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THE MOTHER-IN-LAW OF POLITICS.

Concerning the public's profound distrust of the Legislature, Governor Orin's recent statement is a good illustration of the mother-in-law of politics.

PUT YOURSELF IN HIS PLACE.

A contemporary at Newburg, where everybody and everything is at peace and war are so remote as to dwell only in the memory for the uses of campfire conversation, asks the Oregonian what it would have done if it had been called upon to define and declare a National policy for Mexico.

A SPELLING CRUSADE.

We wish Superintendent Moore, of Lane County, all sorts of good luck in his crusade for better spelling without desiring to venture any heavy winks on the outcome.

THE UNGRATEFUL SON.

Once upon a time there was a carpenter—or maybe he was a blacksmith or bricklayer or lawyer—who had a son.

MISSING SHIPS NOW FEW.

The rescue of the great majority of the Volturno's passengers shows us how nearly impossible it is in these days of wireless telegraphy for a ship to remain missing with all on board.

certain point ought not to be taxed. But where industry has been successful in accumulating a "pile" it ought to be doubly, trebly, or perhaps more greatly taxed; industry should be encouraged up to a certain stage, but beyond that point it should be discouraged.

Nobody can now say at what degree of prosperity it would begin to grow. Nobody can now say just what extent of ownership of property would place a taxpayer in the fortunate middle class.

CONFESION OF AN AGED CLAIRVOYANT.

Confession of an aged clairvoyant in Chicago, as well as frequent exposure of this kind of fraud, might, it would seem, deter the gullible.

YUAN SHI KAI KNOWS HOW TO SUPPRESS A REBELLION.

Yuan Shi Kai knows how to suppress a rebellion, get himself regularly elected President and obtain recognition from the great powers.

THE INVENTOR OF COLD STORAGE DIED YESTERDAY.

The inventor of cold storage died yesterday in abject poverty at Paris with a record which suggests he enters on wonderful new fields for his inventive genius.

HOWEVER, SINCE THE KAISER SAYS HE WILL KEEP RIGHT ON BUILDING WARSHIPS.

However, since the Kaiser says he will keep right on building warships, the rest of the world can only hope that he will concentrate on the dirigible kind.

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MEXICANS SHOW NO INTEREST IN THE COMING ELECTION.

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The Volturno's calls brought ten great ships to head aloft which set calmly about the work of rescue amid the wild storm. The Carmania called for oil to calm the waters and the Narragansett responded.

However painful to himself William E. Greene's experience may have been, it has settled a disputed point in natural science. For a long time many authorities have denied that a shock could turn a person's hair white in 24 hours or such a matter and scores of thrilling pages in popular fiction have been devoted to it.

HISTORY IN FICTION.

Some more or less pointed criticisms of Dr. S. Weir Mitchell's Civil War novel, "Westways," have induced him to publish his opinions on "History in Fiction." They appear in the New York Times book review for October 17.

REPRESENTATIVE FITZGERALD IS A GOOD DEMOCRAT.

Representative Fitzgerald is a good Democrat in Washington and, as chairman of the appropriations committee, co-operates with President Wilson; he is a good Tammany man in New York.

IF THERE ARE DEGREES OF BADNESS IN WHITE SLAVERY.

If there are degrees of badness in white slavery, the man given ten years by Judge Bean yesterday possesses all. When his time expires he will be deported and it is safe to say never will try to return.

LORD NORTHCOTE THINKS THE 40,000 PEOPLE WHO SAW ONE OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP BALL GAMES IN NEW YORK WERE NOT MUCH OF A CROWD.

Lord Northcote thinks the 40,000 people who saw one of the championship ball games in New York were not much of a crowd, but the New York World tries to impress him with the amount of the gate receipts.

GREAT BRITAIN HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT WE ARE DISPLEASED WITH HER DISPLEASURE AT OUR MEXICAN POLICY.

Great Britain has been advised that we are displeased with her displeasure at our Mexican policy. No doubt the English will be displeased to learn that we are displeased with their displeasure.

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WHY TAX EXEMPTION IS UNFAIR.

Assessments Vary Widely in Counties, Says Corvallis Writer. CORVALLIS, Oct. 19.—(To the Editor.)—There are arguments both ways in regard to the proposed amendment to abolish from taxation \$1500.

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PUBLIC DUTY TOWARD DEFECTIVES.

Study of Causes, Not Avoidance of Problem, Is True Course. PORTLAND, Oct. 20.—(To the Editor.)—In the Oregonian this morning is an article headed "White Wolf Kill Insane."

SOME REASONS FOR VOTING YES.

Referendums This Year Are Products of Special, Selfish Interests. DALLAS, Oct. 19.—(To the Editor.)—A few acts of the last Legislature have been referred to the people and I think every voter should vote "Yes" for several reasons.

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