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Portland, Saturday, Feb. 5, 1916.

THE PRESIDENT'S TOUR

President Wilson's tour has been successful in one of his purposes—to arouse the people to the need of preparation for defense. He has gone into these states where there has been reported to exist the greatest opposition and apathy to preparation. He has found that, however great may be the sympathy of the people with one party or the other in the war, they are sound to the core when American rights, honor and interests are concerned. They have applauded his presentation of the case for preparedness and have admitted their readiness to respond if he should call them to arms.

REPUTATION OF STATE RIGHTS

The Oregonian prints elsewhere a most sensible article on the water-power question, from the Eugene Register. The Register has noted that there is a vast quantity of prejudicial gabble on water power, and it desires naturally that the question be stripped of all airy superlatives and demagogic generalities, and reduced to its elements. It wants to know what will happen as the state of Oregon under any scheme of Federal or state control, and cites the case of a Lane County project awaiting development.

CREATURES OF WAR

In brilliantly lighted halls reeking with perfume and the odor of liquors abandoned crowds may be seen dancing, dining, jesting, uproariously enjoying themselves. They buy rich foods, which they barely touch, because they are surfeited with eating. They sip rich champagnes, with which their brains are befuddled. When dusk breaks ends this revelry they are hustled away in cushioned cars to a steam-heated apartment where they steal away the day, arising for a breakfast at dusk and a fresh round of night-time gaiety. They have no work to perform because they are rich beyond the necessity of work; and being newly rich, they are making the most of it.

MODIFIED ART

Art is currently supposed to speak a universal language. True art, we have been told, knows no geographical limitations, nationality or racial restrictions. But this widely accepted idea will have to be modified since enterprising New York reformers have succeeded in demonstrating that art in Petrograd and Brussels may not be art in New York. Leastwise, the authorities will not recognize the universal application of artistic ideas.

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CRUX OF WATER-POWER QUESTION

What the West Wants in Form of Legislation. Eugene Register. A great deal of loose talking is being done on the subject of water power in the West. To be sure, it is an important subject, but for this very reason it ought to be considered in the calm light of good judgment rather than in a spirit of political frenzy.

NO INFLATION IN BUSINESS

The boom in war stocks, the rise in prices and the boom in industry have caused some cautious souls to raise the cry of warning against inflation. Theodore H. Price believes this fear is unwarranted and in his paper, Commerce and Finance, he says that he was unable by diligent inquiry to obtain a definition of inflation until a clever woman defined it as a situation in which "money" seemed like more than it really is.

PARISIAN REACTIONS

During these eventful days when the fate of France may be said to hang in the balance, when the flower of French manhood is in the trenches or concentration camps, we learn that Paris seeks to renew some of its ancient gaiety. A correspondent of the Associated Press records that the war pictures in Paris are receiving comparatively little patronage. Plays and sketches concerning various phases of the great struggle suffer for want of attention.

MEANING OF DEMOCRATIZE

HOQUIAM, Wash., Feb. 3.—(To the Editor)—The following sentence appeared in the headlines of your paper on the 2d inst: "Silver Thaw Democratizes Traffic."

UNIVERSITY EDUCATION

COVALLIS, Or., Feb. 2.—(To the Editor)—I am 23 years of age and would like to go to the university. I wish you would tell me what school there would be the best for me—that is, where I could prepare for college, was born in the county of your state without relatives or friends to guide me.

PRICE PAID FOR COAL

BROWNVILLE, Or., Feb. 3.—(To the Editor)—Please tell me what is the value of a \$3 gold piece dated 1857?

SCORING IN AUCTION BRIDGE

SHELDON, Or., Feb. 3.—(To the Editor)—I wish to know the scoring in auction bridge. I have Milton C. Work on Auction, but it is evidently intended for players of experience in the game, as I do not understand the scoring.

MICHIGAN MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

LENTS, Or., Feb. 4.—(To the Editor)—Please publish the names and addresses of the members of Congress from the state of Michigan.

ROSEBURG

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HUNGRY WOMEN NOT FORGOTTEN

Junior League's Miniature Factory Provides Work for Some Necessity. PORTLAND, Feb. 4.—(To the Editor)—Perhaps if D. H. had "perused" the columns of the paper more carefully of late he or she would have noticed that there is at least one organization that is trying to help "hungry women" by giving them employment in a miniature garment factory being operated in the Worcester building.

PORTLAND DAYS

Clouds and wind and sleet and snow—How the winds in Portland blow! Piling high in wondrous drift. Snows that through the buildings sift. Shivering mortals, chattering, say That it seems but yesterday. When the rose profusely bloomed. When the market garden bloomed.

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IN OTHER DAYS

Twenty-five Years Ago. From The Oregonian of February 5, 1891. The new National Bank will open for business on Monday morning next at 52 First street. The name of the institution, the United States National Bank, is a comprehensive one and worthy of the strong board of directors managing its affairs.

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