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Portland, Monday, August 7, 1916.

LESSONS OF MOBILIZATION IGNORED.

Although there was serious delay in equipping the National Guard for service on the border, the Senate has cut down the appropriations on the theory that our troops will not cross the Rio Grande.

Maryland, made unavailing protests against the reductions and in the resulting discussion many facts were brought out showing the unpreparedness of the army for rapid mobilization.

All of the National Guard from the South Atlantic states except Virginia having been retained in home camps, Senator Fletcher explained that a Florida regiment had been ready to go.

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vision should be made for the possibility that relations with Mexico may again become suddenly acute, as they have several times in the past.

COUNSEL FOR THE DEFENSE.

When he lived in the Northwest, the chief accomplishment of James Hamilton Lewis, other than sartorial, was ingenuity in the criminal court in endeavoring to prove that somebody other than the accused committed the crime.

Mr. Lewis has just risen in the Senate to charge that the Republican leaders, not the Democratic administration, are responsible for the bandits raiding upon the border.

As to whether the bandits sought to help the Republicans or were avenging the administration is not exactly clear. But one thing stands out.

Mr. Lewis admits that outrages have been committed against Americans. It was comparatively short notice that he would concede the corpus delicti.

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campaign and those in Gallipoli and Mesopotamia suggests that Britain's customary period of preliminary blundering has passed.

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Portland is growing too big longer to allow thrifty owners to stake out animals to eat the grass on parkings and vacant lots. A horse or a cow at the end of a rope does not fit in the scheme of the City Beautiful.

The "hoss" seems to be on "ED" Versteeg in the controversy with Roadmaster Yeep. For not reading the daily papers and learning the schedule on the Columbia Highway while work is in progress.

Popular Impression that New York is a well-paved city gets a shock when told that mobs bombard streets with stones. Where do the mobs get the missiles?

challenge either majority or minority candidate. If no independent candidate comes forth with a challenge within a specified time then the right depends to the minority candidate.

Debates are compulsory in the general election campaign between candidates for Governor, the penalty for failure to challenge or refusal to respond being elimination from the ballot.

The Presidential candidates, considerably, seem to be left out of the general election debates but must appear to follow up the troop ships. The troops waited for supplies while the Turks occupied the hills in force, and the opportunity was lost.

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How to Keep Well.

By Dr. W. A. Evans.

Questions pertinent to hygiene, sanitation and prevention of disease, if matters of general interest, will be treated in this column. Where space will permit or the subject is not suitable, letter will be personally answered, subject to proper limitations and where stamped addressed envelope is enclosed.

Hay Fever. The United States Hay Fever Association is out with its 43rd anniversary report. The organization is to meet August 31 at Bethlehem, N. H.

For more than 40 years the members of this organization have demonstrated that hope springs eternal in the human breast. In the report of the Lake Placid meeting for 1915 appear these statements, which typify the situation:

"Nearly every speaker has some pet cure for the fever which he argues the members to try. In almost every instance he was followed by another sufferer who claimed to have tried that particular remedy and to have found it absolutely worthless.

It is recorded that a distinguished physician of the last century could not cure another fellow because he had become hypersensitive to feathers. Physicians have never developed an entirely satisfactory method of treating this disorder due to hypersensitivity.

The advertised hay fever cures are worse than the disease. In olden times most of them contained cocaine. Even today some of them contain cocaine.

Cure for Addison's Disease. Mrs. E. W. writes: (1) Can you tell me if there is a disease called Addison's? (2) Is it a lingering disease? (3) What can be done for it, if anything? (4) Can you tell me if there is any cure for it?

Eric Acid. X. Y. Z. writes: (1) How does uric acid suffer from this acid? (2) What is a cure for uric acid? (3) What is a cure for uric acid?

Receding Gums. J. G. writes: What usually causes receding gums? Does acidity or acid mouth have anything to do with such condition? Can "acid mouth" be corrected? Is there any course that can be taken that will surely and permanently arrest recession of gums and that will permanently and completely overcome the sensitiveness caused thereby?

Prevention of Plague. Mrs. R. A. writes: "Is there any precaution which can be used in our homes for the prevention of infantile paralysis?"

Okla. Has Militia. PORTLAND, Aug. 6.—(To the Editor.)—Kindly permit a former Oklahoman to correct your recent editorial, which was an answer to F. E. Daniels' regarding that troops in the border on Oklahoma. This state mobilized and sent its militia into service soon after the order came from Washington, and is at the border now.

Better Baseball Programme. PORTLAND, Aug. 6.—(To the Editor.)—Is there any influence that can be brought about to get the Portland baseball management to issue an up-to-date programme?

What do we want with Greenland's icy mountains? Let Denmark have them undisturbed. The Democratic party will make the income tax obnoxious by reducing the limit.

PEPPER BILL IS DEADLOCKED.

Measure for Relief of Indian War Veterans still in Conference.

PORTLAND, Aug. 6.—(To the Editor.)—Kindly state what became of the bill to pension all veterans of the war of 1855-68 after the years of age, which was before Congress some time last February.

The Indian War pension bill, which passed the House February 18 and passed the Senate May 9, is in the hands of a conference committee that seems to be hopelessly deadlocked, and unless compromise is reached the bill is likely to fail.

The deadlock is over a Senate amendment providing that where there is no Federal record showing that the soldier was actually in the service of the United States Government, the state or territorial record may be accepted as evidence.

Half a Century Ago. From The Oregonian of August 7, 1866. DENVER, July 18.—The stampede to Leadville River canyon, and is on the increase. Rumors of the fabulous richness of the mines are making some of our old miners and prospectors wild with excitement.

Five thousand dollars has been subscribed toward the college building at Astoria. More is wanted before the construction of the building will be commenced.

Okla. Guard is on Border. PORTLAND, Aug. 6.—(To the Editor.)—I have noticed something said in your "Astorian" regarding the National Guards in some Southern States remaining in their camps instead of going to the front.

That Spot on Mountain. PORTLAND, Aug. 6.—(To the Editor.)—People who gaze on the surface of Mount St. Helens quite often—say I do—always notice the dark spot upon the mountain.

Board Feet in Tree. PORTLAND, Or., Aug. 6.—(To the Editor.)—Could you give me a rule to figure the number of feet board measure in standing timber? For instance the number of feet board measure in a tree 42-inch butt, 14-inch top and 160 feet long.

AN OLD SUBSCRIBER. The following rule is used by the United States Forest Service and is supplied by L. A. Nelson: Diameter of butt plus diameter at top (both inside bark) divide by two, which gives the average diameter midway between butt and top.

Right to Possess Intoxicants. CLARNO, Or., Aug. 5.—(To the Editor.)—A says after January 10, this year, that no one can keep in his room or cellar any more than two quarts of whisky.

His Foreign Tour. London Telegram. "Behind the altar," said the cathedral guide to a party of tourists, "is Richard II. In the churchyard outside lies Mary Queen of Scots. And who is lying there now?"

Billy Sunday's Politics. PORTLAND, Aug. 6.—(To the Editor.)—(1) What political party does "Billy" Sunday affiliate with or favor? (2) Of what political faith is the Christian Science Monitor?

Colder Ice at Home. Boston Transcript. Mrs. Youngbridge—I'm getting our ice from a new man now, dear. Youngbridge—What's wrong with the other man? Mrs. Youngbridge—The new dealer says he'll give us colder ice for the same money.

In Other Days.

Twenty-five Years Ago.

From The Oregonian of August 7, 1891. Members of the Oregon Alpine Club who have ascended snow-capped mountains acceptable to the club have been decorated with a neat gold badge, circular in shape, in the foreground of which stands a tent with a large pine tree behind it.

The stone for Frank Dekum's building in the corner of Third and Washington streets is beginning to arrive from the Ashland quarries and iron columns and lumber are being delivered.

Farmers from many sections report wild oats more abundant in their fields this year than common. Some think that because of the dry summer many laid in the ground all season and came out in full force this spring.

The question of changing the Portland & Vancouver Railroad from a steam to an electric line has been discussed for some time, and it is said that the change will undoubtedly be made within a year.

The first step in the new trial of the cases of the United States against the Bear River cannery, and is on the increase. Rumors of the fabulous richness of the mines are making some of our old miners and prospectors wild with excitement.

The public schools of the city opened yesterday under as favorable auspices as the large attendance will admit. There were 237 scholars reported at the Central school.

The United States has taken a new lease on the old rooms for court purposes. The architect, in Stark's block on Front street.

We learn that the military authorities have in contemplation to organize a company of friendly Indians to operate against the hostile Indians in the region of Canyon City. The white man to lead, the plan would be likely to succeed.

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