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THE FALSA PROPAGANDA

At last the peace propagandists have found their bearings. For many months their minds have been in a whirl. They have been at a loss to gather enough semblance of logic to present a new front.

It is too late in the world's history for us to become an armed camp. So says Chancellor Day. We cannot afford to belittle ourselves by putting guns on our shoulders or digging trenches.

But it is only when he turns abruptly to our present defensive power that Chancellor Day is at his best. Calmly surveying our mighty army he finds himself secure from foreign invasion.

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When so strong an undercurrent of sentiment exists in a party it is bound to come to the surface and to prevail over all obstacles which are not insuperable.

FACTS VS. PHANTASMS

The Oregonian hopes that those frightened souls which have been dismayed at the loss of Portland's prestige as a wheat-shipping port will be able to find at least a grain of comfort in the record to date for the current season.

These are the figures, worthy the careful examination of every one interested in Portland, as well as in Astoria and the Puget Sound port.

It ought to be kept in mind always that the commodities chiefly, or perhaps even solely, affected by the recent common-point agitation are grain and flour.

ACROSS THE RIVER LIES HAPPINESS. It is easy to draw a misleading conclusion from the published statement that there have been in the past year...

With there is, alas! another side to the picture. It was shown during the recent budget sessions, when the gentlemen who make up the commission almost forgot themselves, and laid aside their hats...

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Hughes is that man. If the Republican convention should unite in offering the nomination to a man who had not sought it...

A wise disposition has been made of the police horses which are no longer to be used by the city.

A defensive alliance between the United States, Japan and the entente allies is suggested by an eminent Japanese banker.

Who is the Democratic National committee man from Oregon? There is an earnest discussion of this point by the faithful.

HOME-BOUND AMERICANS. Traveling Americans are to be urged to spend their vacation in one or other of the National parks next year.

Really, now, somebody is missing bargains by neglecting to buy diamonds. Lots of people find, first-class stones mighty good collateral.

Why should anybody object to the application of the term "scoundrel" to some of the belligerents by a Dutch paper? They have already called each other by every other name in and out of the dictionary.

There is a note of the church militant about Dr. Loveland's speech which is refreshing after the wishy-washy stuff we have read from Messrs. Ford, Bryan, Jordan, Aked and others.

Italy cannot compare with the Teutons in speed at taking cities. Austria will take Przemysl in less time than Italy has consumed in getting within range of Gorizia.

Another man in Clackamas County, exploding rumors and curious about the slow effect of the charge, looked to see just in time to be assimilated in the debris.

ALL the glory of a "licking" does not accrue to the winner. The underdog who faces possible defeat exhibits more spirit than that of the sporting world worships.

How much better the Ford mission were it to arrange a Christmas dinner for the recent beof of Old England than the 22,000 prisoners held in Germany.

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Portland's death rate falls again for the fiscal year of 1915. The record is well worth the effort.

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It is not how many days to Christmas so much as it is the number to New Year's.

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Stars and Starmakers

By Leone Cass Baez.

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POLICE SCARCITY IS AGGRAVATING

Portland Citizens Ask Why Residence Sections So Poorly Guarded.

PORTLAND, Nov. 30.—(To the Editor.)—Seeing several items in the Oregonian regarding "holdups," of which there occurred but within one or two hours of the other an evening or two ago, let me say a word.

I have made my home for the past eight months in the district between West Park and Fifteenth street, and Morrison and Montgomery streets. This whole district is very poorly lighted and I wish to state that I have not seen one policeman in the entire district after sunset for over five months.

Why? Are they afraid to patrol the dark streets or what is the trouble? You can see them walking around Washington street, Broadway and Morrison, in the well-lighted portion of the city when there are hundreds of holdups.

There is another dark, beautiful residential district where many rich people live, and where I have had occasion to go, both myself and wife, two or three times every week for the past six months.

CALLS BRITISH ACTION INSOLENT. United States' Decision in Hoeking and Winnebago Case All-Sufficient.

PORTLAND, Dec. 1.—(To the Editor.)—It makes my American blood boil to read a news dispatch like the one that occupies the first column of the front page of the Oregonian December 1.

It is a dephumilation for this Government to be called upon to defend the attitude of a boy begging some favor from his father.

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Twenty-five Years Ago

From The Oregonian December 2, 1890.

Washington—Tom Platt, the New York leader, has been in consultation with many of the Republican leaders and the decision has been reached that Matt Quay shall remain at the head of the National committee.

London—Parnell, the Irish Nationalists' leader, spoke at a meeting of the Irish members of the Commons yesterday when the Nationalists met to discuss the leadership problem.

Salem—P. H. D'Arcy, Democrat, was elected Mayor of Salem yesterday over George Williams by a majority of five.

New York—C. P. Huntington yesterday said in a public interview that he believed Jay Gould's control of the Union Pacific would be beneficial.

The subcommittee of Congress has arrived in Portland to take testimony in the Immanuel case, a naturalization problem investigation.

East Portland is dwelling in darkness, as the contract with Mr. Hogue to furnish light to the city has elected to no arrangements.

Marcus Mayer, the well-known theatrical manager, has gained some notoriety by making a quick trip from San Francisco to Portland.

Half Century Ago. From The Oregonian, December 2, 1865. In Virginia and North Carolina Union men, it is said, have been elected to Congress.

The paper for completing the state printing reached San Francisco several days ago and will arrive here by the Sierra Nevada by the middle of next week.

G. L. Hibbard lost a wallet containing valuable papers on Front street between Lincoln House and the post-office yesterday.

The Dalles Mountaineer says some scoundrels robbed the small-boys hospital of that city of 36 pairs of blankets, beds, pillows and cooking utensils lately.

J. H. Mitchell lectured last night to a large and appreciative audience.

S. Frohman, secretary, has issued a call for the Portland Turn Verein. The meeting will be held Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

London—Meetings have been held at Manchester and in Paris in aid of the emancipated negroes in the United States.

Colonel Larrabee, of Larrabee, Stout & Upton, attorneys-at-law, has been elected to the Oregon bar.

Wages in Montana during the summer and fall have usually been as high as \$12 a day.

A new book just printed is one by Frank R. Goodrich, which tells how \$70,000,000 was raised for benevolent purposes during the war.

Attaching Wages. HAINES, Or., Nov. 30.—(To the Editor.)—Kindly inform me if it is possible to attach wages of city, county or school officers...

Marriage and Divorce Laws. PORTLAND, Dec. 1.—(To the Editor.)—When punishment on the law inflicts on a man who goes to Utah and marries a woman before his first wife is granted her divorce...

On Supporting Wife. PORTLAND, Nov. 30.—(To the Editor.)—I am getting in good salary and give my wife about one-fourth, just enough to keep up the house and buy clothes.

Old Morrison Street Bridge. PORTLAND, Dec. 1.—(To the Editor.)—I was in the Oregonian when the first Morrison-street (wooden) bridge was erected.

Shun the Substitutor. No up-to-date retailer tries to sell a substitute.