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WHEN OUR PATRIOTS DISAGREE.

Having won public sentiment over from the peace propagandists, the advocates of military preparedness face fresh and seemingly insurmountable difficulties.

The War College has a plan worked out in great detail. The general staff has a somewhat similar plan, all carefully prepared.

It is with a fine show of authority on the subject that the War College presents its findings. Inasmuch as the War College is composed of the flower of American military education, something should be expected from that source.

But the Secretary of War turns with a gasp of dismay from this picture and proceeds to conjure up a citizen army that will not interfere with any of our industries.

The whole situation is much the same as might be presented by a coteries of surgeons who had been called in to operate in a new and difficult case.

It is just such a difference that would precipitate a fresh revolution in Mexico, and while we are so well balanced for that sort of thing, it is clear that the far is going to fly when Congress convenes.

Not a pleasant outlook. The country knows that preparedness is desirable. But the country has no fixed notion of what preparedness should be.

Our patriots are less for National preparedness than they are for their own particular brand of preparedness.

would not serve the purpose of the ancient bluejean. Pink is not a durable color. It shows dirt and grease instantly, and we doubt if the result of the whole thing would be any such color, which is chiefly useful for purely ornamental purposes.

It is new England heroism? It will be rather remarkable if Samuel W. McCall returns from his Western trip without having been stung by the President's bee.

The undisciplined reader will not be sure whether the Transcript's remarks constitute an accusation or an invitation.

From the side lines of the great National game of President-making, the suggestion may safely be made that an independent candidate, in his offer of a New England candidate, he would better be Samuel W. McCall.

Massachusetts, the intellectual hub of the American wheel and the backbone of American patriotism and civilization, has not had a President since John Quincy Adams (1825-1829).

CANDID THE BEST POLICY. The Portland Realty Board, which has been active in the campaign to lower the common port railroad rates from the Inland Empire to the mouth of the Columbia River, has wisely revised its former untenable demands for parity between Portland and Astoria.

DETECTING MADE SIMPLE. We had never supposed that anyone took the professor of psychology at any leading university seriously.

As to search for and seizure of goods at sea, a new doctrine gained favor, that a neutral ship protected an enemy's goods, except contraband, from seizure by the enemy's ship.

THE DANGER IN ONE-SIDED DIET. After thirty-six years on the force, Joe Day, dean of detectives, is not so old as he looks, so to speak.

White wings will lose much of their prestige if their laborers are situated in pink overalls.

curse, both of which had been vaguely traced to the loafers.

ENFORCING PROHIBITION. The state has triumphantly abolished the saloon, but it has not taken away the craving for liquor nor the need of good cheer which exists among most men.

What is to take the place of the saloon, where men have habitually congregated in Oregon by the thousands?

RIGHT OF SEARCH AT SEA. The paragraph quoted by Mr. Fortier in a communication published in another column is substantially correct as to the right of search for seamen.

Whether postoffice clerks and carriers can walk out of the job and the up business of the office, as they have done at Fairmount, W. Va., is matter for final decision by the Department.

Every mother will feel a grip at the heart when she hears of the Chicago woman who will sacrifice her deformed and imbecile baby. Her mother of strong, rosy cheeks, collecting "young brutes" has much for which to be thankful.

Having been recognized, Carranza has become quite solicitous for the safety of Americans. A little recognition has an effect on him as on the colored brother.

Portland has all kinds of Winter sports, but sleds, baseball with umbrellas, overcoats, mufflers and footwarmers.

The best efficiency code at the City Hall would be to let each boss judge the quality of the work done.

The British are awakening to their needs, says a London cable. What, so soon?

Stars and Starmakers. Having fascinated New York with Edward Sheldon's play, "Romance," two years ago, Doris Keane is repeating the triumph in London.

In the picture section of the New York Morning Review, for this week, appears a picture of a Portland girl, Corinne Riley Barker, who is appearing in the new Montague Glass-Rol Cooper Megreue comedy, "Abe and Maurine."

Lady de Bathe (Lily Langtry) came a cropper in her American tour before she'd been in the country a fortnight.

Heretofore Ethel Clifton and Brenda Fowler have been known here principally through their affiliation with the Baker Play at the Orpheum.

From London comes the information that Frank Gould, the well-known American capitalist, is the financial savior of the famous Gaiety Theater.

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The Other View. PORTLAND, Nov. 15.—(To the Editor)—Is there a possibility that self-interest will handle it? The price is round \$2.50 a ton.

Hiring School Census Takers. One Who Was Unable to Get Place Asked How Enumerators Were Chosen. PORTLAND, Nov. 17.—(To the Editor)—The writer saw an item in the Sunday Oregonian that the City School Board under Clerk Thomas would, starting November 22, begin taking the school census of the city.

Upon asking a clerk at the information desk, who has charge of the hiring of the census takers, he replied, "The position is all filled." The writer then said: "I did not ask you whether the positions were all filled, but had charge of the hiring." He replied, "Mr. Thomas."

Now, Mr. Editor, the writer is one of the unemployed and has been several months. He is married and has a daughter attending the Lincoln High School and a son attending Ladd School.

RIGHT OF SEARCH AS IT NOW IS. Question Not Decided by War of 1812. Fully of Complacency. SPOKANE, Wash., Nov. 16.—(To the Editor)—I have read the Oregonian for nearly 20 years, always with much interest and usually profit.

Why, he, the writer, does not admit the truth? Our old policy of "spread-eagleism" made for self-complacency and that self-complacency is the worst kind of complacency.

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