry? — Portland Journal.

**WHAT WOULD HAPPEN,**  
A clergyman of Philadelphia has written a number of prominent men asking their opinion as to what would happen if Christ were a member of President Wilson's cabinet. Following are some of the replies received:

Emile Berliner: Pure idealism is out of place in politics. Lincoln would do better than Christ.

William Allen White: Christ would be the secretary of commerce and labor. His defense was the first and greatest the poor ever had in the world, and He would make a sane, effective member.

Robert J. Burdette: It would not increase His authority or His powers. If the president would be guided by Christ's principles

something would happen.

John G. Woolley: Christ will be in that cabinet, and we shall see what is going to happen.

Rear Admiral William Gibson: There would be a second crucifixion, because all political parties are dominated by the foes of Christ.

Richmond P. Hobson: The money changers would be driven from the temple of the government, particularly those who are trafficking in health, morals and character.

Poultney Biglow: He would be ejected with less formality than were he a member of a Roosevelt cabinet.

Bliss Carman: Christ was a teacher, not a statesman. He would not belong to any faction.

Chas. L. Chute: He would be a socialist and the church would crucify him again.

Jacob A. Riis: There would be an earthquake if Christ were in that cabinet.

John Burroughs: All the big newspapers immediately would be down on him.

The consensus of opinion of these eminent men seems to be that Christ would not find the surroundings in the cabinet very congenial, but of course their opinions are based upon the actions of previous cabinets, and it must be admitted that they have good grounds for their belief. The present cabinet has not been in office long enough to permit of a reliable judgment regarding it being formed.

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**Resume of Events**

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Dr. Friedman and two men anti-tuberculosis.

Porter Bros. acres of timber Oregon, for \$4

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**PORTLAND**

Wheat—Track 86c per bushel; forty-fold, 88c; 85c.

Barley—Feed ing, nominal; ro Millstuffs—1 ton; shorts, \$2 \$30.

Hay—Easter choice, \$15@17; 12.50; oat and \$11.50; clover, \$ Oats—No. 1 w Apples—Spitt \$1.25@1.50; ch Newtown, extra choice, 75c@1.5 fancy, \$1.25@1.5 pin, extra fancy, sas Black, extr Baldwin, extra choice, 75c@1; @1.50; small siz Ben Davis, etc., 60c.

Vegetables—A dozen; cabbage, er. \$2 per crat crate; peppers, 3 \$2.75 per box; toes, \$2 per box; turnips, 90c@1; 90c@1; carrots, Onions—Oregon Potatoes—Jo banks, 50c per Poultry—Hens turkeys, live, choice, 25c; duck inal.

Eggs—Fresh 1 per dozen; curren Butter—Oregon pound; prints, 39 Pork—Fancy, 1 Veal—Fancy, 1 Hops—1912 cro 16@18c per pou 15c.

Wool—Early sh tains, 15@20c pou Cattle—Choice good, \$7 @ 7.30; choice cows, \$6.50 medium, \$5.50@ \$8@9; good he 7.50; bulls, \$5.50 Hogs—Light, \$6.50@7.

Sheep—Yearlin ewes, \$4@5.25; l