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THE FUTILITY OF WORDS.

In his recent speech at Des Moines, President Wilson's attitude is to be such that all the President can do is to write messages and other words of protest?

It is extraordinary that the President should at this late date have realized the futility of mere words in dealing with the situation in which he finds the American Nation.

FREEDOM OF THE SEAS.

From the beginning of our history the United States has ever espoused the claims of Britain to unrestricted use of its sea power.

HIS THIRD LETTER.

Justice Hughes has for the third time found it expedient to say something about the formidable movement within the Republican party to make him its candidate for President.

COLOMBIA'S QUARREL WITH US.

Colombia's claim against the United States is based on the allegation that the United States incited and aided the revolution by which Panama established its independence in 1903.

FOR A POLITICAL SUPREME COURT.

It may be true, as Mr. Barzee indicates in a letter published today, that the appointment of Mr. Brandeis to the Supreme Court fits the Socialist's idea of proportional representation.

PHOTOGRAPHING GHOSTS.

The name of Dr. Cook has a familiar ring to it. It is a name we shall not forget in a hurry, and there is little doubt but that the erstwhile Brooklyn explorer will be known to his principal explorations were purely psychological.

Society for Psychical Research invariably are thrilling. Experiences with ghosts are forever being reported.

PUTTING ON THE SCREWS.

While some men suspect the existence of an illegal combination as the cause of the recent rise in the price of gasoline, Californians trace it to the depressing effect which the withdrawal of oil land from development has had on oil production.

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PROPORTIONAL PLAN FOR COURT

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There are 30 medals to be given to the successful contestants in the athletic games which take place in the Armory Wednesday, February 15. These prizes are the work of the window of Feidenheimer's jewelry store.

Joseph Bright, a deserter from the military post at Vancouver, was yesterday taken back to the barracks and turned over to General T. M. Anderson, post commander.

It is reported that Brower & Thompson's sawmill at Brower was obliged to be shut down a day or two since on account of the hands washing off into the woods to locate claims.

W. R. McCord, of East Portland, exhibited a very handsomely wrought violin case of Oregonian make.

A GRANDMOTHER GIVES VIEWS

Reply to "Father" and Father Black on Birth Control is Made.

Portland, Feb. 10.—(To the Editor.)—I have longed to express my indignation of the views of "A Father" ever since reading his letter in "The Oregonian." Then the dignified and pathetic letter of "Mother" brought my indignation back again.

Mr. Barzee's speculations over the Dred Scott decision are peculiar. When two elements are willing to fight over a principle, the idea that a court decision in favor of one will inaugurate a period of devotion in favor of the other will reduce the issue to a matter of peaceful education is novel, to say the least.

RATE JUSTICE IS PROPOSED

H. E. Karr, of Canby, Makes Suggestion as to Assesment Problem.

Canby, Or., Feb. 9.—(To the Editor.)—About the Portland-Astoria rate business, may I ask someone, perhaps it should be an "expert" would it be cheaper to haul 100 cars of coal from Portland to the sea, with proportionate rates for the difference in the rail rates, or to haul the same coal from Portland, haul up and again unload at Portland, than it would be for the ship to slide right along to Portland and land the cargo on one of the wharves?

Allen Wife's Rights

ABERDEEN, Wash., Feb. 9.—(To the Editor.)—Will you kindly answer a question through The Oregonian regarding the legal status of a native-born American woman, married to an alien, who marries a citizen prior to the passing of the "alien law" which she is right to vote or does that law affect her the same as if she had married an alien after the enactment of that law?

A woman who marries an alien takes the nationality of the husband, and her right to vote depends on whether he meets the requirements. The recent alien voting law has caused some confusion, but the authorities deny the right of a woman married to an alien to vote until the husband has met the requirements.

Taking Additional Land

FOREST GROVE, Or., Feb. 9.—(To the Editor.)—Can a man that has already taken 160 acres as a homestead take an additional 160?

If a man has proved up under the five-year occupation law he is not entitled to make entry on any additional land. If he has commuted and paid certain sum per acre for the land upon which he has commuted he is entitled to make another entry, with the fulfillment of certain other conditions. Application to the land office, Worcester building, of this city, should be made for a complete copy of the land laws.

This Antioch Suggestion

PORTLAND, Feb. 10.—(To the Editor.)—One of the recent arrivals from the country and at present a resident on Elliott avenue has yet to learn that the street is no playground for children. Just because you haven't a car, don't envy the fellow who has one, and don't take it for granted that every child will have a place besides the street for your children's playground, at least equip your offspring with a horn and traffic regulation book and let them at least have the privilege of safely crossing the addition without having some youth's coaster wagon mar the general beauty of the sidewalks.

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