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the "social spirit," as we are learning to name the new faculty which is making over civilization. Youth dreams for the individual, are for the world.

THE \$1,000,000 SCHOOL BONDS. Undoubtedly the present temper of the people is against large bond issues for state, county or city, and perhaps for school districts; yet no institution anywhere has the popularity of the public schools, and any objection against a reasonable expenditure to extend their services and improve their efficiency is easily overruled.

Today in Portland a \$1,000,000 bond issue is to be voted on. The plan is to build a new high school in place of the present decayed structure, to establish and equip a school of trades and to erect a new high school in Southeast Portland and to buy additional school grounds.

Nothing is to be said in opposition to the proposed issue, though of course some object on principle to bonds. But the investment is for permanent, not temporary use, and it is well to spread the payments over a series of years.

ONE VOICE AGAINST A MILLION. The Medford Mail Tribune finds room in its impoverished pages to make a large-typed attack on the Oregon Agricultural College, which is termed "an inflated mushroom of an institution, not deserving the large appropriation which it receives."

The Oregonian has a modest opinion of the influence in persuading the Legislature and the people to define a normal school policy; yet it has a mild curiosity to know how its Medford critic reconciles its declaration that "the Oregonian did it all with its frequent assertions that nobody ever listens to the Oregonian."

POLITICAL MOSSBACKS. If anybody who desires to become a candidate for office has been excluded from the franchise by the condition that someone must circulate a nominating petition in his behalf, or he must do it himself, the Oregonian would like to know all the sad circumstances, for the poor man is a martyr indeed to the inexorable workings of the primary law.

Had the fathers been able to foresee what we now know, the income tax amendment would have been submitted to the states in much less than 20 years after the annulment of a law imposing such a tax and would have become effective in less than four years after its submission.

YOUTH AND AGE. In one of the current magazines a writer takes up the perennially entertaining topic of old age. Like all his predecessors he tries to find consolations in age which shall counterbalance the loss of youth.

NO GUARDIANS FOR THE PEOPLE. In his article on "Freedom Needs No Guardians," in World's Work, Woodrow Wilson voices the sentiment of the whole progressive movement which has imbued both the old party and has given rise to a new party.

called for their action and by their frequent and determined opposition to the class which Wilson describes as the board of trustees, both have proved that they have given the people a long and noble and have been guided by them.

THE BOYS ARE SO HUNGRY, SO THIRSTY. Colonel Watson finds in Wilson's praise of the merit system and in his refusal to displace an official who has made good a mournful outlook for the officeholders.

That gives us a good illustration of the contrast between what Wilson thinks he will do and what the Democrats are expecting. Wilson thinks he will do it all with its frequent assertions that nobody ever listens to the Oregonian.

SUBURBAN LIFE. A writer in the February Atlantic, Randolph, has been ordered that, beginning on March 1, all British sea-going ships shall carry life boats and life-saving appliances for all on board.

Before hostilities are actually resumed away even the holy places of Adrianople and the Aegean Islands. The Young Turks are as ready to yield as the old Turks, the motive of the former in protesting against the terms of peace appearing to have been only to get the graft.

It would be a relief to many Americans if one Mexican faction or the other would take Juarez, the gateway to the interior of Mexico and keep it there. The town has become a nuisance to this country.

Hood River experts, by experiment, find possibility of a light apple crop this season. There is plenty of 1912 fruit on hand, however, to satisfy the desire, without anticipating a lack that may not exist.

Let the Tillamookers take heart. They yet will have a rock-battered, water-proof railroad and be rolling into the metropolises several times a day.

Who would object to the kick of a mule if it made him \$300 richer by restoring his memory of the hiding place of his money? There's an agitation in Wisconsin to provide badges for legislators. Lobby-proof mits might well be made another requirement.

Government Through People. President-Elect Believes All Know More Than He. Woodrow Wilson, in World's Work. There are two theories of government that have been contending with each other ever since government began.

The Irish Nationalist victory in the election at Londonderry is of unusual importance in the home-rule controversy. Londonderry has been considered second only to Belfast as a center of Ulster Orangemen, the name "London" having been prefixed to the original name "Derry" as a reward for the gallant and successful resistance made to the siege by King James' forces in 1689.

In the years 1910, 1911 and 1912, Jefferson County, Ala., in which Birmingham is, had 256 murders, of which 306 were committed in 1912, and 1913 started with ten murders in nineteen days, besides eleven deaths from unknown causes.

Castro cannot understand why we should regard the killing of a political foe by a South American despot as murder. Why should we object to a man's admission to this country simply because he allowed the customs officer to search him?

My thought about both Mr. Taft and Mr. Roosevelt is that of entire respect, but these gentlemen have been so intimately associated with the powers that have been determining the policy of the government for almost a generation, that they cannot look at the affairs of the country with the view of a new age and of a changed set of circumstances.

They are ardent partisans of the old and are not at all anything like innovation in the realm of religion as a device of Satan. At the top of the social scale Mr. Bourne finds the old American aristocracy securely seated in the saddle.

Rather than go to war Turkey offers to give up part of Adrianople. Chances are they'd give up all Turkey rather than have it really started.

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Now a vice trust has been unearthed in New York. At least decency and honesty remain clear of monopoly.

Wilson may act like the Sphinx. Yet it is safe to say the men to go into the Cabinet have individual hunches.

Castro excluded again! How many times does the United States have to do a thing before it takes?

Death may come at any time, but taxes are due today.

PURPOSE OF SCHOOL BOND ISSUE

New Grade School, High School and School of Trades Contemplated. PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 31.—(To the Editor.)—There has been some discussion recently in regard to the proposed bond issue of \$1,000,000.

The School Board has stated plainly the reason for calling such an election and the manner in which the money will be expended. A new high school, a School of Trades and a high school in South East Portland and additional grounds.

For, indeed, if you stop to think about it, nothing can be a further departure from original Americanism. And yet that is exactly the doctrine on which the Government of the United States has been conducted lately.

I have no objection to these men being consulted, because they also, though they do not themselves seem to admit it, are part of the people of the United States. But I do very seriously object to these gentlemen being chiefly consulted, and particularly to their being exclusively consulted.

Now, I don't want a smug lot of experts to sit down behind closed doors in Washington and play Providence to me. There is a Providence to which I am perfectly willing to submit.

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Half a Century Ago

From the Oregonian of February 1, 1868. Washington, Jan. 22.—The verdict of the court in the case of John Porter's case was approved yesterday by the President. The court found him guilty of the charges preferred and he was, accordingly, cashiered and dismissed the service.

Washington, Jan. 24.—The committee on territories has instructed their chairman to report a bill for the admission of Utah into the Union as a state with a prohibition of polygamy as one condition.

Washington, Jan. 27.—A bill which passed the Senate yesterday provides that \$30,000 be appropriated for the protection of emigrants by the overland routes to the Pacific states and territories.

On Saturday night, at the very important hour of 10:30 clock, a salute of 10 or 12 guns was fired from Stark's command by a baker's dozen of the admirals and political supporters of Benjamin Stark, who returned from the Atlantic coast that night.

Some weeks since the City Council passed a resolution to the effect that paragon burners should be placed on all the gas jets in the street lamps. If this has been done the improvement is not perceptible by the light.

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A New Style In Babies

It has been set by Iowa and adopted in Oregon. It provides that a child shall be judged by physical perfection rather than by doll-like beauty. The subject is given a delightful page, illustrated by photographs, in The Sunday Oregonian.

The Perfect Woman—The press dispatches have had much to say lately of Miss Scheel, Cornell's perfect woman. An illustrated half page goes into the subject in detail.