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PORTLAND, MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 1914.

JAPAN'S MARTIAL ACTIVITIES.

It was entirely to be expected that Germany would not accede to the terms of the Japanese ultimatum and that war would ensue.

While the action of Japan is deliberate, even cold-blooded, one must recall the German ultimatum of nineteen years ago, when the Kaiser stepped between the rising young powers in the East and the fruits of her victory over China.

Yet humors of diplomacy do not make for war. Naturally, there is a deeper and more abiding reason behind Japan's action.

However, Japan has shown no evidence that she is acting in other than good faith. She has not deeply resented the German ultimatum in China which was returned to China in due time.

While the trouble between Germany and Japan will be a small affair so far as the great world war is concerned, there is no other aspect of the vast conflict that is so deeply interesting to the people of the United States.

But the United States must follow developments of the future with the deepest concern. Should the Japanese aggression extend to the German possessions in the South Pacific we may feel some cause for discomfort in the extension of the Japanese line half way across the Pacific.

As to the Japanese treaty with England, that need be no cause for concern on the part of the United States, so far as it operates upon us, the treaty was practically nullified by the Anglo-Japanese alliance of 1911.

That England has an explicit understanding with Japan as to the scope of her present martial activities in the Pacific would seem to be probable in view of England's own deep interest in the Far East.

So far as the position of the United States is concerned in the present situation our tranquility need not be disturbed to anything approaching the extent that might be occasioned were Japan and Germany bound by treaty.

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One advantage to the Pacific Coast will accrue from the war in the other half of the world if Congress is prodded into action concerning the Alaska storehouse.

There is little to disturb the minds of orthodox evolutionists in Professor William Bateson's new hypothesis.

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still give the small holder an advantage in the exemption. But large, income-producing holdings are now assessed at a higher percentage of true value than are the small tracts.

But nobody knows what the assessors of the future will do if the \$1500 exemption carries.

Let's see! Wasn't there a man by the name of Withycombe nominated for something or other at the May primaries?

The news that Nelson's prayer was read on all ships is comforting and Purton, home-born and colonial.

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can say what barrier may fall next. Modern investigators see reason to believe that evolution proceeds by "mutations" rather than by slow changes.

Strict military censorship of the news on the firing line in Europe is showing serious disadvantages even to the several contestants in the great conflict.

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CONFLICT VINDICATES MALTHUS. War Will Be Natural Until Man Curbs Own Procreancy.

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PURPOSE IS PLAIN SINGLE TAX. \$1500 Exemption Amendment Is Discussed.

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Twenty-Five Years Ago. From The Oregonian August 24, 1889.

From The Oregonian August 24, 1889. Williams avenue presents a scene of bustle and excitement. A great many men are laying the track from Grant to Morris street.

From The Oregonian August 24, 1889. Commencing on September 2 there will be a mail service on the Portland & Vancouver Railway, with closed pouches, twice a day.

From The Oregonian August 24, 1889. Rev. D. O. Gormley and family returned yesterday from Clatsop, where they have been for several weeks.

From The Oregonian August 24, 1889. Elder R. M. Messick, of Trenton, Mo., will arrive here and take charge of the Christian Church in East Portland on October 1.

From The Oregonian August 24, 1889. A little boy, 6 years old, son of Dr. J. A. Chapman, of this city, fell into the river at the foot of Washington street yesterday and was rescued by Richard Hoyt, harbor pilot.

From The Oregonian August 24, 1889. The largest raft run down the Willamette river for years has been received. It is the largest of the O. S. N. Company and Captain Ankeny in this city.

From The Oregonian August 24, 1889. Mrs. J. E. Witherell has presented the Ladies of the Sanitary Fair with a handsome American flag of medium size.

From The Oregonian August 24, 1889. A very large crowd assembled last night at the theatre building to listen to the address on the political questions of the day between J. F. Gasley, of Douglas County, one of the Presidential electors on the Union ticket, and Judge A. E. Wallace, of the same county, an elector also, but on the ticket of the so-called Democracy.

From The Oregonian August 24, 1889. The rate is the levy which applied to the assessed value of all property will produce the required needs of government.

From The Oregonian August 24, 1889. The publisher is Frederick A. Stokes Company, 412-414 Fourth Avenue, New York City.

Advertising Good Health. Municipal health authorities in various cities are beginning newspaper advertising campaigns to impress on the public the necessity of municipal cleanliness.