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PORTLAND, FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 1914.

A CALL TO PUBLIC DUTY.

The state is confronted by an emergency requiring the services of first-class men in the State Legislature. In the easy political conditions of the past the importance of prudent and safe legislation and the necessity of moderate appropriations were perhaps not so apparent as they now are.

OUR PROGRESSING HIGH SCHOOLS.

It is pleasant to learn from Superintendent Churchill that 1470 pupils will graduate this Spring from the public high schools of the state. This indicates a great advance in secondary education in the last few years.

AMELIORATION NOT A CURE.

A copy of the new Ohio law safeguarding the initiative and referendum has been sent by Mr. Tren to show where the Oregonian was mistaken in the incidental statement that Ohio now forbids the payment of petition circulators.

MEXICO'S HOPE OF REGENERATION.

Whenever Mexico is again at peace under a government worthy of adjusting its affairs, it will have a pretty bill to pay for destroyed property of foreigners.

Foreign financial control of Mexico.

Foreign financial control of Mexico is brought nearer every day that the civil war continues, and the necessity of American intervention in order to preserve to the country a semblance of actual independence grows greater.

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A NEW CHIEF OF STAFF.

Major-General Wotherspoon, newly-designated Chief of Staff of the United States Army, is an unusual type for the post to which he has been named.

ALL RIGHT PART OF THE TIME.

Senator Lane is inclined to vote for repeal of free tolls. We thought so. He is a Democrat, and just now the Democracy is trembling on its knees before Great Britain and all the other powers, which insist that the Panama Canal was built for them, and are going to make the Democratic party responsible for its loss.

THE CRITICAL POINT IN FARMING.

The American commission which visited Europe a few months ago to observe agricultural conditions is said by some authorities to have been larger than the circumstances required.

FREE TOLLS AID TO SHIPOWNERS.

Shipowners who want free passage from coast to coast are perfectly at liberty to avail themselves of the open water around the Horn, but they want the people to exert themselves in their behalf.

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Twenty-five Years Ago

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Baseball Right Up to the Minute.

Baseball right up to the minute, with a number of articles by experts giving the latest inside dope on the game.

Lucky White House Brides.

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