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PROGRESS OF THE WAR.

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change in the ways of diplomats. After having for years eaten humble pie served up to them by the European powers, the Turks no longer see the powers at each others' throats than they annual all concessions extorted from them and assume an attitude of independence, while their diplomats express their frank opinions of the Christian nations. A diplomat's business is to prevent war by adjusting disputes, and their triumphs consist in averting bloodshed by a plentiful expenditure of ink and soft words.

Humiliating Spectacle. It is painful to reflect that Oregon has a Governor who has no fitting sense of the respect due to his office. An incurable passion for sensation, a restless and almost lawless purpose to throw off the proper restraints of responsible position, a quarrelsome attitude toward his official associates, a snapshot judgment of all important questions and policies, an immature and juvenile understanding of sound, political and economic principles, an immense egotism and a fixed habit of bullying the purposes of persons not in his immediate counsel constitute a poor equipment for a Governor.

Thus said The Oregonian a year ago, when the Governor's conduct extended and reinforced until it reached from Noyon to Verdun on an east-and-west line, the western point of which is fifty-four miles north and slightly east of Paris. At this point developed the battle of the Aisne, which has now been raging for a period of two weeks without conclusive results—in fact, without much indication of what the outcome will be.

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competition of the Federal League has been the chief cause of falling revenue. It appears to have made good in the quantity of ball dispensed to its patrons and organized baseball might well swallow its false pride, extend the olive bough ere another April rolls around and adjust schedules so that all may live.

Rosaline. Madame Maeterlinck, the dramatist's wife, has a substantial literary renown of her own. She has written a number of books under her pen name of Georgette Leblanc and all of them have found appreciative readers. Her latest work, "The Blue Bird of Life," is the story of a Norman peasant girl whom an idealistic woman sought to develop into a leader of her sex.

It would be too much to say that she was happy, for happiness is something entirely different from the vine serenity which Rosaline experienced. Perhaps we might say that she had found peace, the kind of peace which is scarcely distinguishable from insensibility. The girl takes upon her the burden of the suffering piety of his spouse and consecrates his life to "making up to her for what she sacrificed in marrying him." The relation is one of sheep-tranquilly triumphant virtue on the other.

We feel sure that Max Nordau, if he were to look into the matter carefully, would see some such historical reason as this for the American man's apparently irrational submissiveness to his womankind. Of course, the condition is bad for both sexes. It causes the men to waste their lives in the foolish pursuit of money in order that their female connections may be idle and decorative. It puts the women in the situation of Imperial dolls, without any particular part in life except to make themselves pretty and spend their husband's money.

The appearance anywhere else than in Benton County of a snake twenty-two feet long would have shocked the township; but Farmer Johnson's heroes are made. His method of killing the reptile, by roping it just back of the ears and choking it to death, is unique, to say the least.

Postponement of the radium bill will give the radium trust ample time to gobble all the known ore-bearing land. As usual, Uncle will get the leavings. President Wilson would have done good service had he denounced the invidious lobby which smothered the bill and forced Congress to "smoke it out."

This matter of eugenics is going a bit far when a great man in the movement insists on sterilized kissing. The suggestion to use a little square of tissue paper that has been treated in a sanitary solution between the lips is headed the race will become extinct in the second generation.

If the first Forest Reserve Commission had gone through the country as Chief Forester Grady has gone through the Olympic reserve there would have been much less treeless grazing and farm land in the National forests.

Why should not capitalists want the interstate bridge bonds? Multnomah and Clarke Counties have behind them the security of a rich land at peace. They are better than any nation's war bonds.

Germany warns China that she must pay for permitting Japan to violate her neutrality. That has always been the way. Whichever nation loses, China pays.

What Mexico needs is a perpetual board of mediation and a law that no one president may hold office for a greater period than twenty-four hours.

Arranging the hair of the little schoolgirl is a problem for mother and child; but the boy, for obvious reasons, prefers the run of the clippers.

French winemakers fear depression in their trade, owing to loss of the German market, but their wine will keep and grow better with age.

The places Serbia is capturing may be of great strategic importance, but they are not chiefly in tangling the enemy's tongue.

Exposure of fake atrocities committed on Red Cross shows that the yellow journalist is at large in Europe.

Lord Milner's warning may cause the British noblemen to plow up their parks and game preserves and sow wheat.

It might be better for comfort of State Fair visitors if these winds get away from "westerly," veering to the north.

Portland will derive one benefit from the war, it will be able to buy some of Hood River's best apples.

For a half century the Oregon State Fair has been the chief attraction in the Fall. It is holding its own in 1914.

Having seized German Southwest Africa, the reconstructed Boers can now wear diamonds.

Construction work in the residence sections of the city continues to be a good investment.

Data show that France lost population in 1913. Not to mention the present year.

HOW GLUCOSE IS MANUFACTURED. Commercial Product Is Made From Corn Starch and Is Wholesome. CHICAGO, Sept. 24.—(To the Editor.)—In The Oregonian September 14 appears the following under the heading of "Glucose and Corn Syrup":

Estacada, Sept. 13.—(To the Editor.)—Please tell us something about the manufacture of glucose. I have seen it sold in the stores under the name of Corn Syrup. Is it a by-product from the manufacture of starch or something else? J. L. JONES.

While some glucose may be made primarily for food, the most of it is a by-product from the manufacture of starch. Most corn syrup is made by boiling corn cobs, extracting the flavor and mixing it with glucose.

All glucose or corn syrup is for food. It is one of the most wholesome foods known to men. It is not a by-product of starch, but is the conversion of starch into dextrose by the chemist. The process is identical with the digestion of starch by nature and the conversion is the same.

I notice you say "the most of it is a by-product from the manufacture of cane sugar." Dextrose is not made from cane sugar, nor is it made from sugar cane. It is made from starch. Starch can be made from corn or from potatoes.

The manufacturers of corn syrup last year produced 85,000,000 pounds of corn syrup, making out of this 800,000,000 pounds of corn syrup, which was consumed in this and foreign countries.

Portland chemist who wrote the reply. In endeavoring to give a brief answer to your question, I have been obliged to use technical terms. Glucose is a technical name in chemistry, and is a crystalline substance; commercial glucose is a technical name in commerce.

President Wilson's methods concerning the Philippines remind me of Buchanan's methods just prior to the Civil War, when all the arms and other munitions of war were taken from the Federal arsenal in the North and distributed throughout the South.

In the few short months the Democrats have practically undone the years and years of good work and upbuilding by the Republican Administrations in the Philippines. Under Democratic rule a great majority of Filipinos are fast reverting to the conditions that obtained under the old Spanish regime.

Two Poems by John Hay. PORTLAND, Sept. 23.—(To the Editor.)—I wish that The Oregonian would print two poems written by John Hay, "Little Breeches" and "Jimmy Bludsoe." D. C. MILLER.

Why Taxes Grow. PORTLAND, Sept. 28.—(To the Editor.)—The main cause of the \$100,000,000 tax is the continuing increase of officials at high salaries.

YOUR BACKYARD. (Inspired by the platform back of the fireboat David Campbell.) Now, I'm not a poet. Nor even a bard. But I'm going to sing Of your backyard.

There's all sorts And varieties of bricks, And the same profusion Of boards and sticks.

There's coal as black As the ace of spades. Dug up from the forest's Secret glades.

Alleyways cut For the mice and rats, And a special gymnasium For the cats.

But what's the use? If I named a score Of things there's still left as many more.

I could travel for miles And 'round be hard To find as well-stocked place As your backyard.

There's food for thought, There's food for dreams, In every nook a romance Gleams.

Oh, if I was a poet, Or even a bard, I'd make immortal That backyard.

THOU SHALT NOT KILL. A rise of anger; a swing of arm; A brother dying; this deed of harm Is murder, and the assassin pays, In death or prison to end his days.

So "war is glory; to fight is brave; This noble to fill a hero's grave." But Oh! rulers and Oh, ye fools! Why follow barbaric and time-worn rules?

Half a Century Ago. From The Oregonian, Sept. 28, 1864. The steamer New World, under command of Captain Wolfe, arrived at the Cascades last night carrying, it is said, not less than a ton of bullion for Wells, Fargo & Co.

Twenty-Five Years Ago. From The Oregonian, Sept. 25 and 26, 1889. Washington.—The acting Commissioner of the General Land Office has granted a motion to review the decision of Commissioner Stockslager of February 23, 1889, for which indemnity for school lands in the states and Grand Ronde Indian reservations was refused.

Some of the European newspapers are almost hysterical in their appeals to the South American republics to distrust United States advances and continue to trade in Europe. A Vienna paper says it isn't likely the states to get such a vote by an overstates will admit to the wishes of a few millionaires of the Union.

Tommy Warren and Frank Murphy fought 68 rounds at San Francisco last night for the featherweight championship and a purse of \$1800. The referee then threw the fight, but what neither could whip ended the fight and cleared the ring.

William Kern says the electric motor line to Waverly and Woodstock is not such a good idea. The line has studied out a scheme whereby the wire can be laid underground and kept perfectly insulated.

Ben Simpson will leave at once for Washington with the report of the commission on the reservation of the Coeur d'Alene Indians for the sale of a portion of their reservation.

Ex-Governor George L. Wood was taken ill yesterday while driving on Eleventh, near Main.

The North Pacific Industrial Exposition opens tomorrow September 29 in Portland. Miss Edith Waldo will formally put the exposition in motion after speeches by Frank Dekum, president of the exposition, and Mayor D. Lashmutt.

The naval commission appointed to select the site for the Navy-Yard on the Pacific Coast, north of the 42d parallel, has formally recommended Puget Sound as the best location, calling attention to a site behind Bainbridge Island.

New York.—It is the general view here, according to the newspapers, that the Northern Pacific executive, Mr. Knigge, who was in the city, is able to get his own way.

Richard H. Kilpelt and Miss Emma L. Wandell were married last night, Rev. George Hartung officiating.

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