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they should and suppose he accepted, how should we live without him? And what would President Wilson do if he refused to salute the flag?

THE SPENDTHRIFT. The demonstrated incapacity of the Democratic party to make income and expense balance promises to make the question of economy a more important issue in the campaign of 1916 than it has ever been.

As the belligerent nations pile debt on debt, far exceeding their own estimates, the question is raised: How can they bear the burden of interest when peace is restored? Will it be possible for a diminished population, which has lost many of its able-bodied males, much of its commerce and the bulk of its fixed capital, to endure this burden?

REPUTATION IS IMPROBABLE because the belligerent nations have practically done this up to themselves. In former wars money has been borrowed from the neutral nations. The only neutral nations which even ordinarily would have any considerable amount of capital available to buy war bonds are the United States and Holland.

THE DEMOCRATIC party is in the plight of the debt-ridden spendthrift, who can scarcely find a street along which he dare pass, lest an important creditor confront him.

COMMISSIONER DALY in opposing the dog-muzzling ordinance presented the impressive but not altogether novel argument that he did not "take much stock in rabies."

IT MUST BE A singular sensation to be able to look upon his fellow men and women as being held together in a state of weakness in others which permits them to succumb to the bite of a sick dog.

THEY TRUSTED THEIR GOVERNMENT. The letter of Mrs. John B. McManus to her sister tells in a few sentences why not only she but many other Americans have remained in Mexico since anarchy began to reign there.

IT IS VERY easy for Secretary Bryan to warn all Americans to get out of Mexico and to offer them free transportation. It is not so easy for them to accept.

THE STAMPEDE TO BUTTE. The stampee of unskilled workmen to Butte, when news spread abroad that the copper boom was putting the mines in full operation, is an object lesson in our lack of a system for distributing labor.

HA D A PROPER interstate system of employment offices existed Butte would have received no more men than it could employ. The mining companies would have informed the local office of their needs and the suitable local men would have been employed first.

THROUGH the winter, homeless, hungry unemployed men have been sheltered in municipal lodging-houses, refuges and immigrant stations. Schemes have been proposed to open Federal woodyards, Federal sewing

rooms, to hasten Federal reclamation, to build good roads with National funds. Except as to reclamation, all these schemes are beyond the scope of the Government and should be left to state and local authorities.

There is as yet no great inrush of settlers this Spring, but perusal of state exchanges reveals that in nearly every portion of Oregon newcomers are being encouraged to buy property.

REPRESENTATIVE FITZGERALD has proved, to his own satisfaction at least, that his country's deficit grows monthly, is not due to the Underwood tariff. He showed that the cause is increased appropriations.

THE POLES have probably enjoyed more genuine happiness since the partition of their country than they ever did before. From their point of view, it is better to be the master of a few acres of their own land than to be the vassal of a great empire.

PORTLAND will welcome William H. Taft, the man, even more cordially than it welcomed William H. Taft, the President, for several reasons.

WHAT would The Hague tribunal do to the Chinese diplomat, as the Six Companies propose? These are the days of the big stick in adjusting relations between nations.

GOVERNOR LISTER would be wise not to enter the contest for Senator next year. The portents indicate that 1916 will not be a Democratic year.

MR. CARPENTER'S advertising maxims may yet put him in the same class with the great philosopher, Benjamin Franklin.

TURKEY is a delicate morsel to the coyote, but a man up at Stansfeld purposes to raise several hundred this season.

THAT was a momentous event for Portland Saturday when work on the \$700,000 Montavilla sewer was started.

FRENCH women were nothing of the world's affair at The Hague. Defeat will hardly lessen their losses.

KEEP AWAY from Butte unless you have a union card, and even then consider long before starting.

ONE of that man Dryden's crossbred hounds has the egg honors for the month at Stansfeld.

as often as for it, preferred Latin to their native tongue and slighted local customs for the adoption of foreign ones. The political capital of Poland was Warsaw and the sentimental capital was Cracow.

THE senseless nobility made a pretense of governing the country in a diet, or parliament. But they had a rule of procedure which paralyzed every effort.

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Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian of April 26, 1865. Mr. Garrett, of Clackamas, a practical papermaker, is going to erect a paper mill at Oregon City.

Dr. Farnham informs us that the large quartz mill, bound for the mines of South Boise, which he shipped from here some time ago, has been safely taken across the Snake mountains.

In our peregrinations about the city yesterday afternoon we accidentally discovered a broom manufactory.

A special committee was appointed last evening, consisting of Messrs. Hoffman, Baker, Bennett and Burdard, to solicit subscriptions from our citizens to the fund for the purchase of the steamship.

During the Fall of 1864 and the present Spring a large amount of property on the east side of the Willamette River, opposite this city, in what is known as the Eden block, has been held in the form of lots and blocks from the original pre-emptor, James Stephens.

Plan Offered to Create More Money and Provide for Rural Credits. CORVALLIS, Or., April 24.—(To the Editor.)—There are plenty of people in Oregon who would like to see some money in the United States with which to do all the business that could be done if there was enough money.

There was not enough money in the country and that the needs of the people required more money than was in circulation. The Government should issue paper money for the purpose of doing this.

The Government would simply print and sign up the amount represented by his loan and make it available to him in the place where he was given that amount of credit.

The first gold coins issued in Oregon, which were the first issued on the Coast, were put out by the Oregon Exchange company, a private concern, in the latter part of 1848 and in 1849.

The Portland Rose Festival Association was organized and held the first Festival in 1907. This Festival was extended and for a number of years the festivities covered an entire week.

FRANCE has had an idea of maintaining a great attraction to continue the interest in Portland that had been awakened in other parts of the world by the Lewis and Clarke Exposition in 1905.

PORTLAND, Or., April 24.—(To the Editor.)—(1) Is a will made by a woman void in which she bequeaths her property to her sisters, if she subsequently marries and dies leaving no later will? (2) Does the husband receive any of the property? T. B. U.

(1) No. Marriage automatically revokes a will. (2) The husband would inherit all the property if there were no direct lineal descendants.

Sense and Nonsense.

A Sympathetic Court. North Powder News. The examining trial of Hest Barlow, charged with detaining the mail carrier by offering him a drink of Hicker, was set for trial at Bays Straw yesterday, but was continued on account of lack of sufficient evidence to acquit the defendant.

LEBANON CRITERION. On Saturday of last week 2500 dozen eggs were taken in by the Lebanon Crib Produce Company, which is the record for any day since they have been doing business in Lebanon.

MONEY POURING INTO GILLIAM. Condon Times. Oscar Miller, Clarence McGilvray, Henry Breeding and John Spray came in from the Corn Cob ranch yesterday with a haul of 185 bushels of cavary and artillery horses.

WHO CAN BLAME HER? North Powder News. There are 280,000 words in the English language and most of them were used last Sunday by a lady who disappeared after coming out of church that day. Her name was not given, but she was said to be a "good girl."

GLYSE, DOESN'T KEEP IT. Joseph Herald. Joseph people need struggle no longer in doubt about the correct time. W. W. Morgan, our Jeweler, has just received a chronometer, at a cost of \$200.00, which was printed at all times—holidays, Sundays and all.

YES, AT A DISTANCE. Coos Bay Times. They were discussing the war at the Smokehouse, when Jim Kelland wanted to know if one could not correctly identify the children of the Czars in California.

EARLY GOLD COINAGE IN OREGON. Mint at the Dalles Never Finished, Although It Was Started. SALT LAKE CITY, April 19.—(To the Editor.)—In The Oregonian of April 17, 1865, you quote from the edition of April 17, 1865, that Colonel William Logan had been appointed superintendent of the branch mint, as I had always supposed that the gold coins had been minted here in Oregon.

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Twenty-Five Years Ago

From The Oregonian, April 25, 1890. The directors of the various companies comprising the Northern Pacific Terminal Company have ratified the agreement by which a suitable Union Depot will be erected in Portland. About \$1,000,000 will be spent on the structure.

WASHINGTON.—The silver bill providing that the Secretary of the Treasury shall purchase from time to time 4,500,000 ounces of silver bullion each month at the option of the Secretary for 171.25 grains of pure silver, and issue Treasury notes in payment thereof in denominations from \$1 to \$1000, has been approved by the House of Representatives and the free silver legislation seems certain. The extremists are not yet satisfied.

THE ticket nominated by the Democratic convention of Oregon is as follows: Robert L. Baker, Governor; William M. Townsend, Secretary of State; G. W. Wainwright, Treasurer; F. Bonham, Supreme Judge; Rev. L. B. LeRoy, State Superintendent of Public Instruction; Captain John O'Brien, State Printer.

DR. GEORGE F. KOEHLER returned from London, yesterday, which has been studying and graduating at the College for Physicians and Surgeons in New York and the University of Munich, Germany.

THE Penitentiary Tribune says: "If there is a good thing to be said for the platform of the Republican party, we should like to have it pointed out."

ON a reconsideration the Baron block, on Stark between Third and Fourth streets, has been selected for the Chamber of Commerce building.

NEWS OF LINCOLN'S ANNIVERSARY. MONMOUTH, Or., April 20.—(To the Editor.)—How did The Oregonian get the news of Lincoln's assassination in two or three days?

BRITISH RAILROAD POLICY. CORVALLIS, Or., April 24.—(To the Editor.)—Kindly inform me by what means the Government of England has taken over the private railroads of that country.

BUILDING ON PROPERTY LINE. PORTLAND, April 22.—(To the Editor.)—G. says to build a house or fence one must build 18 inches from property line. How can one build on the line. Who is right?

LARCH MOUNTAIN. ORTEL, Or., April 21.—(To the Editor.)—Would it be possible for you to give me some information about Larch Mountain? How far is it from Portland? What is the actual height from sea level? Also, how is it reached? ORTEL.

THURSHES IN OREGON. PORTLAND, Or., April 23.—(To the Editor.)—It seems to me that I have seen you before. Prisoner?—You have, your honor; it was I who taught your daughter to play the piano. Judge—"Thirty years!"

TO JOIN RIFLE ASSOCIATION. FLAVEL, Or., April 24.—(To the Editor.)—Please inform me to whom I should make application to join the National Rifle Association. E. B. S.

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