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DIPLOMATIC POSTS AS SPOILS. At no point has the application of the spoils system to appointments by President Wilson been more apparent than in the diplomatic service.

The greatest service Mr. Hughes has performed in his campaign tour is to himself, for he has dissipated completely the common belief that stiff, formal and distant. The mind's eye of the public pictured in Hughes a judge—sedate, circumspect and cautious.

From Colombia Mr. Bryan recalled James T. Dubois, law graduate of Cornell and Columbia, who had been continuously in the consular and diplomatic service since 1877, and sent T. Austin, a Texas rancher, with no particular diplomatic training, was sent to Cuba in place of A. M. Beaupre.

W. E. Gonzalez, a newspaper editor and Spanish diplomat without diplomatic training, was sent to Cuba in place of A. M. Beaupre.

E. J. Hale, who was appointed to Costa Rica, is an editor and Confederate veteran, served a short term as Consul to Manchester, England; has written and lectured much, but does not compare with Lewis Einstein.

Various signs point to a falling off in immigration to the United States in years soon to come. Aside from the obvious needs of the countries now at war, whose people will find plenty with Latin America.

Industrial development is the cause of the new turn in affairs. Norwegian immigration never was the result of immigration with political conditions.

The Philippe bill has passed, with the elastic string of self-government. "Yes" or "No" Mr. Hughes: Did you use Bears' soap this morning?

Yesterday was Elephant day in Portland. Oregon will clinch it in November, the standard set by Oregon, Surely

place in appreciable degree in Austria, a large source of our yearly normal immigration will be closed. Italy, even now, is making large concessions in the way of freedom from taxation and other special privileges to induce her leaders to build up manufactures to employ people at home.

PREPARATION IN 1861. The blind confidence of pacifists that there is no need of preparation and their ridicule of those who would guard the Nation against dangers from abroad is no new thing.

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The deepest impression Mr. Hughes leaves behind him is of his sincerity and of his competency. He will do as President, so far as he can, what his candidate he promises to do.

ATTRACTION TOWN LIFE. The enterprising town of Ashland, in Southern Oregon, has expended something like \$200,000 in creating a park—a rendezvous for young and old, the athletic, the happy and unhappy, gay and sedate—for all alike. It is a beautiful site for a park, upon the banks of a sparkling stream.

RURAL SCHOOL TERMS. It is flattering to Oregon's pride to note that this state is accepted by the United States Bureau of Education as a model in its discussion of the desirability of obtaining a longer school term for the average rural pupil of the United States.

Men who have farmed and driven all kinds of teams with care over the bad places appear to forget caution when sitting at the wheel. The spirit of speed gets into the blood with fatal effect as in the case of the Wasco man who was killed while negotiating a hairpin curve.

The chief reason for the slow recruiting in the National Guard is the small prospect of active service. When the young American goes soldiering, he wants action.

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MONTANA MUTTERINGS. SEEN where an actress has created a sensation at one of the Eastern beaches by wearing a bathing costume made of grass.

Ann Haddon Murdock in her new book, "Sane Matins," splashes thusly: "Never encourage a young man who falls to look you in the eye when he is talking to you and never marry a man who is not a good listener."

All reports to the contrary notwithstanding, Florenz Ziegfeld, Jr., does not approve of the cigarette, cocktail, talking chorus maid.

Among the members of the Washington Square Players next season will be Richard Mansfield, Jr. Young Mansfield has been ambitious for a theatrical career ever since he was old enough to appreciate the importance of his father held upon the stage.

Isadora Duncan, pioneer in the great staterhood of undraped dancers, has wended her way to South America and is giving a three weeks' series of dances at the Municipal Theater in Rio de Janeiro.

When Woman Becomes of Age. NEW YORK, Or. Aug. 15.—(To the Editor.)—(1) Does a woman in Oregon become of age upon marriage?

Viewers Should Be Appointed. M'COY, Or. Aug. 14.—(To the Editor.)—(1) Is there an attorney in Portland who is paid by the Government to get persons for old soldiers' aid?

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ON OREGON'S BEE POPULATION. Apiarist Says Number Is Far Greater Than Has Been Stated. CORVALLIS, Or., Aug. 16.—(To the Editor.)—Knowing that the Oregonian wishes to be as nearly correct as possible on information printed in its columns, I wish to correct a statement or two made under a Salem date line, that a colony of bees (estimated) contains 2000 bees, and that Oregon's bee population is about 120,000,000.

THOUGHTS INSPIRED BY HIGHWAY. Visitor Imagines Himself Under Spell of Great Granite. PORTLAND, Aug. 15.—(To the Editor.)—We had the inexpressible pleasure of going over the Columbia Highway Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Maelgley in their seven-passenger car.

Old Friend Calls Attention to Error in Eugene, Or., Aug. 15.—(To the Editor.)—On page 11 of The Oregonian last Friday, in your write-up of the life of Joseph Buchtel, I find some statements I am impelled to challenge.

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IN OTHER DAYS. Twenty-five Years Ago. From The Oregonian, August 16, 1891. Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 15.—Professor John E. Parkes, well known aeronaut, fell from a parachute at South Park today and broke both legs. The parachute careened when 100 feet from the ground.

Herbert Johnson, son of J. W. Johnson, president of the University of Oregon, will occupy the pulpit of the First Baptist Church at Fourth and Alder Sunday.

Colonel Larrabee, who has been spending some time at Owyhee, returned last night. A. G. Bradford also has returned from Owyhee.

LETTERS. Mr. E. J. LINDSEY. PORTLAND, Aug. 15.—(To the Editor.)—I am sorry to hear that the letter which you published in the Oregonian of the 10th inst. was a misinterpretation of the editor's intention.

ON THE FARM. There is tolling in the hayfield, there is plowing up the sod. There is mowing the moon's heat, but there is golden rod. There is harvesting or planting from dawn to sun's declivity, but there is a yell—close, but there's the columbine.

There is pruning in the orchard and piling up the brush. But you sometimes stop and listen to the music of the thrush. There is rick in the garden, and tying up the vines, But don't you love the "old man" the kitchen path that lines?

There is cleaning up the harness that hangs across the beam. There is loading for the market, there is hitching up the team. There is figuring on prices and the sun is hot.