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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, also for fully equipping the National Guard at war strength...

COUNSEL FOR THE DEFENSE

When he lived in the Northwest, the chief accomplice 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 bandit raids upon the border...

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...

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 except that some equipment had been lacking in the way of shoes or other supplies...

An example of the inefficiency of the War Department in rapid mobilization was furnished by a letter from Adjutant-General Sadler, of New Jersey, which was received by the National Guard of that state...

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campaign and those in Gallipoli and Mesopotamia suggests that Britain's customary period of preliminary blundering has passed. The British have learned that anything less than their best will not suffice in this war...

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

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

The full story of the movable embargo on exports of arms to Mexico should be put on the embargo because it has been off and on so often that such charges as are made by Representative Rodenburg naturally result...

It is what one might call a fifty law. Why cannot our own lawyers present something novel and refreshing like Mr. Richards' device?

The simple life prescribed by President Willbur, of Stanford, is all very well for students who go to college to study, but many avowed students were there only to escape the simple life...

Efficient fire prevention and fire-fighting in New York City have reduced the loss in 1915 to \$5,767,018 as compared with \$12,000,000 in 1911...

The Moose in California, headed by F. J. Heney, which has endorsed Willson for President, is the little Moose. The big Moose, headed by Governor Hiram Johnson, was declared by Hugh H. Hays, the grand juror...

Portland is growing too big longer had authority to regulate the animals to eat the grass on parkings and vacant lots...

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

Those fighting editors of Birmingham ought to submit to arbitration of fists before a baldheaded referee with a plug hat on the back of his dome...

Strikes are as epidemic in good times as in hard times. About the only period when we are reasonably free from them is average times...

Nobody but a slob would leave plow after a park or along the highway, and people guilty of the offense can take comfort in the title...

"Alfalfa Bill" Murray is eliminated from the next Congress, but there will be other freaks of nomenclature on the roll...

After the threatened strike of his cook, Private Secretary Tumulty can appreciate the feelings of the railroad magnates...

The streets of New York are not wide enough to hold the filth that will spring out in the traffic strike...

The North Dakota wheat crop is only half what it was last year, and the price is rising rapidly...

Heney's Moose League indorses Willson and that puts Heney in right where he belongs...

If handwriting is an indication of character, the man who makes a bad check is a villain...

What do we want with Greenland? Let Denmark have them undisturbed...

The Democratic party will make the income tax obnoxious by reducing the limit...

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PENSION BILL IS DEADLOCKED. Measure for Relief of Indian War Veterans Still in Conference.

Portland, Aug. 6.—(To the Editor.)—Kindly inform what becomes of the bill to pension all veterans of the war of 1861-68 after 62 years of age...

PLEASANT HOME. Or. Aug. 5.—(To the Editor.)—Kindly inform me whether the pension bill that passed the House February 16, 1916, relating to Indian War soldiers who served from 1865 to 1891 ever became law.

The Indian War pension bill, which passed the House February 16 and the Senate May 9, is in the hands of a conference committee that seems to be hopelessly deadlocked...

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 Federal Government, the state or territorial rosters may be accepted as evidence of Federal service...

The surviving-officers and enlisted men, including militia and volunteers of the military service of the United States, who have served in the campaign in Southern Oregon and Idaho and northern parts of California and Nevada from 1850 to 1860...

Five thousand dollars has been subscribed for the construction of the building for the Oregon Central War Road Company and Hon. Rufus Mallory, counsel for the Oregon Central War Road Company, met at the office of George H. Durham, examiner in chancery, to begin taking testimony in the case.

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

The United States has taken a new lease on the old rooms for court purposes in this district, 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.

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

Board Feet in Tree. PORTLAND, Or. Aug. 6.—(To the Editor.)—Could you give me a rule to figure the number of board feet contained in standing timber? For instance the number of feet (board) measure in a tree 42-inch butt, 14-inch top and 150 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.

His Foreign Tour. "Behind the altar," said the cathedral guide to a party of tourists, "lies Riza, who was a Turkish churchyard owner. His Mary Queen of Scots, and who—halting above an unmarked flagging in the stone floor and addressing a party of tourists—said, 'I don't think, sir, is a-lyne 'ere on this spot?'"

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

There Is News. AMMINVILLE, Or. Aug. 5.—(To the Editor.)—Kindly tell me the law concerning the marriage of third cousins. AN OLD SUBSCRIBER.

European War Primer. By National Geographical Society. Brody, one of the Galician gateways through which the troops of the Central Powers had advanced...

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

Okahoma Has Militia. PORTLAND, Aug. 6.—(To the Editor.)—Kindly permit me to return a compliment to your recent editorial, as well as your answer to P. E. Daniels, regarding state troops on the border...

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?

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