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Portland, Thursday, Dec. 16, 1915. CHICAGO AND ST. LOUIS. The public will not be deeply impressed with the reasons why the Republican Committee decided to hold the National Convention in 1916.

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general policy which Congress had previously laid down. It should report on each industry, its reports should be published and its members should be held to account for their public opinion.

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to apply this sound principle to the Panama Canal, though it certainly falls within the same category. But we may hope that he will see its application to river improvement.

Recruiting is reported brisk in London. Thousands of men are flocking to the colors. A year will be required to convert them from killers of mice to killers of men.

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Stars and Starmakers. JUST read a page ad of advice from a jeweler to purchase Christmas diamonds early. He isn't talking to me.

Going on about Vernon, he is in California studying at the aviation school. He hopes to win an aviator's license for himself in six weeks.

Renold Wolf, in the Morning Telegraph, handed me a laugh and I pass it on in a little story of an actor who had a fur overcoat and he is doing a rushing business on the Forty-second street corner by renting his overcoat.

Editor Short, of the Bend Press, has been asked to provide 3000 jackrabbits for the Mites to eat for Christmas and he has accepted the contract.

Irvin Cobb's book, "Speaking of Operations," leads me to observe that Cobb has taken another way to "cash in" following an operation.

Elise Janis has a great ambition to become a writer. "My ambition is to take up writing seriously, as perhaps a life work," she says.

Robert Glecker, who was leading man with the Baker Players last season, has been appearing in Robert McLaughlin's play, "The Bandmaster's Daughter."

Madre Hanaford, who was ingenue for about ten minutes once with the Baker Players, is now with Lou Tellegen in "The Ware Case," appearing at the Maxine Elliott Theater.

Some people are poor through fault of their own and some are poor who are blameless. When famine stalks is not the time to discriminate. Let the help be bountiful.

Similar action to that of the French cruiser Descaartes in taking Germans from American ships caused the war of 1912. That should be hint enough for France.

HE WOULD MAKE IT COMPULSORY. Writer Wants Military Training in Schools and Suppression of Pacifists. PORTLAND, Dec. 14.—(To the Editor.)—In The Oregonian, under a conspicuous heading, "High School Boys Don't Soldier Garb," we are informed that 20 high school students and two instructors had joined the National Guard.

Now, honestly wouldn't that give you a pain? At a rough guess we must have at least 2000 to 2500 male students in our local high schools, and although we have been regaled with talk of military training in them for several months the result so far has been 20 students and two instructors.

I am not a military expert and do not presume to offer advice to the Government but I have seen service in the Guard and hope that I am endowed with ordinary intelligence I have at least the privilege of expressing an opinion. If we are to have an effective citizen army it should be trained in the National Guard and high school training young men to join the Guard by paying them for their services and abolishing the obligation to do police work in the way we would see into the organization hundreds of thousands of young men at present prevented from joining through labor law restrictions.

Wool and Knitting Machines. PORTLAND, Dec. 14.—(To the Editor.)—Where can I buy a wool knitting and spinning machine? Please give me a recipe for removing wool from sheepskins.

Spotted Pear Leaves. VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 14.—(To the Editor.)—Will you kindly tell me through The Oregonian a remedy for brown spots on the leaves of an alligator pear tree? These spots eventually cover the entire leaf.

Surveyor's Claim. PORTLAND, Dec. 14.—(To the Editor.)—Kindly give me information on the following question: Three months ago I was asked to collect any money on my land, paying my own expenses. Since the job has been finished I find the party that hired me does not own the land and I can't collect any thing from him.

When Women Lost in Washington. PORTLAND, Dec. 14.—(To the Editor.)—Would you like to gain information through your paper when, how and why were the women of Washington, some years ago, disfranchised after once having been granted the franchise?

Who Shall Say? PORTLAND, Dec. 14.—(To the Editor.)—Referring to the "Who Shall Say?" article, I would ask why men should support women if married or not? In the animal kingdom each support themselves, except for a certain time when the female nurses her young ones. Women should be a help to men, not a parasite, as now so often is the case.

Violin Values. PORTLAND, Dec. 13.—(To the Editor.)—Please give me the address of an expert violin examiner who can tell the value of a Stradivarius violin.

Praise for the Censors. Washington (D. C.) Star. "Have you been reading the war news?" "Yes," replied Miss Cayenne. "And I don't say one thing about it." "They have done everything in human power to spare our feelings by making the horrors of war as uninteresting as possible."

In Other Days. Twenty-five Years Ago. From The Oregonian, December 14, 1890. Fort Yates, N. D., Dec. 15.—(Editor.)—The Indian chief, his son Crow Foot and six other Indians were killed by the Indian Police today, 4 miles northwest of the agency.

New York.—The presidents and high officials of practically every Western railroad met with Morgan yesterday and Jay Gould's scheme for a re-association to manage rates and after was agreed upon.

Dr. Emma J. Welby returned yesterday from Boston, where she had been in attendance of Miss Helen Tice.

Half a Century Ago. From The Oregonian, December 14, 1865. J. A. Wayne has "phonographically" reported for The Oregonian the debate on the constitutionality amendment about the income tax as it occurred in the House at Salem December.

There seems to be a movement on in several of the states, including Oregon, to levy a tax on Government lands which have been issued to enable the Government to execute its business. These states are California, Nevada, Idaho, and Arizona.

Washington.—Henry Ward Beecher addressed an assemblage that crowded the Hall of Representatives last night.

EUROPE LEADS IN TRASHY NOVELS. American Sex Fiction Almost Incomprehensible in Comparison. MOUNT ANGELL, Ala., Dec. 12.—(To the Editor.)—The American sex fiction is incomprehensible to me.

Rose Festival. OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 14.—(To the Editor.)—Please give me some information in regard to the Portland Rose Festival slogan.

Value of Cards. PIONEER, Or., Dec. 12.—(To the Editor.)—Please answer in The Oregonian which is the best hand in poker: flush or a full house? Also, what makes a royal flush.

Tear Out the Reading Matter. One time a friend sent Kipling some publications and, to save postage, tore out the advertising. Kipling wrote back: "Next time you keep the ads and send me the advertisements."