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GOD SPEED OREGON'S BOYS.

Oregon's best blood responds to the call to arms and is going to the border to uphold the honor of the flag and country. The military spirit is rampant all over the land as it was in '61 and '98.

Portland speeds with good wishes the departing Third Oregon, but recalls the afternoon when Colonel Summers led his regiment through its streets, and it gives the same message to these boys of a later day.

More Democratic Economy. While Congress imposes emergency taxes, accumulates a deficit and probably will issue bonds to pay the cost of a Mexican war which President Wilson's blundering has made unavoidable, its members are unwilling to forsake a miserly parsimony.

Below is a list of proposed public building appropriations for places of fewer than 1500 people, with the population and postoffice receipts of each place:

Table with 4 columns: Town, Pop., P. O., Appro. (Estimated). Lists towns like Grand Canyon, Ariz., and various Oregon locations.

This is the Democratic idea of that "careful economy in all expenditures" which is denoted by the Democratic platform adopted at St. Louis.

PROFITING FROM OBSCENITY.

Not all of the constitutional guaranty of free speech and a free press is quoted by Mr. U'ren in his communication published today.

"No law shall be passed restraining the free expression of opinion or restricting the right to speak, write, print freely on any subject whatever; but every person shall be responsible for the abuse of this right."

It was on the theory that this right was abused that the constitution of Oregon passed laws prohibiting circulation of obscene literature and pictures; use of profane and indecent language in public places; advertising of remedies for venereal diseases.

The Legislature has also passed a law prohibiting solicitation of votes on election day or advertising on that day of the claims of candidates to preferment.

If freedom of speech and the right to print are restricted and untrammelled, then all of these provisions fall under the ban of the constitution.

The force of the contention that distribution of Mrs. Sanger's pamphlet cannot be restrained depends wholly upon whether it is obscene or pertinent to the moral welfare.

By inserting in the fortification bill a rider abolishing the Taylor efficiency system in Government employments, the Democratic majority in the House has acted against the true interests of labor and of American industry.

One of the essential features of industrial efficiency which will be necessary to success in American competition in foreign trade after the war is abandonment of labor union restrictions on production.

It contains nothing that the proprietors of the nostrums, drug companies and birth-control devices mentioned therein would not be glad, as a money-making proposition, to collaborate on and distribute free of

charge, if the law permitted them to do so. It is not published for the benefit of "drugged-out mothers of the poor" or of the breeders of defectives and degenerates.

We have small patience with those reputable citizens who are so carried away by the arguments presented in this pamphlet that they accept as a pure offering any coarse, money-making scheme which bears that doctrine's imprint on its face.

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The Oregonian would not for the world disappoint its Democratic contemporary in any reasonable expectation, nor fall for any reason to take any opportunity to enlighten its benighted readers on any topic of current interest.

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heretofore experienced. It will be intensified by the enlarged use of labor-saving machinery which has been developed by high war wages and scarcity of labor.

The pretext for opposing the efficiency system is the alleged disposition of employers to reduce wages when bonuses have induced workmen to increase output.

It is estimated that for every fighting man five persons in the rear are employed in supplying him, while all the profits of the Nation are expended in producing wealth to pay the cost of the war or to feed and clothe the rest.

The nations of Europe have found that policy impracticable. They have been able to arm themselves only by encouraging manufacturers to maintain plants for making war material or adaptable to that purpose.

On his return from Europe last January this man gave up his business and devoted his life to those made blind in the war.

When the National Guard arrives on the border, the work of the officers in command is to drill each man into a soldier and to weld all the units into an army.

Disputes between nations regarding murder, robbery and invasion are not justiciable, to use a word which was in vogue a few years ago, but which has been forgotten since guns took up the argument.

The big drive may be under way, but it is unlike the commanders-in-chief of armies to announce their plans in advance and only time will tell whether it is the real thing or a feint.

The fact is coming to light that the negro troopers at Carrizal fought like good Americans, which they are. The negro soldier is prouder of his job than a porter in charge of his car.

By his own testimony, Orpet is one of that class of young men who think they can "put it over" and escape the consequences.

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is favored by many persons through fear that private manufacture of war munitions would create a powerful element having a selfish interest in the making of war.

The difficulty with that policy is that it is economically impossible. In modern wars practically the entire population is engaged either in fighting or in supplying the fighting men.

When measures against lice were inaugurated in the British army at the front it was found that 95 per cent of the men were infested.

Men should be given a certain time in which to search for lice in their clothes. Good opportunities for bathing must be provided.

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How to Keep Well.

Questions pertinent to hygiene, sanitation and prevention of disease, if matters of general interest will be answered in this column.

THIS story is primarily for the benefit of the soldiers preparing for Mexico. Much the most important health hazard for them in Mexico is typhus fever.

Mexican typhus is of the worst. That which demolished a Serbian army is no worse than that which our soldiers may have to contend against in Mexico.

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MR. U'REN MADE BY ORDINANCE

Portland, June 27.—(To the Editor.)—The Portland City Commission is surely the funniest bunch in Oregon.

THE part of this controversy that I believe to be worthy of the serious attention of the citizens is the contemptuous disregard by the Mayor and his private secretary for the constitutional right of citizens to present a book or one class of publications.

I am not deeply interested in Margaret Sanger's teaching. That every woman has a natural right to limit the number of her children, or even refuse to be a mother at all, seems to me too obvious to need the assistance of taxpayers.

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In Other Days.

Twenty-five Years Ago. From The Oregonian of June 24, 1891. A. C. Robbins, an electrical engineer from New York, has been appointed superintendent of the Pacific Messenger Company.

Mayor-elect W. S. Mason called at the City Auditor's office yesterday and was sworn in. He will assume the duties of his office July 1.

Mrs. Abigail Scott Dunwoody of this city, has accepted an invitation from the citizens of Athens to deliver the Fourth of July oration at that place this year.

M. G. Griffin yesterday sold to Dr. Orman Royal one of the blocks of the Panama Canal Company at Panama, P. I., situated on the East Side. Consideration was \$5000.

W. F. Cowden, of Tacoma, will occupy the pulpit in the First Christian Church this morning at 11 and at 7:45 this evening.

Police searched the offices of the Occidental Quartz Mining Company yesterday and seized all the documents relating in any way to the company's affairs.

Half a Century Ago. From The Oregonian of June 28, 1866. All the cavalry soldiers lately stationed at Fort Klamath, consisting of Companies A, B, C and E, are on their way to Fort Vancouver to be mustered out this year.

H. W. Corbett will assume proprietorship of the Oregon & California stage line on Monday next.

J. R. Williams, killed by Ed Mitchell, was buried at Mount Hood yesterday afternoon by the members of the Independent Order of Oddfellows.

This evening will be the first meeting of the new board of City Council, which time A. B. Hallcock, of Clatsop, will be elected mayor.

The machinery for the Occidental Quartz Mining Company, Jackson County, has arrived and the mill will be in operation by September 1.

General Ortega, who claimed to be Comandante in Chief of the United States, was yesterday in the United States looking for an alliance with this Government.

QUESTION ASKED OF ARISTOTLE. Did Ancient Greek Know How to Clear Land? ASHLAND, Or., June 25.—(To the Editor.)—A typographical error in my communication of June 18 made me say "the Emperor of Japan was 200 years B. C. that they had been planted off from the lands of the west for 200 years."

Probably my Dallas friend surmised from the reading that I was referring to the Emperor of Japan. The fact is I was entirely outside of my part of Mesopotamia. Noah's flood occurred only about 1900 or 2000 years B. C. and I was going much deeper than that. Of course Aristotle and Galen are entitled to the place our friend has given them, as my article already assumed when I said the civilization of Greece and Rome was higher than that of Chaldea after the flood.