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Incumbent. It is an example of the Democratic faculty of doing even the right thing in the wrong way.

THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE AT OLYMPIA. The speaker of the House at Olympia the other day took the floor and vehemently opposed the proposed appropriation for the State University...

THE TAXPAYER WHO BELIEVES IN A RELIGION WHICH CANNOT BE TAUGHT AND TAUGHT A SOCIALISM WHICH CAN BE TAUGHT, CHEERFULLY PAYS THE BILL.

TWO PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEMS, OR ONE? No current question disturbs the world of education more than that of vocational training. Shall it be integrated with the public school system and all placed under a single management?

THEIR BEST YEARS WASTED. When Representative Slayden set the progressiveness of Congress in contrast with the conservatism of the Navy Department by showing that the latter had not yet sent a ship to sea after steam power had come into use, he overlooked one point on the other side.

WAR TO MAINTAIN PEACE. Many minds are divided between watching the progress of the war and devising plans for preventing more wars. When the two peace conferences were held at The Hague, they were regarded by pacifists as inaugurating an era during which all international disputes should be judicially decided by The Hague tribunal.

THE GREATEST JOY OF EARLY SPRING is the daffodil, which was everywhere only its decaying remains. The bulbs are cheap, they require no care to speak of and the flowers are beautiful in form and color.

THE BREADTH OF UNDERSTANDING attained by the Medford Mail-Tribune moves one to profound admiration. It says: The Oregonian has been bitter in its denunciation of Bryan as a goldman because he has followed the time-honored custom of Republicans in denouncing the candidate with Democratic positions regarded as legitimate political spoils.

POLITICS IN ALASKA RAILROADS. One of the worst examples in recent history of subordinating wise public policy to political considerations is the action of the Administration in the matter of the Alaska railroads. After having placed an embargo on the development of that territory for many years, Congress began to lift it by passing the Government railroad law and by authorizing the construction of the Alaska railroads.

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and navies of the world as an international police for the enforcement of decrees of The Hague tribunal. It is impossible to apply this principle in the present war, for the neutrals are not organized for intervention, the conditions have not been laid down under which they could intervene, and, above all, no judgment has been rendered under which they could act without being exposed to the charge of being swayed by prejudice and selfish interest.

ENGLISH HERE AND AT HOME. It is commonly supposed that the singular pronouncements of English sometimes heard in the United States are of native origin. We are told by kindly censors that they arise from our provincial habits and would not be tolerated among us were our culture riper.

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY has laid a new cable across the Columbia just below Kalama. The cable will provide facilities for ten wires between Portland and the north.

RALPH DISRAELI, brother of Lord Beaconsfield, has retired at the age of 80, and his place at the British embassy in Paris is being filled by Lord Curzon.

MISS MILDRED FULLER, the fourth daughter of Supreme Justice Fuller, is the author of a pretty little poem called "A Jolly Wizard." She is only 19 years old.

ALBINA has over 500 legal voters and today an election will be held for the first time in the history of the town. The candidates are: H. Steffen, John Parker and C. M. Riehm.

MISS DAISY FISHER, a popular young woman of Albina and daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Fisher, was united in marriage last Thursday evening with Mr. A. Hillier, also well known in Albina.

C. C. GRIMES, the outgoing School Director of District 31, has filled the office in an excellent manner during the last three years.

JITNEY IS HELD OF NO BENEFIT Correspondent Enumerates Inferiorities of the Present Service. PORTLAND, March 9.—(To the Editor.)—Don't think there is one fairer person, who can say that the jitney bus is of any benefit to the city at present, for a good many reasons.

LA CONNER, Wash., March 7.—(To the Editor.)—If your paragraph will look in Funk-Wagnall's book of "Practical Quotations," he will find who transferred into poetry the proverb "Time is money" and who wrote the poem "The Jitney" which you quote in your issue of 1915-1916.

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STRENGTH OF ARMIES IN FIELD. Numbers of Prisoners Unknown—Additions to Armies Kept Secret. MONTESANO, Wash., March 8.—(To the Editor.)—Kindly inform us of how many prisoners the Germans and Austrians claim at the present time to have taken.

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Half a Century Ago. From The Oregonian, March 10, 1865. We learn that there are a number of shanties contemplated in the city to be built on the site of the old city hall.

THE BALANCE OF THE STOCK OF MERCHANDISE OF THE STORE OF Messrs. DeWitt & Co., First and Yamhill streets, will be sold at auction by A. H. Richardson on the premises today.

JUSTICE GRAY WAS ON THE TRACK EARLY this morning and he has a copy of a New England paper of 1725 which he proposes to present to the Library Association of this city.

JUDGE MARQUAND OF THE COUNTY COURT, and Commissioners Corbett and Shaw met yesterday at the Courthouse for the purpose of examining the bids for the construction of the new Courthouse for Multnomah County.

WE HAVE HEARD THAT W. H. RECTOR, Esq., of Salem, is about to leave for Sonoma, Cal., to take a vacation and thinks of becoming a permanent settler under Dr. Gwin in the south neighbor land.

THE EMPEROR OF THE FRENCH IS IN A dilemma. The attitude he occupies toward America embarrasses him considerably. He watches the progress and successes of Marshal Baxine and the French bayonets that under his command are trying to carve out of distracted Mexico the imperial crown that Maximilian longs for and that Napoleon has kindly chalked out for him.

WASHINGTON—The Senate has confirmed the nomination of William C. Calloch as Secretary of the Treasury.

JAMES HILLGARD, of Wasco County, and Miss Elizabeth Hillgard, of Salem, were married Wednesday evening, March 3, in this city by Justice of the Peace G. R. Gray.

CHIEF LIMESTONE UNAVAILABLE. Farmers Handicapped by Lack of Material to Correct Soil Acidity. PORTLAND, March 8.—(To the Editor.)—The industry of agriculture in Oregon will be a long time to come Oregon's chief economic asset.

AN ANTI-PROHIBITIONIST. SENATORS WHO WILL BE MISSED Tribute to Root and Burton From a Democratic Newspaper. NEW YORK WORLD. Of the United States Senators whose terms now expire two can ill be spared—Root of New York, and Burton, of Ohio.

POET'S MAGAZINE. PORTLAND, March 9.—(To the Editor.)—To settle a dispute will you kindly inform me whether there is in America a magazine devoted to the encouragement of poetry, and if so, what is its name and address.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Mar. 8.—(To the Editor.)—I see in The Oregonian of March 4 that the Volunteer Officers' bill passed Congress without a dissenting vote. My name is W. M. MAYBEE.

ELIOISE. A lady is my Elioise, So gentle, sweet and fair, Her hair reflects the sun's bright rays, For threads of gold are there.

SUBSCRIBER. Hereafter it shall not be lawful for any person or persons to take, capture or kill in the waters of the Columbia River or tributaries thereof any sturgeon between the first day of March and the first day of November in each year.

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TUMALO PROJECT. PORTLAND, March 9.—(To the Editor.)—Kindly inform me whether the newly irrigated land in Central Oregon has railroad transportation and as to population and size of district.

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NEWSPAPER IN BIRMINGHAM. BAKER, Or., Mar. 7.—(To the Editor.)—Could you let me the name of a newspaper published in Birmingham, Alabama? AN OLD SUBSCRIBER.

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