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Portland, Tuesday, Nov. 17, 1914. THE INSIDIOUS ANNUAL APPROPRIATION. The State of Oregon has one method of appropriating money that inevitably leads to extravagance.

It is possible, owing to this custom, for a Legislature bent on economy to be gravely deceived. Its own appropriations may be moderate, but when the total demands upon the treasury and taxpayer are footed up the annual appropriations authorized by preceding sessions increase the total and may impose upon the later body the stigma of extravagance.

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MERELY A SUGGESTION. Merely as an outlooker, The Oregonian is vastly interested in the recent pointed suggestion of its neighbor, the Seattle Times, that the State of Washington ought to be divided, and two entirely new states erected.

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The Russian Drought. By Dean Collins. (The prohibition act in Russia became absolute on Monday.—News Times)

The times are rife with bitter strife And booming gun and drum; On every street with hasty feet The soldiers go and come.

Then and Now. One hundred and fifty years ago today the Mason and Dixon Line has been re-surveyed.

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Sartorial History Revealed. Eye Was First Person to Wear "Harley's." According to Chronicker.

SEASIDE, Or., Nov. 15.—(To the Editor.)—I was interested in reading Miss Baer's report of the lecture delivered by the lady who has invented the "harley," and surprised that Miss Baer admitted that she, and a majority of the audience, were not aware that trousers—"harley," feminine, singular—were first worn by women ages ago, and were stolen from them by that basest of all creatures, man.

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Twenty-Five Years Ago. From The Oregonian, November 15, 1889.

William H. Gray, the pioneer so well known to all old residents, died yesterday at the home of his son-in-law, Jacob Kamm, in this city. He came to Oregon first in 1836, in company with Dr. and Mrs. Marcus Whitman and Rev. and Mrs. James S. Smith.

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Dr. Anna Howard Shaw is probably too perfect a lady to "stammer."

Little Elizabeth was telling her first dream to her grandma and her aunt. Her mother, who was listening, asked her a question about it, whereupon Elizabeth looked up wonderingly and said: "Why, you were there, mamma. Don't you 'member?"

Finished your Christmas shopping?

Score for a \$10 Per Week Lover. Kansas City Journal. "Why does that young woman grin so every time she sees you?" "She knows I'm getting only \$10 a week."

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