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WE HAVE A PORT, LET'S USE IT.

Portland now has facilities for ocean and inland waterway commerce sufficient for the greatest volume of foreign and coastwise trade that the port now has. The facts are positively shown up in the report made by the Bureau of Trade and Commerce of the Chamber of Commerce of the port.

The channel across the Columbia River entrance is now thirty-six feet deep at low water for a width of 1000 feet, and the distance between the forty-foot low-water depths inside and outside the bar has been changed to 3000 feet, this depth having been pushed seaward about 7000 feet since 1913.

Great progress has also been made in providing water terminals and in reducing the port expenses of ships. The city has built two large modern terminals, equipped with cranes and appliances for quickly and economically handling cargo.

Thus every provision has been made for a greatly extended commerce, and the organization and public inclination are such to expand the growth of our water traffic demands.

The location here of a commercial agent by the Department of Commerce. For Portland the credit for all imports which are destined here has been handed to the banks.

Establishment of the Columbia of a destroyer flotilla with repair station. Reduction of Latin-American tariffs on fruit of the United States.

prosperity to any port is home-owned ships. By these means London, Liverpool, Hamburg and Antwerp have largely been built up, and Boston, New York, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Charleston and San Francisco prospered in the days when the American merchant marine was in its glory.

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The complete list of states which have the Presidential primary presents a curious and interesting study. There are eighteen in number, and they are: California, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin.

Legend tells of a Hindu fakir who seemed to have a working knowledge of practical psychology and made himself rich selling plain wicker baskets in the streets of Calcutta.

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creatures fall to reckon with the un-Christian law of self preservation and so meet an untimely end from gunshot wounds. It is very plain, in the light of these experiences, that the Colonel had a narrow escape and he is to be congratulated upon his presence of mind and his effective marksmanship.

LEASING OR OWNERSHIP? If the contention over the water-power sites, as Mr. McCulloch repeats in his letter today, is private control or Government ownership, The Oregonian is not in agreement with him.

The water-power conference declared against "any system of leasing generally upon the public domain." Does Mr. McCulloch favor a general system of leasing the public domain and all of it?

The durability of the human animal is shown now and then by some test imposed by unforeseen circumstances such as war or mishap. Nine coal miners imprisoned for six weeks in the bowels of the earth without food or fuel have been unscathed in fairly good condition.

The Administration calls attention to the fact that the sinking of the Arabic has not been discovered. In this connection it might be added that the American flag has not yet been saluted at Vera Cruz.

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Ten thousand employees of General Electric at Schenectady walked out yesterday because they cannot get an eight-hour day.

Local burglars are getting pretty "fresh" and one of these nights they will meet up with an unprotected woman who can use a gun.

Inspection gone to seed. The Oregonian is rebuked by a contemporary for a flippant reference to a city inspector, whose duty it is to caution busy mothers against letting their children play with matches.

Not in His Line. She—you must give him credit for the fact that he expresses his ideas beautifully.

ly lets her children play with matches no amount of advice will reform her. And the average mother, conscious of her common sense, responds as would conditions just as thoroughly as would the father if a uniformed officer called on him at his office and cautioned him against smoking in bed.

Observing the displays in the shops, the metal in a hose supporter does not appear large enough to turn aside a bullet, but that is just what happened in the case of accidental shooting the day or two ago.

STATE INCOMPETENT TO CONTROL. Lack of Self Confidence Makes Some Citizens Turn to Government. PORTLAND, Oct. 4.—(To the Editor.)

A Philadelphia civil official has refused \$50,000 in fees to which he was clearly entitled. He took the stand that since he was being paid by the city for his services he had no moral right to the fees even if the law did allow him to accept the money.

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CLAUDE MCCULLOCH. REAL TROUBLE WITH BUSINESS. Mr. Gerlinger Believes Investors Are Unduly Hesitant.

PORTLAND, Oct. 4.—(To the Editor.)—The way to help the unemployed is to create prosperity. Prosperity cannot be made by the people. Let us use the money that is in the pockets of the people.

For the last few years we have been hammering away at all corporations. Our politicians have invented new and varied ways of harassing them.

Again, we must be willing that others prosper if we must give prosperity ourselves. We must create an incentive for capital to invest. If any laws stand in the way of prosperity repeat them.

Cost of the Ring. A woman is beginning to get accustomed to her engagement and to take it as a matter of course, when she tries to find out the cost of the engagement ring.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

From The Oregonian of October 5, 1890. Berlin, Oct. 4.—The editor of the Mayence Volks Zeitung has been arrested for ridiculing the celebration of the centennial of the Sedan and eulogizing France.

London, Oct. 4.—The wife of General Booth, commander-in-chief of the Salvation Army, died today.

John Robinson was committed to the County Jail for 60 days by Police Judge Tracy yesterday for stealing a belt from Gus Peterson.

Architect H. J. Hefty is preparing plans for a new building which Henry Weinhard intends to erect on the southeast corner of Third and F streets.

CHARLEY DEXTER, who handled the Dempsey combination in the west of the East, has gone to Seattle. He told a reporter that Dempsey will go to Seattle in a few days and train for his fight with Fitzsimmons.

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Patriots Always Are Needed

A. W. Miller Says American Has Duty in Peace as Well as War. PORTLAND, Oct. 4.—(To the Editor.) In an article published in The Oregonian last Sunday under the head "Patriotism Defined," the writer gives some pretty good definitions, with which we fully agree.

Webster defines a patriot as "a person who lives for his country and zealous supports and defends it and its interests; one who is devoted to his country." To which we should add that an American patriot also devotes himself to the perpetuation of his own individual interests.

It unites mankind for the good of all, while creeds and parties divide us into various hostile camps. A true American patriot is always a good citizen at all times and in time of need a willing and valiant soldier.

When, in 1861, it became necessary to put the Republic through a severe test of its strength to take its place among the great nations of the earth and when the red flags of destruction were hoisted, the patriot was the man who stepped forth to the rescue each patriot came with his own share of blood and sweat.

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Hali a Century Ago

From The Oregonian of October 5, 1865. The Navy Department has designated Rev. C. B. Boynton, formerly of Cincinnati, to write the history of the Navy and of our naval enterprises during the Rebellion.

A train of 25 packs left Umatilla September 30 for the Blackfoot mines. Major Simeon Francis called on his Tuesday evening on his return from the fort at the mouth of the Columbia, where he had disbursed some \$24,000 among the troops.

The United States gunboat Galatia, the first of the class of 11 guns, has been sold by Acting Rear-Admiral Bell, commander of the Brooklyn navy-yard, to the Hawaiian government for \$45,000. The Galatia will be equipped and receive her armament at New York.

Nothing Like It to Brace Man for Hard Day's Work. Says Writer. THE DALLIES, Or, Oct. 4.—(To the Editor.)—Flyn, the apostle of good health, is going some. Wonder if he ever asked me to take a walk with him and put up two cords of firewood and a week or four weeks to the month, or bucked logs in a logging camp. If he ever did, I'll bet his breakfast in those days was something more than a glass of buttermilk and two dates.

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