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Portland, Friday, July 31, 1914.

WAL. The spark of the Austro-Serbian conflict may be the cause of a roaring European conflagration.

Parading round and round, to me it talks of ravaged plains.

And mangled limbs and dying groans, and widows' tears and orphan's moans.

And all that misery's hand bestows, to fill the catalogue of human woes.

That is the true picture. It is strange that a statesman would provoke war, or a sane nation pursue it.

But wise statesmen have invited war and all nations have experienced its horrors.

Possibly all this European commotion will subside. But if it does not, the present generation is preparing to witness the greatest tragedy of a hundred years and perhaps of all time.

ROOSEVELT'S LATEST MOVE. With his customary political agility Colonel Roosevelt has turned circumstances to account in the New York Governorship campaign.

Seeing that the Progressives, as a distinct party, have no hope of success, either in that state or in the country at large, he has adroitly chosen to identify himself with the party.

One between boss rule and good government within the Republican party. This is the effect of his statement that "the prime duty is a good citizen's movement, to save the state from the bipartisan control of Messrs. Barnes and Murphy."

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achieved. These practical politicians, George W. Perkins and Ormsby McHarg, are with him in his present device. He may keep his third party alive until 1916, to be offered as the price of the Republican nomination for President.

The bridge Colonel Roosevelt is building is narrow. It may be knocked into the stream by his candidate's rejection by either Republicans or Progressives or both. If the Republicans reject his man, he will still have another chance, provided the Progressives choose Hinman, for the anti-machine Republicans might bolt in such numbers as to elect either Mr. Hinman or a Democrat.

Idle Rumor. A news dispatch from Portland to a San Francisco paper is responsible for the information, said to be "an excellent authority," that the J. Edgar Hoover has an option to purchase The Oregonian. The same rumor has gained some currency in Oregon, and has led to several inquiries as to its source and possible authenticity.

An Economic Absurdity. The Oregonian has received from "A. K. T." a letter criticizing a recent use of the word "wealth." We spoke of the value of stocks and other securities as wealth. Our critic cites the New Standard Dictionary as authority for limiting this term to "those material things that men desire to possess."

A Pioneer Newspaper. The Idaho Statesman was fifty years old Sunday and the anniversary is printed in the paper devoted to reminiscences of early days. There are alive many in Boise and the state who remember when "Jim" Reynolds, intense abolitionist, began publishing his tri-weekly newspaper.

Justice. It has been stated that the jury which sat in the Federal Court in the land-grant case was unusually representative. We readily believe it without looking beyond the verdict. The defendant Minard, in particular, was an exceptionally adroit swindler. It is a logical conclusion that he had carefully and intricately laid a ground for defense.

Popularizing Shakespeare. Now York enjoys the possession of an energetic Stage Society which continually struts up. If it does not uplift things generally, it does not uplift the mind. It is to bring over three distinguished and heretofore producers from Europe to see if they cannot make a breach in the traditional stupidities of the stage.

Summer Night's Dream" this year. A man who can do wonders like those with Shakespeare in London ought to accomplish something encouraging in this country.

Game Supplies for Nature-Men. Do Laws Govern Simple Life Like That of Joe Knowles' Aids Writers. PENDLETON, Or., July 29.—(To the Editor.)—In newspapermen's parlance, The Oregonian's stories about Joe Knowles in the business of measuring for 30 days, unaided, in the wilds of the Sierra Nevada Mountains is certainly "good stuff."

Meats Billed at Market Price. Dealer Denies Collision With Sub-Jail Officials on Fines Goods. PORTLAND, July 29.—(To the Editor.)—On July 29, 1914, an article appeared in The Oregonian under the caption, "Chicken Beef at Jail," which charges the State Market, of which I am the owner, as having been involved in false sales to the city for Linnton rookpile.

Prosperity That War Brings Contributor Unable to Discern Its Artificial or Unhealthy Nature. PORTLAND, July 30.—(To the Editor.)—On the editorial page, July 29, you state that "the power of a war scare to annihilate wealth has been scientifically established by the reports from the world's bourses for the last few days."

Red Clothing For Sportsmen. Writer Believes Law Should Require Hunters to Wear Vivid Colors. LA GRANDE, Or., July 29.—(To the Editor.)—I notice that in an interview appearing in The Oregonian yesterday, Mr. Finley, State Biologist, recommends that deer hunters wear a red shirt or coat while hunting deer in order to prevent accidental shooting.

New Law as to Carriers. LEBANON, Or., July 29.—(To the Editor.)—Please state whether the bill relating to carriers of rural carriers to \$100 per month was passed. J. P. BROWN.

Auto Ennobling Influence. Judge. Frost—Do you think the auto has an ennobling influence? Snow—Well, speaking personally, we have been fined and fined. Dollar wheat?

actor honestly believed they had something to sell they would not have been convicted even though the "settlers" located never could acquire the land. Minard had erected an elaborate ground for a defense.

John Galsworthy promises to be one of the most prolific playwrights. His dramas come swiftly from the press and all of them thus far hold their own on the stage.

Should a general European war most anxiety the destinies of England, France and Germany. Those nations have played the leading parts in making the modern world and they contain today by far the largest portion of its active intellect.

It is odd to reflect that when an American opera manager wishes to hear a new American singer he goes to Europe to find her. The reason is that the great schools for training opera singers are in European cities.

A new book by Claude Bragdon on the fourth dimension of space is said to throw a bright light into that baffling mystery. Although nobody can draw a diagram of the fourth dimension, we can imagine what it is like.

Arthur Symonds, the poet, asks despairfully, "Who is there still lives for beauty?" The answer is nobody. The fact is that no sane person ever did live for beauty.

It is just as well that Mexico seems to suspend her continuous performance revolution. It is not likely to attract much attention for some time, except as a sideshow to the main performance in Europe.

Twenty-Five Years Ago. From The Oregonian of July 31, 1889. Ellensburg, July 30.—The coal company, which has been at work at Ellensburg, at a depth of 480 feet struck a downing well, which throws a volume of water 40 feet above the surface.

John Hartman, who has a machine shop on North Second street, has fitted up a buggy to run by steam. It has about as much machinery as a locomotive. The vehicle has been found to be well on the level, but the boiler is not large enough to run it up hill.

Arrangements have been completed for the Irving tract, back of Albina, to a point one mile east of Fifth street. G. W. McCalla, author of the Webster Sketch Book, is in the city on business relating to his wife's claim on the estate of the late James B. Stephens, of East Portland.

Rev. John P. Devors, the well-known Methodist minister for 35 years has written on his life work in Oregon and California since 1848. He was pastor of the Irving Territory, died on Sunday at Tacoma.

A number of the passengers who sailed on the steamship Corona for Alaska, arrived home yesterday. Those included Mrs. M. C. Tyler, Woodward and family, Miss Mollie Barlow, D. F. Sherman and wife, Mrs. Parker, A. L. Maxwell and family, F. A. E. Starr, Miss Bertha Moore, H. R. Davidson and D. P. Thompson.

Judge Thomas M. Cooley, chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission, arrived yesterday from Puget Sound, and is at the Esmond. Mrs. John McConnell, wife of Judge McConnell, of Fargo, Dak., is visiting Mrs. S. F. Dunning. She has her 8-year-old daughter, Mrs. Tyler, who the child desired to be taken out where she could see fruit growing on a tree, something she had never seen in Dakota.

Illustrated Features in the Magazine Section of THE SUNDAY OREGONIAN. Hoosier Gowns to Show Up in Paris. Colored page illustrating the wardrobe of a prominent Indiana woman. Artist-humorist illustrates the pleasures and foibles of automobile owners. George Ade's Newest Fables in Slang. Popular humorist tells of the Marathon in the Mud and the Laurel Wreath. Sketches From Life by Temple. Cover artist depicts familiar sights and scenes in the life of a great city. Kafirs, the Great Dry-Land Food Crop. What the raising of the drought-resisting plant means to American farmers. Harry Lane Tells His Life Story. James B. Morrow, a Washington correspondent, chats with "the gentleman from Oregon." Newest Scientific Discoveries and Remarkable Facts. A page of crisp, concise stories of interest to old and young. Woman Works Wonders on Farm of 1000 Acres. How Mrs. Clara Kelly transformed a barren tract into a productive, money-making farm. A Page for the Children. Short stories, poems, verses, pictures and puzzles to while away an hour with the young folks. The Adventures of Suzanne. A series of modern comedies in pictures by a brilliant artist, Orson Lowell. Four Pages of Comics. There is always something new when Doc Yak, Uncle Jim, Ted and Tim, the District School Boys, Mr. Bones, Mamma's Angel Child, Hi Hopper and Genial Gene get together in the comic supplement.

Little Editorials on Business. Planning for Fall. If there is anything in the old axiom "in time of peace prepare for war," we want to do a little paracrashing and urge all business concerns thus—in times of depression prepare for aggression.

Whether the present business depression is real or imaginary the fact remains that the country is in splendid condition—bumper wheat and oat crops and great prospects for a mammoth corn crop. This country is composed largely of people whose annual income is less than \$1500 per year. Only 3 per cent of the total number of families have an annual income of more than \$1500.

The 97 per cent will buy just as many shoes and clothing, they will eat just as much and enjoy as many of the pleasures of life as they ever did. The 50 million people who live in towns of less than 2500 population are the farming classes. They will have more money this Fall—they will be more liberal spenders than heretofore.

During the Summer every wholesaler, retailer and manufacturer in this city should plan for the Fall campaign. Make your goods known to the people and they will buy your goods. You cannot expect the consumers to appreciate your merchandise as much as you do unless you do something to educate them.

The Oregonian wants to assist you in preparing your Fall campaign. Telephone today and a representative will call. SAFE UNDER UNCLE SAM'S WING. Austrian Here Cannot Be Forced to Return Home to Fight. PORTLAND, July 29.—(To the Editor.)—I wish to call your attention to a matter of misinformation now being circulated throughout this and doubtless other sections of Oregon, regarding the supposed authority in Portland to Austria for the return of able-bodied men in this country for service in her army.

A number of my clients have called upon me in distress, stating that they have received telephonic notice from some unknown authority in Portland to the effect that unless they make immediate preparation to return to Austria they are liable to certain condemnation. In the interest of the truth and in order to relieve the apprehension of a large number of this class of our citizens, will you please call your publicity agent and the so-called "Austrian" of Austria, whether a citizen or intending to become such, desire to remain in this country nothing short of combined armies and navies of Europe would probably be equal to the task of forcing him to forsake the shelter of our flag, and even then those armies and navies might have to go home.

CHARLES J. SCHMIDT. Why Are Girls Feelsish? Shoes! Ohio State Journal. If a girl is feisty, peevish and mean tempered, look to her feet. Change her shoes. She is very likely wearing tight, high-heeled shoes. Change them to comfortable, low-heeled shoes and notice the difference. In most cases she will become tractable and kindly minded. And the so-called "Austrian" of Austria, whether a citizen or intending to become such, desire to remain in this country nothing short of combined armies and navies of Europe would probably be equal to the task of forcing him to forsake the shelter of our flag, and even then those armies and navies might have to go home.