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permanent. One done they will be done forever, though of course total neglect will ruin them as it will any road work. The trouble at the bottom of our miserable roads is not so much lack of money as lack of knowledge.

avoid it "owing to the magnificent response now being made." Mr. Wilson believes universal service will be necessary and outlines a plan and its results. Placing military age at twenty, he estimates the number of men ready who reach that age in the United Kingdom at 430,000...

of today the more paradoxically and insistently she seems to think of herself in terms of three figures. "Bills" William T. Pangle writes to say that in the mercenary theatrical world a full house in "Bertha, the Sewing Machine Girl," is better than four kings in Shakespearean historical dramas.

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From The Oregonian, February 4, 1915. The Willamette River is higher than it has been in 20 years. The bridge at Salem is gone, the loss at Independence is heavy and Oregon City has suffered tremendously. Five million loaves have been carried away. The river at Portland is filling the cellars along the waterfront and the water is lapping at Frost street. None of the ferries have been running since Sunday, the river being too swift.

THE OBSTINATE MINORITY.

The Republican minority in the Senate which is attempting to talk the ship-purchase bill to death. It is by its filibuster it can prevent action before the Senate meets. The Democratic majority, throwing to the winds its hypocritical professions of economy, would have passed an infamous pork-barrel grab; now it would jam through a ship-purchase bill that in its original form would have provoked trouble with every belligerent European power.

FOR A BETTER UNDERSTANDING.

The Oregonian deems it only fair to present the German view of the widely-mooted Belgian treaty and its relation to the German Empire. We say "mooted" because the Germans in effect say that there was no treaty to which the German Empire was a party for the protection of Belgium's neutrality. From the course of the long article in the Oregon Herald, on the "Case of Belgium," we take the following:

Table with columns: Month, Exports, Imports, Balance. Rows for 1914 and 1913. Total balance for 1914 is \$1,222,616,155, against \$1,798,619,193 in 1913.

What is true as to the wisdom of universal training in Great Britain is true also as to the United States. A short term of service, followed by longer term in the reserve fully equipped for service, would not materially increase military expense and would greatly improve individual health and efficiency. A young man who devotes four years to a regular college course of mental training can surely spare one year for training in citizenship which includes those qualities that fit him not only to defend his country when occasion requires, but better to fill his place in the community.

The chaplain of the Penitentiary is to receive \$50 a month. This is small pay for an outside man, but must be paid for the men who do these jobs in our penitentiaries. The prison paper is produced by a printer and is well done. Other lines are well represented in the institution. In fact, the real-estate is about the only man out of a job, which may account for the ready clemency of a late Executive.

Lillian Crossman, a Portland girl, is appearing in musical stock at the Shennadoh Theater in St. Louis, Mo. Her husband, Charles Sinclair, is director of the company. Mabel Wilber, of "Merry Widow" memories, is Miss Crossman's alternate as prima donna.

From The Oregonian, February 4, 1914. With this issue The Morning Oregonian begins volume V. The following names have been placed on the list of candidates for United States Senator from California by their friends: Governor L. A. Burton, Senator Phelps P. Fiske, J. Ed. McEl Sheriff J. R. Southard, J. W. Williams, Fred Billings and H. S. Brown.

WE ARE NOT INCOMPETENT.

If Oregon alone can define authoritatively a water-power policy satisfactory to the state at large that procedure will be of benefit in protecting the state's interest in the water resolution submitted in the Senate yesterday fails to bring about a conference of the water-power states of the West.

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