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A dispatch from Vancouver, B. C., is to the effect that hundreds of Japanese are being called home and the dispatch purports to have emanated from some one who claims that these so called are subject to military duty and are being returned to the mikado's army. The author builds up his premises that this is the result of our fleet being transferred to the Pacific waters. If this is the result we had better send over the balance of our fleet for a few days, maybe the rest of those on our shores will return to their homes. The Pacific coast is not going to tolerate any large numbers of Japanese and the sooner this point is made perfectly clear to the powers that be at Washington and Tokio, the better possibly for both countries.

The Oregonian has compiled a carefully prepared list of homicides which occurred in the state during the year 1907. It proves that Oregon is no exception to the general rule throughout the United States, where life is so cheap. Of the 56 murders in Oregon last year not one conviction of murder in the first degree was secured and only two convictions of murder in the second degree, where the persons so convicted are serving time in the penitentiary. Twenty out

of the 33 counties in the state being represented in the list. During the year on; man was hanged for murdering his wife over two years ago. It is time when the juries of the state take a different view of human life and hold slayers to a stricter account for their acts.

The December number of the University of Oregon Bulletin, a copy of which has just been received, gives a full description of the correspondence courses that are now being offered by the university. The courses are arranged especially for teachers, students preparing for college or university, women's clubs, teachers' groups, granges, home makers. The university intends to add additional courses in economics, political science, history, English literature, mechanical drawing, civil engineering, education, and others, as its resources permit. The correspondence work has met with a hearty reception in all parts of the state. More than 200 students enrolled for the various courses during the past month.

Water Superintendent H. C. Gilham has a suggestion that is worthy of investigation at least, and doubtless could be arranged, and that is, for the city to provide a whistle to be adjusted, with the permission of the O. R. & N., to their boilers, and connected with the central station of the telephone office, as the basis of a fire alarm system. The present system is unsatisfactory and up to the present time the city has refused to pay for the striker. A whistle could be installed at a much smaller price than the average striker, and would wake the people when the alarm is given.

These land fraud cases may as well cease. The supreme court has laid down the rule that any of us can speculate on government land without being criminals. That is, we may file first and then we have 60 days in which to find a buyer who will put up all the money before we have to make final proof. There will be no further land fraud in this country and those under indictment had better be dismissed and the entire matter dropped.

In the face of stubborn facts some people tell us the world is getting better. In the olden times the wise maidens kept their lamps well trimmed. How many in La Grande were prepared Sunday night?

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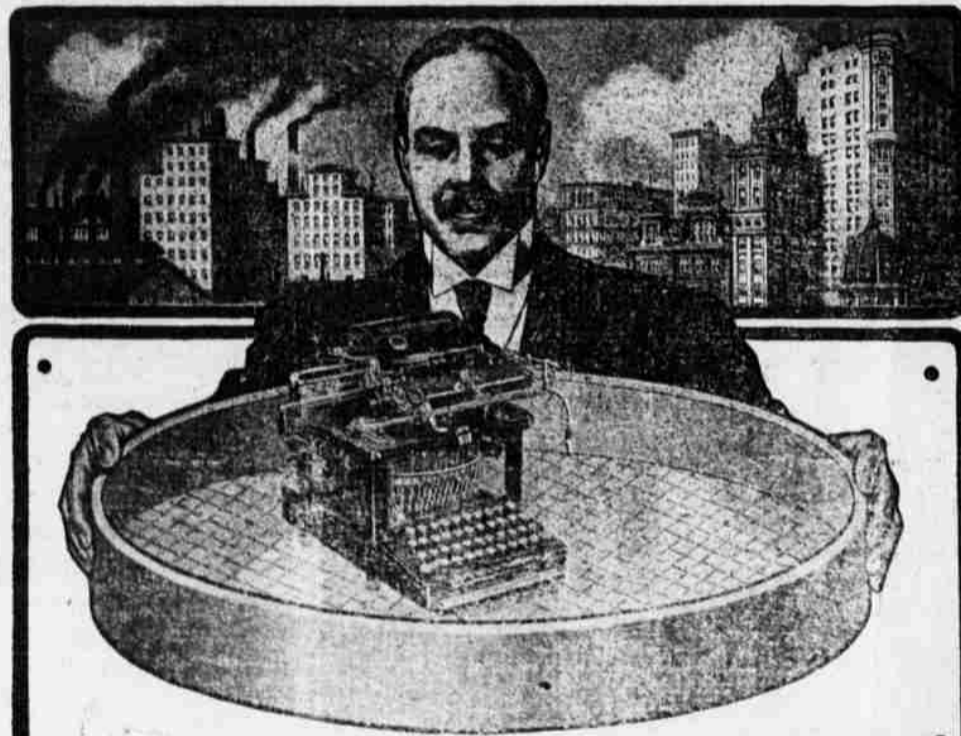
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