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power to provide the remedy, not against that party. Reference to the large amount of money which we have spent on our Army and Navy is no answer to the question...

NO FAVOR SHOWN TO FARMERS. One great need of the West is an ample supply of skilled farm labor. For lack of it crops have gone unharvested or damaged by exposure to November storms.

but improper to enforce." Therefore they "represent nothing whatever but international flat money." He makes this declaration.

Half a Century Ago. From The Oregonian, January 6, 1868. It is supposed that the Rebel Congress has been reported in the newspapers that the coming session of the Legislature efforts would be made to discontinue the appropriations now being made for carrying on the topographic survey of the state.

VALUE OF TOPOGRAPHICAL WORK

Reasons Given by Writer Why It Should Not Be Abandoned. PORTLAND, Jan. 5.—(To The Editor.) It has been reported in the newspapers that at the coming session of the Legislature efforts would be made to discontinue the appropriations now being made for carrying on the topographic survey of the state.

Twenty-Five Years Ago.

From The Oregonian, January 6, 1890. United States Marshal John C. Franks, of San Francisco, dropped around for a visit to Marshal Myers, of Portland, yesterday to "sympathize."

OUR NEGLECTED DEFENSE.

No man can truthfully say that Secretary of War Garrison is a militarist. He himself defines his position by saying: "I fear militarism no less than pacifism. May America be served from both?"

It is possible—quite possible—that the low-witted Sierran, who says he is a murderer, is merely a liar, or a degenerate romancer. It is possible—quite possible—that Pender, who says he is not a murderer, is both a murderer and a liar.

The decision of the Supreme Court yesterday affirming the judgment against the Hatters' Union must lead to a reorganization of the scheme of boycotting an offensive product, if, under the terms of the Sherman law, action of that nature can be taken.

The dangerous place on Front street, near the Penitentiary, is being improved by setting in a culvert. New York, Jan. 6.—(The Pope of Rome has, respecting a Manifesto of the "Confederate States, applauded the pacific sentiment expressed therein, deploring the continuance of the bloody struggle between the North and South and says that he will not fall to avail himself of any favorable opportunity to urge peace.

Dated Dec. 21, 1884, Ben Simpson sends us a letter from the Siletz Agency, and says: "A large brig named Blanco, from San Francisco, was wrecked a few days ago and the crew of 34 men, was completely wrecked and, from appearances, the whole crew has perished."

NO CRITICISM FOR THE PRESIDENT?

The Oregonian accepts with due humility the rebuke administered by its agitated correspondent, Mr. Crawford, for its criticisms of President Wilson; but it cannot agree that it is a duty to support, right or wrong, the present National Administration, or any Administration. If the way to keep out of international trouble is to sit tight and say nothing, either in criticism or in praise, it is the duty of our citizens or our country, no President, so far as we can recall, has measured up—or down—to the standard fixed by our peace-at-any-price friend.

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OLD AND YOUNG MEN.

Some people like to call our time the age of old men; others call it the age of young men. There are facts to justify both views. The active work of the modern world is done, for the most part, by men under fifty years.

PUMP GUNS AND GAME SCARCITY

Correspondent Sees No Connection, but Offers Reasons for Dearth of Ducks. ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 4.—(To The Editor.)—I read in The Oregonian, January 3, an article entitled, "A Plan to Bar Use of Pump Guns." It goes on to state that game is getting scarce and that pump and automatic guns are the main cause of its scarcity.

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Correspondent Would Have No Criticisms of Administration. Published. PORTLAND, Jan. 5.—(To The Editor.) While I was amused at the cartoon on the front page of The Oregonian Saturday, since it displays considerable subtle wit, I could not help but feel like entering a protest at this time against your policy with respect to the administration of affairs in this country.

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You may not feel like printing this letter, but if you do I am sure you will find that my position is supported by most thinking people. The terrible problems facing this country as we begin our new year require the strongest minds of our most able executives for solution.

SOONNESS OF DECISION DOUBTED

Writer Discusses Injunction Against Enforcement in Vancouver. ST. JOHNS, Or., Jan. 5.—(To The Editor.)—The St. Johns War College has had an eye on The Oregonian columns for some comment on the local option question in Vancouver.

President Wilson sent to Great Britain a vigorous and effective protest against English interference with our shipping and their cargoes. The Oregonian commended the Administration for this gratifying sign that it apparently realized at last that nothing was to be gained by mere watchful waiting or pious inaction.

PROGRESS OF MEDICINE. The theory and practice of medicine made gratifying advances during the year 1914. As the New York Sun remarks, its progress was sound rather than sensational and it took many directions.

PEACE BACKED BY FORCE. Colonel Roosevelt is at his best when writing on subjects not connected with internal politics. He proves this well by his writings on National defense, peace and arbitration.

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Admiral Fleke says our cities could be bombarded by aeroplanes sent from a hostile fleet 500 or 600 miles distant, and our only defense would be aeroplanes, which the General Board says "our present situation can be described as nothing less than deplorable."

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An attempt is made to brand the movement to remedy this condition of National defenselessness as a political agitation aimed against the Administration, but two of the men we have quoted hold high office in the Administration, only one is an active Republican, and all the remainder are non-political officers of the Navy, who ask for the proper tools with which to do their work, which is defense of the country.

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Best News of All News. It is an interesting fact that while the news of the European war occupies a commanding position in most daily columns of advertising has not decreased in any community.