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Portland, Thursday, Dec. 17, 1914. A RATIONAL MILITARY POLICY. Opponents of general military training for National defense either misunderstand or wilfully misrepresent that policy.

Why it is proposed to create a large standing army of the United States is to impose on this country a burden of military expenditure similar to those which European nations carry.

JOHN BULL'S CONFIDENCE SHAKEN. The bombardment of English coast towns by German cruisers must have shocked the British nation from that of security from foreign attack in which it has heretofore been so confident.

THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION. The great Rockefeller Foundation has abandoned the policy of secrecy which it pursued for some time and has taken the public into its confidence.

MAKE OUR HOLD PERMANENT. Several South American writers in the World's Work for December, which is devoted exclusively to the effects of the war on trade with the southern continent.

AN INDEPENDENT JEWISH STATE. Looking forward to the partition of the Turkish Empire as a result of the war, many advocates of the restoration of the Jews as a self-governing nation in Palestine.

Department of "Hot Stuff." Philadelphia Record. In some parts of the Canadian back country the recurrence of boiled salmon, boiled salmon, salmon cutlets and salmon steak at every meal becomes, after a few weeks, a trifle monotonous.

Who Can Answer That? PORTLAND, Dec. 16.—(To the Editor.)—I would like to know whether there were any Chinese in Oregon prior to 1850.

Seasonable Reflections. By Dean Collins. Oh, green lie the meadows and valleys, And tenderly blue is the sky; His lessons the buttercup rallies; The lark carols down from on high; Pink-tipped are the hillside with clover; And blossoms with honey brim over; And mellow and sweet is the year, Perhaps in Australia—not here.

Why We Should Be Prepared. Secretary Garrison Lays Down Principles Governing National Defense. It would be premature to attempt now to draw the ultimate lessons from the war in Europe.

Twenty-Five Years Ago. From The Oregonian, December 15, 1889. M. B. Leavitt, lessee of the Bush-street theater, has arrived at San Francisco from New York and will leave soon for Portland to arrange for the production of "The Spider and Fly."

Half a Century Ago. From the Oregonian Dec. 16, 1864. A drove of prize cattle for the Christmas market were creating considerable attention at the east landing of the Steamers and Canneries.

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from persecution and as a rallying-point for Jewish nationalism. Were a Jewish state actually created, we should see how far toleration in nearly all countries had succeeded in changing the Jews from a nation into a religious denomination by assimilating them with the people among whom they live.

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There is talk of building a great automobile road from Chicago to Florida's coral strand and big hotels. Motor travel from the lake region to the land of flowers has become heavy of late years and it follows many routes, none of them ideal.

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