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Portland, Monday, July 12, 1915.

GERMANY'S LOVE OF HUMANITY.

Study of the German note in detail reveals a determination to continue the practices which the United States has denounced, modified only by the assumption that Germany has the right to decide with what rules nations shall comply in order to secure the safety of their lives and property at sea.

At the very outset Germany makes an untenable assumption in order to uphold the contention that she has sought to wage war humanely and has resorted to the methods of killing in retaliation for like methods used by her enemies.

Notwithstanding Germany's professed anxiety to conduct war with due regard for international law, she was the first belligerent to violate the Hague treaty respecting the rights of neutrals.

But Herr von Jagow attempts to shift the responsibility for mine-sowing to Britain and accuses that country of violating international law by planting mines in the North Sea.

Germany is held up as the champion of the League of Nations and the world's peace by the German press.

The Panama Canal started operations under the handicap of the war as well as under that other handicap inseparable from new undertakings, but its earnings in the first year, from July 1, 1914, to July 1, 1915, exceeded expenses by about \$24,000,000.

she did not harm noncombatants. The massacre was not necessary to save German lives. It was wanted and inexcusable murder.

Germany's regard for humanity must be judged by her acts, their declared purpose and their known effects, not by her distorted version of facts.

RIGHT TO TEACH THOUGH MARRIED. We very much doubt that the children in public schools will become adepts at throwing rice and old shoes because of woman's new equality.

Women as a rule have the home-making instinct. It is hard to eradicate, and it is sometimes done by long years of congenial employment.

HURTING THE CAUSE. If it could be proved that nagging women are successful in domestic life, we should be inclined to believe that the Congressional Union is pursuing the proper methods in the campaign for National woman suffrage.

IN THE INTEREST OF PEACE. At a meeting at Carnegie Hall, New York, which Mr. Bryan addressed on June 19, persons leaving the hall were handed by a woman the following pledge:

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for interest on its bonds, but the railroad, which in April had a net operating revenue of \$55,565,946, had to begin by paying out of that sum \$11,162,859 for taxes, and the remainder for the remainder went for interest on bonds.

TRANSFORMING THE CURRENCY. Retirement of bond-secured currency by the Federal Reserve Board has begun and will be in full swing by the end of the month.

GO TO KANSAS FOR IDEAS EVERY TIME. Governor Capper's plan of celebrating his birthday by chartering all the movie houses and inviting all the children of the capital city has the novelty of merit.

AMERICAN SHIPS ARE INCREASING IN NUMBER IN SPITE OF OUR SEAMEN'S LAW, thanks to the war. But the increase will last only so long as the war, or our present law.

THE LIBERTY BELL WILL SPEAK WITH A CRACKED VOICE, but it speaks true words.

TOO BAD DANIELS CAN'T BE INDUCED TO JOIN THE BRYAN VANDEVILLE SKETCH.

LOCAL SHRINERS SUSTAINED PORTLAND'S REPUTATION FOR HOSPITALITY YESTERDAY.

HIGH PRICES ARE BEING FORCED UP. Another skita game.

WE ARE NOW WHOLLY WAITING FOR FORCIBLE ACTION.

CAUTIOUS HUBBY. Bryan has become a mere unpleasant memory.

of business have for the most part dribbled down from Justinian's compilations. The ethics of banking have not altered since Cosmo de Medici built up his business in Florence and his practices came directly from those of Rome.

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THE STRIKE OF THE CHICAGO UNION CARPENTERS HAS BEEN SETTLED ON A BASIS THAT IS CALLED A COMPROMISE, and the point is that the men get 70 cents an hour, 10 cents more than last year.

According to a New York jury, one boy is worth more than two girls. But in Oregon, the statistics are different.

Russia is planning to keep the White Sea open later than customary by means of icebreakers, and that does not mean that she expects the war to end this year.

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Twenty-Five Years Ago

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NEGROES NOT ONLY PROTESTANTS

Jane Addams and Professor Hart Quoted on "Clansman" Film. PORTLAND, July 11.—(To the Editor.)—In The Oregonian July 8 a letter appears defending Thomas Dixon's "Clansman," written by George W. Dixon in answer to my protest against the "Birth of a Nation" film founded upon that novel.

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Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian of July 12, 1900. New York, June 22.—A note from Cyrus W. Field, dated London, June 12, states that the Great Eastern will probably sail from there on July 8 and from Vancouver about July 10, after going on satisfactorily.

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Things Forgotten

Isn't it aggravating just at the last minute to find you have forgotten to take your vacation trip? But in these days of service it is hardly an error easily rectified.