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who was recently appointed chairman of the public Service Commission of the city of Portland as a member of the arbitration board which in 1912 adjusted a dispute between fifty-two Eastern railroads and the engineers, and struck in this declaration of principle.

A strike in the Army or Navy is mutiny and universally punished as such. The same principle is applied to seamen because of all these cases the employment of a strike among postal clerks, as among the teachers of our public schools, would be unthinkable.

AWAKENING OF NATIONALISM.

The Nation has withstood the test of an effort to pull it apart in the Civil War, and that of the conflict in many breasts between loyal and alien sympathies during the present war, but it is now being subjected to other outside interference.

The Belgian mother who learned through a newspaper picture that her sons were still alive will not be among those who try to smash the camera when a photographer tries for a snapshot.

GOOD MANNERS AND ARTISTS.

The musician who complains through The Oregonian that audiences are inattentive to piano or violin music is advised by a fellow-artist to value his (or her) services more highly.

The net results of the brotherhoods deal with the President are that they accepted the principle of Government intervention between the railroads and their employees; that they yielded half of their demands, though they sought aid of the Government in getting the other half and postponed application of the law for four months; that on the same day the Supreme Court heard arguments against letting them have the law.

The brotherhood chiefs might have foreseen the outcome of getting their affairs tangled in the Governmental machine. For years a campaign has been forming in favor of restricting the right of public service corporation employees to strike.

complainant in the case would on each Friday offer certain prayers for the success of the enterprise. The defendant relied upon the technicality that the representations made were not such as were calculated to impose upon a person of intelligence and judgment.

It would serve the purpose of Japan to be called to leadership in the regeneration of its neighbor, for Japan with its present industrial organization could lead the world of the present war, in a position to profit largely, while it would be all the better if the Chinese fitted themselves to carry on their own defense against other outside interference.

It is embarrassing to have money coming in so fast that one does not have time to count it. A pacifist no sooner hears preparations advocated than he assumes that the speaker is an advocate of war and denounces him as a militarist.

Should the present awakening carry us to the adoption of universal training, that also means the most effective instrument for imbuing every citizen with Nationalism, for destroying the delusions of pacifism and for unifying the people into a real Nation by creating a common ideal.

The Farm Loan Board starts with a good resolution to ignore politics in making appointments, but it is not to be seen whether the board will stand firm against Congress and their cohorts of job-hunters.

A scramble over blood money is deplorable, but all evidence points to Gavin as the man who earned the reward for getting Bartholomew and not the Seattle officers, who would grab it.

The Webb-Kenyon act is constitutional, according to the Supreme Court, and under conditions will be a barrier a few miles north of Hornbrook.

It all depends on who tells the story who wins a battle in Mexico. Victory is with the side which gets to the telegraph office first.

Many pictures of "attractive" women would lose their charm if the glimpse of ankle was omitted.

ing all the cards face up on the table will inevitably seek an ulterior motive for the candor of the former Premier. Perhaps they will obtain a glimpse of it from a sentence in which he says: "China stands like a decayed house upon a very uncertain foundation, and if it falls with a crash who should suffer most but the immediate neighbors?"

There was the sound of devilry by night, Discreet, secluded and with proper care, With stealthy step one heard strong men alight.

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Gleams Through the Mist.

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OREGON UNDER RAILROAD TRIUMPH

Lumber Industry Menaced by Unfair Distribution of Cars.

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In Other Days.

Twenty-five Years Ago. From The Oregonian of January 9, 1902.

Yesterday and today will go on recording the two greatest days of the Democracy of Oregon have ever known. The metropolis is full of them and all parts of the state are represented. They are here to fire the first gun of 1917 for Oregon is the first state to vote this year.

The number of arrests by the police of the city of Portland for the year 1916 numbered 742. Drunken and disorderly conduct was the cause of 338 arrests and 120 arrests were made for riotous and violent conduct.

How to Test Horsehair Theory. Moon and Numerical "9" Enter in Scientific Experiment.

Inheritance Taxes. AURORA, Or., Jan. 7.—(To the Editor.)—(1) Whether it is necessary to settle up an estate when the father dies, the heirs all being of age?

Federal Farm Loans. BANKS, Or., Jan. 7.—(To the Editor.)—Can you inform me if there is a "farm loan bank" organized, or being organized in Portland? If so, give the name and street address.

Family of O. Henry. JOSEPH, Or., Jan. 7.—(To the Editor.)—Please inform me whether Sydney Porter (O. Henry), the short-story writer, was ever married, or was he a bachelor? J. A. WETZEL.

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