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DEMOCRACY A BOON TO CANADA.

British Columbia lumbermen are preparing to enter the Atlantic Coast market of the United States on a large scale. One firm will cut between 100,000,000 and 200,000,000 feet a year on Vancouver Island for shipment to New York. The Canadian Government of Victoria, says "the shingle industry is very brisk" and some lumbermen are moving to secure tonnage for export of lumber to France and Belgium, where a great demand is expected which will be met by a mill which has been closed for nearly a year has resumed operations, though "excessive transportation rates, effectively prevent any export business."

NO CHANCE FOR BIRD.

The Oregonian is interested to note that among the topics for discussion at the coming Commonwealth conference on the expansion of the State University, is "Co-operation Between State and Nation, and Among Neighboring States for Attainment of Fuller and Freer Use of Idle Resources."

GUN TURNED ON KITCHENER.

Under the stress of war criticism is leveled at men of the highest reputation for efficiency. Thus it happens that before the war is ten months old, Lord Kitchener, whose appointment as War Secretary was unanimously acclaimed by the British nation, is accused of grievous error. On the occasion of a dinner given in his honor, a respondent of the London Times, he is held responsible for a shortage of explosive shells at the front and consequently the failure of the British advance at Neuve Chapelle to reach its real objective.

DECATUR AND THE PIRATES.

Commander Stephen Decatur sailed on his famous expedition against the Barbary pirates in the year 1804, and in the hundred years that have passed since that day but the spirit which animated the great naval hero has not died out of the American people. The Barbary pirates had limited a "war zone" in the Mediterranean Sea and all nations that were sailing there, those forbidden waters must either pay tribute or go to the bottom. Non-combatants were not spared. Of the unarmed passengers some were drowned, some were sold into slavery.

EGGS AND RICHES.

The total annual value of the United States egg crop is so huge that it tempts almost every unattached adventurer to go into the chicken business. It seems as if in such a monstrous mass of money there ought to be a share for anybody who stretches out his hand to the work. Last year the egg crop sold for \$700,000,000. No doubt the proceeds brought comfort to many a household but it can not be said that all who try to make fortunes in the poultry business reach the goal of their ambition.

DISCREPANCIES.

All that the city is doing on June 7 is to have the City Engineer authorized to extend \$20,000 out of water revenues for purchase and installation of 6000 meters. Portland Journal.

BOOT-STRAPE LOGIC.

It now appears, in spite of popular impression, that meters and cheap water made Milwaukee famous, not a beverage that comes in kegs and bottles. The interesting information that water is not unknown in the Wisconsin city is brought to light by an esteemed temporary chief occupant of the enviable post of chief of the Water Department. Here, a number of items culled from that newspaper from time to time:

THE NEW YORK UNIVERSITY'S HALL OF FAME.

The New York University's Hall of Fame is holding an election for new inmates. The voting is done by 100 electors who speak for the whole country. The country also speaks for itself now and then and the two votes do not always coincide. Daniel Boone and Martha Washington are expected to be admitted to the sanctuary this year.

RECORDS NOT OF 'CRIMINALS.'

Judge Gatens Committed for Destroying Juvenile Court Papers. PORTLAND, May 25.—(To the Editor.)—Permit me to answer the letter signed "A Critic" published May 22, criticizing Judge Gatens for his assistants for destroying the juvenile records.

MEASURES ON BALLOT.

ESTABLISHMENT of a system whereby the city can install fire stops on the waterfront at the cost of the property benefited, is the subject made in a charter amendment which will be on the ballot June 7, under the number 118, yes, 119, no.

JOYS OF TOWN GARDENING.

A town gardener is usually willing to quit after his occupation ceases to be sport and becomes work.

EUROPEAN WAR PRIMER.

The City of Gallipoli, toward which the allied forces are fighting, guards the neck of the Gallipoli Peninsula where the peninsula joins the mainland, near the elbow formed by the Dardanelles Strait and the Sea of Marmora.

ONLY INVASION WARRANTS WAR.

President Inexcusable if He Does Not Retain Utmost to Prevent It. LEBANON, Or., May 24.—(To the Editor.)—If it is possible to make space in your paper to air my views on the war question:

WHEN TELEPHONY WAS YOUNG.

Project for Two-Mile State Line Denounced in Legislature as Waste. DEER CREEK, Or., May 24.—(To the Editor.)—Your issue of the 21st contains a quote of Governor Dewey's statement that in 1877 he had an option on one-sixth of the Bell Telephone stock for \$100,000, but he never exercised it.

ALL IN SMOKE.

The most futile search is for a 5-cent cigar as good as the dime variety.

INFLUENCE WITH ONE'S WIFE.

There are times when a man wishes he had as much influence with his wife as an agent seems to have.

FIGURES THAT TELL THE STORY.

In 1914 sixteen Clatsop stores spent \$2,944,200 in newspaper advertising.

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