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UNPLEASANT FACTS NOT TAUGHT.

Most Americans who have given any attention to the current reports from the European battlefields realize that modern military efficiency, as it is now being demonstrated daily in an epoch-making struggle, has been approached in the world's history.

The actual facts concerning American military efficiency, or rather lack of efficiency, as shown in our wars of the past, have never been fully presented to the young men of this country.

From a purely military standpoint the War of 1812 was the most humiliating this Nation ever fought, and consequently, the war about which we know the least.

General Scott's appreciation of the West Point Cadets, as stated to the United States Senate, deserves repeating. He said:

I give it as my fixed opinion that, but for our gradual success in the West and Mexico, and our probably would have lasted some four or five years, and our final defeat...

The War of 1812 was a succession of disasters on land and sea. It was a war of attrition, and the United States employed more than 500,000 men, as against forces little more than one-tenth of that number...

The American armies were in most cases only a little better than the British, and in many instances were defeated by inferior numbers.

At Queenstown Heights, October 13, 1812, after the advance guard of American regulars, numbering about 900 men, had crossed the Niagara River, stormed and captured the British position...

RIVERS TO BELIEVE RAILROADS. Modern methods of inland navigation are at last to be applied on the Mississippi River...

ten power barges of 1500 to 5000 tons each are to be built for operation between Minneapolis and New Orleans. There is no business reason why this enterprise should not succeed...

The present is a favorable time for revival of water transportation, not only on the Mississippi, but on the Columbia and every other great river. The renewal of business activity has blocked the railroads...

There is a movement now to organize in Portland a Republican club which shall be representative of the whole body of the reunited party...

The time is auspicious for the organization of a great popular club. The era of dissension and disaster is past, and a genuine feeling of conciliation has been established.

Undoubtedly there is a call for service by a party which stands for Nationalism and for Americanism.

MR. LEA'S STATE FAIR JOB. A year ago, through the exigencies of politics, a competent secretary of the Oregon State Fair Board was displaced to make way for W. A. Jones...

UNWARRANTED DEDUCTIONS. Drawing of his baked deductions from the matter of facts and figures is, we fear, growing into a common American fault.

But the faculty of New York University has just developed the fact that this claim is a snare and a delusion. An examination was conducted in contemporary history.

gent women, but to increase their efficiency in old and new lines of work. Superintendents, matrons, companions, stenographers, bookkeepers, teachers and librarians have been placed in large numbers...

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The rugged coast and many islands of Greece offer many hiding places for submarines. It causes them to occupy more Greek territory and putting the screws on Greece in order to deprive the enemy of these bases for attack on transports and commerce.

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How to Keep Well. By Dr. W. A. Evans. Questions pertinent to hygiene, sanitation and preventive disease, matters of general interest, will be answered in this column. Wherever it is possible, the subject is not suitable, interest will be personally answered, subject to proper limitations.

Rural Physical Types. G grew up in a large city. A few years ago she moved to a prosperous town located in the midst of a rich farming section. She writes as follows:

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IT IS WORK OF LASTING VALUE. Eastern Newspaper Warmly Comments The Oregonian Annual. Philadelphia Ledger.

Our hand across the continent goes out to our esteemed contemporary, the Morning Oregonian, of Portland, which has begun the new year with an annual number devoted to the progress of the flourishing Northwestern metropolis and the almost unrivaled beauty of its scenic environment.

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