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EGYPT A VULNERABLE POINT.

The most vulnerable point at which Turkey can attack Great Britain is Egypt. If she should succeed in capturing this country from the British, she can blockade the Suez Canal and thereby close the gateway through which the latter bring troops from India.

A GREAT VICTORY.

If there is any weakening on the initiative ballot count on the Portland Journal to pounce upon it. Two years ago it turned its biggest siege guns loose on the majority rule measures.

Nobody feared them other than the Journal. Nobody had the faintest idea that they would carry except the Journal. Nobody voted for them, or would have voted for them if all the press had kept silent, except a few irrecusable constituting a pitiful minority.

It is a pity that the history of this no other basis than prior coincidence with a foregone conclusion that tempted the Journal this year into more uncertain battles. At any rate it had some policies of its own.

The material advantages of British rule are not disputed, even by those Egyptians who aspire to independence. Taxes have been reduced, forced labor abolished, irrigation and agriculture extended, education made general, and prosperity brought to the long-oppressed fellahin, but the people are already beginning to feel that they are being deceived.

The news that the Armenians have given the invading Russians a joyful welcome surprises nobody who remembers what that patient people have endured from their Turkish masters. Armenia lies in the extreme northeastern corner of Asiatic Turkey.

The Turks have ruled Armenia by assassination. The vitality of the people is wonderfully proved by the fact that they have not been exterminated by their masters. Their country is extraordinarily fertile and under any direct government it would be highly prosperous.

The authority of the Federal Supreme Court to censor acts of Congress continually emerges into discussion. Interest in it is as old as the Government itself. In Thomas Jefferson's time it was the cause of heated contention between him and John Marshall.

The moment they begin to move about they are liable to be caught by floating mines. If they escape the mines the deadly submarine may assault them from beneath and it is impossible for them to defend themselves.

It is curious to notice that as far as the war has gone the German submarines have been more active than the British. The news at any rate points to that conclusion. We have heard a great deal of what the German submarines have done and hardly anything about the British. Some paralytic seems to have struck the entire British fleet.

The cruiser Emden, which has been haunting the southern seas, has destroyed twenty-six British craft of one sort and another without suffering any injury itself as far as can be ascertained. If this sort of thing continues what will become of the defensive power of the British fleet?

The theory favored by Mr. Burton has already been put in practice in Oregon. It is a voluntary action of the people. The Port of Portland has done a large share of the work of deepening the Columbia River channel, and Astoria, has lately contributed to the cost of improving the channel across the bar.

The peninsula of Sinai, where the Israelites are said to have wandered for forty years, promises to become the scene of a struggle for control of the Suez Canal.

The proposal to turn the saloons into eating-houses cannot seriously be taken. Portland has about as many restaurants as it needs.

Illinois has saved Secretary Bryan from the painful necessity of conciliating Roger Sullivan, whom he called a trainwreck in 1908.

Japan is going to insist on a powerful voice in the war settlement. Let us hope it will not become objectionably powerful.

A Russian column is reported to have marched steadily for thirty hours. Must have been retreating.

Petrograd reports the whole German and Austrian armies again in full retreat. What again?

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The war would seem to have done enough to make meat scarce without the addition of wholesale slaughter of cattle to extinguish foot and mouth disease. Beefsteak may become as great a luxury as terrapin.

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The report having been made that a Zeppelin raid on Great Britain is planned for the present month, watch London have a fresh attack of chills.

ing and outgoing cargoes so as to remove uncertainty and render possible fixed average rates for bulk freight. This would steady the world's price for staples, would steady the home price and benefit the farmer.

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Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian November 7, 1864. The California Stage Company has received several new wagons of light build, which will be used on the roads in the worst places between Portland and Shasta.

The regular term of the United States District Court will convene in the State building today. Judge Deady will preside. Judge Marquam will preside over the County Court today at the Courthouse.

David Logan packed the theater Saturday night when he addressed his audience on Abraham Lincoln and Andrew Johnson.

Seventy-five negroes lease and operate the South and will clear about \$20,000 this year, which shows what they can and will do if they retain their freedom.

A stranger filled with "forty rod" went uninvited to the dance in the old Bergman market Saturday night and assaulted a young woman present. The Marshal came in answer to the cries of the young woman and led the intruder away.

Tomorrow is election day and The Daily Oregonian wishes to see a large vote cast today. The election will take place in Multnomah engine house of Company No. 2. Judges A. B. Hallock, George H. Flanders and William C. Smith, Southern District Clerk's office; judges, C. S. Silver, Henry Law and S. J. McCormick.

The bark Industry arrived from San Francisco last night in tow of the steamer Rescue. The Industry sailed from San Francisco October 13 and experienced light northwest winds the entire passage.

OUR QUICK AMERICAN SLANG. Descriptive and Self-Explanatory, and Ugly, Though Forceful. Detroit (Mich.) Free Press.

Most of our American verb-phrases and coined words are descriptive and self-explanatory—and ugly though forceful. "Get off the job" indicates promptness, expedition. If we say of a man that he "talks through his hat," we mean that he is an idealist whose ideas are impractical.

The use of slang grows on us as a people, we are the most slangy among the nations. It demoralizes our speech to such a degree that Englishmen declare we do not use the English language but are creating a dialect of our own.

"Language is a city, to the building of which every human being brings a stone," declared Emerson. We are constantly building. Every new invention brings additions to our vocabulary. New meanings are made to attach to old terms.

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Topical Verse

Going Some. The auto traveled with a whirl Along the pave; He turned and asked the pretty girl If she were brave.

The Crisis in the Barber Shop. The barber to the right of me was hoeing for the Kaiser, The barber to the right of me was hocking for the Czar.

The War Fever. I used to think that Jones was strong Within the law's domain, But now I know that I am wrong— His forte's—Alasce-Lorraine.

On Being Jilted. False one, so fickle, yet so fair, I will not wilt beneath your frown; With smiling face and airy grace You threw me off as if I were a stone.

Apples. Here's the Salsilla, here's the sky Old Thessalia reveals to me; When at morn they rolled by In the daisies and the dew.

The Magic Night. Hush thee! It is the magic night, And the moon her lonely tryst does keep.

Love's Tragedy. Dear lost love of long ago: Parted by fate and sigh, Much I missed upon your woe.

Fortune finally I won, At a bitter, cruel cost; I came to you on the run For the love I now have lost.

With Us Once Again. Rah, Rah, Rah, Zip, Boom, Bah, Old familiar sound.

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Twenty-Five Years Ago

From The Oregonian of November 7, 1889. Washington's statehood has been temporarily withheld by President Harrison, as the papers filed were signed by Governor Moore's secretary instead of himself and attested by the secretary. Papers properly filled out have been forwarded to Washington.

David Parsons was the victim of an industrious Portland garrotter early yesterday morning. Wheat grown on W. S. Ladd's farm is being shown for Dakota wheat by Dakota boomers at Buffalo, N. Y., according to an Oregonian who made the discovery at Buffalo recently.

The sudden death of William H. Watkins, at the Gilman House yesterday, removes a worthy pioneer who came to Oregon in the memorable year 1852. The electric motor cars to Albina were put in operation over the Steel bridge yesterday. They make much better time than the horse cars, but not as much as might be expected when the difference in speed between lightning and a mule is considered.

Professor George H. Rider, of Boston, will give organ recitals Tuesday and Wednesday evenings on the magnificent new organ recently established in the Grace Methodist Episcopal Church. The regular meeting of the board of police commissioners was held yesterday. President Simon and Commissioners Cardwell and Frank were present.

SCHOOL OF THE OUTDOOR LIFE City Existence as Contrasted With Discipline on the Frontiers. Baltimore Evening Sun. The average town-bred man, living and working in a city, is usually to a great extent ignorant of the life of the outdoors. What a contrast, however, is familiar with the daily existence of the man who runs his own ranch in the West, or in Rhodesia, Australia, or Argentina? Who can give a detailed description of the typical daily occupation of a Lieutenant-Commander of a United States battleship, a British officer in Burma, or a Captain in the Philippine Scouts? Here is a characteristic day's routine of one of this type of man.

Importation of Intoxicants. MARGUAM, Or., Nov. 6, 1914.—(To the Editor.)—Please tell us if prohibition prohibits importation of liquor in private use? W. N. P. It will be legal under the amendment as adopted to import liquor from a wet state on filing affidavit that it is for personal use. Whether the Legislature will pass a more drastic act remains to be seen.

Keeping Rigidity Neutral. St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Cates—Are you keeping neutral right along? Clemens—I have been neutral for so long I have forgotten by this time which countries are fighting.

For Tomorrow: POLLY AND HER PALS. Are you following the career of Polly, the new headliner of the color comics who has made her appearance in The Sunday Oregonian? You will enjoy Polly whether you are very young or very old, for Polly is wholesome, entertaining and full of fun and life.

New War Features. The Submarine—A tiny craft, it is fighting a struggle for supremacy of the sea. Not even the mighty dreadnought can survive the sting of the tiny submarine. An illustrated article by an expert.

What Will We Get?—Just what benefits will accrue to the United States from the great war is discussed by Leon Goldmerstein, an authority of international reputation. Pretexers and Causes—A record of the queer incidents and circumstances that have precipitated bloody clashes. Many of them appear most trivial. An illustrated article.

Famous Sieges—Constantinople in 1453 and Antwerp in 1832 were besieged and the stories of the fights are interestingly recorded in an illustrated article. War in Art—Reproductions in colors of two more famous war paintings.

War Photos—Latest action scenes from the battle front. French Artillery in Action—A sketch in colors drawn for The Sunday Oregonian on the French firing line by Lieutenant Xavier Sager, the noted illustrator. It shows the French retaking St. Hilaire. The Piano Lesson. Those who have been following the free piano course in The Oregonian now have made considerable advancement. The fifth lesson is in the keys of E and C.

Order today of your newsdealer. An Immense Volume of Other Features to Meet Every Taste and Interest. Topeka, Kan., State Journal.