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PORTLAND, SATURDAY, JULY 12, 1913.

END OF THE GREAT MERGER.

The plan by which the Harriman merger of the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific Railroads is to be dissolved should be eminently satisfactory to the public...

The sale of this stock will put the Union Pacific in funds which will allow it to reach San Francisco, but the decree appears to leave the Southern Pacific free to drive the best possible bargain...

Although the Union Pacific will still regard San Francisco as its principal market terminus, dissolution of the merger redounds greatly to the benefit of Portland...

The outcome of the suit against the now-severed Harriman lines marks the closing of the old and the opening of another epoch in railroad consolidation...

IMMIGRANTS OF THE WRONG KIND.

Time was when the volume of immigration was a safe barometer of prosperity in this country, but it is so no longer...

But the rest of us ought to care. We need skilled workmen, but immigrants are generally unskilled, except in farming...

A MODERN WAR OF TITANS.

So secretive were both Russia and Japan about their losses in the war of 1904-5 that not until several years later is the world informed...

and Europe. A Pennsylvania miner thrown into idleness can save money by returning to Europe until things pick up...

SQUINNING AT A SECOND TERM.

President Wilson has been in office more than four months, but not a word has been heard from him about the single Presidential term to which the convention pledged him...

A WONDERFUL HALF CENTURY.

There have been so many fundamental rearrangements of human affairs during the last half century that the year 1913 promises to figure as one of the great epochal dates of history...

A PROTESTANT CONFESSORIAL.

The Rev. Mr. Charles M. Sheldon's name of Protestant "confessional" seems a little disagreeable to some, but really there is nothing novel in it...

When a dog scratches from a pet dog causes hydrophobia, there is source of alarm in the presence of 1001 unnecessary canines in this city.

The decent people on Coos Bay are determined to make that region a fit one in which to live, if they have to drive the last asphalt off the earth.

If Senator Lane can bring Secretary Lane over to his way of thinking, there may yet be something doing on the West Unatilla project.

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Federal loss at Gettysburg. Russia began the siege with 85,000 men, but only 27,000 remained at the surrender, and of these only 6000 were able to march.

The battle of Mukden lasted seven days and 243,000 men were killed and wounded on both sides. The total losses in action of both Russia and Japan in the entire war were 625,000 out of a total force of 1,540,000.

Those who lightly incite Japan to war are doing her a great wrong. We doubt not that, if put to the test, American soldiers would match Japanese willingness to die with equal devotion.

Postmaster-General Burleson will be compelled to drop all subterfuge and "turn the rascals out." He is having a hard time to find plausible pretext for demanding resignations...

Evelyn Thaw could scarcely have earned \$4000 a week dancing the tango if she had not been a principal figure in a sensational murder trial.

Mr. Boehnke's troubles in living on his salary as an instructor at the University of California show that trained brains are to be trained muscle as \$75 a month is to \$5 a day.

Professor Harrington has probably hit upon the reason why country boys leave school early. They will stay willingly if taught the things they wish and need to know.

Congress has become a band of muckrakers, stirring up the nasty mess of years with its lobbying inquiries. It is a malodorous occupation for hot weather.

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times in the same interval and we all remember when Portugal became a republic. The disintegration of Turkey and the rise of the quarrelsome Balkan powers is still more recent.

The political world alters from day to day. Its stability is scarcely more than a figment of the imagination. And domestic and commercial life alter just as swiftly.

The Oregonian's denial that woman's chastity depends on the amount of money she turns is indorsed in terse and justly indignant language by Mrs. Anna Y. Reed, of Seattle.

Crop reports hold out pleasing prospects to Northwestern farmers. With condition below average in the Eastern and Middle States and above average in Oregon and Washington...

Judge Stevenson took the right course with the Chinese "drugster" who has been selling "coke" to boys. Two hundred days on the rockpile will give him time for cogitation on the enormity of his offense.

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FIGURES ON LIQUOR CONSUMPTION.

Per Capita Statistics Graciously Antisaloons League Head.

Portland, July 11.—(To the Editor.)—Concerning the figures on liquor consumption which have appeared in the news columns of the Oregonian...

Conceding that the above figures, there is accuracy in the above figures, there is accuracy in the above figures, there is accuracy in the above figures...

Let the brewers answer. In their Year Book issued to the trade in 1911 they give the following statistics:

The population of the cities is increasing rapidly. They are under the domination of the saloon, and the per capita consumption of liquor is enormous and increasing.

A significant item in the report above is the decrease of 18,000 in the number who have paid the Federal tax as users of liquor.

Neurologists' SMITE BEER HABIT. Regular Mind-Tests and Total Abstinence Urged for Railroad Men.

Chicago Cor. Indianapolis News. Drinking and smoking are the two habits which have ruined the health of the humbler beer-drinking man hereafter...

Beer drinkers were jolted when Dr. Henry C. Cotton of Trenton, N. J., said: "Every drop of beer destroys a nerve cell."

Portland, July 11.—(To the Editor.)—Will you kindly ask the civil service people to have some of their examinations in the evening...

PROBLEM FOR ADMINISTRATION.

Irrigation Difficulties Among Greatest That Must Be Alleviated.

Portland, July 11.—(To the Editor.)—Where is the genius who will suggest and carry out a workable plan for the smooth development of the great irrigation projects already started...

There are three systems of irrigation in force today. They are the private project, which usually fails because the expenses incident to its development are greater than first contemplated...

The average settler on an irrigation project, whether private or Government, is not able to make the financial returns that are necessary to meet the expenses which are met in the public project...

The genious who will ultimately work out the irrigation problem will be the one who can secure the present capital for project managers and settlers at cheap rates...

GIANT GUNS TO PROTECT CANAL. Sixteen-Inch Rifles Will Throw Projectiles Twenty-one Miles.

West Coast Leader, Lima, Peru. The United States Navy Department has recently completed the design for a large caliber gun in existence...

Many Interesting Features in the Magazine Section of The Sunday Oregonian.

His Own Story of His Life—Western adventures by Theodore Roosevelt.

How to Solve the Servant Problem—By Dr. Woods Hutchinson.

Twenty-five Years Ago.

(From the Oregonian of July 12, 1888.) Washington, July 11.—The House today reached the wool section of the Mills tariff bill.

Seattle, July 11.—The grand lodge, A. O. U. W., of the jurisdiction of Oregon, Washington and British Columbia assembled in this city today.

Honorable Richard Williams was thrown from his buggy yesterday and painfully bruised. His horse is being run away on Washington street and struck a vegetable wagon near Second street.

At the meeting of the Multnomah Driving Association last night at the Riverside Hotel a committee consisting of George P. Frank, Arthur Wilson and Joe Cook was appointed by the chairman, W. B. King, to make all arrangements for a gentlemen's roadster race on Saturday afternoon at the Riverside half-mile track.

Half a Century Ago. From the Oregonian of July 12, 1863. Headquarters, Army of the Potomac, July 5.—To General Halleck: The enemy retreating under cover of night, our cavalry is in pursuit.

Chicago, July 7.—It is officially announced that "Vicksburg has surrendered. No particulars yet.

On Saturday last, immediately on the receipt of the telegram confirming the receipt of the telegram confirming the receipt of the telegram confirming the receipt of the telegram...

We understand that our citizens have decided upon organizing a more regular and imposing display tonight than that which took place on Saturday. It is intended to have a monster torchlight procession, composed of the fire companies and citizens.

Two Clever Short Stories—"A Woman in the Case," by Thomas L. Masson, and "The Sorrows of Queen," by Anita Fitch.

Cupid in the Office—The part love plays in a business woman's life.

Vain Metropolitan Women Spend Fortunes for Beauty—Cosmetics required, yearly by average woman and what they cost in money.

Nobody Loves the Box Office Man—Trials and tribulations of those who sell you theater tickets.

Homes of First Americans—Development of house-building on this continent will be shown at World's Fair.