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AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY.

There are several reasons why American foreign policy can as yet be scarcely called a defensible thing. One of them is the comparative newness of our relations with the world at large.

SUNDAY OBSERVANCE.

Most people agree that it is a good thing all around to have one day of rest in seven. Just which day it should be depends upon circumstances.

AGRICULTURAL MINING.

According to the last report of the Secretary of Agriculture nearly two billion dollars more than all the gold in circulation and in vaults in all the countries on earth will be paid to the American farmer the current year for the products of his land as wrought out by his endeavor.

THE COMMISSION ON COUNTRY LIFE.

President Roosevelt never said a truer thing than this, which is to be found in his message transmitting to Congress the report of the Commission on Country Life, that farmers might give their lives more desirability, dignity and profit if they chose.

AGENTS.

It is an ethical and economic calamity of the first rank to lose one's business to men of unscrupulous character and other places of information and proper amusement on Sunday. Every such place should be kept open on Sunday even if on other days it were closed.

PAID.

There is no leisure class among those engaged in this vocation; no idlers who lie in the shade while the process of extracting the gold from the soil goes on.

from American farms—a glittering total of which the Nation may well be proud, but it is simple truth to say that the details which go to make up its aggregate are not alluring to the man who is looking for an easy job, or for a mine that even by diligent, intelligent working will yield returns upon which he can retire and live in affluence after a few years.

THEY VIOLATE THEIR OWN PRINCIPLE.

No matter what The Oregonian's opinion, or any one's opinion, about the general policy of initiative and referendum may be. This system is now the law of the state, and The Oregonian has a right to insist that they who profess devotion to it as a principle shall obey it, and not turn it down or set it aside, to suit their own convenience.

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In religion that is necessarily opposed to sanity and health of mind and body? The extravagance of Puritanism, the dire tyranny which the relentless Sabbatarianism would impose upon us, are not inventions of the Deity but of some worse character who is laboring to lead man astray.

A POPO-SPIRITUALISTIC FABRICATION.

We celebrate the birthday of our illustrious fellow citizen, the great orator Abraham Lincoln, whose hand of an assassin when his great work seemed almost accomplished, without living to reap the reward so richly due him.

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A HUNTER IN HIS DEFENSE.

Discusses From His Standpoint, Duck-Shooting in Willamette Valley. GASTON, Or., Feb. 8.—(To the Editor.)—Noticing a communication in today's Oregonian from W. L. Finley in which he asserts that a certain class of hunters are using every effort to pass an outrageous bill allowing the shooting of ducks during February, I would state that I am one of those hunters who should like to state our position on said bill.

It is a well-known fact that duck-shooting in the Willamette Valley is all done on overflowed lands and that these lands do not overflow until the Fall rains, which occur generally in November. In our locality, we have never had ducks before November 15, and as our shooting consists mostly of bluebill and canvasback, our best shooting comes in January and February. On the conditions of the present United States Fish Commission, as the work grew, and became of National importance and interest, this question of bringing the season for the home waters of our country was a topic always under discussion, pro and con.

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COLUMBIA RIVER SALMON POES.

Another Protest Against the Transplanting of Black Bass. LAKEVIEW, O., Feb. 8.—(To the Editor.)—I have just read in The Oregonian of January 31 the communication of W. Hampton Smith on the subject of the most dangerous and deadly enemies to the salmon in the Columbia. He tells the truth and the United States Fish Commission rests. He recites its senseless and improper action by which it has stocked Oregon's great river with swarms of alien transplants, such as black bass, for instance. The wonder of it all is that such action could have been taken without a word of protest from Oregon's own people until this late hour.

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SHRINERS FEAST POTENTATE.

AI Kader Temple Royalty Entertains Edwin I. Alderman. Yesterday was one of the most important days in the history of AI Kader Temple, of the Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. AI Kader Temple has had prominent visitors at different times in its history, but never before did the Shriner of Portland receive an Imperial Potentate in person.

Yesterday's programme consisted of an automobile ride through the city, a luncheon at the Commercial Club, an afternoon ride in the grove owned and conducted by President Joseph and a banquet in the main parlor of the Portland Hotel, under the auspices of AI Kader Temple. It is not too much to say that the banquet was well known for its hospitality, and no visitor ever left the city with so strong a conviction of this fact as has the Imperial Potentate, Edwin I. Alderman, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

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ADORN FORESTRY BUILDING.

Arrangements Completed for Celebrating "Rose-Planting Day." Arrangements for Rose Planting Day on Washington's birthday, February 22, were completed last night at a meeting of the committee appointed some time ago for this purpose.

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