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"It is only a question of time until the medical profession will have to advertise to keep from being run over by the 'drugless and painless'" said a physician recently in an address before a medical body. "We are being put in a false position before the public by pernicious advertising and should take the only way of rebutting it and that is to play the same game the other fellow is playing. Either ethics or prestige must fall and I for one would rather it be the ethics." The doctor is right. The medical profession, if it wishes to maintain its standard in the opinion of the populace, must defend itself against the inroads of the so-called "drugless" and "painless". It must meet competition on an equal footing with its competitors. "Ethics" might have been the proper mode in the nineteenth century, but this is the twentieth century and twentieth century methods must be employed.

The reason why we do not get better legislatures is because we are Republicans and Democrats. We prefer politics to proficiency. In Polk county last year at least three men were approached and asked to become candidates for the legislature. To say it rather emphatically, any one of the three would have "raised hell" with "what ails us". But not one of them would be a candidate. They knew that there were too many Republicans and Democrats in the county. They knew that they could not run the party gauntlet. What is true of Polk is true of every other county in the state.

The Independence Monitor says: "We have our opinion of any American citizen who will ride the seas at the present time and take chances of plunging his country into war." Seeing that they are doing it won't help the matter in the least. What are you going to do about it?—Newport News.

Nothing. But why should the business and pleasure of a few be placed above that of the peace and safety of the nation?

In discussing the "war referendum", the Portland Journal asks: "Would we have to wait for a vote if this country was invaded?" This is a question that the most radical pacifist has never answered. It is inconceivable to him that any person of common sense would not know the difference between being "invaded" and "invading" somebody else.

The importance of the eight measures that will be submitted to the people at a special election June 4 makes it certain that the peace and security of an "off year" will be rudely shattered by one of the most impetuous battles in the history of the state.

Really it's true that some newspapers suggest that William Jennings Bryan be jailed because he sent a message to Kaiser William asking him to use his influence to prevent war between the United States and Germany.

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Washington.—Data made public recently by the navy department show that at no other time in its history has the marksmanship of the United States navy been so good as it is at present. The new superdreadnaught Nevada gave an example of the general shooting efficiency of the Atlantic fleet. In the recent target practice this ship fired fifty-six shots from her fourteen inch guns, and the target at varying ranges was smashed forty-three times, a record that is believed to equal, if not surpass, any record with similar guns in any other navy.

On the Nevada three gun pointers in nine shots with fourteen inch guns made a record of nine hits, on the New York nine gun pointers made six hits in six shots, on the Oklahoma three gun pointers made seven hits in nine shots, on the Pennsylvania eight hits in nine shots and on the Texas six hits in six shots, and all with fourteen inch guns at long ranges. Out of sixty-six shots fired from the twelve inch guns of the dreadnaughts sixty-four were hits, while with eight inch guns the record of the champion gunners was twenty-two hits in twenty-four shots.

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HUGE WIRE NET FOR HARBOR PROTECTION

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The heavy wire for the net was obtained several weeks ago. More than two miles of netting will be used. It will be stretched between Sandy Hook and Rockaway point, crossing the three channels—the Swan, the Old Main Ship channel and the Ambrose channel.

During the day when torpedo boat destroyers, aeroplanes and a mosquito fleet, which will be created for the purpose, are sufficient to make it impossible for any undetected craft to approach the harbor undetected, the net will be lowered so as to permit vessels to pass through the channels. From sunset to sunrise the net will be raised to bar all ingress for submarines at any depth.

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