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Portland, Friday, Dec. 3, 1915.

A CONTRAST.

A factor in the transportation situation of the Pacific Northwest, overlooked in the recent discussion about water, terminals, common points and routes, freight, is the astounding development of Eastern and Central Washington, while Central and Eastern Oregon, except in a few favored localities, have been wholly neglected.

ONLY REMOVED.

Possibly the persistent rumors that the State Supreme Court of Washington has declared the prohibition law void, have a substantial foundation.

HIGH-PRICED ADVICE.

Abolishment of the efficiency code which had been in more or less use since the adoption of the commission government charter removes the last physical reminder of the survey conducted in Portland by the New York Bureau of Municipal Research.

WOMEN AT MAN'S WORK.

Reports of the varied activities of women in Europe continue to multiply. She has left the kitchen for the munition works, the embroidery room for the factory, the nursery for the public service.

DANGER IN ENDOWMENTS.

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LECTURES IN OUR COLLEGES.

An attack upon the existing lecture system in American colleges is launched by the Harvard Crimson, which pronounces the method clumsy, wasteful and inefficient.

points and enters the greatest volume of notes may gain the largest benefit from the lecture. At least he may gain the largest immediate benefit through being able to pass a more creditable examination. On the other hand, the student who has listened intelligently and analyzed what the lecturer has had to say may fare less well on examination day through having failed to learn by rote.

The school lecture could be made to serve a more valuable and lasting purpose were the function of the lecturer limited to the presentation of ideas and facts for discussion. The Crimson suggests that the instructor present a free statement of his ideas, together with the defense and explanation of the discussion of the subject by the members of his class.

There is current an opinion in Oregon that if the Washington law shall be held to be unconstitutional, a similar result would follow here. It is hard to see how it could be otherwise.

But in Oregon, with a similar opportunity for development, little has been done east of the Cascades. A great region, naturally tributary to Portland, is but little better than a desert, while the cities of Puget Sound have been immensely benefited by the settlement and cultivation of the adjacent states.

Municipal doctors, like some doctors of medicine, feel that it is necessary to prescribe no matter whether ailments are imaginary or not. The charter already having been drafted and presented for approval of the voters, the next best thing was an efficiency code.

It is not this dark moment, after all, the opening of a new era in woman-kind? Is she not proving her worth in the most serious and laborious tasks of life? Is she not taking man's place and taking it well?

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years to public opinion so far as to propose increase of Army and Navy, but one of the cardinal points of his plan, the citizen army—a condemned system from growing up.

CANDIDATES AND ISSUES.

The political situation in the West is discussed in the Saturday Evening Post by Samuel O. Blythe in his usual lively style. He has come to about the same conclusion as almost every other politically-observant person—that the Democrats have a candidate for President already in the person of Woodrow Wilson and that the Republicans are afraid they can't have the candidate they want—Justice Hughes—and are therefore a party in search of a candidate.

The trouble with the Republican party is practically dissolved, the sentiment which gave it being still prevalent almost, if not quite, as extensively now as in 1912. Republicans, irrespective of their convictions on these principles on which Progressives insist, realize that they cannot win without the aid of the great mass of Progressives.

The search for such a man calls for bold objection to every man who is named, with one exception. Eastern men propose Root, and 1912, for in this section a larger proportion of progressives remained with the old party than in the East.

The first question suggested by the revised shipping bill is: "If capital can be found to buy or lease ships, why not Government-owned ships? It is not found to do likewise with ships built for private owners?"

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Washington, Dec. 2.—In the House today, the bill which introduced a bill making an apportionment under the eleventh census and it provides for two Representatives for Oregon and two for Washington.

General Miles in an interview given out at Washington last night said he would be glad to see the Indians in the Central Northwest was imminent. All available troops, he said, were being massed at Pineridge and Rosebud.

On the concert programme at the First Congregational Church tonight will be Mrs. Gestler, Miss Parrish, Miss Morse, Mr. Dahlstrom and Mr. Flint.

How the great war capitals glom over every rumor directed against their enemies. Berlin and Vienna have had the ear hungering for the news of the Kaiser's return to London has foreseen German pleas for peace so often that the press associations have all but ceased to credit such canards.

There was for the first time, exercised the right of "qualified sovereignty." There were 107 of these sovereigns and did they not squat around on the ground and incubate the embryo from which the Provisional Government was to be called their product.

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WELFARE DEPENDS ON DEFENSE.

Country Cannot Progress Without Exceeding Others' Envy.

By Dr. W. A. Evans.

There is an issue in this question of preparedness that I have never seen presented. Does anyone imagine that National welfare is not measured by its defensive position in the world of arms? If, for instance, by our shrewd looking ahead, and productive powers, great prosperity and power, could we even buy off the jealousies of governments less morally efficient than our own?

It seems very improbable that any National prosperity that is peculiar to a mere continent, however much deserved, can find safe issues unless some far greater international struggle is impending. It might not avail unless governments themselves were well able defensively to control the situation.

Speaking for myself, I think the best reason for the defensive position is to strengthen our hold on our own. No doubt the cheapest way is the naval force. There are many, however, who are largely for the expansion of our territory, naturally are deficient in stability and purpose. We have seen in the Panama Canal the Panama Canal, which was for once in our history philosophy and determined morality went out to our fairer fame. (I do not advise, of course, of the submarine danger of cheap jingoism, the kind that emanates from the sons of Japheth. But do think that the educational process that is going on all over the country, the stand that is being made for sanitation and ventilation, for clean towns and a program for the better living of the last twenty years is having some effect. It is not encouraging to look at our criminal record.

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How to Keep Well

By Dr. W. A. Evans.

(Questions pertinent to hygiene sanitation and prevention of disease, matters of general interest, will be answered in this column. Where space will not permit or the subject is not within the limits of the column, Dr. Evans will not make diagnosis or prescribe for individual cases. Requests for such service should be answered.)

Next to cleanliness, the neglect of the hair does not get bad prematurely. There are several reasons, any one of which may be the principal one in a given case. I think inherited tendency is the principal factor. Men get balding from the ages their fathers lost their hair.

Every child neglects to clean his scalp and brush his hair. Neglect to rule among older people until they begin to lose their hair. The opinion prevails among boys and girls that it is not so bad to neglect the hair.

Superior only in militarism. Remarkable in other particulars. Having read times without number articles and references to the great and wonderful all but superhuman heroism, organization and efficiency of power, etc., the latest of all an article by Frank Harris in the Collier's Weekly and quoted in The Oregonian, I challenge the world to produce a more fact of history, in what way she has excelled any other nation excepting in the strictly military sense.

For 23-months-old child. E. L. S. writes: "Your advice is sincerely appreciated in regard to the following, which I try to condense as much as possible." (1) What vegetable contains phosphorus suitable for diet of 23-months child?

Press accessories before fact. Ford's head turned by newspaper notoriety, says writer. ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 1.—(To the Editor)—Not being Veritas, Constant Reader or Pro Bono Publico, I hesitate to break in.

The wolf at the door. In no deep buried pit of ancient myth, there is a form more hideous, terrible, fierce than any with blood of innocents. It is, of truth, a thing to make men quail.

Not at Orpheum. THE DALLIES, Or., Dec. 1.—(To the Editor)—To settle an argument, please answer, Did Harry Lauder show at the Orpheum in Portland a few years ago? M. R. M.

Liquor in clubs. ALBANY, Or., Dec. 1.—(To the Editor)—Will state prohibition affect the amount of intoxicants the Elks' Clubs will be allowed to keep on hand? READER.

Directory for S. P. U. G. S. "Spugs" are members of the society for the prevention of useless giving. They believe a Christmas gift should combine utility with beauty—a precept which fulfills the highest ideal of art.

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