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WAR TAXES AND ECONOMY.

The imposition of war taxes and the contest of endurance, which promises to end in elimination of pork from the river and harbor bill should prove the introduction of an era of thorough fiscal reform in the Federal Government.

Every party platform for decades has contained a plank denouncing extravagance and pledging economy, but these planks have been forgotten as soon as election was over.

The people have thus become an accessory to Governmental waste. Whenever a good thing needs to be done, they call for an appropriation by Congress.

All the improvements named are highly desirable, but the self-reliance of the individual, of local communities and of states is undermined by the delusion that Government money comes from nowhere in particular.

The only magic worked by Congress is the imposition of taxes in such manner that the people do not know to what extent they are being taxed, and not realizing that the money comes from their own pockets, they constantly demand that more be spent.

Through the blindness and dishonesty of political prejudice, the habit of crime of extravagance, at Salem, becomes the shining virtue of care and prudence at Washington.

EGGS AS AN ISSUE.

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But the egg is both a fact and a symbol, for it teaches a lesson. A correspondent, Mr. J. M. Moore, writing to The Oregonian, has this to say, among other interesting things:

I have traveled over the greater part of Oregon in the last six months and I have seen large herds of hogs on the farms. When I inquired into the why and wherefore, in many cases I have been answered, "What's the use? What incentive is there for anyone to raise hogs? The market is so poor that it is not worth the trouble."

When eggs go down, he is able to show that the cost of living has been reduced.

MALTHUS AGAIN.

The European war, as we might have expected, has revived Malthusianism in some minds. A writer in the North American Review takes occasion to exploit the theory for our diversion.

But there is no need of such considerations. The fabic hath it that the scorpion, when aroused to fury and unable to compass the destruction of its foe, turns and stings itself.

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THE BREEDER AND THE HORSE.

Our amiable friend the horse is understood to be suffering some mental distress on account of the pitiless rivalry of the gasoline engine. Still he is able to exert himself much as usual and even to win fresh laurels under proper stimulus.

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A COLLECTION FOR THE RED CROSS.

The President has set apart Sunday, October 4, for prayers for peace throughout the country. On that day, therefore, the minds of millions of people will be fixed upon the horrors of war and they will be exceptionally willing to do something practical for humanity.

Friends of Wellesley College have not forgotten the fire which destroyed its main hall some time ago. The Rockefeller fund has promised the college \$750,000 if others raise \$1,250,000 by January 1.

FROM AMBUSH.

Will you please explain a brief way the twenty-nine initiative measures to be voted on at the coming election? I may not be totally incompetent, but I am not intelligent on all these measures.

The conscientious woman voter who penned the foregoing to The Oregonian is in a predicament that a great many voters will find themselves in even on election day.

THE EFFORTS TO PULL THE AMERICAN TROOPS OUT OF VERA CRUZ.

The efforts to pull the American troops out of Vera Cruz may not succeed, for the Mexicans are growing uglier again, and the fact that they ought to show their gratitude to the Wilson Administration by remaining tranquil until after the Fall elections.

THE MILLENNIUM IS CASTING A SHADOW.

The millennium is casting a shadow. A Centralia lawyer has been ordered to pay back a fee because he failed to win.

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OLD GENERAL DISASTER CONTINUES IN COMMAND OF THE AUSTRIAN ARMIES.

Old General Disaster continues in command of the Austrian armies.

JOHN BARLEYCORN IS NOW A FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE IN VIRGINIA.

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STARS AND STARMAKERS.

Digging around among local talent has brought to light a few more "tragedies of time."

Robert Glecker, leading man at the Baker Theater, says his idea of it is when a fat actress finds it necessary to ask the photographers to scrape off slices of her lines in a princess gown.

Walter Gilbert opines that the big time in tragedy is when a perennially ambrosial and fascinating ingenue is cast for an old lady character role by a well-remembered manager.

But William Powell voices what a lot of us think when he says that time's real whack is at a one-time great producer who decides to become a press agent.

Mister Jack Lil A'thuz Johnson, formerly a well-known citizen of America, but lately of France, is being imported to dash into vaudeville over here.

In London the music halls are investing their programmes with red fire in the form of patriotic songs, English flags and those of their allies, moving pictures of soldiers, battleships, military and naval celebrities, together with flashing bulletins of the progress of events.

The New York papers are growing over the growing cost of the public schools. The figure is \$41,000,000 for the current year in that city, a pretty penny to be sure, but not excessive if it is thrifly spent.

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WHY PIONEER SUPPORTS BOOTH.

Personal Secretary of Fifty Years Dead. No Flaw in Manhood. The following letter from W. H. Byars, a well-known resident of Salem and an Oregon pioneer, has been forwarded to Senator Chamberlain's political headquarters in response to a letter inviting his support.

You inform me that the war in Europe is keeping the Senator in Washington. I am further informed that the Senator is very complicated and that the Senator's powerful influence will be for peace.

I am told that Senator Chamberlain is powerful in the Senate, is progressive, is the chief of the plain people, does much for Oregon and has made good.

Again it has been proved, that if you cast your bread upon the right waters it will return after a few days nicely buttered and laden with jelly.

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It remained for Jack Norworth to figure out a new comedy viewpoint with regard to the war.

And the song industry in England also is undergoing a revolution. Publishers take advantage of the interest in national and patriotic numbers.

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Twenty-Five Years Ago

From The Oregonian September 22, 1889. Berlin—If Bismarck's plans are effected, instead of a short and unceremonious visit to the Czar is determined to a number of court banquets and a diplomatic dinner.

Oklahoma City—United States troops yesterday prevented an election here. Two or three weeks ago a charter prepared by the Council committee was voted down.

Miss Allie Chapman and A. C. Geyer, of Portland, were married at the home of Mrs. Geyer September 18. Rev. B. F. Battry officiating.

The "Little Lord Fauntleroy" troupe is coming to the New Park tomorrow. Waitie Edinger and Flossy Ethel will accompany as the Little Lord.

Dr. Anton Rosenfeld, late of Vienna, who arrived here a few weeks ago with Misses Sol Hirsch and Colonel L. Fleischer, has opened an office in Portland.

Mayor De Lashmutt is happy. He has reason to be. His horses have beaten all Oregon and all others in this neck of the woods.

Harold Pilkington, of this city, was admitted to the bar at Salem yesterday. The Marysville, Mont., baseball team beat the Williams yesterday, 3 to 4. Following is the lineup:

W. H. Byars, pitcher; J. J. Parrott, catcher; J. J. Parrott, first base; J. J. Parrott, second base; J. J. Parrott, third base; J. J. Parrott, shortstop; J. J. Parrott, left field; J. J. Parrott, right field; J. J. Parrott, center field.

The First Presbyterian Church was brilliant last Tuesday evening for the wedding of James Thornburn Ross and Miss Emily M. Lindsay.

Half a Century Ago. From The Oregonian, Sept. 24, 1864. A very large crowd assembled at the Theater building last night to listen to the debate on the political questions.

R. P. Cardwell has been appointed from the office of this city as J. P. Assessor for Clackamas and Marion Counties.

The largest raft of lumber run down the Willamette for years has been received at the new wharves of the O. & N. Company.

Rev. Mr. Schmidt, of the Evangelical Association, will preach in the County Court house at 9:30 A. M. He will preach in German, and as our German friends need a house of worship, they should encourage him in his labors.

A little boy six years old, son of Dr. J. A. Chapman, was married at the home of his mother, Washington street yesterday, and was rescued by Richard Hoyt, barely in time to save the child's life.

There have been several ineffectual attempts at burglary this week, but the thieves have not been arrested. On Wednesday night some silver was taken from a restaurant on Front street.

AN INVITATION TO WRITE.

In order to arouse public discussion of the numerous measures on the election ballot, The Oregonian will devote, on Sunday, a space to letters on those subjects from the people as response to this invitation.

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