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One can think of no better illustration of the marvelous change in our National outlook in a year, and the reversal of our National leadership, than to quote from the message of President Wilson, delivered to Congress in December, 1914:

Let us remind ourselves, therefore, of the fact that we are now engaged in a struggle which is not only a struggle for the future of our Nation, but also a struggle for the future of the world. We are engaged in a struggle which is not only a struggle for the future of our Nation, but also a struggle for the future of the world.

THE PATIENT ENTERLY. The Oregonian heretofore tends to National-Democratic-Committee-man-ism. (Perhaps Estery's support in his defense and championship of the Oregon system.) The sovereign people of Oregon—or that part of the sovereign people represented by the Democratic party—a year ago last May elected him National committeeman of the Democratic party. The swearing in and concluding of the Estery victory was shown by the vote, which was 28,835 for him and 9125 for his opponent, Mr. Canon.

With such credentials, there ought to have been no doubt about the will of the Oregon Democracy. But there was. The Estery machine, and he stood in with the Democratic machine, and the voice of the people reverberated with a diminished crescendo in the inner chambers of the Democratic machine, and Mr. Estery was politely informed that something after Estery had been elected in June, 1916 he will be allowed to take his seat. The candidate for President will have been named, and he will be permitted perhaps to take part in the arduous duties of the campaign. But not until 1920—if he continues to hold it against the common sense of the people.

NEAR-FAILURES. Another substantial volume has been dedicated by a gratuitous New Englander to the Estery machine, and it is a volume of near-failures. It is a volume of near-failures. It is a volume of near-failures.

What would be to all intents and purposes an empire would extend across Central and Southeastern Europe and Western Asia. It would be a European power, for German naval force would menace her on both Baltic and Black Seas and her only outlets free from this menace would be on the Arctic, the Pacific and the Persian Gulf.

There is then good cause to hope that sometime next Spring or Summer the Canal will become passable for all except the deepest draft ships and that a few months later the Canal will be open to its full width and depth.

low, by a stability which carries them over the rough spots in the rugged trail that leads to the great goal of success.

THE SUBMARINE MEASURE TAKEN. German statements that submarines of the Teuton powers have sunk 598 allied ships of a total of 917,819 tons create an impression in some quarters that allied commerce is being destroyed gradually but surely. They do not create this impression on the General Board of the United States Navy. In its report, dated November 9, that body estimates the total loss from this cause of merchant ships under all flags, during the first eight months of submarine war on commerce, at \$50,000,000, plus the total arrivals and departures at British ports alone during that period at nearly 15,000 vessels. The board concludes:

Allied commerce is continuing under a loss in no way vital. The situation will not be altered by the fact that the United States has a large reserve army, but by a military trained and accustomed to sea duty. The United States Navy is not a military force, but a naval force. It is not a military force, but a naval force.

GERMANY'S MODERATE TERMS. The belief will not down, among neutrals as well as among the anti-Teuton allies, that Germany is in a position to dictate terms to the victors. The German government wishes to see the putting on of a bold and determined front while secret peace maneuvers continue.

By reason of the hours of their employment, many people cannot make holiday purchases during the hours in which many stores are open. Extension of the latter hours is a means of benefit to these people.

Winter is hitting New England and New York, but there is where Winter belongs since the Mayflower discharged cargo.

Ship-owners nowadays can find treasure faster and more surely in ordinary trade than by seeking it on Cocos Island.

Always in the lead, the Republican National Convention will be held a week earlier than the Democratic affair.

How to Keep Well. By Dr. W. A. Evans. (Questions pertinent to hygiene, sanitation and prevention of disease, if matters of general interest, will be answered in this column. The subject is not permitted to be answered, subject to proper limitations, and where a stamped, addressed envelope is enclosed, Dr. Evans will not make diagnosis or prescribe for individual diseases. Requests for such services cannot be answered.)

Case 1—An assistant superintendent of a railroad, 45 years of age, in ordinary good health, was stricken with a severe attack of heart disease, and died within a few hours. The doctor gave the cause of death as neuritis of the heart.

Case 2—A lady, 26 years of age, worked in a textile mill. She had a severe attack of heart disease, and died within a few hours. The doctor gave the cause of death as neuritis of the heart.

Case 3—A girl works as a packer in a tobacco factory. She has a severe attack of heart disease, and died within a few hours. The doctor gave the cause of death as neuritis of the heart.

Case 4—A painter has had several attacks of high blood pressure and angina pectoris. He has a severe attack of heart disease, and died within a few hours. The doctor gave the cause of death as neuritis of the heart.

Case 5—Employed in a sign shop to sandpaper painted surfaces. Has had several attacks of lead colic. Had to go to the hospital for treatment. Was told to have Bright's disease. Died after 18 days in the hospital.

Dr. Evans says that the expression "I'm tired" should never be used. It indicates an excess of fatigue which, if frequently repeated, will cause the heart to break.

Fast motorboats having been shipped to England, we may look for news of the submarine hunt in the Mediterranean as well as the North Sea.

IGNOMINY CAST ON MR. WILSON. Portland Democrats Putting Him in Light of Breaking Solemn Pledge. PORTLAND, Dec. 14.—(To the Editor.)—We note in the columns of the Oregonian that Portland Democrats are planning to meet on Monday evening this week of "the friends of the President" to organize a Wilson League.

They must know that such a movement does not have the sanction of the President. The last National Convention declared emphatically against a second term for the Presidency and specifically pledged itself against one.

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IN OTHER DAYS. Twenty-five Years Ago. From The Oregonian December 15, 1890. London.—The wave of reaction against Parnell is becoming more pronounced. The influence of the priests is rapidly making itself felt.

Professor E. R. Lake, botanist of the Agricultural College at Corvallis and Secretary of the State Horticultural Society, has organized a county society at Silverton.

Miss Minnie Starr, while teaching school near Junction, Or., on the McKenzie, has filed on and proved up a piece of land. She also has obtained a fine piece of timber land. She stopped many days alone in her cabin while making the necessary residence to secure a pre-emption title.

W. W. Baker has traded his black Altamont mare for a promising 2-year-old filly.

Half a Century Ago. From The Oregonian December 15, 1865. Louis Arnold, of Portland, is seeking information as to the whereabouts of Ferdinand Strang, a native of Germany. He disappeared from Lewiston, Idaho, and it is feared he may have met with an accident.

Salmon-Oregon Delegates in Congress are to be asked to get Congress to appropriate \$4574.02 to reimburse Nathan Olney for expenses under the old provisional government of Oregon.

Yesterday was a gala day for skaters on Crystal Lake.

T. Patterson formerly principal of the Portland Commercial Academy, has returned from a trip to the mining interior and will this evening resume his bookkeeping course.

PIONEER DAYS AND PATRIOTISM. Pioneer Reminiscences of War Times and Condemns the Socialist's Letter. WAITSBURG, Wash., Dec. 13.—(To the Editor.)—It is very gratifying to me to look through the Oregonian and read the interesting telling of pioneer days, scenes and places I remember well. I was truly glad to see the attention given to the pioneer times in regard to the pioneer town of Canyonville.

I will remember the old town, as when a little boy riding barefoot on an old horse, accompanied by my father and two other men, we passed through the town on our way to Canyonville. That was in the fall of 1856. We went up the bed of the stream in many places, as there was no other way to go. It was a very rough ride. The horses were wild and the men were rough.

Now if you please I will take up another matter. I was really glad to read the editor's article in answer to the turbulent letter of a nature. The Oregonian would not print it. We saw enough of such stuff in the piece printed November 23. It was only a lot of unreasonable utterances written by one Barzee. I think any person who says he has no flag is a person who is not a person who enjoys all of the privileges of American citizenship.

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